

Rocky River High School
2013 Boys Soccer Season
Press & Media Articles



This book is a compilation of the news and media stories that were published about the 2013 Rocky River Boys High School soccer team throughout the season.

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2013 Rocky River High School Boys Soccer Playoff Team

	#0 Mark Hoelzer (So) <i>Goalkeeper/Forward</i>		#11 Gordon Taylor (Sr, R) <i>Midfielder</i>
	#1 Dominic Liva (Sr, RR) <i>Goalkeeper</i>		#12 Jacob Wischmeier (So, R) <i>Forward/Midfielder</i>
	#2 Liam Duncan (So, R) <i>Sweeper</i>		#13 Noah Lorincz-Comi (Sr, RR) <i>Back</i>
	#3 Joey Suchecki (Sr) <i>Forward/Midfielder</i>		#14 Chase Newby (Jr, R) <i>Midfielder</i>
	#4 Brian Yuhasz (Sr) <i>Forward/Midfielder</i>		#16 Anthony Mod (Jr) <i>Forward/Midfielder</i>
	#5 Colin Trudell (So) <i>Midfielder</i>		#17 Kyle Moore (So) <i>Midfielder</i>
	#6 Trent Newby (Sr, RR , Capt) <i>Midfielder</i>		#20 Brett Scherzer (Jr, R) <i>Midfielder/Forward</i>
	#7 Bradley Pease (Sr, R) <i>Back</i>		#21 Justin Monte (Jr) <i>Midfielder</i>
	#8 Alan Arancibia (Jr) <i>Back</i>		#22 Spencer Klodnick (Sr, RR) <i>Forward</i>
	#9 Travis Stohr (Jr) <i>Midfielder</i>		#23 Hawken Sawyer (Sr) <i>Back</i>
	#10 Sutton Klodnick (Jr, RR , Capt) <i>Midfielder</i>		#24 Nathaniel O'Halla (Jr, RR , Capt) <i>Midfielder</i>

RRBS Regular Season Schedule (13-1-1, 7-0-0)

1.	08/22	7:00pm – Chagrin Falls (Home)	RR win 2-0
2.	08/24	7:00pm – Olmsted Falls (Away)	RR win 3-0
3.	08/26	7:00pm – Westlake (Away)	RR win 1-0
4.	08/28	7:00pm – Vermilion (Away) WSC	RR win 2-0
5.	09/04	7:00pm – Midview (Home) WSC	RR win 4-0
6.	09/07	7:00pm – Beachwood (Home) WSC	RR win 4-0
7.	09/09	7:00pm – Fairview (Away)	RR win 5-0
8.	09/11	7:00pm – Avon (Away) WSC	RR win 1-0
9.	09/16	7:00pm – NDCL (Home)	Draw 2-2
10.	09/18	7:00pm – No. Ridgeville (Home) WSC	RR win 2-0
11.	09/23	7:00pm – St Vincent St Mary (Home)	RR loss 1-2
12.	09/25	7:00pm – Elyria Catholic (Away) WSC	RR win 2-1
13.	10/02	7:00pm – Lakewood (Home) WSC	RR win 3-0
14.	10/05	11:00am – Benedictine (CANCELLED)	
15.	10/07	7:00pm – Lutheran West (Away)	RR win 3-0
16.	10/09	7:00pm – Bay (Home) WSC	RR win 4-2

Playoffs dates and time (2-1-0)

1.	10/19	7:00pm – Fairview (Home), Sectional Final	RR win 2-0
2.	10/23	7:00pm – Buckeye (Home), District Semi-Final	RR win 2-0
3.	10/26	7:00pm – Bay (Away), District Final	RR loss 0-2



	Head Varsity Coach Kevin Zerbey ('92) 9 th year		Head JV Coach Ryan MacRaild 2 nd year
	Assistant Varsity Mike Moore ('85) 5 th year		Goalkeeper Coach Andy DeCrane ('95) 10 th year

The Record

NewsWatch

SOCCER

Match-fixing investigated

The homes of 11 players were raided Thursday after El Salvador's soccer federation suspended 22 players in an investigation into alleged match-fixing by the national team. Federal prosecutor Luis Martinez told Radio Nacional de El Salvador that computers and cellphones were among the items seized. The prosecutor said there was already evidence of at least three offenses, including money laundering.

Team picked to play Mexico

U.S. national team stars Abby Wambach, Alex Morgan and Hope Solo are among 18 players chosen by coach Tom Sermanni to play Mexico on Sept. 3. Due to limited training time, Sermanni did not call up any European-based players with the exception of Yael Averbuch, who will be on the East Coast to attend a wedding.

BASKETBALL

Officer cited for LeBron escort

What started with an Instagram video posted by Miami Heat forward LeBron James thanking the Miami-Dade Police Department for getting him to the Aug. 16 Justin Timberlake/Jay Z concert at Sun Life Stadium ended Thursday with a sanction of "informal counseling" for the officer involved. The department, which did not name the officer, issued a statement saying the escort in a wrong-way lane was a violation of department policies.

TRACK & FIELD

Merritt wins 400 meters

American LaShawn Merritt won the 400 meters at the DN Galan Diamond League meet in Stockholm Thursday in his first major race since regaining his world title last week. Merritt won in 44.69 seconds, more than a half-second ahead of Luguelin Santos of the Dominican Republic. David Oliver of the United States won the 110-meter hurdles in 13.21 seconds, 0.14 seconds ahead of Sergey Shubenkov of Russia.

TENNIS

Post office honors Gibson

The U.S. Postal Service is honoring tennis champion and pioneer Althea Gibson with a commemorative stamp in its Black Heritage series. The stamp will be available today.

On the air

AUTO RACING

8 a.m. Belgian Grand Prix practice, NBCSN

9 a.m. Food City 250 practice, FS1

Noon IRWIN Tools Night Race practice, FS1

2:30 p.m. IRWIN Tools Night Race FS1

3:30 p.m. Food City 250 qualifying, FS1

5:30 p.m. IRWIN Tools Night Race qualifying, ESPN2

7:30 p.m. Food City 250, ESPN

BASEBALL

7 p.m. Captains vs. Dayton, AM/1330

7:05 p.m. Aeros vs. Binghamton, AM/1350

7:05 p.m. Indians vs. Minnesota, STO; AM/1100, FM/100.7

8 p.m. Atlanta at St. Louis, MLB

BOXING

9:30 p.m. Argenis Mendez (21-2-0) vs. Arash Usmanee (20-1-0), for IBF junior lightweight title, ESPN2

CYCLING

4 p.m. USA Pro Challenge, stage 5, NBCSN

GOLF

9:30 a.m. Johnnie Walker Championship, Golf Channel

12:30 p.m. Cox Classic, Golf Channel

3 p.m. The Barclays, Golf Channel

6:30 p.m. Boeing Classic (tape), Golf Channel

12:30 a.m. Canadian Women's Open (tape), Golf Channel

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

10 p.m. Mountain Pte (Ariz.) at Bishop Gorman (Nev.), FS1

NFL PRESEASON

8 p.m. Seattle at Green Bay, WOIO Ch. 19

SOCCER

3:30 p.m. MLS, Kansas City at Chicago, NBCSN

1 a.m. Liga MX, Guadalajara at Queretaro (tape), ESPN2

TENNIS

1 p.m. WTA, New Haven Open, semifinal, ESPN2

3 p.m. ATP, Winston-Salem Open, semifinal, ESPN2

5 p.m. U.S. Open qualifying, CBS

7 p.m. WTA, New Haven Open, semifinal, ESPN2

Calendar

Browns Ind. 7:00 WKYC
440-891-5000

Indians Min 7:05, Min 7:05, Min 1:05, Atl 7:10
216-420-4487 STO STO STO

Aeros Bin 7:05, Bin 7:05, Bin 2:05, Erie 7:05, Erie 7:05
330-253-5151

Captains Day WM WM WM WM
440-934-9467 7:00 7:00 DH 7:00

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440-934-3636 7:05 7:05 5:05 8:05

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216-662-8600 12:55 12:55 12:55

Northfield Post Post Post Post
330-467-4101 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:30

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Latest line

NFL FavoritePoints (O/U) Underdog

Preseason Week Three
Seattle 2 (43) GREEN BAY
Chicago 3 1/2 (38) OAKLAND

Saturday, August 24th.
WASHINGTON 1 1/2 (42) Buffalo
NY GIANTS 2 1/2 (39) NY Jets

INDIANAPOLIS 2 1/2 (43) Cleveland
MIAMI Tampa Bay
PITTSBURGH 2 1/2 (40) Kansas City

Philadelphia 3 1/2 (43) JACKSONVILLE
TENNESSEE 3 (43) Atlanta

DENVER 6 1/2 (43) St. Louis
DALLAS 3 (43) Cincinnati

ARIZONA 4 (40) San Diego

Sunday, August 25th.
HOUSTON 2 1/2 (43) New Orleans
SAN FRANCISCO 5 (40) Minnesota

NFL Favorite Odds Underdog

National League
PHILADELPHIA Even-6 Arizona
Colorado 6-7 MIAMI

CINCINNATI 8 1/2-9 1/2 Milwaukee
ST. LOUIS 7 1/2-8 Atlanta

SAN DIEGO 5 1/2-6 1/2 Chicago Cubs
SAN FRANCISCO 1/2-2 Pittsburgh

American League
CLEVELAND 7-8 Minnesota
BALTIMORE 5 1/2-6 1/2 Oakland

TAMPA BAY Even-6 NY Yankees
Toronto 6-7

CHI WHITE SOX Even-6 Texas
SEATTLE 8-9 LA ANGELS

Interleague
Detroit 7-8 NY METS
KANSAS CITY Even-6 Washington

LA DODGERS Even-6 Boston
Home Team in CAPS

Football

NFL preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

North

Cleveland W L T Pct PF PA
Cincinnati 2 0 1 0.000 61 29

Baltimore 2 1 0 0.667 98 73
Pittsburgh 2 0 0 0.000 26 42

East

Buffalo W L T Pct PF PA
New England 2 1 0 1.000 64 36

N.Y. Jets 1 1 0 0.500 54 39
Miami 1 2 0 0.333 64 31

South

Houston W L T Pct PF PA
Indianapolis 1 1 0 0.500 40 56

Jacksonville 0 2 0 0.000 16 64
Tennessee 0 2 0 0.000 40 49

West

Denver W L T Pct PF PA
Oakland 1 1 0 0.500 29 45

Kansas City 0 2 0 0.000 26 32
San Diego 0 2 0 0.000 38 64

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

North

Detroit W L T Pct PF PA
Chicago 2 1 0 0.667 72 50

Green Bay 1 1 0 0.500 19 24
Minnesota 0 2 0 0.000 29 47

East

Washington W L T Pct PF PA
NY Giants 2 0 0 1.000 46 34

Philadelphia 1 1 0 0.500 30 33
Dallas 1 2 0 0.333 48 51

South

New Orleans W L T Pct PF PA
Carolina 2 0 0 1.000 45 33

Atlanta 2 1 0 0.667 67 58
Tampa Bay 0 2 0 0.000 37 69

West

Arizona W L T Pct PF PA
Seattle 2 0 0 1.000 29 7

San Francisco 1 1 0 0.500 21 23
St. Louis 0 2 0 0.000 26 46

Thursday

Carolina 40, New England 9
Detroit 34, Baltimore 27

Today

Seattle at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 10 p.m.

Saturday

Buffalo at Washington, 4:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Denver, 8 p.m.
Cincinnati at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 10 p.m.

Sunday

New Orleans at Houston, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Golf

PGA-Barclay's Scores

AT Liberty National Golf Club

Jersey City, N.J.
Purse: \$8 million
Yardage: 7,343; Par: 71 (36-35)

Kevin Stadler 31-33-64
Ryan Palmer 33-32-65

Hankie Stenson 31-32-65
Camilo Villegas 31-34-65

Jason Day 35-31-66
Matt Kuchar 32-34-66

Nicholas Johnson 32-35-67
Brandon De Jonghe 33-34-67

Willyret Deloget 35-32-67
Tiger Woods 35-32-67

Matt View 32-35-67
Morgan Hoffmann 36-31-67

Nick Watney 35-33-68
Josh Teater 34-34-68

Brian Gay 35-33-68
Chris Hoffman 35-33-68

Charl Schwartzel 36-32-68
Justin Rose 35-33-68

Geoff Ogilvy 32-36-68
Jeff Overton 33-35-68

James Hahn 32-36-68
Carl Pettersson 33-35-68

Gary Woodland 38-31-69
Jonas Blixt 35-34-69

Hunter Mahan 36-33-69
Bryce Molder 37-32-69

Jeff Maegert 34-35-69
Chez Cheuvront 35-35-69

Daniel Summerhays 35-35-70
Scott Brown 37-33-70

Kyle Stanley 33-35-68
Paula Creamer 35-31-66

Christie Kerr 33-33-66
Na Yeon Choi 34-33-67

Karinke Icher 34-33-67
Jennifer Kirby 33-37-67

Ed Butler 35-33-68
Karlin Beck 33-35-68

Nicole Castrale 33-35-68
Laura Davies 33-35-68

Shanshan Feng 34-34-68
Brittany Hedwall 34-34-68

Jee Young Lee 32-36-68
Caroline Lindecome 35-33-68

Hee Young Park 34-34-68
Stacy Prammanasoth 35-33-68

Jenny Shin 34-34-68
Dori Carter 35-34-69

Chella Choi 35-34-69
Carlota Ciganda 34-35-69

Jacqui Concolino 33-36-69
Charley Hull 34-35-69

Julie Inkster 35-34-69
Mo Martin 34-35-69

Brooke Pancake 34-35-69
Suzanna Pettersen 34-35-69

Pornanong Phattum 35-34-69
Momoko Ueda 34-35-69

Marijo Urbie 37-32-69
Amy Yang 36-33-69

Isabelle Beisiegel 36-34-70
Laura Diaz 35-35-70

Paz Echeverria 36-34-70
Austin Ernst 32-38-70

Katie Fuchter 34-36-70
Pat Hume 34-36-74

Ami Hong 37-33-70
Jessica Hui 35-35-70

Essica Korda 37-33-70
Brittany Lang 37-33-70

Pernilla Lindberg 34-36-70
Caroline Masson 35-35-70

Caitriona Matthew 37-33-70
Ai Miyazato 33-37-70

Mika Miyazato 35-35-70
Becky Morgan 34-36-70

Belén Mozo 36-34-70
Anna Nordqvist 35-35-70

Gerina Pillay 33-37-70
Morgan Pressel 34-36-70

Beatriz Recari 35-35-70
Samantha Richard 34-36-70

Karen Stupples 35-35-70
Thidapa Suwananapura 35-35-70

Wendy Ward 35-35-70
Sun Young Yoo 35-35-70

Kathleen Eay 35-36-71
Jodi Ewert Shadoff 35-36-71

Marcy Hart 34-37-71
Katherine Hull-Kirk 37-34-71

Wicky Hurst 32-39-71
Tiffany Joh 37-34-71

Lorie Kane 35-36-71
Danielle Kang 37-34-71

Suzann Matheson 37-34-71
Miki Tanaka 34-37-71

Maude-Aimee Leblanc 37-34-71
Seon Hwa Lee 35-36-71

Azahara Munoz 37-34-71
Jana Novotna 37-34-71

Dewi Claire Schreffel 34-37-71
Jessica Shipley 34-37-71

Stephanie Sherlock 35-36-71
Lili Thompson 35-36-72

Dana Bordner 35-36-72
Lauren Doughitie 35-36-72

Sandra Gal 36-36-72
Hee-Won Han 36-36-72

a-Brooke M. Henderson 37-35-72
Maria Hjorth 34-38-72

Yoon Hee Ji 35-36-72
Moriya Jungangarn 36-36-72

Haeji Kang 36-36-72
Peggy Mackenzie 34-38-72

Ji Young Park 36-36-72
Se Ri Pak 38-36-72

Michelle Rankin 35-37-72
Sarah Jane Smith 35-37-72

a-Anne Catherine Tanguay 34-38-72
Yani Tseng 36-36-72

Alison Walsh 35-37-72
Lindsay Whiting 37-36-73

Katie M. Burnett 37-36-73
Lisa Ferrero 36-37-73

Natalie Gulbis 39-34-73
Nuna Gulyanimita 38-35-73

Maria Harigae 37-36-73
Lana Han 37-36-73

Mindy Kim 35-37-73
Song-Hee Kim 37-36-73

Ilee Lee 37-36-73
Meena Lee 37-36-73

Lydia Michaels 38-35-73
Ryan O'Toole 34-39-73

Jane Park 38-35-73
Jennifer Rosales 38-35-73

Su Yeon Ryu 38-35-73
Karrie Webb 37-37-73

Michelle Wie 37-37-73
Chie Arimura 36-38-74

Julia Boland 36-38-74
Esther Choe 37-37-74

Veronica Felbert 38-36-74
Sophie Gustafson 38-36-74

Daniela Hantani 36-38-74
Heather Johnston 36-38-74

Cindy Lee 36-38-74
Jenny Lawrence 36-38-74

MAC

League inks 3-year deal with Time Warner Cable

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The Mid-American Conference and Time Warner Cable SportsChannel have worked out a new regional TV deal. But how much the MAC can expect to reap from this deal was not divulged by Time Warner.

And, MAC fans who are satellite dish owners won't have access to any of the football, basketball, women's basketball and Olympic sports games the cable company will broadcast.

Time Warner publicist Amy Summers declined to share the financial breakdown for the three-year deal. She said all 12 core MAC schools are in the TWC footprint, but admitted satellite dish owners are shut out. "Currently, that is true," Summers said. "It is

likely only going to be available to cable providers."

She also said most of Ohio has access to Time Warner, but could not put a percentage on that state-wide availability.

According to a release, live games and extensive non-game programming will air on Time Warner Cable SportsChannel and selected programming will be available nationally on Time Warner Cable Video On Demand, as well as ESPN3, the Watch ESPN app and the official Mid-American Conference website.

As part of the three-year partnership, Time Warner Cable SportsChannel will televise an expanded number of live conference football games, men's and women's basketball games, including both conference basketball tournaments, ancillary

programming opportunities and additional neutral site conference championship programming in volleyball, baseball, softball and men's and women's soccer.

"The Mid-American Conference is pleased to partner with Time Warner Cable to provide expanded coverage of Mid-American Conference teams and student-athletes," MAC Commissioner, Jon Steinbrecher said in a release.

"This new relationship will provide us with the opportunity to televise more events in more sports than ever before. This season alone we will televise 55 basketball games, which is the most in conference history.

"Overall we will expand our televised events in football, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball and soccer."



MARVIN FONG | THE PLAIN DEALER

Ohio State's speed on offense begins with quarterback Braxton Miller.

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FROM B1

Twenty-eight teams, according to an analysis by www.FootballStudyHall.com, averaged at least 75 plays per game. Oregon, the team many fans think of when up-tempo college football offenses are mentioned, was ninth in the nation with 81.5 snaps per game. Ohio State won't be Oregon. Ohio State will be faster than the usual Ohio State.

"We're must faster. We're much more well-oiled on our jet package and our up-tempo stuff," Herman said. "It's running a lot smoother, definitely."

That's because everyone gets it now. It's part of the greater understanding of the entire offense that exists for the 11 players on the field.

"You've got to get the big guys in front going," said quarterback Braxton Miller when asked for the key to the up-tempo offense. "Man, 300 pounds, you've got to keep them going each and every day."

But a lot of it starts with Miller. He's the guy with his foot on the gas pedal.

"The quarterback helps," Herman said. "When he's going and leading the charge, it certainly helps. But all the other guys are certainly faster, and they're not thinking. They're just playing, which certainly helps."

They're not playing fast enough

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Tom Herman, Ohio State offensive coordinator

for 90 snaps a game. But a jump of another eight plays, such as last year, would get Ohio State to 78 per game.

Other numbers matter more, though, especially the number of defensive players on the field when the Buckeyes are moving quickly.

"Get 12 guys on the field on the defensive side [while they] sub in and out, and get a flag and get a big play," Miller said.

North of the border: Here is an Ohio State Buckeyes-Montreal Alouettes update. Troy Smith signed with Montreal on Aug. 14 and was asked if he was going to use the CFL as a steppingstone to get back to the NFL, Smith said he hadn't thought about the NFL for a while. And he said he took this chance only because the Alouettes promised him the opportunity to get back in football shape. They are in the midst of the CFL season, but Smith said he's basically gearing up to compete for the starting job next season.

"The only reason this came to

fruition was because they told me I'd get the chance to get my body back right," Smith said. "I'm not thinking about the NFL right now. The CFL is the most important thing to me."

While Smith didn't play in the Alouettes' 39-38 win over the B.C. Lions on Thursday night, another former Buckeye did. Receiver Duron Carter, son of OSU legend and NFL Hall of Famer Cris Carter, caught a 52-yard pass in his first game with the Alouettes.

Carter last played college football in 2009 as a freshman for Ohio State. Facing academic issues, he left for junior college, played there in 2010, then went to Alabama and then to Florida Atlantic without ever getting on the field.

He wasn't taken in the 2013 NFL Draft, and after brief tryouts with the Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints, he landed in Montreal, where he made his first CFL catch on Thursday night.

If he sticks around until next year, he could be catching passes from Smith.

Auto racing newswatch

Hamlin wins pole at Bristol

From wire reports

Denny Hamlin, searching for anything to save his season, got a slight boost Friday with a pole-winning run at Tennessee's Bristol Motor Speedway.

Hamlin turned a lap of 128.969 mph around the 0.533-mile bullring to put his Toyota in the top starting spot for tonight's race. Although it's his fourth pole of the season, it's his first career pole at Bristol, where Hamlin is the defending race winner.

But he heads into the race in search of anything positive: He's 25th in points — largely because he missed four races with a fractured vertebrae suffered in a crash in California — and entered Bristol stuck in a miserable nine-race slump in which he hasn't logged a finish higher than 18th.

Although he wants to win a race, he'll take any sort of minor victory.

"It's by far the worst run, these nine races, in my career," he said. "A lot of it is our own doing. We got off track for a couple races because we've blown right-front tires in consecutive weeks, and we started changing our setups and we couldn't find anything that was very good with that. That burnt another three, four weeks. We've had horsepower cut back. But we're headed in the right direction.

"At any moment, we can go from a 25th-place car to winning a pole and winning the race. There's not a whole lot of teams that can say they can win at any moment, but I feel like we can."

Hamlin's lap was good enough to hold off five-time Bristol winner Kurt Busch, who qualified second with a lap of 128.770. It's the seventh front-row starting spot of the season for Busch, who is suddenly a hot commodity on the free-agent market with an offer to join Stewart-Haas Racing next season.

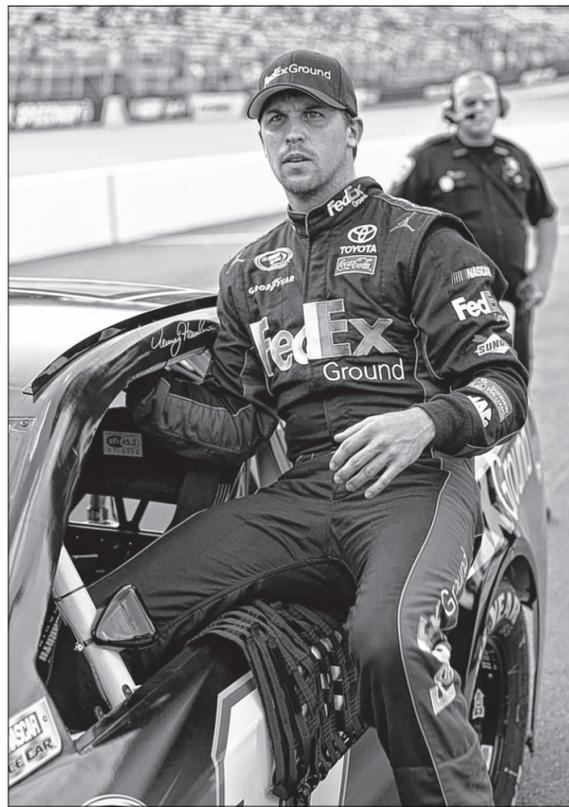
Furniture Row Racing has made its offer to keep Busch, and the driver fired from Penske Racing at the end of 2011 now finds himself not only wading through multiple prospects but vying for a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Although he's winless on the year, consistency has him ranked ninth in points with three races remaining to set the Chase field.

Carl Edwards qualified third in a Ford and was followed by Toyota drivers Brian Vickers and Matt Kenseth, as Toyota took three of the top five spots.

Childers leaving Waltrip: Crew chief Rodney Childers won't return to Michael Waltrip Racing next season.

He's expected to move to Stewart-Haas Racing as crew chief for Kevin Harvick next season, but Competition Director Greg Zi-



WADE PAYNE | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Denny Hamlin, who hasn't finished higher than 18th during a nine-race slump, feels he's "headed in the right direction."

padelli said no contract has been completed with Childers.

Childers joined MWR in 2009 after three years at Gillett Evernham Motorsports. He works with Mark Martin, Michael Waltrip and Brian Vickers as crew chief of the No. 55 and has three Sprint Cup victories. His most recent win was with Vickers last month at New Hampshire.

Harvick is joining SHR next year.

Nationwide: Kyle Busch won the Nationwide Series race at Bristol for his ninth series win of the season.

Busch started from the pole Friday night and led 228 of the 250 laps en route to the 60th series win of his career. It made him two for two so far this week at Bristol, where he won Wednesday night's Truck Series race.

Brad Keselowski finished second and was followed by Austin Dillon and Justin Allgaier.

Kyle Larson was fifth, Trevor Bayne was sixth and was followed by Ty Dillon and Kasey Kahne.

Brian Scott and Elliott Sadler rounded out the top 10.

Sam Hornish Jr. entered the race as the Nationwide Series points leader but had a spark plug wire problem and finished 12th.

Formula One: Sebastian Vettel had the fastest time before his

rear tire punctured during the second practice at the Belgian Grand Prix in Spa, Belgium.

The three-time defending Formula One champion had to stop with about 20 minutes left. His right rear tire deflated and the loose rubber flapped around as he made his way back to the pits.

The German was earlier timed in 1 minute, 49.331 seconds. That was 0.059 seconds quicker than the time of Red Bull teammate Mark Webber and 0.818 faster than Lotus driver Romain Grosjean.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused Vettel's tire problems. But it could be unwelcome news for Pirelli, given the commotion surrounding its fast-shredding tires this season.

IndyCar: Helio Castroneves realizes he nearly ruined his chance at his first IndyCar championship when he crashed a stock car this month.

He's just grateful to be ready to race in Sonoma, Calif., after emerging from the wreck relatively unscathed.

The IndyCar points leader says he risked his title hopes by going to a meaningless race in his native Brazil because he made a commitment to the race organizers and his sponsors. He crashed into a wall on the street course during practice, opening a deep cut on his shin and spraining his neck.

Football commitment

St. Ed's Crawford commits to Michigan

From staff reports

St. Edward junior defensive back Shaun Crawford made an oral commitment to the University of Michigan Friday.

Crawford, 5-foot-9, 170 pounds, helped St. Edward to a 10-0 regular season and a Division I regional semifinal appearance last season.

"I just feel it was the right choice for me and this was the right time," said Crawford. "Also they were limited on scholarships. If I know where I want

to be, that's the place where I want to be. I definitely wanted to lock in my spot for the future."

Tennessee, Florida State and Miami were Crawford's other finalists.

Last season as a wide receiver, Crawford had 24 catches for 420 yards and five touchdowns. He had 56 tackles and two interceptions at defensive back, which is where he'll play at Michigan.

Crawford has grown up a Michigan fan and liked the family atmosphere he felt with the Wolverines.

"Also, the coaching staff showed me they were really interested in me," said Crawford. "As soon as my sophomore season was over (Michigan defensive coordinator Greg Mattison) has been here more than any other coach. They came to my track practices and meets. They built a great relationship with my family as well."

Crawford follows 2012 St. Edward graduate Kyle Kalis to Michigan. Kalis is an offensive lineman.

High school scoreboard

Boys golf

Solon 176

Gilmour 178

At Signature of Solon
1. Altman (G) 39; 2. Breetz (S) 41; T3. Solanics (S) 44; T3. Mandry (S) 44.

LATE

Lutheran West 159,

Black River 212

At Sweetbriar
1. Konstan (LW) 37; T2. Gossman (LW) 40; T2. Myers (LW) 40.

Girls golf

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At Meadowlake
Top teams: 1. Strongsville 326, 2. Canton Central Catholic 329; 2. Stow 348.

Top individuals: 1. Viacovsky (CCC) 74; 2. Ingram (Str) 75; 3. Huber (Sto) 78.

Notable: Paige Ingram led the Mustangs to the team title with her runner-up finish.

Field 5

Lakewood 0

W: Swisher 2, Salem, Withers 2.
Goals: N/A.

Girls soccer

Orange 1,

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin 1

K (0-1-1); Pecoraro. NDCL (1-0-1): Vilack.

Westlake 5,

Lakewood 0

Goals: K. Kobzowitz (2 saves), Horn (2); NDCL: Moorman (7).

Orange 1,

Beaumont 0

O: Blake.

Goals: O. Tenney (8 saves); B. N/A.

Girls tennis

Avon 3,

Laurel 2

Singles: Buchinsky (L) d. Rini 6-2, 6-0; Metter (A) d. Peng 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Nakon (A) d. Hata 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles: Deluca/Monroe (A) d. Slater/Moore 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; Lauster/Preiser (L) d. Roberts/Schmitz 6-2, 6-1.

Gilmour 5,

Comeaut 0

Goals: Zimmerman/Tizzano (M) d.

Singles: Althans d. Kay 6-0 6-1; Doe d. Parker 6-0, 6-0; Jacobs by default.

Doubles: Lawrence/Fehn d. McCartney/Carrdeer 6-0, 6-0; Ertz/Moufawad d. LaRusch/Malone 6-0, 6-1.

Hatfieldway Brown 5,

Cuyahoga Valley Christian 0

Singles: Irannonp d. Dittrich 6-0, 6-0; Gillinov d. Ile 6-0, 6-0; Marquies d. Kalra 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: Bersinger/Arguette d. Haskell/Petrucci 6-2, 6-0; Adler/Coleman d. Andrew/Poling 6-3, 6-2.

Westlake 3,

Elyria Catholic 2

Singles: Ramachandran (W) d. Carroccio 6-0 6-0 (1-0), 4-6, 6-1; Kozma (CC) d. Rander 7-5, 6-6 (1-0); Martin (W) d. Buchs 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: King/Steinman (W) d. Stevens/Opalenik 6-6 (1-0), 6-3; Morgan/Lopez (CC) d. Bankleni/Mistry 6-3, 6-0.

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Mayfield 5,

Highland 0

Singles: Vizzelman d. Welch 6-0, 6-1; Schmitt d. Mad. Petrich 6-0, 6-0; Milentus d. Na. Wiswesser 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Mulvihill/Caine d. Cressman/Mac. Petrich 6-1, 6-2; Rotenberg/Hsu d. Bowers/Ni. Wiswesser 6-1, 6-3.

Massillon Jackson 3,

Gilmour 2

Singles: Althans (G) d. Podugu 6-0, 6-0; Faulmy (J) d. Jacobs 6-4, 7-5; Hollis (G) d. Freisen 6-1 6-1.

Doubles: Lutz/Almawadi (J) d. Ertz/Doe 6-2, 6-3; Ashwad/Ajusi (J) d. Fehn/Lawrence 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.

Our Lady of the Elms 4,

Mayfield 1

Singles: Kuzmishin (E) d. Magyar 6-1, 6-2; Axtell (E) d. Byrne 7-5, 6-0; Muzilla (E) d. Sam. Ho 6-0 6-2.

Doubles: Zimmerman/Tizzano (M) d.

Figliola/Ahmed 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; O'Flynn/Gupta (E) d. Mittal/Sab. Ho 7-6, 6-4.

Wooster 3,

Archbishop Hoban 2
Singles: Pettit (W) d. Waddell 6-4, 6-0; Felder (A) d. Mason 6-0, 6-0; Christel (W) d. Burkholder 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles: May/Bell (A) d. Roberts/Jeffries 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-1; Schabizer/Lee (W) d. Thomas/Strobach 6-2, 7-5.

LATE

Strongsville 5,

Midview 0
Singles: Peskura d. Pickering 6-4, 6-1; Khan d. Gipson 6-3, 6-0; Shah d. Barton 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: Rowe/Moser d. Patel/Sedlak 6-0, 6-0; Sridharan/Tan d. Kenyon/Hogge 6-0, 6-2.

West Geauga 4,

Gilmour 1
Singles: Hanford (WG) d. Hawkins (GA) 6-4, 6-2; Heatwole (WG) d. Zupanc (GA) 6-1, 4-1; Swinerton (WG) d. Sharp (GA) 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles: Joseph/Deacon (WG) d. Moulafaw/Puglia (GA) 6-1, 6-2; Pilla/Franz (GA) d. Kulp/Patriarca (WG) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Volleyball

Hudson d. Mayfield 25-16, 23-25, 25-22, 25-21

John Hay d. John Adams 25-17, 25-17, 25-20

Lincoln West d. John F. Kennedy 25-14, 25-18, 18-25, 25-21

Whitney Young d. Rhodes 25-23, 25-23, 25-22

LATE:
Elyria Catholic d. Brookside 23-25, 25-16, 25-20, 25-12

Notable: Marissa Kellick led in blocks with six solo and four assisted. She also had a team-high 14 kills.

Rockets go for WSC repeat: Demons look for return to regionals

BOYS SOCCER

By Joe Ostrica and Ryan Kaczmarek



Above: Bay junior midfielder Alex Furst has been a starter for the Rockets since his freshman year. Photo — Ryan Kaczmarek

The **Bay High School** boys soccer team has had much success in recent times, finishing at the top of the West Shore Conference with a record of 6-0-1 (14-5-3 overall) and going all the way to the 2012 Division II state semifinals.

The Rockets have 14 lettermen returning this year, and head coach Bobby Dougherty thinks this could be one of the best rosters in school history.

"We have very high expectations from this group of talented players," he said. "We need consistent play from our back line and goalkeeper to go deep into the playoffs this year."

The key returning starters include Dominic Ruma, Alex Furst, Alec White, Dan Linhart and Logan Schmit. Freshman Mitch Matakovich made the varsity squad as a center.

"We are a younger team with a great deal of experience," Dougherty said. "We have big shoes to fill with the loss of a very good senior class that led us to a WSC title, and district and regional championships."

After going 10-4-4 overall and 4-1-2 in the WSC with a youthful roster, the **Avon High School** boys soccer team is hoping the experience it gained last season will get the Eagles back on top of the league standings.

Avon head coach Chris Dore said he has high expectations for Will Sharer, Daniel Minotti, John DeMarco, Michael Smigel, Tony Telidis and Nick Mazzola.

"We always play to win every match," Dore said. "We are looking forward to a good year."

The **Lakewood High School** team is coming off a season in which the Rangers went 5-1-1 in the WSC (9-5-2 overall).

The key returning players include Jameson Foran, David Kemp, Johnny Virag and Dino Papagianis. The top newcomers are sophomores Jafar Fadhel and Jarod Macaluso.

"We have great team depth and ability for a number of players to play multiple positions," head coach Andrew Toth said. "But our overall level of experience at the varsity level is a weakness, with a number of new players this year."

The Rocky River High School team is looking to improve from last year's WSC record of 3-4 (8-9-1 overall) and contend for a conference title.

The key returners for the Pirates are Sutton Klodnick, Trent Newby and Jacob Wischmeier.

"They bring a great deal of skill, experience and ability to the team," head coach Kevin Zerbey said. "They'll be the engine that makes the team go."

The **North Ridgeville High School** team hopes to see improvement over its 4-10-2 (2-4-1 in the WSC) record from 2012. Head coach Bryan Tinsley expects Bay, Elyria Catholic, Avon and Lakewood to be the tougher teams in the league this fall.

"After a difficult campaign last year, we are taking things one game at a time," Tinsley said. "Our basic goal every year is to be .500 or better."

Senior Matt Clark, a WSC and Lorain County first-team selection, is expected to be a key leader for the Rangers. Seniors Cameron Moore (WSC and Lorain County second team), Chad Kisel (WSC and Lorain County honorable mention), junior Alex George (WSC and Lorain County honorable mention), senior goalkeeper Matt Crow and junior Tristan Coffey are also players Tinsley will count on this fall.

"We have our largest squad to date with 41 players in the program," Tinsley said. "We also have our largest senior class, nine total, since I have been here. We return 12 letter winners. Currently we are going through a difficult time with multiple injuries."

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Smith scores 3 for EC

ELYRIA — Jenna Smith scored three goals to lead Elyria Catholic to a 5-0 win over Midview on Wednesday in West Shore Conference girls soccer action.

Meliah Roman had two assists for the Panthers (4-0-0, 1-0-0 WSC), who led 3-0 at halftime.

GOALS: (EC) Jenna Smith 3, Danielle Dziak, Jenna Ellingson.
ASSISTS: (EC) Meliah Roman 2, Dziak, Ellingson.
SAVES: (M) Taylor Ceh 9; (EC) Stevie Holbrook 7.
HALFTIME: Elyria Catholic, 3-0.

Avon 4, North Ridgeville 2

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Jade Baker scored a goal and had an assist for the Eagles (1-0-0 WSC) in West Shore Conference action.

GOALS: (A) Jade Baker, Leah Yeagley, Regan Betts, Zanny Sauter; (NR) Danielle Blagojevic, Kayla Zingale.
ASSISTS: (A) Baker; (NR) Sam Miller.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Avon 24; North Ridgeville 5.
SAVES: (A) Rachel Grudzien 1; (NR) Bre Casement 14.
HALFTIME: Avon, 1-0.

Keystone 10, Black River 0

LAGRANGE — Lauren LaPointe was one of 10 goal scorers and had two assists for the Wildcats (1-2-0, 1-0-0) in Patriot Athletic Conference crossover action.

GOALS: (K) Lauren LaPointe, Jenni Lafferty, Emily Arsenijevic, Alicia Sadowsky, Kelsey Yusko, Paige Jameson-Foster, Courtney Zelinka, Jenna Quillen, Sarah Fortune, Katie Taylor.
ASSISTS: (K) LaPointe 2, Zelinka, Quillen, Megan Proy.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Black River 1; Keystone 19.
SAVES: (BR) Erin Heilman 9; (K) Kayla Clark 1.
HALFTIME: Keystone, 7-0.

Fairview 4, Brookside 0

FAIRVIEW PARK — The Cardinals have an overall record of 2-2-1 after they lost their first Patriot Athletic Conference game of the season.

GOALS: (F) Klag, Garcia, Burger, Miller.
ASSISTS: (F) Coyne 3, K. Kovach.
SAVES: (B) Sanchez 9; (F) S. Lally 2.

Firelands 2, Brooklyn 1

HENRIETTA TWP. — Brylee Jones scored both goals for the Falcons (2-0-0, 1-0-0 PAC).

GOALS: (B) Magdelyn Cassidy; (F) Brylee Jones 2.
ASSISTS: (F) Becca Jackson.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Brooklyn 2; Firelands 10.
SAVES: (B) Becky Crossman 8; (F) Stephanie Dostal 1, Alex Willis 0.
HALFTIME: Firelands, 2-0.

Brecksville 4, Avon Lake 2

AVON LAKE — Ali Robinson and Olivia Siko scored the goals for the Shoregals 0-3-0, 0-1-0) in Southwestern Conference action.

GOALS: (B) Chantel Houk 2, Annie Morgan, Abby Lydey; (AL) Ali Robinson, Olivia Siko.
ASSISTS: (B) Abbie Andrews, Morgan, Dana Dosen; (AL) Cara Dannemiller.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Brecksville 6; Avon Lake 7.
SAVES: (B) Jennifer Farwell 5; (AL) Amy Crooks 2.
HALFTIME: Brecksville, 2-1.

Amherst 4, North Olmsted 1

AMHERST — The Comets have an overall record of 3-0-0 after winning their first Southwestern Conference game of the season.

GOALS: (NO) Dembie; (A) Sands 2, Perkins, Champe.
SAVES: (A) Wright 5, Keller 1.

Boys soccer

Firelands 7, Brooklyn 0

BROOKLYN — Jordan Ruffner scored four goals to pace Firelands to a win over Brooklyn in Patriot Athletic Conference crossover action.

Nate Yorks added a pair of goals and had an assist for the Falcons (4-0-0, 1-0-0).
GOALS: (F) Jordan Ruffner 4, Nate Yorks 2, Jack O'Keefe.
ASSISTS: (F) Yorks, Tristan Clark, Josh Mallett.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Firelands 22; Brooklyn 5.
SAVES: (F) Bryce Bartolotta 5; (B) Tim Czir 15.
HALFTIME: Firelands, 5-0.

Lutheran West 2, Wellington 1

WELLINGTON — Taylor Neumann scored both goals for the Longhorns (2-1-0, 1-0-0) in Patriot Athletic Conference crossover action. He also made a spectacular play with minutes left to run down a ball that was chipped over the Lutheran West goalie, sweeping it out of the goal inches from the end line.

GOALS: (LW) Taylor Neumann; (W) Ian Lara.
ASSIST: (LW) Sam Zyck; (W) Alex Coker.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Lutheran West 12; Wellington 9.
SAVES: (LW) Tim Moses 5, Jake Pshock 3; (W) Jake Miller 10.
HALFTIME: Wellington, 1-0.

Buckeye 2, Columbia 1

YORK TWP. — Nate Hite scored an unassisted goal from 38 yards out for the Raiders (3-1-0, 0-1-0 PAC).

GOALS: (C) Nate Hite; (B) Ryan Graves, George Rusniko.
ASSISTS: (B) Dan Oswald 2.
SAVES: (C) Trevor Fess 5; (B) Ryan Huber 5.
HALFTIME: Buckeye, 1-0.

Avon 2, North Ridgeville 0

AVON — Daniel Minotti and Christian Giraldo scored the goals for the Eagles (2-1-1) in West Shore Conference action.

GOALS: (A) Daniel Minotti, Christian Giraldo.
ASSIST: (A) Michael Smigel.
SAVES: (NR) Kyle Milner 6; (A) Ian Long 3.
HALFTIME: Avon, 1-0.

Rocky River 2, Vermilion 0

VERMILION — The Sailors (3-1-0, 0-1-0) lost in a battle of unbeaten West Shore Conference teams.

GOALS: (RR) Liam Duncan.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Rocky River 13; Vermilion 7.
SAVES: (RR) Dominic Liva 7; (V) Colin Pawlowski 11.
HALFTIME: Vermilion 0, Rocky River 0.

Avon Lake 2, Brecksville 2

BRECKSVILLE — Ian Stewart and Eric Mills scored the goals for the Shoremen, who surrendered

the tying goal with 1:30 left to play in Southwestern Conference action.

Volleyball

Lake Ridge 25-25-25, Oberlin 8-12-10

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Hannah Guidish had 12 kills, and Sarah Chriss had 11 assists to pace Lake Ridge to a win over Oberlin in non-conference action.

Clearview 23-25-25-25, Buckeye 25-21-18-11

YORK TWP. — The Clippers opened PAC play with a four-game win over Buckeye.

Boys golf

Keystone 161, Brooklyn 189

GRAFTON — Keystone's Bradey Clanin and Jacob Bowers shot 38s to lead the Wildcats (3-0, 3-0) to a win over Brooklyn in Patriot Athletic Conference crossover action at Indian Hollow Lake Golf Club.

BROOKLYN (189): Brad Blaine 40, Amanda Baker 44, Ryan Baker 47, Steven Prusak 58.
KEYSTONE (161): Bradey Clanin 38, Jacob Bowers 38, Aaron Brodnik 41, Blake Benko 44.

North Ridgeville 162, Midview 163, Lakewood 174

EATON TWP. — North Ridgeville bested the Middies and Lakewood in a West Shore Conference tri-match at Pine Brook Golf Club.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE (162): Orseno 36, Millgard 40, Musci 42, Gannon 44, Bogner 48, Goodman 49.
MIDVIEW (163): Large 39, Quarm 40, Miller 42, Matcham 42, Warner 43, Kudela 52.
LAKWOOD (174): Zain 34, Chajon 43, Lavisky 48, Cross 49, Doi 50, Smith 50.

Girls tennis

Olmsted Falls 4, Midview 1

OLMSTED FALLS — Olmsted Falls won two of the three singles matches as the Bulldogs defeated Midview in non-conference action.

The Bulldogs (2-2) swept the two doubles matches.

Fairview 3, Vermilion 2

VERMILION — The Sailors won two of the three singles matches, including a three-set win in the second singles match.

SINGLES: A. Fratzke (F) def. N. Wilson 6-2, 6-1; K. Anglin (V) def. J. Popa 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, S. Ragnoni (V) def. M. Vandra 7-5, 6-1.
DOUBLES: Aguirre-Palmer (F) def. Mello-Gibbons 6-4, 6-1; Filkill-Ford (F) def. Adkins-Reutter 6-4, 6-1.

BOYS SOCCER: ELYRIA CATHOLIC 8, MIDVIEW 1



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Midview's Zachary Newton, left, and Elyria Catholic's Carl Spaetzel battle for the ball Wednesday during the Panthers' win.

Panthers look powerful

Bob Daniels
The Chronicle-Telegram

EATON TWP. — People are starting to wonder just how good Elyria Catholic is.

The undefeated, Division III Panthers routed Division I Midview, 8-1, Wednesday night in a West Shore Conference opener for both. EC (3-0-0, 1-0-0) has defeated its opponents by a combined 21-3.

When the Panthers also defeated Wellington, 8-1, last week, eight different players scored. On Wednesday night, their goals came off the feet of six different players.

While it's too early to be thinking seriously about tournament time, some people are. And some of them are aware that no Lorain County high school soccer team — boys or girls — has ever won a regional championship and advanced to a Final Four.

Whether Elyria Catholic or anyone else will change that this season won't be known until late October. But some folks are starting to think the Panthers have as good a shot as anyone.

"I have the feeling they'll be going deep into the playoffs this year," Midview coach John Fitzgerald said. "I mean, we hung with them and when you play against a team like them it's kind of what you're hoping for. 'Let's hang with them as long as we can.' But once a team like this gets up 2 or 3 to nothing, they just feed off of it."

The Panthers took a 4-1 halftime lead, and as well as

they played the first 40 minutes, they played a much stronger second half, especially defensively. While they allowed the Middies five shots each half, they surrendered no shots on goal the second half.

"We didn't possess the ball well the first half, so I let the boys know we have to possess the ball to control a team," EC coach Attila Csizsar said. "Movement off ball was a little stale and transition was weak the first half. It's what you do off the ball, not what you do when you have the ball."

"So I told the boys at half-time it's work ethic. They have to bring their work ethic and they did the second half. Our backs started to support our midfield. At the beginning of the match, we had a 20-yard gap between our defense and our midfielders, so we started pushing forward and that's when we gained success."

Meantime, in an indication of its assertiveness, EC forced 21 Midview goal kicks — the Panthers had to make just one — and earned nine corner kicks, while allowing the Middies only one. And they were whistled for 15 fouls to Midview's three.

Elyria Catholic got two goals each from senior Carl Spaetzel and junior Liam O'Halloran. Michael Saddler, Jeremy Kelling and Ryan Medves also had goals for the Panthers; the eighth was a Midview own goal in the 37th minute.

The match was tied 1-1 after Middies senior Thomas Wynne scored in the 17th minute with an assist by classmate Silvester Messiah.

"We just have a good team this year and we work on finishing in training," O'Halloran said. "Not just the forwards finishing, we wanted everyone to be able to finish if they got the opportunity to put the game away."

The makeup of this EC team makes for interesting scrimmages during practice sessions — a very strong and diverse offense averaging seven goals a game, going against a strong defense that's allowed three goals in 240 minutes of play.

"We have strong outside backs and we like to work up with them and we know they can carry the ball," EC defender Medves said. "We know that if we are on top of our game, we can defend any team out there. We have a strong core of defenders."

"It's really helpful that we have so much quality scoring. At practice, we can go against them, and if we can stop them, we believe we can stop any team out there. It's a really good matchup."

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Elyria Catholic 8, Midview 1

GOALS: (EC) Liam O'Halloran 2 (32nd, 48th minutes), Carl Spaetzel 2 (46th, 68th), Michael Saddler (11th), Jeremy Kelling (20th), Midview own goal (37th), Ryan Medves (58th), (M) Thomas Wynne (17th).
ASSISTS: (EC) O'Halloran 2, Gage Jarvis, (M) Silvester Messiah.
SAVES: (EC) Marty Conroy 2, (M) Nicholas Chambers 10, Kellen McGuire 0.
SHOTS: Elyria Catholic 31; Midview 10.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Elyria Catholic 17; Midview 3.
CORNER KICKS: Elyria Catholic 9; Midview 1.
GOAL KICKS: Elyria Catholic 1; Midview 21.
OFFSIDE: Midview 1.
HANDBALLS: Elyria Catholic 2.
FOULS: Elyria Catholic 15; Midview 3.
YELLOW CARDS: (EC) Spencer Fetcko (37th minute).
HALFTIME: Elyria Catholic, 4-1.

Mike Kardos, Amherst



YEAR: Senior
LAST WEEK: Won the ninth annual Southwestern Conference Cross Country Preview on Aug. 24 at LCCC in a time of 17 minutes, 12.7 seconds. He helped the Comets win the Preview for the second straight year.
OTHER SPORT: Track
BIO: Is a two-time Division I state qualifier for track, qualifying



in the 3,200-meter relay and the open 800. He has run track and cross country since seventh grade. Also played football, baseball and soccer growing up. His dad, Mike Sr., was a standout runner for the Comets in the late 1980s. Has volunteered for Lorain County Special Olympics. Would like to run for a Division I college, but is unsure about a major. Is seriously considering being a fire fighter or a taking a job working with

children. Owns a 3.0 grade-point average.
PARENTS: Mike Sr. and Lisa Kardos

Erin Laird, Avon



YEAR: Sophomore
LAST WEEK: Finished fifth at the ninth annual West Shore Conference Preview on Aug. 24 at Cahoon Park in 20:12.59. Her efforts led the Eagles to a fourth-place finish.

OTHER SPORT: Track
BIO: As a freshman, Laird was a 2012 regional qualifier and helped the Avon girls to second-place team finishes at the WSC and Elyria district meets. She was also All-WSC second-team and All-Lorain County. Originally from Maryland, Laird moved to Northeast Ohio when she was in kindergarten. She's been a runner since fourth grade but also played soccer and volleyball when she was younger. Laird also enjoys movies. Most recently, "The Great Gatsby" has been a favorite. She has a 3.6 gpa.
PARENTS: Thomas Laird and Carmel Lapa
— Paul Heysse

TONIGHT

WHO: Lake Erie vs. Windy City
TIME: 7:05
WHERE: Standard Bank Stadium, Crestwood, Ill.

FRONTIER LEAGUE

Crushers fall on road

Powered by a big sixth inning, host Windy City beat

the Crushers 7-3 Wednesday night.

The ThunderBolts scored five times in the sixth.

Right fielder Daniel Bowman and shortstop Juan Sanchez had three hits apiece for Lake Erie, which got two of its three RBIs from Russ Moldenhauer.

Alex Kaminsky started for the Crushers, allowing an earned run over five innings.

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TIE

From D1

door and beat Amherst keeper Wes Lewis — but the referee's whistle blew to signal a shove on Becker.

Two minutes later, North Olmsted's Stefan Spanu, on a near mirror image of the Becker play, had Lewis one-on-one — but Lewis made one of his six saves.

The Eagles' offense generated equally strong chances in the first half. In the 35th minute, Becker fired a right-footed shot that Comets keeper Wes Lewis deflected away to his left. The Eagles put the rebound home, but the linesman's flag was up for an apparent offside.

Becker was at it again in the final minute of the half, after a teammate earned a free kick just outside the Comets 18-yard box: Becker's ensuing kick free kick — the Comets

TIE

From D1

were left watching when Becker never asked for 10 yards and struck quickly — hit the crossbar. Keegan Welch's rebound went wide to keep the score knotted.

"We were the better team," Marsh said, "but we just didn't anticipate and put the final pass together. Or, when we played a ball, guys weren't making the runs they should have been making to finish the play."

"I liked that we put pressure on them the entire match. I liked our intensity throughout. ... And I'm happy we found a way to keep the sheet clean."

Amherst, meanwhile, has dealt with injuries early on and subsequently is building from the back line out. On that, the Comets deserved an A for Wednesday's performance.

Goalie Josh Daugherty injured his pelvic bone just before the season, and center back Ben Higgins is out for the year with a broken arm.

Lewis has moved into the net, and freshman Colin O'Connor is now paired with captain Dalton Sweet as center backs. The Eagles unofficially registered six shots on goal.

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North Olmsted 0, Amherst 0

SHOTS: Amherst 11, North Olmsted 14.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Amherst 3, North Olmsted 6.
SAVES: (A) Wes Lewis 6; (NO) Alex Gajowski 3.
CORNER KICKS: Amherst 3, North Olmsted 4.
GOAL KICKS: Amherst 10, North Olmsted 10.
OFFSIDE: Amherst 0, North Olmsted 2.
FOULS: Amherst 10, North Olmsted 10.
CARDS: (NO) Austen Medley (yellow, 23rd), JV: Amherst, 2-0.

Lauren O'Malley, Magnificat
YEAR: Junior
POSITION: Second singles
RECORD: 5-1
LAST WEEK: Went 5-0 at singles last week, winning the second singles title at the Rocky River Invitational. She defeated Lexington's Nicole Dragos, a state quarterfinalist last season, 6-0, 6-1. Moving up to first singles for a match against Avon Lake, O'Malley defeated last year's LCAAA first singles champion Erin Hrivnak, 6-2, 6-1.

THIS SEASON: Is a defending district qualifier for the Blue Streaks — one of two returning district qualifiers along with two-time state qualifier Emily Witt (a senior from Grafton). She was a key part of a team that took third place in the OTCA State Tennis Tournament the past two seasons.
BIO: Lives in Westlake and is in her third year at Magnificat. She has a 4.2 grade-point average. Her favorite subject is math. She is also involved in the Key Club. Her favorite tennis pros are Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova and the Bryan Brothers. Away from tennis, she likes to be with her friends and her family and loves spending time at Kelley's Island.
PARENTS: Cathy and Joe O'Malley.
— Dan Gilles

The Record

NewsWatch

SKIING

Vonn nears return

Lindsey Vonn's surgically repaired right knee is nearly fully healed, and she plans to ski this weekend in Portillo, Chile, making a few easy runs with the U.S. team. Later she hopes to navigate through some slalom gates and maybe, knee willing, even open it up on the course. The four-time overall World Cup champion is eyeing a possible return to competition in late November at a stop in Beaver Creek, Colo.

DOPING

Shot putter suspended

Star Russian shot putter **Anna Avdeyeva** has been suspended for two years for doping. The Russian Athletics Federation says on its website that the 2011 European indoor champion tested positive for the steroid oral turinabol July 30 while training outside Moscow. ... European 100-meter hurdles champion **Nevin Yanit** was banned for two years for doping, the Turkish Athletics Federation said. Yanit tested positive for banned substances during a competition in February in Duesseldorf, Germany. ... Facing a possible life ban, cyclist **Danilo Di Luca** has been called for questioning next week by the Italian Olympic Committee after failing a surprise check before this year's Giro d'Italia. The 37-year-old rider tested positive for EPO in April, five days before the Giro. ... FIFA has provisionally suspended a Morocco player who tested positive for doping at a World Cup qualifying match. FIFA did not identify the player, who was suspended Wednesday from all football for 30 days.

SOCCER

Galaxy signs Donovan

Landon Donovan has signed a multiyear contract extension with the Los Angeles Galaxy, keeping the high-scoring U.S. national team star with his MLS club. Donovan, 31, has been with the Galaxy since 2005.

AUTO RACING

Scott buys Phoenix

Harry Scott Jr. has reached an agreement to purchase Phoenix Racing from James Finch. Scott will take over control of the Sprint Cup team Sept. 10 and use Justin Allgaier behind the wheel of the No. 51 Chevrolet at Chicago. Allgaier will also drive at Charlotte and Talladega with sponsorship in all three races from Brandt.

VOLLEYBALL

U.S. women fall

The U.S. women's national volleyball team lost to Brazil 25-19, 25-12, 25-10 in the opening FIVB World Grand Prix final round match.

On the air

BASEBALL

1 p.m. Oakland at Detroit, MLB

7 p.m. Captains vs. Lansing, AM/1330

7:05 p.m. Aeros vs. Erie, AM/1350

7:10 p.m. Indians at Atlanta, STW; AM/1100, FM/100.7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6 p.m. Kent State vs. Liberty, AM/640

6 p.m. North Carolina at South Carolina, ESPN

7 p.m. Akron at Central Florida, AM/1350

7 p.m. UNLV at Minnesota, BTN

7 p.m. Indiana State at Indiana, BTN

7 p.m. Tulsa at Bowling Green, ESPN

8 p.m. Utah State at Utah, FS1

9:15 p.m. Mississippi at Vanderbilt, ESPN

10:30 p.m. Rutgers at Fresno State, ESPN

11 p.m. Southern Cal at Hawaii, CBSN

GOLF

10 a.m. Wales Open (tape), Golf Channel

3 p.m. Hotel Fitness Championship, Golf Channel

6:30 p.m. Safeway Classic, Golf Channel

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7 p.m. Avon Lake at Avon, FSO; AM/930, AM/1320

7:30 p.m. Cincinnati Elder vs. Middletown, TWCS-311

NFL PRESEASON

8 p.m. Browns at Chicago, WKYC Ch. 3; AM/850, FM/92.3; FM/98.5

SOFTBALL

10 p.m. ASA Super Slowpitch Championships, CBSN

TENNIS

1 p.m. U.S. Open, second round, ESPN2

7 p.m. U.S. Open, second round, ESPN2

Calendar

	Today	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Browns	Chi 440-891-5000 8:00 WKYC				
Indians	Atl 216-420-4487 7:10 STO	Det 7:08 STO	Det 7:08 STO	Det 1:08 STO	Balt 7:05 STO
Aeros	Erie 330-253-5151 7:05	Alt 7:00	Alt 6:00	Alt 6:00	Alt 2:00
Captains	Lan 440-954-9467 7:00	Lan 7:00	BG 8:05	BG 3:05	BG 1:05
Crushers	WC 440-934-3636 8:05	Fro 7:05	Fro 7:05	Fro 7:05	
ThistleDown		Post 12:55	Post 12:55	Post 12:55	Post 12:55
Northfield		Post 6:30			

Latest Line

Major League Baseball

National League

FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE
at New York -125 Philadelphia +115
at Washington -240 Miami +200
at Pittsburgh -115 Milwaukee +135

American League

at Detroit -175 Oakland +165
at Tampa Bay -150 Los Angeles+140
at Kansas City -115 at Minnesota +105
at Boston -165 Baltimore +155
at Seattle -120 at Houston+110

Interleague

at Atlanta -150 Cleveland +140

NCAA Football

FAVORITE TODAY O/U UNDERDOG
at S. Carolina 12½ (57½) NorthCarolina
at Minnesota 14 (51½) UMYwmg
at Bowling Green 4 (49½) Tulsa
at UCF 22 (55) Akron
at Utah 2½ (51) UtahSt.
Mississippi 3½ (53) at Vanderbilt
at Fresno St. 10 (54½) Rutgers
Southern Cal 23½ (53) at Hawaii

Friday

at Michigan St. 28 (44½) W. Michigan
at Miami 32 (53½) FAU
Texas Tech 6 (59½) at SMU

Saturday

at Wisconsin 44½ (52½) UMass
at Michigan 31½ (52) Cent.Michigan
at Ohio St. 35 (55) Buffalo
at NC State 14 (62½) LouisianaTech
at Maryland 21 (49½) FIU
at Iowa 3 (53½) N. Illinois
at Notre Dame 29½ (52½) Temple
BYU 1 (50) at Virginia
Alabama-a 20 (45½) VirginiaTech
at Troy 3½ (63) UAB
at Cincinnati 10½ (50½) Purdue
Kentucky-b 4½ (57) W.Kentucky
at Marshall 19½ (68½) Miami (OH)
Oklahoma St.-c 12½ (60) Miss. St.
at Oklahoma 22 (60) La.-Monroe
at Southern Miss. 8½ (55½) Texas S.
at Texas 42 (57½) N. Mex.St.
at Texas A&M 27 (69½) Rice
at Florida 23½ (56½) Toledo
at Arkansas 10½ (59) La.-Lafayette
at Auburn 15½ (59½) Wash. St.
at North Texas 15 (56½) Idaho
Penn St.-d 8 (51½) Syracuse
at Nebraska 29 (65½) Wyoming
at New Mexico 3½ (55) UTSA
Georgia 1½ (70) at Clemson
LSU-e 4½ (50) TCU
at UCLA 3½ (52) Boise St.
at Washington 21 (66) Nevada
Northwestern 6 (57½) at Calif.

Sunday

at Louisville 21 (58) Ohio
Colorado St.-f 2½ (49)

Monday

Florida St. 10 (49½) at Pitt.

a-at Atlanta

b-at Nashville, Tenn.

c-at Houston

d-at E. Rutherford, N.J.

e-at Arlington, Texas

f-at Denver

NFL Preseason

Tonight

FAVORITE TODAY O/U UNDERDOG
Philadelphia 3½ (40) at N.Y. Jets
at Cincinnati 2 (37½) Indianapolis
Detroit 4½ (39½) at Buffalo
Jacksonville 3 (39½) at Atlanta
at Carolina 3½ (36½) Pittsburgh
Washington 2 (37½) at TampaBay
at Miami 6 (36) New Orleans
at New England 1 (39) N.Y. Giants
Tennessee 4 (38½) at Minnesota
at St. Louis 2 (37½) Indianapolis
Cleveland 2 (39½) at Chicago
at Kansas City 4 (36½) Green Bay
Houston 2½ (37½) at Dallas
at Denver 3½ (38) Arizona
San Francisco 3½ (38½) at San Diego
at Seattle 7 (36½) Oakland

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NFL Standings

American Conference

East

Buffalo W L T Pct PF PA
2 1 0 .567 71 66
New England 2 1 0 .567 65 83
N.Y. Jets 2 1 0 .567 78 60
Miami 1 3 0 .250 80 68

South

Houston W L T Pct PF PA
2 1 0 .567 74 61
Indianapolis 2 1 0 .567 67 62
Tennessee 2 0 0 .333 67 65
Jacksonville 0 3 0 .000 40 95

North

Baltimore W L T Pct PF PA
2 1 0 .567 98 73
Cincinnati 2 1 0 .567 79 53
Cleveland 2 1 0 .567 57 52
Pittsburgh 0 3 0 .000 46 68

West

Houston W L T Pct PF PA
2 1 0 .567 47 72
Kansas City 1 2 0 .333 52 52
Oakland 1 2 0 .333 65 79
San Diego 1 2 0 .333 62 71

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Philadelphia 2 1 0 .567 67 64
Dallas 2 2 0 .500 72 69
N.Y. Giants 1 2 0 .333 51 57

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Carolina 2 1 0 .567 67 58
Tampa Bay 1 2 0 .333 54 85
Atlanta 0 3 0 .000 49 88

North

Chicago W L T Pct PF PA
2 1 0 .567 84 78
Detroit 2 1 0 .567 72 50
Green Bay 1 2 0 .333 29 41
Minnesota 0 3 0 .000 43 81

West

Seattle W L T Pct PF PA
3 0 0 1.000 88 30
Arizona 2 1 0 .567 36 31
San Francisco 2 1 0 .567 35 37
St. Louis 3 0 0 .000 52 73

Thursday, Aug. 29

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New Orleans at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10 p.m.

High school results

BOYS GOLF

Berea-Midpark 164, Bay 169
at Sweetbriar

1. Ellis (BM) 40; T2. Kilgore (BM) 41,
Hanzel (BM) 41, Kyle (B) 41, Mlaker
(B) 41

Brecksville-Broadview Heights 2, Avon
Lake 2-0-2; Smith Bonamer. AL (0-1-2);
Stewart, Mills.

Goals: BBH, Schroedel (5 saves); AL,
Jodanis (10).

Firelands 7, Brooklyn 0
F (4-0-0); Ruffner 4, Yorks 2, B (1-2-0).
Goals: F, Bartolotta (2 saves); B,
Czirn (12).

Highland 156, Tallmadge 161
At Pine Brook

1. Grayson (H) 37; 2. Scherler (H) 38; T3.
Dubiel (H) 40; T3. Koza (T) 40; Bickar (T)
40; Genovese (T) 40.

Notable: Andy Grayson led the way for
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North Ridgeville 162, Midview 163,
Lakewood 174

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OLYMPICS

Bach favored to lead IOC

The International Olympic Committee will elect a new president today to lead the committee into the next decade. **Thomas Bach** of Germany was the strong favorite among the field of six candidates vying to succeed **Jacques Rogge**, the 71-year-old Belgian who is stepping down after 12 years. **Richard Carrion**, a Puerto Rican banking executive who heads the IOC's finance commission, and vice president **Ng Ser Miang** of Singapore are also contenders.

FIGURE SKATING

Olympian Lysacek injured

Olympic champion **Evan Lysacek's** comeback is again being delayed by injury. Lysacek was to compete later this week at the U.S. International Skating Classic, his first event since winning gold at the Vancouver Games. But he withdrew Monday, citing a slight abdominal tear. A similar injury forced him out of Skate America last year, and he eventually had sports hernia surgery. Lysacek has missed three full seasons since beating rival **Evgeni Plushenko** in Vancouver. He is still entered for Skate America, which is Oct. 18-20 in Detroit.

SWIMMING

Nyad to address skeptics

Diana Nyad is planning to meet with members of the marathon swimming community who are skeptical about her 110-mile swim from Cuba to Florida. Since Nyad finished her swim last week, long-distance swimmers have been debating on social media whether the 64-year-old endurance athlete could have picked up as much speed as she says she did from the fast-moving Gulf Stream current. Nyad wanted to meet Tuesday with "her peers in the swimming community," said **Alexandra Crotin**, one of Nyad's spokeswomen.

BASKETBALL

Nets retire Jason Kidd's No. 5

The Brooklyn Nets will retire the No. 5 jersey of **Jason Kidd**, who led the franchise to its greatest NBA success as a player and is now its coach. The Nets said Monday the ceremony will take place Oct. 17 before their preseason game against the Miami Heat. Kidd led the New Jersey Nets to the 2002 and 2003 NBA Finals. He ended his 19-year playing career after spending last season with the New York Knicks.

Rodman plans N. Korea games

Dennis Rodman is going back to North Korea, and taking a team of former NBA players with him. Days after returning from his second trip to visit **Kim Jong Un**, Rodman announced plans Monday to stage two exhibition games in North Korea in January. The first will be Jan. 8 - Kim's birthday - with another to follow two days later. "Why North Korea? It'll open doors," Rodman said. He hopes to have stars such as former Chicago teammate **Scottie Pippen** and **Karl Malone**.

COLLEGE SOCCER

Ursuline's Rowan earns honors

The Great Midwest Athletic Conference named Ursuline College junior **Paige Rowan** its "Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week." The Lake Catholic High School graduate scored two goals in Thursday's season-opening win over the University of Charleston.

HOCKEY

Goalie Kiprusoff retires

Veteran goalie **Miikka Kiprusoff**, a native of Turku, Finland, announced his retirement on Monday after 12 NHL seasons, the last nine with the Calgary Flames. Kiprusoff, 36, who began his career with the San Jose Sharks, joined the Flames in 2003 and helped lead them to the Stanley Cup finals the following year. In 623 career regular-season games with Calgary and San Jose, he went 319-213-71 with a 2.49 GAA and .912 save percentage.

On the air

BASEBALL
7 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay or N.Y. Yankees at Balt., MLB
7:05 p.m. Indians vs. Kansas City, STO; AM/1100, FM/100.7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. Oklahoma State at Texas-San Antonio (telev), FSO

SAILING
3:30 p.m. America's Cup, race 5 and 6, NBCSN

SOCCER
8 p.m. World Cup qualifier, United States vs. Mexico, ESPN

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Browns					
440-891-5000					
Next: Sunday at Baltimore, 1:00, WOIO					
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216-420-4487					
KC 7:05	KC 7:05	CWS 8:10	CWS 2:10	CWS 7:10	
STO	STO	STO	STO	STO	
Next: Sunday at Baltimore, 1:00, WOIO					
Crushers					
440-934-3636					
TC 7:05	TC 7:05	if nec			
Next: Sunday at Baltimore, 1:00, WOIO					
ThistleDown					
216-662-8600					
Post 12:55					
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Next: Sunday at Baltimore, 1:00, WOIO					
Northfield					
330-467-4101					
6:30					
Post 6:30					
Next: Sunday at Baltimore, 1:00, WOIO					

Football

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	9	16
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	27	49

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	18	17
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	21	23

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	21	17
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	15	9
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	2	28

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	28	2
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	49	27
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	17	21

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	34	24
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	28	34
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	24	34

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	36	31
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	33	27
Washington	0	1	0	.000	27	33
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	31	36

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	17	18
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	7	12
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	17	23

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	34	28
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	12	7
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	24	27

Thursday's Game

Denver 49, Baltimore 27

Sunday's Games

New Orleans 23, Atlanta 17
Chicago 24, Cincinnati 21
New England 23, Buffalo 21
Tennessee 16, Pittsburgh 9

N.Y. Jets 18, Tampa Bay 17
Kansas City 28, Jacksonville 27
Seattle 12, Carolina 7
Miami 23, Cleveland 10

Detroit 30, Minnesota 24
Indianapolis 21, Oakland 17
San Francisco 34, Green Bay 28
St. Louis 27, Arizona 24

Dallas 36, N.Y. Giants 31
Monday's Games
Philadelphia 33, Washington 27
Houston at San Diego, late

Thursday, Sep. 12
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 15
Dallas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Washington at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 16
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:40 p.m.

SUNDAY LATE BOX SCORE

Cowboys 36, Giants 31

N.Y. Giants	3	7	14	-31
Dallas	3	10	14	-36

First Quarter

Dal-FG Bailey 30, 13:04.
NYG-FB J.Brown 20, 2:02.

Second Quarter

Dal-FG Bailey 38, 10:02.
Dal-Written 15 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 2:55.
NYG-Cruz 10 pass from Manning (J.Brown kick), 1:50.

Third Quarter

Dal-Church 27 fumble return (Bailey kick), 12:31.
Dal-Written 4 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 4:55.

Fourth Quarter

Dal-FG Bailey 45, 12:10.
NYG-Cruz 10 pass from Manning (J.Brown kick), 8:47.
Dal-Carr 49 interception return (pass failed), 1:50.
NYG-Myers 4 pass from Manning (J.Brown kick), :11.
A-85,348.

	NYG	Dal
First downs	21	22
Total Net Yards	478	331
Rushes-yards	14-50	23-87
Passing	4-28	2-44
Punt Returns	5-20	2-19
Kickoff Returns	1-26	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-91	3-62
Comp-Art-Int	27-42-3	36-49-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-22	2-19
Punts	3-54.7	6-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-52	5-40
Time of Possession	22:50	37:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-N.Y. Giants, Scott 5-23, Wilson 7-19, Manning 2-8, Dallas, Murray 20-86, Tanner 1-2, Romo 2 (-minus 1).
PASSING-N.Y. Giants, Manning 27-42-3-450, Dallas, Romo 36-49-1-263.
RECEIVING-N.Y. Giants, Myers 7-66, Cruz 5-118, Nicks 5-114, Randle 5-101, Scott 5-51, Dallas, Austin 10-72, Witten 8-70, Murray 8-39, Bryant 4-22, Williams 2-32, Harris 2-12, Tanner 1-9, Escobar 1-7.
MISS/FLD GOALS-None.

Tennis

U.S. Open

Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King Tennis Center
New York

Singles
Men's Championship
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Women's Championship
Marina Erakovic (6), New Zealand, def. Mallory Burdette (6), United States, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Doubles
Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, def. Maria Sanchez, United States, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

First Round
Kristina Barrois, Germany, and Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Gabriela Dobrowski and Sharon Fichman, Canada, 6-2, 6-4.
Irina Falconi, United States, and Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Catalina Castano, Colombia, and Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (4), Croatia, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

WTA Challenge Bell

Monday
At Club Avantage Multi-Sports de Quebec
Quebec City

Singles
First Round
Christina McHale, United States, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-2, 6-1.
Marina Erakovic (6), New Zealand, def. Mallory Burdette (6), United States, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

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Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, def. Maria Sanchez, United States, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

First Round
Kristina Barrois, Germany, and Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Gabriela Dobrowski and Sharon Fichman, Canada, 6-2, 6-4.
Irina Falconi, United States, and Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Catalina Castano, Colombia, and Mirjana Lucic-Baroni (4), Croatia, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

Horse racing

Northfield Park results

Race 1: 2:00 PCLD Pace \$2,000
3-Hallin Gator (Noble) 20.00 10.80 5.00
5-Hazel Eyes (Christner) 8.60 5.20
6-Samovar Hanover (Thmpsn) 7.20
EXACTA (3-5) \$170.40
TRIFECTA (3-5-6) \$1,793.40

Race 2: NW1000LSCD Pace \$2,000
2-G.L. Gogotem (Lake) 6.00 3.50 3.00
7-Kennarin (Sutton) 20.80 13.20
4-Mor Than Desire (Sugg) 8.00
EXACTA (2-7) \$221.20
TRIFECTA (2-7-4) \$2,177.00

Race 3: NW200PSCD Pace \$2,400
9-Waterhouse (Noble) 6.40 3.80 3.20
3-Premier Flash (Kashjr) 5.40 3.40
5-Blueridge Camagot (Wengerd) 4.00
EXACTA (9-3) \$34.20
TRIFECTA (9-3-5) \$171.80

Race 4: NW250PSCD Pace \$2,800
5-MY Boogie Shoes (Wrennrj) 5.60 3.20 2.60



Midfielder Bruno Alves of Portugal's national soccer team heads a ball during practice in Foxborough, Mass., on Monday. Portugal will play team Brazil in a friendly match today.

H.S. sports

Boys soccer

Archbishop Hoban 5, Padua 0
Arl (5-1-0); Easton 2, Sarver, McGehee, Londa. Goals: Ari, Martin (3), Markowski (2); P, Pulla (5).
Avon 2, Olmsted Falls 0
A (5-1-1); Minotti (2).

Rocky River 5, Fairview 0
RR (7-0-0); Wischmeier (2), Duncan, Newby, Klondick, F (5-2); None. Goals: RR, Liva (2 saves); F, Karliak (6).
Elyria Catholic 2, Hawken 1
Ec: O'halloran, Saddler (PK), H. Davis. Goals: Ec, Conroy (7 saves); H, Gilchrist (1);

Keystone 2, Brooklyn 2
K (1-3-1, 0-1-1); Fitzgerald (2), B (1-3-1, 0-2-1); Wienck, Edebb. Goals: K, Mofat (4 saves), Cyrus (2); B, T, Czirr (8).
Lakewood 2, Berea-Midpark 2
L (0-6-1); Kemp, White, BM (2-1-3); Hritz, Robertson.
Keystone 2, Brooklyn 2
K (1-3-1, 0-1-1); Fitzgerald (2), B (1-3-1, 0-2-1); Wienck, Edebb. Goals: K, Mofat (4 saves), Cyrus (2); B, T, Czirr (8).
North Reynolds 3, Brecksville-Broadview Heights 0
NR: De Mattie, Lopes, Grida, B. None. Goals: NR, Fikar (6 saves); B, Slicafk (7).

Boys golf
Brush 187, Trinity 191
At Manakill, J. Slesner (8); 2:39, 2. Filippi (T) 43; 3. LeSueur (T); 13; Bennett (T) 47.
Lutheran West 161, Bay 161
At Sweetbriar, L. Kyle (B) 35; 2. Gossman 38; 3. Kovalek (P), J. Wang (WRA) 84; Lutheran West narrowly edged Bay Village by one stroke on the tie-breaker.
Perry 150, Edgewood 180
1. Bagdonas (P) 34; 2. Velecheck (P) 41; 3. Wilpula (E) 43.

Holy Name 346, Buckeye 354, Black River 483
At Brunswick Hills, L. Miller (B) 78; 2. Burden (HH) 85; 3. Scholl (HN) 86; Notable: In only his second varsity match of the season, Jacob Burden led Holy Name with rounds of 42 and 43.
MADISON COUNTRY CLUB INVITATIONAL
At Madison
How they finished: 1. Perry 314; 2. Geena 348; 3. Western Reserve 350; 4. Madison 383

Top individuals: 1. C.J. Bagdonas (P) 73; 2. Ward (P) 78; 3. B. Bagdonas (P) 81; 4. Jackisch ? 82; 15. Kifer (P), Nappi (G) 4; H. Harness 6-3, 6-4; Doubles: Koryn/Paterson (M) 6-2; 6-1; Murray (WRA), Huang (G) 78.

Girls tennis
Amherst 4, St. Joseph 1
Singles: Keran (A) d. Waltos (SJA) 6-1, 6-3; Souders (A) d. FitzGerald (SJA) 7-5, 6-3; Franta (A) d. McAfee (SJA) 6-1, 6-6; Doubles: Sauso/Sugg (5) d. A. Ruedensalo/Rouse (SJA) 6-4, 6-4; Saracina/Powers (SJA) d. Lander/McDermott (A) 7-5, 6-0.

Andrews Osborne 3, Lake Catholic (B team) 2
Singles: Martelli (AOA) d. Biats (LC) 6-1, 6-0; Richak (LC) d. AD (AA) 2-5, 7-5, 6-3; Sager (AOA) d. Tucker (LC) 6-3, 6-1; Doubles: Duncanson/McLean (AOA) d. Pashkey/Jermecik (LC) 7-5, 6-3; Kucera/Waller (AOA) d. Duke/Hughes (AOA) 6-1, 6-0.
Avon Lake 4, Olmsted Falls 1
Singles: Hirvank (A) d. Taylor (O)

River remains unbeaten, tops Avon for shutout win



Story by Jim Horvath

Photos and video by Larry Bennet

Unbeaten. Unscored upon.

Undaunted.

The Rocky River boys soccer team continued its hot start to the 2013 season Wednesday night in Avon. The Pirates played shutout defense, then got a late Trent Newby-to-Sutton Klodnick goal to come away with a 1-0 win over the Eagles at Avon Stadium.

With the win, Rocky River moved to 8-0-0 overall and 3-0 in the West Shore Conference. And in eight games, the Pirates and goalie Dominic Liva have yet to allow a goal.

Avon fell to 5-2-1 and 2-1 in the WSC after allowing the game's only goal with 10:24 remaining in the contest.

After an Avon foul, Pirate junior Trent Newby lined up the ball from 50 yards out. He sent a high liner toward the right post, where sophomore teammate Sutton Klodnick was waiting. Klodnick went up and headed the ball under the arm of Avon's senior goalie, Ian Long, and just inside the post for a 1-0 River lead.

"Yeah, we've done that before," said Newby with a smile after the game. "We practice those all the time, so that's a planned goal that we do.

"I saw the ball coming toward me, and I was just hoping the keeper wasn't going to come and hit me in the back," Klodnick said. "It was a perfect ball in. I was able to head it in down low and it went between the post and him. I think it hit his arm, but it was already in.

"We were coming in here against a very strong Avon team, but we knew we could pull it off," Newby said. "We have confidence in our team. We weren't going to let this being an away game throw us off at all."

"It felt like this was our home away from home tonight," he added.

The Pirates played like they were at home most of the night as they outshot their hosts 10-7 and decisively won the 50-50 battles for loose balls.



"Almost every game, we're talking about winning the 50-50 balls, about getting to the ball first" said River head coach Kevin Zerbey. "Because obviously, in soccer you can't do anything unless you have the ball."

"That's something we really work on, and that shows in our games. Our guys want to get to the ball first, have fun with it and put it in the net. They care, they want to get to the ball," he said.

Avon did produce five corner kicks, but Liva stepped up with aggressive play in the crease to go along with four saves.



One of those Eagle corners came in the 64th minute with the game still scoreless. Junior Michael Smigel sent the ball to within five yards of the goal, but Liva went high to knock away an Avon header to keep the home team off the board.

With River up 1-0, the Eagles had two more opportunities in the 73rd minute. Their first shot was slightly deflected, sending it high over the goal. On the ensuing corner kick, a low shot rolled wide left, keeping the River scoreless streak intact.

"I told the guys before the game that this was going to be our toughest test yet," said Zerbey, whose team already has wins against Westlake

and Chagrin Falls this season.

"In our previous games, we've had a whole bunch of shots. Not all of them were on target, but we had lots and lots of opportunities. Tonight, not so many. But our guys kept working together and passed the test together."

Zerbey felt that was a big key to his team's unbeaten streak: playing together.

"Last year, this was not a together bunch. This year, we're not done jelling, but we're way better in that part of our game than we were at the end of last year.

"We'll continue to build, because now we have a big target on our backs. Monday, we host Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, and they beat us 6-1 last year at their place. It's the longest trip you can take going out there, so it was a long bus ride home.

"Our guys are going to be very motivated to beat them and put that memory to bed," he said.

Outside the Avon locker room, Eagles head coach Chris Dore said his team's performance was less than what he was expecting.

"No. Not even close," Dore said. "We're nowhere near where we want to be at this point in the season. Tonight showed that.

"The big thing for our players is to be more mentally focused for a game that two teams have to battle for. I realize we're going to get better, then we're going to take steps backwards during the course of the year. Tonight we took steps backwards.

"Now we basically have to start over," he added.

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BOYS SOCCER: ROCKY RIVER 1, AVON 0



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Avon's Christian Giraldo (16) tries to turn toward the goal and block Rocky River's Noah Lorincz-Comi during the Pirates' 1-0 win Wednesday night. Rocky River improved to 8-0 without surrendering its first goal of the season.

Pirates piling up shutouts

Rocky River moves to 8-0 and has yet to surrender a goal this year

Todd Shapiro
The Chronicle-Telegram

AVON — How do you score against a team that has not allowed a goal all season? Avon found out Wednesday the answer is you don't.

Rocky River recorded its eighth shutout of the year and scored the game's only goal on a header by Sutton Klodnick in the 70th minute to defeat the Eagles 1-0 in a West Shore Conference match.

After a sluggish first half in which both teams spent much of their time playing keep away in the middle of the field, Avon (5-2-1, 2-1 WSC) had a number of close calls during the first 20 minutes of the second half, but was unable to get anything past Pirates goalkeeper Dominic Liva.

Eagles junior defender Michael Smigel had a shot on goal off of a free kick in the 50th minute, then twice in a three-minute span midway through the half Smigel set up Will Sharer for headers — once on a corner kick and then on another free kick near midfield — but Sharer was unable to get anything past Liva.

Rocky River (8-0, 2-0) finally broke through on a set piece when Trent Newby lined up to take a free kick on the near side of the field, 40 yards away from the goal where he delivered a perfect kick to the far post that Klodnick was able to run under and direct

into the back of the net off of his head.

"We practice that all the time with myself going back door on those restarts, and I was able to sneak behind and I got a good run on it and flicked it in," said Klodnick of his team-leading sixth goal of the season.

The Pirates had a good scoring chance just two minutes earlier, but Eagles midfielder Nick Mazzola was perfectly positioned on the near post to deflect away a shot by Noah Lorincz-Comi that was out of the reach of Avon goalkeeper Ian Long, who finished with eight saves.

Although the Eagles came into the game on a six-match unbeaten streak and have outscored their opponents 17-6, coach Chris Dore felt his team didn't bring the intensity needed to win in the WSC.

"We did what we needed to do in training, but we have to come focused and ready to play and I didn't see that tonight," Dore said. "Maybe if we played a little better, we get a tie or maybe we win. But more than the result I'm concerned with how the result comes, and we weren't even close to where we needed to be tonight."

After starting the season with eight straight shutouts, Rocky River is tied for seventh all time in Ohio for consecutive shutouts. The Pirates have outscored their opponents 22-0.

"Avon is a quality team that played a tough schedule, so knew this would be a tight game," Pirates coach Kevin Zerbey said. "My goalkeeper had two fantastic reaction saves tonight and the defense played well again. I know we're not going to go all season undefeated with nobody scoring against us. I just want to see us progressing, learning and preparing for the playoffs."

Klodnick, a junior, said Rocky River had been looking forward to its return visit to Avon all offseason after losing 3-1 to the Eagles on their home turf during his freshman year.

"This is a great environment for soccer here in Avon. We wanted to win here so badly," Klodnick said. "Avon, Elyria Catholic and Bay are the three games that we have been aiming for all season. We got one tonight and once we get all three, we'll have the West Shore Conference."

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Rocky River 1, Avon 0

GOAL: Klodnick 70th minute.
ASSIST: Newby.
SAVES: (RR) Liva 8, (A) Long 8.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Rocky River 9, Avon 8.
CORNER KICKS: Rocky River 2, Avon 5.
OFFSIDES: Rocky River 0, Avon 0.
FOULS: Rocky River 11, Avon 14.
YELLOW CARDS: (RR) Klodnick, 43rd minute; (A) Sumistawski, 64th minute, Smigel 76th minute.
HALFTIME: 0-0

FALCONS

From D1

Then freshman Elion Bendo shocked them when he tied the score at 1 with a goal in the 54th minute.

It came as the second shot in

a bang-bang sequence in which Fairview (5-3, 2-2) senior Ray Galindo fired a rocket off the Falcons' crossbar. Bendo was there to control the rebound and score on a play Firelands keeper Bryce Bartolotta could do nothing about.

The whole scene was

unusual because the Falcons' defense limited the Warriors to 13 shots — five on goal. Bartolotta said he was uneasy when Fairview came on strong in the second half.

"They got some breakaways and I thought they might get a lot more shots," Bartolotta said. "But our defense held them."

As for the PK, Yorks said he never knows where he will try to place one until he steps up to the ball. Hitting it lower right, he said, is probably the easiest shot to take.

"There are less variables," he said. "The keeper's not keyed to one side, so it's pretty much you're going to go for whatever's easiest. That's what's easiest for me."

Firelands coach Kennie Searight was happy with the outcome.

"Right now, we're the only team that's undefeated on the Stars (Division) side," he said. "Basically, we have at least a

one-game lead on our side. So we kind of control our destiny. We have four (PAC) games left."

And he was very pleased with the Falcons' defense.

"To be honest, this is the hallmark of our year," Searight said. "I know that we've had a high-scoring offense and a lot of people talk about our offense. But ultimately the defense — you know, we have five shutouts in eight games. So the kudos go to Bryce and the guys who are in the trenches every day. They give us the opportunity to be creative."

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Firelands 2, Fairview 1

GOALS: (F) Nate Yorks 2 (pk 27th, 78th minutes), (Fv) Elion Bendo (54th).
ASSISTS: (Fv) Ray Galindo.
SAVES: (F) Bryce Bartolotta 4; (Fv) Kevin Gibbons 1, Dan Karliak 3.
SHOTS: Firelands 14; Fairview 13.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Firelands 6; Fairview 5.
CORNER KICKS: Firelands 8; Fairview 3.
GOAL KICKS: Firelands 7; Fairview 20.
OFFSIDES: Firelands 3.
HANDBALLS: Firelands 2; Fairview 1.
HALF: Firelands, 1-0.

ROUNDUP

Panthers still unbeaten

Elyria Catholic uses big 1st half to roll past North Ridgeville, 4-1

ELYRIA — The Elyria Catholic girls soccer team led by three goals at halftime and rolled to a 4-1 win over the North Ridgeville Rangers on Wednesday. The Panthers improved to 6-0-1, while the Rangers fell to 2-4.

GOALS: (EC) Jenna Smith, Anna Griffin, Kirsten Fehlan, Keely Birsic; (NR) Blagojevic.
ASSISTS: (EC) Julia Scarpelli, Sara Paliandino, Smith, Birsic; (NR) Zingale.
SAVES: (EC) Katie Gauntner 5; (NR) Casement 8.
HALFTIME: EC, 3-0

Wellington 3, Brooklyn 2

BROOKLYN — Samantha Sparks had a pair of goals and Brittany Mariast had a goal and two assists for Wellington, which improved to 4-2-1, 3-0-0 in the PAC. Brooklyn fell to 2-5 and 1-3.

GOALS: (W) Brittany Mariast; Samantha Sparks 2; (B) Newby, Cassidy.
ASSISTS: (W) Mariast 2.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Wellington 17, Brooklyn 3.
SAVES: (W) Kayla Sparks 1; (B) Crossman 14.
HALFTIME: Wellington, 2-0.

Keystone 7, Columbia 0

LAGRANGE — Lauren LaPointe's hat trick lifted the Wildcats. (3-3-1, 2-1-1). Paige Jameson-Foster added two goals. Kelsey Yusko had two of the 'Cats' four assists.

GOALS: (K) Lauren LaPointe 3, Jenni Laferrri, Paige Jameson-Foster 2, Courtney Sadowsky
ASSISTS: (K) Kelsey Yusko 1, Holley Ziemba, Alicia Sadowsky
SHOTS: (K) Kayla Clark 1, Paige Forbush 1; (C) Jordan Paine 5, Jamie Zelinsky 2
HALFTIME: Keystone, 3-0

Brookside 3, Oberlin 0

OBERLIN — Freshman Madison Sours had a goal and an assist and Arianna Sanchez recorded her third shutout of the season as the Cardinals (4-3-2, 2-1-1 PAC) won their second straight league game. Oberlin fell to 1-2.

GOALS: (B) Brittney Knitt, Madison Sours, Melina Willis.
ASSISTS: (B) Sours, Jennifer Lyons.
SAVES: (B) Arianna Sanchez 1; (O) Ade Odiduro 9.
HALFTIME: Wellington, 2-0.

Fairview 5, Firelands 0

FAIRVIEW — Alex Willis had 19 saves for the Falcons, who were outshot 24-3 in falling to 2-3-1, 1-3 in the PAC.

GOALS: (Fa) Paige Strandahl 2, Stephanie Miller 2, Cayleigh Gibbons.
ASSISTS: (Fa) Anna Calmer, Megan Coyne, Mo Klag, Katie Kovach.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Fairview 24, Firelands 3.
SAVES: (Fa) Savannah Lally 3; (F) Alex Willis 19.
HALFTIME: Wellington, 2-0.

Buckeye 6, Lutheran West 0

ROCKY RIVER — The Barnes sisters combined for four goals in Buckeye's shutout. Freshman Sophie had 3, while junior Norah booted in one as the Bucks improved to 6-1-1. West dropped to 3-5-0.

GOALS: (B) Sophie Barnes 3, Norah Barnes 1, McKenzie Erne, Corrine Phillips
SAVES: (B) Tracy 1; (LW) Collozo 14

Midview 1, Bay 1

BAY VILLAGE — Bay outshot Midview 21-7 but could only manage one goal in West Shore Conference action.

Sam Meisenberg scored for Bay (6-0-2), 2-0-1 WSC), while Morgan Bowman had Midview's (3-5-2) goal.

GOALS: (B) Sam Meisenberg, (M) Morgan Bowman.
ASSISTS: (M) Shannon Leinrath
SHOTS ON GOAL: Midview 21, Bay 7
SAVES: (B) Grisnik 3; (M) Taylor Ceh 13.

Westlake 1, Avon Lake 0

AVON LAKE — Lauren Hurst's goal in the first minute of the game stood up for the Demons (2-0-3, 2-0-1 SWC). Avon Lake fell to 0-7 and 0-3.

GOALS: (W) Lauren Hurst.
ASSISTS: (W) Megan Konrad.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Westlake 14, Avon Lake 3.
SAVES: (W) Mackenzie Maynard 3; (AL) Amy Crooks 12.

Boys soccer

Wellington 3, Brooklyn 1

BROOKLYN — Ian Lara scored two goals and Michael Dowdell had a goal and an assist for the Dukes in Patriot Athletic Conference play.

GOALS: (W) Ian Lara 2, Michael Dowdell; (B) Sadji.
ASSISTS: (W) Dowdell, Jacob Storrow.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Wellington 10, Brooklyn 8.
SAVES: (W) Jake Miller 7; (B) Reinecke 10.
HALFTIME: Brooklyn, 1-0.

Columbia 3, Keystone 0

COLUMBIA — The Raiders (4-3) scored twice in the first half and rolled in non-conference play.

GOALS: (Co) Davis Wos, Nate Hite, Sebastian Heunich.
ASSISTS: (Co) Nate Hite, Laszlo Szabados
SAVES: (Co) Trevor Fess 5, (K) DJ Cyrus 11
SHOTS ON GOAL: Columbia 18, Keystone 6.

Bay 5, Midview 1

BAY — Silvester Messiah scored the lone goal for the Middies in West Shore Conference play.

GOALS: (B) Mark Comiensi 2, Mitchell Matkovich 2, Dillon Gundlach; (M) Silvester Messiah.

AREA FAIRWAYS

Aces

TOM DUS of Avon Lake used a 6-iron to ace the 151-yard No. 17 hole at Dorton Golf Club on Sunday during play in the Saari League. Jeff Saari, Jeff Potts, John Zuercher and Sam Eadach witnessed the second hole-in-one of DUS' career, both of which have come on this hole.

CARMEN GREEN used a 7-iron to ace the 140-yard fourth hole at Carlisle Golf Course on Friday. Rob Wade and Ernie Handy witnessed the feat.

ASSISTS: (B) Matt Comiensi, Matkovich, Gundlach; (M) Tom Wynne.
SAVES: (B) Colin Southerington 5; (M) Chambers 21.

Brookside 4, Oberlin 3

SHEFFIELD — Brandon Knitt had a hat trick and Mike Norris had three assists as the Cardinals raised their record to 4-3.

GOALS: (B) Brandon Knitt 3, Kyle McClelland.
ASSISTS: (B) Mike Norris 3.

Buckeye 4, Lutheran West 0

MEDINA — The Longhorns fell to 5-2, 2-1 in the PAC as the Bucks improved to 4-2, 3-1.

GOALS: (B) Rusinko 3, Grauel.
ASSISTS: (B) Grauel, Grayzanic, Nigh.
SAVES: (B) Huber 3; (LW) Jacob Pshock 14.

Volleyball

Elyria 25-25-25, Medina 21-20-18

MEDINA — Alexis Middlebrooks had 12 kills, four blocks and three aces to lead the Pioneers in Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division action. Danya Corlew added 11 kills and 23 digs, while Haley Pionessa had 14 digs and Tyra Darden 12 for Elyria (4-4, 1-2). Emily Gonzalez was 124-for-124 setting with 30 assists.

Boys golf

Solon 153, Elyria 166

SOLON — Mat McFrederick led the Pioneers with a 4-over 39 on the front nine at Grantwood Golf Course.

SOLON (153): Joey Solanics 36, Zack Mandry 37, Justin Razzanti 39, Nick Erezet 41.

ELYRIA (166): Mat McFrederick 39, Zack DeMarco 40, Ben Haywood 42, Dylan Edgell 45.

Midview 170, Bay 176, Vermilion 177

VERMILION — Ryan Miller shot a 40 and Kyle Warner had a 41 as the Middies won a West Shore Conference tri-match on Tuesday at Willow Creek.

MIDVIEW (170): Ryan Miller 40, Kyle Warner 41, Nick Matcham 44, Ethan Large 45.

BAY (176): Dominic Muchio 43, Jack Kyle Dan Miska 44, Kevin Karm 45.

VERMILION (177): Patrick Seton 43, Dominic Carcone 44, Tom Pena 44, Trevor Keisman 46.

Girls golf

Avon Lake 181, Westlake 217

AVON LAKE — Niki Schroeder shot an even-par 35 at Sweetbriar to lead the Shoregals, who improved to 6-0 in Southwestern Conference play.

AVON LAKE (181): Niki Schroeder 35, Katie Ray 47, Rebecca Lyman 47, Sarah Lucas 52.

WESTLAKE (217): Loren Kreider 48, Julia Button 53, Beth Hartmann 57, Jordan Labroo 58.

Girls tennis

Brecksville 3, Amherst 2

BRECKSVILLE — Amherst got a three-set win from Natalie Keron at first singles and a straight-sets win from Macy Szucs and Elizabeth Sturges at first doubles.

SINGLES: Natalie Keron (A) def. Gwen Wong, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; Hanna Olsen (B) def. Sarah Scudler, 6-3, 6-1; Yvonne Ford (B) def. Reagan Franta, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.
DOUBLES: Macy Szucs-Elizabeth Sturges (A) def. Macy Motto-Ann Woilwood, 6-3, 6-4; Nina DeSantis-Lori Worgo (B) def. Jordan Lander-Elizabeth McDermott.

Bay 5, Midview 0

EATON TWP. — The Rockets won every match in straight sets in West Shore Conference action.

SINGLES: Quillin (B) def. Gipson, 6-0, 6-0; Aleksandrovic (B) def. Bartone, 7-5, 6-1; Messina (B) def. Patel, 6-1, 6-0.
DOUBLES: Kapsas-Pranec (B) def. Sedlak-Hoguen, 6-2, 6-2; Hansen-Ponetcky (B) def. Plas-Kenyon, 6-4, 6-0.

Cross country

Lutheran West boys 31, Fairview 33

Lutheran West girls 19, Fairview 33, Oberlin 62

ROCKY RIVER — The Longhorns swept a non-conference quad meet. The Oberlin boys and the Meets for Jesus boys and girls did not have a complete teams.

BOYS

Drew Fuchs (LW), 18:06; 2. Simon Perales (O), 18:33; 3. Matt Brown (LW), 19:05; 4. Luke Borsidy (F), 19:32; 5. Stephen Carter (F), 19:34; 6. Billy Guerry (F), 19:41; 7. Josh HollOWAY (F), 19:41; 8. Juan Pirri (LW), 19:45; 9. Daniel Dmytriv (LW), 20:31; 10. Tom Wetzel (LW), 20:34.

GIRLS

1. Michaela Bierly (LW), 21:37; 2. Olivia Vasiloff (LW), 22:37; 3. Jessica Bradley (LW), 25:14; Emma McQuates (F), 25:57; 5. Shannon Kilbane (F), 26:32; 7. Emily Giguere (LW), 27:00; 8. Anna Maxwell (LW), 2:15; 8. Sarah Guerry (F), 27:32; 9. Alexis Brown (F), 29:06; 10. Alexis Newhaus (F), 29:37.



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Boys Division I

1. Beavercreek	7-0-2	84
2. Mason	5-0-0	83
3. Jackson (Massillon)	8-0-0	79
4. St. Ignatius (Cleveland)	5-1-1	59
5. Anthony Wayne (Whitehouse)	7-0-2	58
6. Olentangy Liberty (Powell)	7-1-0	54
7. Lincoln (Gahanna)	5-0-3	34
8. Medina	4-0-4	33
9. Centerville	7-0-2	22
10. Turpin (Cincinnati)	6-0-2	16

Receiving Votes: Mentor, St. Johns Jesuit (Toledo),
Bradley (Hilliard), Zanesville

Boys Division II

1. Revere (Richfield)	8-0-1	96
2. Carroll (Dayton)	7-0-1	94
3. University School (Hunting Valley)	5-0-3	65
4. Bay (Bay Village)	5-0-4	56
5. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (Stow)	3-1-0	49
6. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	4-2-0	45
7. Bellbrook	5-0-1	30
8. Rocky River	8-0-0	27
9. Archbishop Hoban (Akron)	5-2-0	21
10. Bishop Fenwick (Middletown)	6-0-0	16

Receiving Votes: Bishop Watterson (Columbus), Indian Hill (Cincinnati),
Memorial (St. Marys), Minford, Lakeview (Cortland),
Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati), Coshocton, Maumee

Boys Division III

1. Summit Country Day School (Cincinnati)	4-0-2	95
2. Columbus Academy (Gahanna)	6-1-0	79
3. Western Reserve Academy (Hudson)	5-1-0	76
4. Elyria Catholic	6-1-0	74
5. Mariemont (Cincinnati)	7-0-1	48
Worthington Christian School	3-2-1	48
7. Mansfield Christian School	6-1-0	34
8. Liberty-Benton (Findlay)	6-0-0	29
9. Cincinnati Country Day School	8-1-0	26
10. Hawken (Gates Mills)	6-3-0	22

Receiving Votes: Catholic Central (Springfield), Chippewa (Doylestown),
Grandview Heights, Crestview (Columbiana), Eastern Brown (Sardinia)

Girls Division I

1. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	6-0-0	95
2. Twinsburg	8-0-0	87

3. Centerville	8-0-0	71
Coffman (Dublin)	5-1-0	69
5. Magnificat (Rocky River)	6-0-0	60
6. North (Pickerington)	6-0-0	51
7. Mason	5-1-1	33
8. Notre Dame Academy (Toledo)	7-1-1	30
9. Hudson	6-1-0	24
10. Strongsville	3-2-1	14

Receiving Votes: Hilliard Davidson, Howland (Warren), Medina, Northmont (Clayton), Turpin (Cincinnati), Findlay, Tri-Valley (Dresden)

Girls Division II

1. Granville	8-0-0	99
2. Rocky River	8-0-1	88
3. Ross (Hamilton)	7-0-1	69
4. Canfield	5-1-0	64
5. Archbishop Alter (Kettering)	4-3-0	50
6. Holy Name (Parma Heights)	4-2-2	47
7. Ontario	5-0-0	41
8. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	6-2-0	32
9. Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati)	4-3-1	28
10. Bellbrook	6-0-1	9
Hathaway Brown (Shaker Heights)	2-2-2	9

Receiving Votes: Clear Fork (Bellville), Memorial (St. Marys), Hillsboro, Carroll (Dayton), Lakeview (Cortland)

Girls Division III

1. Hawken (Gates Mills)	4-0-3	84
2. Summit Country Day School (Cincinnati)	5-1-0	82
3. Worthington Christian School	6-1-1	74
4. United (Hanoverton)	8-0-0	54
5. Liberty-Benton (Findlay)	8-0-1	45
6. Oak Harbor	6-1-1	44
7. Cincinnati Country Day School	8-0-0	41
8. Troy Christian School	6-1-0	37
9. Grandview Heights	8-1-0	22
10. Lynchburg-Clay	7-0-0	18

Receiving Votes: West Muskingum (Zanesville), Lehman Catholic (Sidney), Badin (Hamilton), Kirtland, Huron

The Record

NewsWatch

GOLF

IMG names PR director

John Carroll University grad Mike Scanlan was named director of public relations and communications for IMG Golf North America. Scanlan, who began his career in sports as a graduate assistant with the Buffalo Bills in 2006, will relocate to Cleveland with his wife, Julie, and daughter, Caroline. He joins IMG following a seven-year stint in public relations at the LPGA. IMG, a global sports, fashion and media company that was founded and has offices in Cleveland, is headquartered in New York.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Husker coach apologizes

Hours after Bo Pelini fired back at criticism from one of the Nebraska program's all-time greats, he had to apologize for a profane rant in which he criticized "fair-weather" Cornhuskers fans. The sports website Deadspin.com on Monday posted the 2-year-old audio of the Cornhuskers' coach going off on fans and newspaper reporters. On Saturday, UCLA wiped out an 18-point deficit in Lincoln and beat Nebraska 41-21. The Deadspin audio caught Pelini speaking off air before his postgame radio interview following Nebraska's win over Ohio State in October 2011. "I want to sincerely apologize for my comments from two years ago which became public today," Pelini said in a statement. "I take full responsibility for these comments. They were spoken in a private room following the Ohio State game. I was venting following a series of emotional events which led to this moment. That being said, these comments are in no way indicative of my true feelings. I love it here in Nebraska and feel fortunate to be associated with such a great university and fan base." Earlier, during his weekly news conference, Pelini responded to criticism from former Huskers quarterback Tommie Frazier, saying if Frazier doesn't like how he's running the program, he doesn't need his support.

Pac-12 officials erred

Wisconsin is trying to move past an excruciating and bizarre loss, and focus on its Big Ten opener against Purdue, the No. 24 Badgers (2-1) lost 32-30 to Arizona State when officials erred in allowing the clock to expire, denying the Badgers the opportunity to attempt a possible game-winning field goal. The Pac-12 issued a statement Monday acknowledging the errors by its officiating crew, saying it has "reprimanded and taken additional sanctions against officials" in their handling of the final seconds. "To us, it doesn't matter. It's probably the PC (politically correct) thing to do and something they had to do," said Wisconsin line-backer Chris Borland. "But, we don't care about that. We lost the game, so that's all we care about."

TENNIS

Cilic suspended over doping

Former top-10 player Marin Cilic has been suspended nine months for a doping violation. The International Tennis Federation said Monday that the suspension was back-dated to May 1, so Cilic will be able to return to the circuit Jan. 31. Cilic tested positive for nikethamide, a stimulant, in Munich. The ITF says an independent tribunal found that Cilic ingested the stimulant inadvertently while taking glucose tablets "and did not intend to enhance his performance in doing so." The 24-year-old from Croatia has not played since withdrawing from his second-round match at Wimbledon in June. Cilic is ranked 24th.

HOCKEY

Yip shines against Kings

Brandon Yip, who started his pro hockey career in 2009 with the Lake Erie Monsters, had two goals and an assist, to lead a Phoenix Coyotes split squad to a 5-1 preseason victory over a Los Angeles Kings split squad on Sunday night.

On the air

BASEBALL
7 p.m. Crushers vs. Schaumburg, AM/930
7 p.m. Class AAA Championship, Durham vs. Omaha, NBCSN
8:10 p.m. Indians at Kansas City, STO; AM/1100, FM/100.7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m. Oregon State at Utah (tape), FSO
8 p.m. Iowa at Iowa State (tape), BTN

SAILING

3:30 p.m. America's Cup, race 13 and 14 (if necessary), NBCSN

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. UEFA Champions League, CSKA Moskva at Bayern Munich, FSO
2:30 p.m. UEFA Champions League, Leverkusen at Manchester United, FSO
8 p.m. UEFA Champions League, Manchester City at Plzen (tape), FSO

Calendar

Browns
 440-891-5000 Next: Sunday at Minnesota, 1:00, WOIO

Indians KC 8:10, Hou 7:05, Hou 7:05, Hou 6:05
 216-420-4487 8:10, STO STO STO STO

Crushers Scha 7:05, Scha 7:30
 440-934-3636 7:05, STO STO

Thistledown Post 12:55, Post 12:55, Post 12:55
 216-662-8600 12:55, Post 12:55, Post 12:55

Northfield Post 6:30, Post 6:30
 330-467-4101 6:30, Post 6:30

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	36	31
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	47	30
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	45	46
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	28	30

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	61	52
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	41	41
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	39
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	11	47

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	41	55
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	9	16
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	16	37

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	45	18
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	36	30
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	36	30
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	61	61

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	52	48
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	63	60
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	54	77
Washington	0	2	0	.000	47	71

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	48	47
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	30	36
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	31	34

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	55	51
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	55	49
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	66	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	54	65

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	41	10
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	51	55
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	37	57
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	49	48

Thursday's Game

New England 13, N.Y. Jets 10

Sunday's Games

Houston 30, Tennessee 24, OT
 Green Bay 38, Washington 20
 Chicago 31, Minnesota 30
 Atlanta 31, St. Louis 24
 San Diego 33, Philadelphia 30
 Miami 24, Indianapolis 20
 Baltimore 14, Cleveland 6
 Buffalo 24, Carolina 23
 Arizona 25, Detroit 21
 New Orleans 16, Tampa Bay 14
 Oakland 19, Jacksonville 9
 Denver 41, N.Y. Giants 23
 Seattle 29, San Francisco 3

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 19

Kansas City at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 22

San Diego at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 St. Louis at Dallas, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Aunt Returns 1-0 2-31
 Indianapolis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
 Buffalo at Jets, 4:25 p.m.
 Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 23

Oakland at Denver, late

SUNDAY LATE BOXSCORE

Seahawks 29, 49ers 3

San Francisco	0	0	3	0 - 3
Seattle	0	5	7	17 - 29

Second Quarter

Sea-Team safety, 10:39.
 Sea-FG Hauschka 30, 55:2.

Third Quarter

Sea-Lynch 14 run (Hauschka kick), 9:12.
 SF-FG Dawson 21, 4:20.

Fourth Quarter

Sea-Lynch 7 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 13:44.
 Sea-FG Hauschka 37, 11:31.
 Sea-Lynch 2 run (Hauschka kick), 4:22.
 A-68,338.

STATISTICS

RUSHING-San Francisco, Kaepernick

9-87, Gore 9-16, Dixon 1-4, Hunter 1-(minus) 7, Seattle, Lynch 28-98, Wilson 10-33, Turbin 6-31, Ware 3-10.

PASSING-San Francisco, Kaepernick

13-28-312, Seattle, Wilson 8-19-142.

RECEIVING-San Francisco, K.Williams

4-39, V.Davis 3-20, Miller 2-22, V.McDonald 1-19, Gore 1-14, Boldin 1-7, Moore 1-6, Seattle, Lynch 3-37, Miller 2-22, Baldwin 1-51, Tate 1-19, Rice 1-13.

MISSSED FIELD GOALS-None.

Golf

BMW Championship

At Conway Farms Golf Club, Lake Forest, Ill. Purses: \$8 million
 Yardage: 7,149; Par: 71
 Zach Johnson, \$1,440,000 64-70-69-65-268
 Nick Watney, \$864,000 67-69-70-64-270
 Jim Furyk, \$544,000 72-59-69-71-271
 Jason Day, \$315,000 71-66-70-66-273
 Luke Donald, \$315,000 70-70-65-66-273
 Hunter Mahan, \$315,000 68-73-67-71-285
 Steve Stricker, \$315,000 66-71-64-72-273
 Matt Jones, \$232,000 69-71-67-67-274
 Chris Schwartzel, \$232,000 66-70-69-69-274
 Brandt Snedeker, \$232,000 63-68-71-72-274
 Ryan Moore, \$176,000 70-67-71-72-287
 Rory Sabbatini, \$176,000 69-71-66-69-275
 Jimmy Walker, \$176,000 72-65-70-66-275
 Tiger Woods, \$176,000 66-71-67-71-275
 Roberto Castro, \$144,000 68-69-71-68-276
 Keegan Bradley, \$132,000 74-67-70-66-277
 Jordan Spieth, \$132,000 71-65-71-69-277
 Br. de Jonge, \$104,320 71-68-70-70-279
 Sergio Garcia, \$104,320 70-68-69-72-279
 Billy Horschel, \$104,320 73-69-71-66-279
 John Merrick, \$104,320 67-73-69-70-279
 Gary Woodland, \$104,320 70-71-69-71-281
 David Lynn, \$83,200 73-71-68-69-280
 Chris Kirk, \$68,200 75-70-70-66-281
 Matt Kuchar, \$68,200 74-73-61-73-281
 Webb Simpson, \$68,200 72-69-69-71-281
 Bubba Watson, \$68,200 70-74-70-69-281
 Graham Delaney, \$54,400 68-73-65-72-282
 Bill Haas, \$54,400 72-71-72-67-282
 David Hearn, \$54,400 72-68-71-71-282
 Adam Scott, \$54,400 67-73-75-67-282
 D. Sumnerhays, \$54,400 72-70-68-72-282
 Brian Davis, \$42,267 72-67-74-70-283
 Phil Mickelson, \$42,267 70-74-69-71-283
 Kevin Stadler, \$42,267 69-74-70-70-283
 Kevin Streelman, \$42,267 66-70-74-73-283
 Justin Rose, \$42,267 71-71-69-72-283
 Henrik Stenson, \$42,267 72-67-74-73-283
 Matt Every, \$32,800 70-65-69-70-284
 Rickie Fowler, \$32,800 77-68-68-71-284
 Russell Henley, \$32,800 74-70-70-70-284
 Charles Howell III, \$32,800 71-71-71-71-284
 Marc Leishman, \$32,800 73-71-71-69-284
 Angel Cabrera, \$24,864 70-72-71-69-285
 Graham Clark, \$24,864 68-73-67-71-285
 Bryce Molder, \$24,864 73-72-72-66-285
 Ian Poulter, \$24,864 73-73-69-70-285
 Ni. Thompson, \$24,864 69-75-67-66-285
 John Huh, \$20,800 72-71-72-71-286
 Harris English, \$20,160 70-71-71-72-287
 Graeme McDowell, \$15,400 72-73-70-70-288
 Ernie Els, \$15,253 71-71-74-72-288
 Chris Stroud, \$19,253 70-73-72-73-288
 Sang-Moon Bae, \$18,400 70-71-75-73-289
 Jason Dufner, \$18,400 71-73-72-73-289
 Jordan Spieth, \$18,400 68-73-69-71-289
 G. McDowell, \$18,000 70-73-72-75-290
 D.A. Points, \$18,000 71-72-75-72-290
 Rory McIlroy, \$17,680 78-71-68-68-291
 Patrick Reed, \$17,680 72-78-70-71-291
 Brendan Stacey, \$17,440 72-68-72-71-292
 Kevin Chappell, \$17,120 77-72-72-72-293
 Dustin Johnson, \$17,120 74-75-72-72-293
 M. Thompson, \$17,120 70-74-76-73-293
 Ken Duke, \$16,720 73-77-68-76-294
 Brian Day, \$16,720 70-74-74-76-294
 Lee Westwood, \$16,480 69-73-69-73-295
 Charley Hoffman, \$16,320 78-76-70-73-297
 Scott Piercy, \$16,080 81-73-76-73-302
 Scott Stallings, \$16,080 75-71-73-83-302



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Holly Sonders, co-host of the Golf Channel's "Morning Drive" chips a baseball as the ceremonial first pitch before the Tampa Bay Rays played the Texas Rangers on Monday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Auto racing

NASCAR Sprint Cup

GEICO 400 Results

At Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. Lap length: 1.5 miles (Start position in parentheses)
 (1) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 267 laps, 136.7 rating, 48 points, \$334,891.
 (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 129.4, 43, \$261,048.
 (3) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 107.4, 38, \$164,431.
 (4) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 267, 102.1, 40, \$169,960.
 (5) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 267, 123.9, 50, \$176,926.
 (6) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 267, 115, 39, \$161,976.
 (7) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 267, 86.6, 35, \$143,123.
 (8) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 267, 89.9, 36, \$158,960.
 (9) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 267, 88.5, 35, \$148,273.
 (10) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 267, 86.6, 35, \$143,123.
 (11) Carl Edwards, Ford, 267, 83.4, 34, \$142,180.
 (12) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 267, 97.2, 32, \$139,355.
 (13) Almirola, Ford, 267, 91.1, 32, \$140,891.
 (14) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 267, 70.2, 30, \$111,180.
 (15) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 267, 72.4, 29, \$130,994.
 (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 267, 88.3, 29, \$110,160.
 (17) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 267, 70.4, 29, \$113,313.
 (18) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267, 92.9, 26, \$132,555.
 (19) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 267, 86.7, 26, \$126,025.
 (20) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 267, 61.2, 9, \$110,180.
 (21) A.J. Allmendinger, Toyota, 267, 62.1, 23, \$124,438.
 (22) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 267, 69, 22, \$127,571.
 (23) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 62.1, 23, \$124,438.
 (24) Cole Whitt, Toyota, engine, 151, 62.1, 0, \$78,860.
 (40) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, vibration, 87, 26.3, 0, \$74,860.
 (41) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 266, 50.1, 0, \$111,577.
 (28) David Gilliland, Ford, 266, 40.3, 16, \$93,430.
 (32) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 266, 43.7, 0, \$90,320.
 (31) Casey Mears, Ford, 266, 47, 14, \$101,980.
 (42) Joe Nemecek, Toyota, 266, 32.5, 0, \$89,780.
 (3) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 261, 57.5, 12, \$116,794.
 (23) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, engine, 247, 67, 11, \$109,180.
 (34) Timmy Hill, Ford, engine, 225, 31, 10, \$89,180.
 (18) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, engine, 224, 71.2, 10, \$106,945.
 (33) David Reutimann, Toyota, engine, 195, 36.9, 8, \$88,755.
 (1) Joey Logano, Ford, engine, 175, 88.5, 8, \$122,433.
 (25) Brian Vickers, Toyota, engine, 161, 62.1, 0, \$90,860.
 (29) Cole Whitt, Toyota, engine, 151, 62.1, 0, \$78,860.
 (40) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, vibration, 87, 26.3, 0, \$74,860.
 (41) Justin Allgaier, Ford, brakes, 84, 32.6, 0, \$70,860.
 (42) Reed Sorenson, Ford, vibration, 68, 26.9, 0, \$66,960.
 (43) Michael McDowell, Ford, brakes, 29, 28.9, 1, \$63,360.

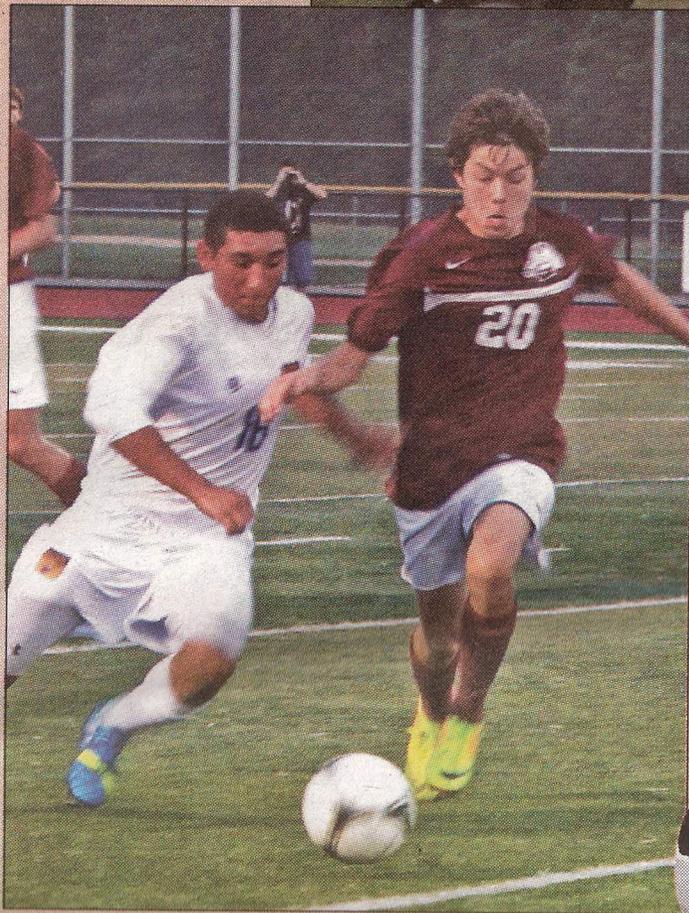
NHL

Preseason

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (SS) 3, Toronto 2, SO
 Washington 4, Philadelphia (SS) 3, SO
 Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Florida (SS) 6, Nashville (SS) 2, OT
 Boston 6, Montreal 3
 New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 3
 Calgary vs. Ottawa, late
 Phoenix at Anaheim, late
 San Jose at Vancouver, late
Tuesday's Games
 N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Buffalo at Columbus (SS), 7 p.m.
 Boston vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.<

Right: Avon Lake senior midfielder Eric Mills, left, battles with Westlake junior midfielder Brian Sutcliffe for the ball in the 1-1 draw between the teams at Lee Burneson Middle School on Saturday night. Goals were scored by Westlake senior forward Dakota Swisher and Avon Lake junior forward Evan Carleson. Westlake junior goalkeeper Nathan Greenberg tallied 11 saves, while Avon Lake goalkeeper Kane Adams, a junior, saved 10 shots. Photo - Taylor Neigh



Left: Avon junior Christian Giraldo, left, and Rocky River sophomore Brett Scherzer go for the ball in last Wednesday's 1-0 Pirates victory. The lone goal in the game was scored by Rocky River junior Spencer Klodnick, assisted by junior captain Trent Newby. Rocky River goalkeeper Dominic Liva recorded 7 saves, while Avon goalkeeper Ian Long also had 8 saves in the game. Photo - Daniel Ondercin



Above: Brookside sophomore forward Hannah Sours, left, gets by Lutheran West freshman defender Taya Hampton during the Cardinals' 2-0 victory over the Longhorns Saturday afternoon. Sours scored the game's two goals as Brookside takes its record to 5-3-2. With the loss, Lutheran West falls to 3-6. Photo - Taylor Neigh

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BOXING

Judge will take time off

A veteran Nevada boxing judge who drew widespread criticism after scoring a weekend title fight between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Saul "Canelo" Alvarez a draw is giving up her ringside job, at least temporarily.

"I'm taking time away," said Cynthia C.J. Ross on Wednesday in a brief telephone interview from her home outside Las Vegas.

The 64-year-old Ross said she won't judge any fights "in the immediate future" and hadn't made a decision whether to quit.

Ross scored the world 152-pound title fight a 114-114 draw on Saturday night, but Mayweather won a majority decision after two other judges scored him the clear winner.

NHL

Blue Jackets send five down

The Columbus Blue Jackets have returned five prospects to their respective junior clubs in the Canadian Hockey League.

Sent out from the team's training camp were: forwards Oliver Bjorkstrand (Portland, WHL), Josh Anderson (London, OHL) and Nick Moutrey (Saginaw, OHL); defenseman Dillon Heatherington (Swift Current, WHL) and goalie Oscar Dansk (Erie, OHL);

Columbus' training camp roster now stands at 51 players after three exhibition games.

SOCCER

Manchester United loaded

Manchester United is projecting it will generate more than \$680 million this season after breaking its revenue record while winning a 20th English title.

United pointed to the enduring success of its commercial operation in helping to maintain the club as a force on and off the pitch, as it faces the challenge of David Moyes replacing Alex Ferguson after more than 26 years as manager.

Owned by the American-based Glazer family, United reported revenue rising by 13 percent to \$578 million in the year to June 30.

TENNIS

Tsonga, Querrey advance

Defending champion Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and American Sam Querrey advanced to the quarterfinals of the Moselle Open in Metz, France.

Tsonga defeated fellow Frenchman Edouard Roger-Vasselin, 6-3, 6-4, and Querrey moved on when wild card Paul-Henri Mathieu retired with a right thigh injury while trailing, 6-2.

WRESTLING

American wins world title

American Jordan Burroughs has earned another wrestling world title.

Burroughs, a gold medalist at the 2012 Olympics, extended his undefeated streak to 65 matches with a 4-0 victory against Iran's Ezzatollah Akbarizarinokolaie in the 163-pound category at Laszlo Papp Sports Arena in Budapest, Hungary.

After the final, Burroughs revealed that he suffered a broken ankle while running sprints during training Aug. 22 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He had surgery the next day and recovered quickly.

On the air

BASEBALL

2 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, WGN

7:05 p.m. Indians vs. Houston, STO; AM/1100, FM/100.7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. Clemson at N.C. State, ESPN

8 p.m. West Alabama at Florida Tech, CBSSN

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

3 p.m. Michigan State at Nebraska, BTN

GOLF

9 a.m. Open d'Italia, Golf Channel

1 p.m. TOUR Championship, Golf Channel

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7 p.m. Loveland at Glen Este, FSO

8 p.m. Coppell (Texas) at Garland (Texas), FSI

Midnight Loveland at Glen Este (Texas), FSO

NFL

8 p.m. Kansas City at Philadelphia, NFLN

SAILING

3:30 p.m. America's Cup, race 15 and 16 (if necessary), NBCSN

SOCCER

1 p.m. UEFA Europa League, Swansea City at Valencia, FSI

3 p.m. UEFA Europa League, Tromso at Tottenham, FSI

WNBA FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFFS

8 p.m. Game 1, Washington at Atlanta, ESPN2

10 p.m. Game 1, Phoenix at Los Angeles, ESPN2

Calendar

	Today	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Browns 440-891-5000				Minn 1:00 WOIO	
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Thistledown 216-662-8600		Post 12:55	Post 12:55	Post 12:55	
Northfield 330-467-4101		Post 6:30			Post 6:30

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	36	31
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	47	30
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	0.500	28	30
Buffalo	1	1	0	0.500	45	46

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	61	52
Indianapolis	1	1	0	0.500	41	41
Tennessee	1	1	0	0.500	40	39
Jacksonville	0	2	0	0.000	11	47

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	1	0	0.500	41	34
Baltimore	1	1	0	0.500	41	55
Cleveland	0	2	0	0.000	16	37
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	0.000	19	36

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	45	18
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	90	50
Oakland	1	1	0	0.500	36	30
San Diego	1	1	0	0.500	61	61

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	0.500	52	48
Philadelphia	1	1	0	0.500	63	60
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	0.000	54	77
Washington	0	2	0	0.000	47	71

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	0.500	48	47
Carolina	0	2	0	0.000	30	36
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	0.000	31	34

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	55	51
Detroit	1	1	0	0.500	55	49
Green Bay	1	1	0	0.500	66	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	0.000	54	65

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	41	10
St. Louis	1	1	0	0.500	51	55
San Francisco	1	1	0	0.500	37	57
Arizona	1	1	0	0.500	49	48

Thursday, Sep. 19

Kansas City at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 22

San Diego at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 St. Louis at Dallas, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at New England, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
 Indianapolis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:25 p.m.
 Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 23

Oakland at Denver, 8:40 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 26

San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 29

N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Baltimore at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at London, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
 Washington at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 New England at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: Carolina, Green Bay
Monday, Sep. 30
 Miami at New Orleans, 8:40 p.m.

Latest Line

NFL	Points (O/U)	Underdog
Week Three		
PHILADELPHIA 3 1/2 (50)		Kansas City

Sunday	Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
TENNESSEE	3 (44)		San Diego
MINNESOTA	5 1/2 (41)		Cleveland
N. ENGLAND	7 (44)		Tampa Bay
Houston	2 1/2 (45)		BALTIMORE
DALLAS	4 (47)		St. Louis
NEW ORLEANS	7 (49)		Arizona
WASHINGTON	2 1/2 (49)		Detroit
Green Bay	2 1/2 (48)		CINCINNATI
CAROLINA	1 1/2 (46)		N.Y. Giants
MIAMI	2 1/2 (44)		Atlanta
SEA FRAN.	19 1/2 (41)		Indianapolis
SEATTLE	19 1/2 (41)		Jacksonville
NY JETS	2 1/2 (39)		Buffalo
Chicago	2 1/2 (40)		PITTSBURGH

Monday	Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
DENVER	15 (50)		Oakland

College Football	Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
Clemson	14 (66)		N.C. STATE

Friday	Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
FRESNO ST	3 (68)		Boise State

Saturday	Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
GEORGIA	33		North Texas
INDIANVILLE	42		Florida Intl
IOWA	16		W. Michigan
Vanderbilt	32		UMASS
FLORIDA	17		Tennessee
Wake Forest	3		ARMY
Pittsburgh	4		DUKE
Michigan	17 1/2		CONNECTICUT
WISCONSIN	24		Purdue
Ball St.	10 1/2		E. MICHIGAN
PENN ST	20		Kent St.
VIRGINIA TECH	9 1/2		Marshall
Cincinnati	22		MIAMI-OHIO
GEORGIA TECH	6 1/2		North Carolina
a-Maryland	6 1/2		West Virginia
MINNESOTA	5		San Jose St.
MISSISSIPPI ST	14 1/2		Troy
BAYLOR	14 1/2		UL-Monroe
Wyoming	2		AIR FORCE
BYU	7		Utah
NEVADA	12		Hawaii
SOUTHERN CAL	6 1/2		Utah St.
TEXAS A&M	28 1/2		Smu
b-Notre	2		Rice
HOUTON DAME	6 1/2		Michigan St.
TEXAS	4 1/2		Kansas St.
Arkansas St	10		MEMPHIS
KANSAS	10		Louisiana Tech
ALABAMA	39 1/2		Colorado St.
c-Arkansas	OFF		RUTGERS
STANFORD	7 1/2		Arizona St.
UL-Lafayette	7 1/2		AKRON
WASH. ST	31 1/2		Idaho
Middle Tenn St	4		FLA. ATLANTIC
SYRACUSE	14 1/2		Tulane
d-Toledo	OFF		C. MICHIGAN
TEXAS TECH	26 1/2		Texas St.
Oregon St	11		SAN DIEGO ST
LSU	17 1/2		Auburn
UTEP	1		Tex San Antonio
Missouri	3		INDIANA
UCI	42 1/2		New Mexico St.

a-at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, MD.
 b-Reliant Stadium in Houston, TX.
 c-Rutgers QB G. Nova is questionable.
 d-Toledo QB T. Owens is doubtful.

MLB	Favorite	Odds	Underdog
National League			
PITTSBURGH	7-8		San Diego
San Francisco	6-7		NY METS
MILWAUKEE	6 1/2-7 1/2		Chicago Cubs
St. Louis	7 1/2-8 1/2		COLORADO
ARIZONA	Even-6		LA Dodgers
WASHINGTON	11-13		Miami

American League	Favorite	Odds	Underdog
DETROIT	8 1/2-9 1/2		Seattle
CLEVELAND	10 1/2-11 1/2		Houston
NY Yankees	5 1/2-6 1/2		TORONTO
BOSTON	6-7		Baltimore
TAMPA BAY	Even-6		Texas
OAKLAND	10 1/2-11 1/2		Minnesota

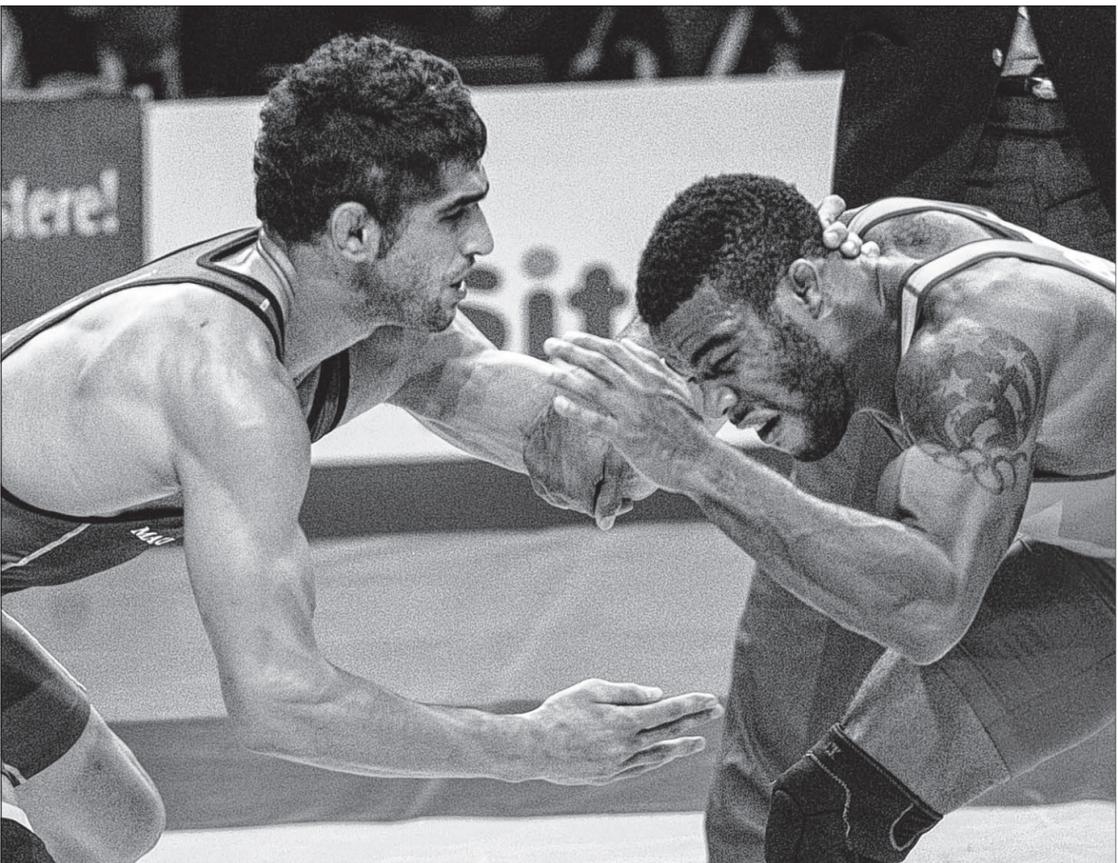
Home Team in Caps

Horse racing

Thistledown results

Race 1: First Race, \$9,500, Claiming, 3 yo's & up., One Mile Seventy Yards
 4 Eric's Turn (Skerrett) \$2.80 2.10
 5 Boomer Time (Hernandez-Lopez) \$2.20
 1 Hard Knockin Robyn (Santos) \$4.60
 Superfecta (4-5-1-2) \$13.20
 Trifecta (4-5-1) \$15.40
Race 2: \$10,000, Claiming, 3 yo's & up, Five And A Half Furlongs
 4 Ride That Ticket (Hernandez-Lopez) \$6.00 5.80

1 Caves Performance (Rosario, Jr.) \$3.00
 5 Times For Ben (Feliciano)
 Daily Double (4-4) \$4.40
 Exacta (4-1) \$18.20
 Superfecta (4-1-5-3) \$25.80
 Trifecta (4-1-5) \$28.00
Race 3: \$9,100, Claiming, 3 yo's & up, One Mile Seventy Yards



Jordan Ernest Burroughs, of US, right, defeated Ezzatollah Abbas Akbarizarinokolaie of Iran in the men's 163 pound weight category final of the World Wrestling Championships in Papp Laszlo Sports arena in Budapest, Hungary, Wednesday.



A birdseye view of the Singapore F1 Grand Prix's Marina Bay City Circuit, shot with a fish-eye lens, is seen at dusk from Swissotel The Stamford in Singapore, Tuesday. The race is slated for Sept. 21-23.

2 ScottKeith'skitten (Gonzalez) \$6.20 4.80	Pic 3 (4-3-7)	\$554.80
4 Tax Man Sam (Ramos) \$3.60	Pic 4 (1-4-2-7)	\$180.45
1 Banning (Skerrett)	Pic 5 (1/2/5-1-4-3-7)	\$151.10

Northfield Park Results

3-Hollsly Secret (JaThmpsn) 6.60 2.60 2.40
 4-Lucca's Revenge (RyStahl) 3.60 2.40
 5-Master Wheels (DoMcKiran) 2.60
 EXACTA (3-4) \$20.80
 TRIFECTA (3-4-5) \$49.60
Race 2: 7500CLNW2 Pace \$2,000
 5-Partytartarsplace (JoSutton) 5.60 2.80 2.60
 3-Jungle Fever (RyStahl) 2.20 2.20
 1-Koutzy (KeKashlr) 4.80
 EXACTA (5-3) \$12.20
 TRIFECTA (5-3-1) \$79.20
 DAILY DOUBLE (3/5) \$45.60

Scratched: Upright Outsider
Race 3: NW250PSCD Trf \$2,800
 2-Barbazano (JoDMapes) 9.60 4.80 3.20
 1-Feel The Power (JaThmpsn) 2.80 2.40
 4-Hrs Major Windfall (KeKashlr) 3.60
 EXACTA (2-1) \$30.20
 TRIFECTA (2-1-4) \$141.40
Race 4: NW1000LSCD Pace \$2,000
 6-Know Your Lookin (RyStahl) 3.60 2.80
 2-Beau Jet (AMerrim) 2.20
 EXACTA (2-6) \$17.20
 TRIFECTA (3-6-2) \$43.80

OSSCA State Poll 2013 - 09/23

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Boys Division I

1. Mason	8-0-0	97
2. Jackson (Massillon)	9-1-1	71
3. Anthony Wayne (Whitehouse)	8-0-2	70
4. Beaver creek	9-0-2	63
5. Olentangy Liberty (Powell)	8-1-0	54
6. St. Ignatius (Cleveland)	5-2-2	53
7. Medina	5-0-4	35
8. Lincoln (Gahanna)	6-0-3	31
9. Turpin (Cincinnati)	7-0-2	27
10. Centerville	7-1-2	14

Receiving votes: Bradley (Hillard), Chillicothe, North Royalton, Lakota West (West Chester), St. Johns Jesuit (Toledo)

Boys Division II

1. Revere (Richfield)	10-0-1	100
2. University School (Hunting Valley)	6-0-3	86
3. Carroll (Dayton)	7-1-2	81
4. Bay (Bay Village)	6-0-4	65
5. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	5-2-2	50
6. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (Stow)	5-2-0	45
7. Bishop Fenwick (Middletown)	8-0-1	38
8. Rocky River	9-0-1	26
9. Bellbrook	7-0-1	25
10. Indian Hill (Cincinnati)	5-3-2	14

Receiving votes: Memorial (St. Marys), Archbishop Hoban (Akron), Clear Fork (Bellville), Bishop Watterson (Columbus), Warren (Vincent)

Boys Division III

1. Columbus Academy (Gahanna)	7-1-0	89
2. Elyria Catholic	8-1-0	79
Summit Country Day School (Cincinnati)	5-1-2	79
4. Western Reserve Academy (Hudson)	6-2-0	63
5. Catholic Central (Springfield)	6-1-0	58
6. Worthington Christian School	4-2-1	50
7. Mansfield Christian School	9-1-0	44
8. Liberty-Benton (Findlay)	8-0-1	34
9. Seven Hills (Cincinnati)	5-1-2	29
10. Mariemont (Cincinnati)	8-1-1	16

Receiving votes: Chippewa (Doylestown), Grandview Heights, Hawken (Gates Mills), Franklin-Monroe (Pittsburg), Zane Trace (Chillicothe)

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SAILING

Oracle wins again

Skipper Jimmy Spithill accelerated his 72-foot catamaran off the starting line and steered defending champion Oracle Team USA to its fifth straight win against Emirates Team New Zealand on Monday to stay alive in the America's Cup. The 34-year-old Spithill and his brain trust of Olympic gold medalists — British tactician Ben Ainslie and Australian strategist Tom Slingsby — kept the American-backed boat ahead the whole way around the five-leg course on San Francisco Bay for a 33-second victory. Oracle's remarkable comeback from what seemed like certain defeat has closed the Kiwis' lead to 8-6.

NBA

Jerseys may get nicknames

At least for one game, King James, Jesus Shuttlesworth, The Truth and KG may be headed to the backs of NBA jerseys. Some members of the Miami Heat have been told the NBA is considering having them and the Brooklyn Nets wear "nickname jerseys" in at least one of their four matchups this season. The NBA has not announced the plan, but teams apparently have been aware of the likelihood of it happening for at least several weeks. "It shows growth in our league and it shows we do adapt to what's going on around us," said Ray Allen, the Heat guard who plans to wear Shuttlesworth on his jersey, a nod to his character from the "He Got Game" film.

Pacers try to sign George

Paul George has no intention of leaving the Pacers. Larry Bird is spending most of his time these days trying to make sure Indiana's budding star sticks around for the next few years. "We're talking, but we've got a ways to go," Bird said. George, Bird's first-round pick in 2010, averaged 17.4 points, 7.6 rebounds and 4.1 assists during the regular season while emerging as one of the league's top defenders.

Shaq buys piece of Kings

The larger-than-life figure who teased and tormented the Sacramento Kings for so long is now the biggest name to join the franchise's new ownership group. Shaquille O'Neal, a former Cav, now 41, has worked as an analyst for TNT the last two seasons.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Combs leaving Kansas

Kansas defensive tackle Marquel Combs, who was rated among the best junior college prospects in the nation last year, intends to transfer after being released from his scholarship. Combs failed to break into the Jayhawks' starting lineup after arriving this season from Pierce College.

Statement questioned

Coach Paul Johnson said Georgia Tech players who joined a show of solidarity for NCAA reform should have first given all players on the team a chance to vote on the idea. Johnson said coaches and most players had no idea quarterback Vad Lee, linebacker Jeremiah Attaochu and a few other players were carrying the letters APU — for All Players United — on wristbands in Saturday's 28-20 win over North Carolina. Johnson says he first learned of the message after the game.

NASCAR

Decision near on race

A May road race at Indianapolis could become reality as early as next week. With time running short to finish the 2014 schedule, Mark Miles, CEO of IndyCar's parent company, Hulman & Co., said he expects the board to vote before the end of September. Series officials are hoping to release next season's schedule before this season's final race, Oct. 19 at Fontana, Calif.

NHL

Leafs sign Raymond

The Toronto Maple Leafs have signed left wing Mason Raymond to a \$1 million, one-year contract. The 28-year-old Raymond had 10 goals and 12 assists in 46 games for Vancouver last season.

On the air

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, MLB
7:05 p.m. Indians vs. White Sox, STC; AM/1100, FM/100.7

NHL

7 p.m. New Jersey at Philadelphia, NHL
10:30 p.m. Vancouver at San Jose, NHL

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. Champions League, Barcelona vs. Ajax (tape), FSO

Calendar

	Today	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Browns	Next: Sunday vs. Cincinnati, 1 p.m.				
440-891-5000	FirstEnergy Stadium, WOIO				
Indians	CWS 7:05	CWS 7:05	Minn 8:10	Minn 8:10	Minn 1:00
216-420-4487	STO	STO	STO	STO	WJW
ThistleDown	Post 12:55			Post 12:55	Post 12:55
216-662-8600					
Northfield	Post 6:30			Post 6:30	
330-467-4101					

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	75	64
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	71	64
Cleveland	2	0	0	.333	47	64
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	42	76

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	59	34
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	74	53
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	55	50
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	65	73

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	70	82
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	68	48
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	60	56
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	28	92

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	71	34
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	90	50
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	36	30
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	78	81

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	3	0	0	1.000	95	74
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	82	69
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	96	86
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	81	96

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	83	55
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	79	86
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	54	115
Washington	0	3	0	.000	67	98

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	70	38
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	68	36
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	71	74
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	34	57

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	86	27
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	88	86
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	84	84
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	56	79

Thursday's Game

Kansas City 26, Philadelphia 16
Sunday's Games
Tennessee 20, San Diego 17
New Orleans 31, Arizona 7
Dallas 31, St. Louis 7
Cleveland 31, Minnesota 27
Baltimore 30, Houston 9
Carolina 38, N.Y. Giants 0
Detroit 27, Washington 20
New England 23, Tampa Bay 3
Cincinnati 34, Green Bay 30
Miami 27, Atlanta 23
Indianapolis 27, San Francisco 7
Seattle 45, Jacksonville 17
N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 20
Chicago 40, Pittsburgh 23

Monday's Game

Oakland at Denver, late
Thursday
San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:25
Sunday
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 1
Seattle at Houston, 1
Baltimore at Buffalo, 1
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 1
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1
Chicago at Detroit, 1
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at London, 1
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 4:05
Washington at Oakland, 4:25
Dallas at San Diego, 4:25
Philadelphia at Denver, 4:25
New England at Atlanta, 8:30
Open: Carolina, Green Bay

LATE SUNDAY BOXSCORE

Bears 40, Steelers 23
Chicago 17 7 3 13 - 40
Pittsburgh 0 10 10 3 - 23

First Quarter

Chi-FG Good 47, 8:02.
Chi-Forte's run (Gould kick), 5:05.
Chi-Bush 1 run (Gould kick), 2:01.

Second Quarter

Pit-FG Suihsam 27, 13:36.
Chi-Whit 38 interception return (Gould kick), 8:57.
Pit-A Brown 33 pass from Roethlisberger (Suihsam kick), 6:27.

Third Quarter

Chi-FG Good 32, 10:54.
Pit-FG Suihsam 36, 5:38.
Pit-A Brown 21 pass from Roethlisberger (Suihsam kick), 1:50.

Fourth Quarter

Pit-FG Suihsam 44, 10:38.
Chi-E.Bennett 17 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 5:48.
Chi-Peppers 42 fumble return (kick blocked), 3:57.
A-61.575.

	Chi	Pit
First Downs	15	21
Total Net Yards	258	459
Rushes-yards	28-107	21-80
Passing	15-1	37-9
Punt Returns	0-0	2-4
Kickoff Returns	5-73	2-48
Interceptions Ret.	2-51	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-40-0	26-41-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	3-27
Punts	6-47-0	2-29.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	3-25	6-59
Time of Possession	31:36	28:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Chicago, Forte 16-87, Cutler 4-11, Bush 8-5, Pittsburgh, Dwyer 12-39, Jones 7-34, Roethlisberger 2-7.
PASSING-Chicago, Cutler 20-30-6-159, Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 26-41-2-406.
RECEIVING-Chicago, Jeffery 7-51, Marshall 5-52, Forte 4-24, E.Bennett 2-22, M.Bennett 2-10, Pittsburgh, A.Brown 9-196, Sanders 4-39, Catcher 9-352, Miller 3-35, Johnson 2-51, F.Jones 2-13, Dwyer 1-9, Paulson 1-6, Johnson 1-5.
MISSSED FIELD GOALS-None.

NHL

PRESEASON

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	5	4	0	17	13	13
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	8	18	11
Boston	5	4	1	8	16	15
Buffalo	5	3	1	7	18	15
Florida	5	2	2	6	16	17
Montreal	5	2	2	5	17	16

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	6	4	1	9	20	17
Washington	5	2	0	3	16	17
Pittsburgh	6	2	2	5	15	19
New Jersey	4	2	2	4	10	9
Philadelphia	4	1	2	3	11	13
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	0	2	4	4
Carolina	4	1	3	2	9	17
N.Y. Islanders	5	1	4	0	2	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	5	3	1	7	16	14
Minnesota	4	3	0	6	11	8
Dallas	4	2	0	6	14	12
St. Louis	4	2	1	5	15	15
Colorado	3	2	1	4	7	6
Winnipeg	5	1	2	4	11	17
Nashville	4	1	2	3	8	14

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	5	3	1	7	19	14
Anaheim	5	3	2	6	12	13
Calgary	5	3	2	6	17	17
San Jose	5	3	2	6	12	13
Phoenix	4	2	1	5	13	12
Los Angeles	4	2	1	3	12	13
Vancouver	3	0	3	0	5	12
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.						

Sunday's Games

Chicago 4, Detroit 3
Nashville 2, N.Y. Islanders 0
Toronto 5, Buffalo 3
Colorado 2, Anaheim 1

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 2, SO
Minnesota 2, Columbus 1, SO
Boston 3, Washington 2, OT
Montreal 3, New Jersey 2
N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, late
Winnipeg at Edmonton, late
Phoenix at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Ottawa at Toronto, 7
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8
Dallas at Colorado, 9
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 9:30
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30



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Here's a sign that hockey season is getting into full, uh, swing, even though it's only the pre-season. The Toronto Maple Leafs' David Clarkson looks up in the middle of a battle with the Buffalo Sabres during the third period of their hockey matchup in Toronto.

Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30	1. Matti Sonog, JHrsbrgr	5-1
Wednesday's Games	2. St. Lads Ruzick, DaLake	3-1
Columbus at Buffalo, 7	3. Ljolller, Wyrlyne	7-2
Nashville at Washington, 7	4. Ladyd's Bayside, KeKashr	12-1
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30	5. Lady Duchess, AlHawk	4-1
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:30	6. Mescage Artist, ScCisco	10-1
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8	7. Vicker, KuSugg	9-2
Phoenix at Calgary, 9	8. Divine Conspiracy, RonWrennr	6-1
	9. Gypsy Lady, DaNoble	8-1

Horse racing

Northfield Park results

Race 1: NW300PSCD Pace \$2,800	7.60	3.60	3.00
8-Big Brown Sunshine (KuSugg)			
5-Toes (RyStahl)		2.80	2.60
EXACTA (8-5)			5.00
Race 2: NW100LSCD Pace \$2,000			
8-1 Know Your Lookin (JaStahl)			
6-Future Chip, RoMiller		60.00	9.40
2-Princes Morgan, JaThmpsn			2.80
2-Wildcats Trent (Wengerd)		2.80	2.60
3-American Pilot (JoSutton)			4.20

Scratched: Chasing Connor

Race 5: NW400PSCD Trot \$4,000
Race 6: NW250PSCD Pace \$2,800
Race 7: NW200PSCD Pace \$2,400
Race 8: NW100LSCD Pace \$2,000
Race 9: NW50PSCD Pace \$1,200

Scratched: Chasing Connor

Race 10: NW200PSCD Pace \$2,400
Race 11: NW100LSCD Pace \$2,000
Race 12: NW50PSCD Pace \$1,200
Race 13: NW250PSCD Pace \$2,800
Race 14: NW100LSCD Pace \$2,000
Race 15: NW50PSCD Pace \$1,200

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BROWNS

From fan to starter

Hoyer gets text from Bernie, then QB reins Sunday

Scott Petrak

The Chronicle-Telegram

BEREA — Brian Hoyer read the text message and turned into an 8-year-old.

"You look down at your phone and it says, 'Hey, this is Bernie Kosar,'" Hoyer said Wednesday. "To me, when I used to wear the jersey in the backyard to now getting a message from him is pretty cool."

Hoyer will have another memorable experience Sunday against the Bengals. For the second straight week, coach Rob Chudzinski announced

Hoyer will start and Brandon Weeden has been ruled out with a sprained right thumb.

Hoyer won his Browns debut in Minnesota in thrilling fashion. Start No. 2 will be on the lakefront, just minutes from where he grew up in North Olmsted and practiced for St. Ignatius.

"Sure, it means a lot," he said. "I think this is the part when you guys ask me, 'Does it mean more?' Obviously, playing at home with the Cleveland fan base here, it's going to be special. But once they kick that ball off and you're between those white lines, that's what you've got to worry about and then maybe after the game you can sit back and think about it."

"It will be awesome. Our fans are great. They'll be quiet for us and loud for them, so it's definitely an advantage."

Kosar is a Browns legend after growing up in Youngstown, manipulating the system to play for the hometown team and leading three trips to AFC championship games as quarterback. He is *the* icon for football-loving kids born from Toledo to Warren from 1970-85.

Hoyer was one of those kids, attending games with his dad, Axel, who had season tickets at the old Cleveland Stadium.

"They were behind one of the posts," Hoyer said. "It was kind of hard to see. I just remember trying to look around the post and seeing if Eric Metcalf made it up the middle."

Hoyer remembers the tall, awkward sidarmer, even though he was only 8 when Kosar was cut by coach Bill Belichick in 1993.

"Every game my dad and I would go, so I know I saw him play a bunch," he said.

Fast-forward 20 years, and Hoyer has already done more in the NFL than most expected when he went undrafted out of Michigan State in 2009. After three years as Tom Brady's backup in New England and then being cut by three teams in nine months, he's making consecutive starts and getting a lot of publicity nationwide.

"It was a pretty cool experience to come back and look at your phone and see the guys who had texted you congratulations," Hoyer said. "It's cool to see how many people are happy for you, but for me, I really don't follow the media."

See **HOYER**, D6

NEXT UP

WHO: Cleveland vs. Cincinnati
WHEN: Sunday, 1 p.m.
WHERE: FirstEnergy Stadium
TV/RADIO: Channel 19; WKNR 850-AM, WKRR 92.3-FM, WNCX 98.5-FM



INDIANS 7, WHITE SOX 2



Nick Swisher glides around the bases after hitting a two-run home run in the fifth inning Wednesday night at Progressive Field.

Tribe right on target

TONIGHT

WHO: Cleveland vs. Minnesota
TIME: 8:10
WHERE: Target Field, Minneapolis
PITCHERS: McAllister (9-9, 3.88 ERA) vs. Albers (2-4, 3.98)
TV/RADIO: SportsTime Ohio; WEOL 930-AM, WTAM 1100-AM, WMMS 100.7-FM

Chris Assenheimer
The Chronicle-Telegram

CLEVELAND — The Indians wrapped up the home portion of their regular-season schedule Wednesday night with a 7-2 victory over the White Sox.

It's up to them whether they've played their final game of 2013 at Progressive Field.

Cleveland embarks on a four-game series in Minnesota that begins tonight with the Indians owning a one-game lead over the Rangers for the American

Indians control own destiny after perfect final homestand

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son lives on the line, they'll have to do the same on the road.

"We did what we needed to do," said manager Terry Francona, whose team won its sixth straight game and for the 11th time in its last 13 games. "It's very exciting to go play games that are this meaningful. This is as good as it gets."

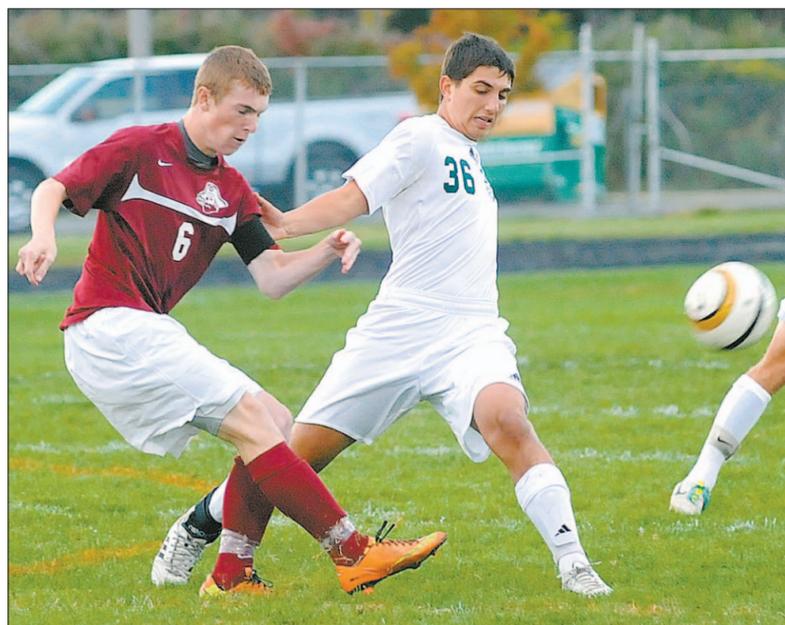
"They're must-wins until

they're proved otherwise," said second baseman Jason Kipnis of the trip to Minnesota. "That's the way we want to approach it. We have four games left. When you decide your own destiny, you just want to go handle it. The easiest way is to win all four. If we take care of business, we'll like where we end up."

Cleveland continued its shocking domination of the White Sox, beating Chicago for the 14th straight time and for the 17th

See **TRIBE**, D2

BOYS SOCCER: ROCKY RIVER 2, ELYRIA CATHOLIC 1



STEVE MANHEIM / CHRONICLE

Elyria Catholic's Patrick Orsagos, right, tries to find some breathing room against Rocky River's Trent Newby as they go for the ball Wednesday at K of C Field.

EC's sluggish start costly against state's No. 8 team

Bob Daniels
The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — Even after a slow start against a fast team, Elyria Catholic nearly pulled off a big West Shore Conference win Wednesday night.

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See **EC**, D4

GIRLS GOLF: SWC TOURNAMENT

Schroeder wins 3rd straight title

Jerry Rombach
The Chronicle-Telegram

AVON LAKE — It's business as usual, you know, same ol', same ol', in area girls golf.

Need proof? Just take a look at Niki Schroeder — even if looks are misleading.

The Avon Lake junior is small in stature. But when it comes to area girls golf, she's huge, as in amazing.

Wednesday afternoon at Sweetbriar Golf Course, Schroeder demolished the rest of the field to win the Southwestern Conference girls championship with a 2-under-par 70.



Schroeder

Not only was it her third straight individual SWC title, it also helped the Shoregals win their second straight team title.

Schroeder's closest competitor, Olmsted Falls' Ashley Gomez, had an 81. In the team competition, Avon Lake had 362 to easily beat Brecksville's 388.

Katie Raby added an 88 for the Shoregals, good for third overall, while Summer Flemming had 96 and Emily Young 108.

See **SWC**, D3

OHIO STATE

Miller gets start; Guiton will play

Rusty Miller
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A lot of top college teams have trouble finding one quality quarterback. No. 4 Ohio State has two.

The problem for Ohio State coach Urban Meyer is he can only play one at a time and both have played well enough to start.

Braxton Miller, back from an injured knee, will get the starting nod against No. 23 Wisconsin on Saturday night, Meyer said after Wednesday's practice.

"I think Braxton will probably start. He had a good day today and it looks like he's pretty close to 100 percent," Meyer said. "I just wanted to make sure running the ball he's good, too. And he was. And Kenny's good."

See **OSU**, D3

NEXT UP

WHO: No. 4 Ohio State vs. No. 23 Wisconsin
WHEN: Saturday, 8 p.m.
WHERE: Ohio Stadium, Columbus
TV/RADIO: Channel 5; WEOL 930-AM, WKNR 850-AM

BOYS SOCCER

Telidis lifts Eagles

AVON — Tony Telidis scored three goals to power Avon (9-3-1) to a 7-0 victory over Vermilion on Wednesday. John Demarco, Daniel Minotti, Will Sharer and Michael Smigel each added a goal. Smigel had two assists, while Demarco, Minotti and Ray Kola each had one. Ian Long had six saves for the Eagles.

GOALS: (A) Tony Telidis 3, John Demarco, Daniel Minotti, Will Sharer, Michael Smigel. **ASSISTS:** (A) Smigel 2, Demarco, Minotti, Ray Kola. **SAVES:** (A) Ian Long 6. **HALFTIME:** Avon 2-0.

Firelands 2, Oberlin 0

HENRIETTA TWP. — Nate Yorks scored twice to push the Falcons

(11-0) past Oberlin (4-5-1) in Patriot Athletic Conference action. Jordan Ruffner had an assist and Bryce Bartolotta had two saves for Firelands. Tam Cadenhead had 10 saves for Oberlin.

GOALS: (F) Nate Yorks 2. **ASSISTS:** (F) Jordan Ruffner. **SAVES:** (F) Bryce Bartolotta 2; (O) Tam Cadenhead 10. **HALFTIME:** No score.

Lutheran West 3, Keystone 1

LAGRANGE — Sam Zyck scored two goals to lead Lutheran West (7-5) past Keystone (3-7-1) in a PAC victory. Ryan Rosbach tacked on another goal for the Longhorns.

Kincaid Rood, Rosbach and Kyle Hayes had an assist apiece

for Lutheran West. Collin Fitzgerald scored the lone goal for Keystone.

GOALS: (LW) Sam Zyck 2, Ryan Rosbach; (K) Collin Fitzgerald. **ASSISTS:** (LW) Kincaid Rood, Rosbach, Kyle Hayes. **SAVES:** (LW) Jake Pschock 3; (K) D.J. Cyrus 9.

Fairview 7, Wellington 2

FAIRVIEW PARK — Ian Lara scored both goals for the Dukes (3-6-1, 2-4-0 PAC) in conference play. Logan Johnston had three goals and two assists for Fairview (7-5-0, 4-3-0).

GOALS: (F) Logan Johnston 3, Eilon Bendo 2, Eric Groh 2; (W) Ian Lara 2. **ASSISTS:** (F) Groh 2, Johnston 2, Rey Galindo, Yohann Tesserma, Jason Puckly. **SAVES:** (F) Alex Farkas 1, Dan Karlik 1; (W) Jake Miller 3, Mohrman 2. **HALFTIME:** 4-0.

GIRLS SOCCER

Middies stop Lakewood

EATON TWP. — Rachel Lusher snapped a scoreless tie in the second half, and Kaysy Heyde added a goal three minutes later as Midview beat Lakewood 2-0 in the West Shore Conference.

Taylor Ceh made seven saves for the Middies.

GOALS: (M) Rachel Lusher, Kaysy Heyde. **ASSISTS:** (M) Torie Benton. **SAVES:** (M) Taylor Ceh 7; Lakewood 11. **HALFTIME:** No score.

Keystone 3, Lutheran West 2

ROCKY RIVER — Jenna Quillen had a goal and an assist as Keystone improved to 4-6-1 overall and 3-4-1 in the Patriot Athletic Conference. The Longhorns fell to 4-8, 3-4.

GOALS: (K) Jenna Quillen, Paige Jameson-Foster, Jenni Lafferty; (LW) Kaitlyn Beodray, Alex Mercado. **ASSISTS:** (K) Quillen, Lauren LaPointe. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** Keystone 15, Lutheran West 10. **SAVES:** (K) Kayla Clark 8, (LW) Suquel Collozo 12. **HALFTIME:** Lutheran West, 2-1.

Firelands 4, Oberlin 0

OBERLIN — Firelands (6-3-1) blanked Oberlin in a PAC match. Becca Jackson, Brylee Jones, Alyssa Melendez and Jordan Penkava scored goals for Firelands.

Alex Willis had six saves for the Falcons.

GOALS: (F) Becca Jackson, Brylee Jones, Alyssa Melendez, Jordan Penkava. **ASSISTS:** (F) Penkava. **SAVES:** (F) Alex Willis 6. **HALFTIME:** Firelands 3-0

Fairview 2, Wellington 0

WELLINGTON — Stephanie

Miller and Paige Strandahl scored as the Warriors (8-1-2, 6-0-1) blanked the Dukes (4-5-1, 3-2-0) in PAC action.

GOALS: (F) Stephanie Miller, Paige Strandahl. **ASSISTS:** (F) Megan Coyne, Miranda Garcia. **SAVES:** (F) Savannah Lally 1; (W) Kayla Sparks 4. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** Fairview 6, Wellington 1. **HALFTIME:** 1-0.

Bay 7, North Ridgeville 0

BAY VILLAGE — Seven girls scored on Senior Night for the Rockets, who stayed unbeaten at 8-0-4, 4-0-1 in the WSC. Ashley Grisnik recorded her sixth shutout. The Rangers fell to 4-6-2.

GOALS: (B) Bailey Lempke, Sam Meisenburg, Maddie Holmes, Ellen Hanna, Sophie Steyns, Barbara Nainiger, Rearden Hardy. **ASSISTS:** (B) M. Holmes, D. Meisenburg, Pohlkamp, J. Holmes, Thomas. **SAVES:** (NR) Casement 11; (B) Ashley Grisnik 3.

GIRLS SOCCER: ROCKY RIVER 5, ELYRIA CATHOLIC 0



KRISTIN BAUER / CHRONICLE

Elyria Catholic freshman goalkeeper Stevie Holbrook (00) blocks a shot from Rocky River's Sydney Hamker on Wednesday during the Panthers' loss.

EC blanked by River

Coach likes Panthers' effort vs. No. 2-ranked Pirates

Todd Shapiro
The Chronicle-Telegram

ROCKY RIVER — Some coaches believe they can learn more about their teams in defeat than in victory.

Elyria Catholic's Tony Rozanc had the chance to learn a year's worth of lessons Wednesday during the Panthers' 5-0 loss to Rocky River in a West Shore Conference match.

Despite the final numbers on the scoreboard, Rozanc felt his girls passed the test against a Rocky River team that is ranked No. 2 in Division II in the state coaches poll and No. 16 in the nation by studentsports.com.

"I was really proud of my girls tonight. They played hard against a terrific soccer team," Rozanc said. "That team is full of Division I scholarship athletes and we played with a ton of heart."

"I only used 13 girls tonight. No one wanted to come off the field and no one ever gave up. I had a freshman keeper (Stevie Holbrook) that kept us in the game for as long as she could. I told my assistant coach I didn't feel like they scored one goal against her that wasn't an amazing shot."

The Pirates (11-0-1, 5-0-0 WSC) have no shortage of players who can deliver amazing shots, led by a trio of four-year letterwinners — Grace Bennett, McKenna Klodnick and Megan Killeen. Bennett and Klodnick accounted for all of

Rocky River's goals.

Klodnick had both first-half goals, scoring from 16 yards out off of a Bennett assist in the fifth minute and getting her right foot on a ball that was deflected by an Elyria Catholic defender after Jillian Krebs' corner kick in the 20th minute.

"We started off in a 3-2-3-2 formation in the first half and got off to a slow start. I usually play more on defense, so to come out tonight and score two goals was really nice," Klodnick said. "At halftime we felt like we should have been up by more."

"Elyria Catholic is a really good team, but the last couple of years we beat them by more so I think some of our girls may have come out thinking it would be an easy game. Coach really yelled at us in halftime and told us we need to create more offense."

Rocky River has outscored West Shore Conference foes 37-0 in five matches. Overall the Pirates have outscored the competition 71-4, and the only blemish on their record is a 1-1 tie against Louisville (Ky.) Sacred Heart Academy. The Pirates defeated Elyria Catholic 8-0 in each of the last two seasons.

Bennett took over the scoring in the second half, recording a natural hat trick with goals in the 43rd, 58th and 76th minutes. She has 19 goals on the season.

Elyria Catholic (7-2-3, 2-1-2)

was able to create some scoring chances off of the counter-attack in the second half. The Panthers' best opportunity came in the 69th minute when junior midfielder Sara Pallendino fired a shot from 25 yards that forced goalkeeper Sara Connelly to make a leaping save, punching the ball over the end line to give Elyria Catholic its only corner kick of the match.

The schedule does not get any easier for Elyria Catholic. On Saturday the Panthers travel to Hanoverton to face a United team that is ranked No. 5 in Division III.

"(Elyria Catholic) is a well-coached, organized and talented team. I knew they would be able to shut some things down," Rocky River coach Patrick Hopkins said. "I am happy we won and scored five goals, but I saw some things we need to fix."

"A lot of respect goes across the field to Elyria Catholic. I never expect any game to be easy and this one wasn't."

Contact Todd Shapiro at 329-7135 or ctsports@chroniclet.com.

Rocky River 5, Elyria Catholic 0

GOALS: (RR) Bennett 43rd minute, 58th minute, 76th minute, Klodnick 5th minute, 20th minute. **ASSISTS:** (RR) Bennett, Klodnick, Oster. **SAVES:** (EC) Holbrook 13; (RR) Connelly 3. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** EC 3, Rocky River 18. **FOULS:** EC 3, Rocky River 6. **CORNER KICKS:** EC 1, Rocky River 9. **OFFSIDES:** Rocky River 1. **YELLOW CARDS:** Elyria Catholic bench 63rd minute. **HALFTIME:** 2-0.

GIRLS TENNIS

Shoregals edge Comets

AMHERST — Avon Lake won three of five matches to defeat Amherst in Southwestern Conference action Wednesday.

SINGLES: Erin Hrivnal (AL) def. Natalie Karon 6-0, 6-1; Alexis Krieg (AL) def. Sarah Souders 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; Reagin Franta (A) def. Kyle Loebick 6-2, 6-2. **DOUBLES:** Macy Szucs-Elizabeth Sturges (A) def. Maya Wanner-Rachel Johnson 6-4, 7-5; Amanda Hoffman-Lauren Sabo (AL) def. Jordan Lander-Elizabeth McDermott 6-2, 6-2.

CROSS COUNTRY

Longhorns sweep

ROCKY RIVER — The Lutheran West boys and girls swept a tri-meet Wednesday.

The Longhorns boys scored 20 points, beating Brookside (54) and Cuyahoga Heights (65). The girls also scored 20, with Cuyahoga Heights (44) and Brookside (58) following.

Michaela Bierly (20:00) led the pack for the girls and Drew Fuchs (17:09) placed second for the boys.

BOYS: Craighton Jensen (B), 16:53; 2. Drew Fuchs (LW), 17:09; 3. Matt Brown (LW), 18:06; 4. David Quayle (LW), 18:12; 5. Chris Szado (LW), 18:30; 6. Daniel Dmytriv (LW), 18:50; 7. Jaan Pirn (LW), 19:05; 8. Eric Madachnik (LW), 19:11; 9. Colin Avila (CH), 19:17; 10. Thomas Vietzel (LW), 19:24. **GIRLS:** Michaela Bierly (LW), 20:00; 2. Olivia Vasiloff (LW), 20:01; 3. Allison Triskett (CH), 20:41; 4. Anna Maxwell (LW), 23:05; 5. Emily Giguere (LW), 23:07; 6. Ellen Rea (CH), 23:16; 7. Alexis Vallee (CH), 23:33; 8. Jessica Bradley (LW), 23:52; 9. Isabel Johnson (H), 23:55; 10. Savannah Pliszka (B), 24:04.

EC

From D1

River forward Anthony Mod scored from close range less than two minutes into the game. That goal held for a 1-0 lead at the break. Then Jacob Wischmeier nailed the eventual winner when he connected with a header off Trent Newby's throw-in in the 57th minute.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Avon Lake falls in three to Holy Name

AVON LAKE — Lauren Bakaitis had 13 kills and Alaina Sloiwinski had 28 assists for Avon Lake (6-9) as the Shoregals lost to Holy Name 25-18, 25-22 and 25-19 Wednesday in non-conference action.

Bakaitis, Katie Mihalik and Devan Rybarczyk each added seven digs.

Brookside 25-25-26
Lorain 18-20-24

LORAIN — Brookside rolled past Lorain in three sets with Tyler Holley having 13 kills and Mary Williams adding 11.

Natalee Halkiadakis had 36 assists, and Morgan Brinkman had 16 digs.

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HOCKEY

36 at Monsters camp

The Lake Erie Monsters' training camp roster of 36 players includes 17 returning players and 19 newcomers, including two Northeast Ohio natives: Neil Conway, 25 from Concord and Russ Sinkewich, 27, of Westlake. Conway is one of four goaltenders, including returning starter Calvin Pickard. Sinkewich, a defenseman and Bowling Green alumni, played briefly with the Monsters in 2009. Other returning Monsters include Mark Oliver, David van der Gulik, Andrew Agozzino and Michael Sgarbossa. The Colorado Avalanche also assigned defenseman Stefan Elliott and forward Paul Carey to Lake Erie. Training camp, which is free and open to the public, continues today at Iceland USA in Strongsville from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Practice on Friday is 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

N.Y. to host 2015 All-Stars

The NBA is bringing its All-Star weekend back to New York in 2015, to be shared by the Knicks and Nets. Barclays Center in Brooklyn will host the Rising Stars Challenge on Friday night and the skills events on Saturday before the 64th All-Star game goes to Madison Square Garden on Sunday, Feb. 15. "To have two brand-new buildings, in effect, is what we have in support of New York City. It's good for basketball. It's good for the teams. It's good for the NBA, and it's great for the city," Commissioner David Stern said Wednesday at a news conference with Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Taurasi All-WNBA again

Diana Taurasi has tied Lisa Leslie with a record eighth appearance on the All-WNBA team. Taurasi was also on the team in 2004 and from 2006-2011. She averaged 20.3 points and 6.2 assists to get Phoenix back to the Western Conference finals, where it will face Minnesota and fellow first-team members Maya Moore and Lindsay Whalen. Chicago center Sylvia Fowles is the league's leading vote-getter, while WNBA MVP Candace Parker rounds out the squad announced Wednesday. Chicago's Elena Delle Donne, the rookie of the year, made the second team. She was joined by Indiana's Tamika Catchings, Connecticut's Tina Charles, Atlanta's Angel McCoughtry and Minnesota's Seimone Augustus.

Pacers sign Paul George

The Pacers and Paul George announced a contract extension to keep the All-Star forward in Indiana for the next six years. The 6-foot-7 George signed a deal valued between \$80 million and \$90 million, joining team President Larry Bird and coach Frank Vogel at a news conference. The contract could ultimately be worth more than \$100 million if George hits an escalator clause. Last season, the 23-year-old averaged 17.4 points, 7.6 rebounds and 4.1 assists and led the Pacers to the Eastern Conference finals.

TENNIS

Venus advances in Tokyo

Venus Williams rallied from a set down to defeat Simona Halep of Romania 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 Wednesday and reach the quarterfinals of the Pan Pacific Open. Williams, making her first appearance in the Tokyo tournament since 2009, broke serve to lead 5-3 in the third set at Ariake Coliseum. She then won with a crosscourt forehand that No. 13-seeded Halep hit into the net.

Djokovic tweets engagement

The No. 1-ranked tennis player and six-time major champion is engaged to long-time girlfriend Jelena Ristic, according to his Twitter account. On Wednesday, Djokovic tweeted a photo of Ristic kissing him on the cheek and wrote: "Meet my fiance and future wife." After a smiley face, he continued: "So happy! Thank you for wonderful wishes."

On the air

BASEBALL
8:10 p.m. Indians at Minnesota, STO; AM/1100, FM/100.7

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech, ESPN
7:30 p.m. Iowa State at Tulsa, FS1

GOLF
8:30 a.m. Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, Golf Channel
3 p.m. Web.com Tour Championship, Golf Channel

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
7 p.m. Winton Woods at Dayton Thurgood Marshall, FSO

NFL
8 p.m. San Francisco at St. Louis, NFLN

WNBA CONFERENCE FINALS
7 p.m. East, Game 1, ESPN2
9 p.m. West, Game 1, ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
3 p.m. Indiana at Ohio State, BTN

Calendar

	Today	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Browns 440-891-5000				Cinc 1:00 WOIO	
Indians 216-420-4487	Minn 8:10 STO	Minn 8:10 STO	Minn 1:00 WJW	Minn 2:10 STO	
ThistleDown 216-662-8600		Post 12:55	Post 12:55	Post 12:55	
Northfield 330-467-4101		Post 6:30		Post 6:30	

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	01.000	59	34
Miami	3	0	0	01.000	74	53
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	55	50
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	65	73

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	70	82
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	68	48
Tennessee	2	0	.667	64	54	
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	28	92

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	75	64
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	71	64
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	47	64
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	42	76

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	3	0	0	01.000	127	71
Kansas City	3	0	0	01.000	71	34
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	57	67
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	78	81

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	83	55
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	79	86
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	54	115
Washington	0	3	0	.000	67	98

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	68	36
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	71	74
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	71	74
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	34	57

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	3	0	0	01.000	95	74
Denver	2	1	0	.667	82	69
Green Bay	1	0	.333	95	88	
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	81	96

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	3	0	0	01.000	86	27
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	58	86
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	56	79
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	56	79

Today
San Francisco at St. Louis, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at London, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Carolina, Green Bay

Monday
Miami at New Orleans, 8:40 p.m.

Latest Line

NFL	Favorite	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
Week Four	San Francisco	3	(42)	ST. LOUIS
Sunday, Sept. 29th.	a-Pittsburgh	2	(42)	Minnesota
	Baltimore	3	(44)	BUFFALO
	Cincinnati	4 1/2	(42)	CLEVELAND
	Indianapolis	8	(43)	JACKSONVILLE
	Seattle	2 1/2	(42)	HOUSTON
	TAMPA BAY	2 1/2	(41)	Arizona
	CHICAGO	2 1/2	(44)	Chicago
	KANSAS CITY	4	(44)	NY Giants
	TENNESSEE	3 1/2	(39)	NY Jets
	Dallas	2	(46)	SAN DIEGO
	Washington	3	(44)	OAKLAND
	DENVER	10 1/2	(58)	Philadelphia
	ATLANTA	2	(50)	New England
Monday, Sept. 30th.	MIAMI	6 1/2	(48)	Miami

Eye Week: Carolina and Green Bay.
a-at Wembley Stadium in London, England.

College Football
Favorite Points Underdog
GEORGIA TECH 7 Virginia Tech
Tulsa 3 Iowa ST

Friday
BYU 23 Middle Tenn ST
Utah ST 9 1/2 SAN JOSE ST

Saturday
OHIO ST 7 Wisconsin
PITTSBURGH 6 Virginia
Northern Illinois 3 1/2 PURDUE

Duke 10 1/2 Troy
BUFFALO Pick'em Connecticut
BALL ST 3 Toledo
N.C. STATE 2 1/2 Central Michigan

W. MICHIGAN 2 1/2 Kent ST
N. CAROLINA 11 1/2 East Carolina
Florida ST 22 BOSTON COLLEGE
VANDERBILT 20 Ala-Birmingham

ILLINOIS 24 1/2 Miami-Ohio
TCU 20 Smu
MISSOURI 21 Arkansas ST
Iowa 1 MINNESOTA ST

COLORADO ST 3 Utep
GEORGIA 3 Lsu
WASHINGTON 10 Arizona
ALABAMA 16 Mississippi
OREGON 36 1/2 California

ARIZONA ST 6 Southern Cal
1 1/2 Louisiana Tech
Texas A&M 6 ARKANSAS
Oklahoma 3 1/2 NOTRE DAME
BOISE ST 28 Southern Miss

Miami-Florida 19 SOUTH FLORIDA
CLEMSON 28 Wake Forest
Temple 8 IDAHO
UL-MONROE 13 Tulane

HOUSTON 3 TEX SAN ANTONIO
BSGU 15 1/2 Akron
OREGON ST 11 Colorado
South Carolina 7 CENTRAL FLA.

Florida 13 KENTUCKY
c-Stanford 10 Washington ST
Wyoming 11 1/2 TEXAS ST
Navy 11 W. KENTUCKY

TEXAS 8 1/2 LA ANGELS
Cleveland 6 1/2-7 1/2 MINNESOTA
Kansas City 5 1/2-6 1/2 CHI WHITE SOX
Home Team in CAPS

MLB
Favorite Odds Underdog
NATIONAL LEAGUE
SAN DIEGO Even-6 Arizona
NY METS 6 1/2-7 1/2 Milwaukee
ATLANTA 8-9 Philadelphia
SAN FRANCISCO Even-6 LA Dodgers

American League
BALTIMORE 6-7 Toronto
Tampa Bay Even-6 NY YANKEES
TEXAS 8-9 LA ANGELS
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Home Team in CAPS

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Released RHP Kyle Lotzkar.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned 1B Blake Lalli outright to Nashville (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Reinstated OF Jordany Valdespin from the restricted list and assigned him to Las Vegas (PCL).

American Association
EL PASO DIABLOS — Exercised the 2014 option on INF Jose G. Garcia.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released C Tyler Gooden outright to INF Brian Embury.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Exercised 2014 option on RHPs Anthony Claggett, Jon Plefka, Billy Soule, Dylan Thomas, TJ Hoge, Dustin Kloube, Mackenzie King, Mike Metlich and Kyle Morrison; LHP Cole Nelson; CF Dwight Childs and Jeremy May; INFs Joey Becker, Adam Frost, Trevor Hairgrove and INF Dan Kazcrowski; and OFs Willie Cabrera, Andy Henkenmeyer and Brandon Tripp.



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Venus Williams returns the ball against Simona Halep during Williams' 4-7, 7-5, 6-3 victory Wednesday in the third round of the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo.

BASKETBALL						
National Basketball Association						
DETROIT PISTONS — Named Henry Bibby and Maz Trahan assistant coaches. Rasheed Wallace and Bernard Smith player development coaches, Kamran Sofi advance scout and Raman Sposato video coordinator.						
INDIANA PACERS — Signed F Paul George to a six-year contract.						

FOOTBALL						
National Football League						
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed LB Alex Okafor on injured reserve. Signed LB Kenny Demens from the practice squad.						
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Released OT Dennis Roland. Signed S Chris Crocker.						
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed CB Chris Greenwood from Detroit's practice squad.						
DETROIT LIONS — Released DT Justin Bannan. Signed WR Charles Hawkins to practice squad.						
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released WR Danny Coale and RB Miguel Maysonet from the practice squad. Signed WR Da'Rick Rogers and RB Kerwyn Williams to the practice squad.						
ERIE (AHL) — Placed FB Henry Hynoski on injured reserve. Signed FB John Cooper.						
NEW YORK JETS — Released LB Troy Davis from the practice squad. Signed RB Syreeta and FS Michael Haley. Michael Kator, Dann Kristo and Andrew Yogan to Hartford (AHL).						
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OT Troy Kropp to the practice squad.						

HOCKEY						
National Hockey League						
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned F Brad Winchester and D Theo Peckham to Rockford (AHL).						
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Assigned D Stefan Elliott and F Paul Carey to Lake Erie (AHL).						
DALLAS STARS — Assigned D Cameron Gaunce to Texas (AHL).						
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled C Riley Sheahan, RW Teemu Pulkkinen and D Xavier Ouellet from Grand Rapids (AHL).						
FLORIDA PANthers — Loaned F Vincent Trocheck to San Antonio (AHL).						
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Scott Wedgewood; D Brandon Burlon, Eric Gelinas and Jon Merrill; and FS Stefan Matteau, Rod Peley, Tim Sestito and Mike Siso to Albany (AHL). Returned D Damon Severson to Kelowna (WHL).						
NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned G Cam Talbot; D Tommy Hughes, Aaron Johnson, Dylan McIlraith and Danny Syvret; and FS Michael Haley, Michael Kator, Dann Kristo and Andrew Yogan to Hartford (AHL).						

American Hockey League						
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned FS Jonathan Hazen, Trevor Lewis, Mattias Lindstrom and Anthony Luciano to Cincinnati (ECHL). Released D George Hughes and Myles Harvey.						

LACROSSE						
National Lacrosse League						
BUFFALO BANDITS — Announced the retirement of T Jon Harasym.						

SOCCER						
Major League Soccer						
MLS — Fined Chivas USA D Mario De Luna an undisclosed amount for committing an act of violent conduct against his opponent. Fined the Montreal Impact \$10,000 and coach Marco Schallibaum \$2,000 for violating the league's mass confrontation policy.						

National Women's Soccer League						
WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Loaned F Tiffany McCarty to Albirex Niigata Ladies (Japan).						

WINTER SPORTS						
USA LUGE — Named Jim Leahy CEO.						
COLLEGE						
AIR FORCE — Suspended QB Jaleel Awini. CLEMSON — Named Stephen Faris volunteer assistant baseball coach.						
ELIZABETH CITY STATE — Named J. Lin Dawson interim athletic director.						
HAMPTDEN-SYDNEY — Named Kyle Dobyns, Yorel Hawkins and Mike Edwards men's assistant basketball coaches.						
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S — Named Gordon Gibbons men's assistant basketball coach.						
SOUTH CAROLINA — Promoted men's assistant basketball coach Matt Figger to associate head coach.						

Northfield Park results						
Race 1: NW1000LSCD Trt \$2,000						
4-King Of Chrome (RyStahl) 3:00 2.40 2.10						
7-Miss Usa Cash (ChMyrick) 26:80 5:80						
3-Littlebluffhouse (JoStutton) 2:20						
EXACTA (4-7) \$52.40						
EXACTA (4-7-3) \$153.00						
Scratched: Fred D Keeper, Mj's Victory						
Race 3: NW200PSCD Pace \$2,000						
3-Legal Option (Wrenn) 4:00 2.40 2.10						
5-Bay Shark (FrHarris) 3:20 2.60						
4-Shannons Boy Scout (Kash) 5:60						
EXACTA (3-5) \$13.60						
TRIFECTA (9-8-7) \$17.00						
Race 4: NW1000LSCD Pace \$2,000						
2-Eagle Flight (JWwenger) 8:50 5.20 3.60						
9-Do It Doc's Way (RyStahl) 4:60 3.00						
7-Shockyelectric (TyStouvis) 4:80						
EXACTA (2-9) \$59.20						

Girls Soccer						
TRIFECTA (2-9-7) \$288.40						
SUPERFECTA (2-9-7-1 \$1) \$382.30						
SUPERFECTA (2-9-7-1 \$10) \$38.23						
Scratched: Juillard						
Race 5: NW250PSCD Trt \$2,800						
4-Ah StrikingStride (Kash) 19:60 8:40 4:40						
3-Here ComesBubba (WrennJr) 3:40 2.40						
5-Legacy Chip (JoMiller) 3:00						
1-Hollys Secret (JaThmpsn) 3:20						
EXACTA (4-3) \$68.20						
TRIFECTA (4-3-1) \$166.60						
Race 6: 7500CLNW2 Pace \$2,000						
3-Partyatartsplace (JoStutton) 3:20						
2-Swimsuit Model (JaThmpsn) 4:00 3.00						
4-Makemine BlueGang (AMerrim) 2:60						
EXACTA (3-2) \$7.80						
TRIFECTA (2-2-4) \$19.40						
Scratched: Vincent Vega						
Race 7: NW2PACD Pace \$2,800						
5-Visage Hanover (Thmpsn) 5:40 2:80 2:40						
2-Fortune Awaits (WrennJr) 2:60 2.40						
1-Jungle Fever (RyStahl) 4:20						
EXACTA (5-2) \$11.20						
TRIFECTA (5-2-1) \$59.80						
SUPERFECTA (5-2-1-9 \$1) \$100.70						
SUPERFECTA (5-2-1-9 \$10) \$10.07						
PICK FIVE (9/2/4/1/3/5 (5of5)) \$1,526.80						
Race 8: 1000CLNWJ Pace \$2,800						
1-Eldon Murray (AMerrim) 4:80 3:20 2:6						

The Record

NewsWatch

NBA

LeBron will do powder toss

LeBron James is bringing back the pregame powder. The Miami Heat star says he's decided to resume his one-time tradition of tossing powder into the air just before the start of games. He's depicted doing exactly that on the cover of the NBA 2K14 video game that was released this week.

COURTS

No new trial for Sandusky

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky should not get a new trial after being convicted of sexually abusing 10 boys, a Pennsylvania appeals court ruled in Harrisburg. ... Two more former college football players have filed a lawsuit against the NCAA stemming from concussions and brain injuries. **John DuRocher**, a quarterback at Washington and Oregon, and **Darin Harris**, a safety at Washington, are seeking more than \$5 million in damages.

NFL

Steelers trade for tackle

The Pittsburgh Steelers have acquired tackle **Levi Brown**, 29, from the Arizona Cardinals for a conditional draft pick. The winless Steelers (0-4) desperately need help along the offensive line. ... The Ravens have acquired offensive tackle **Eugene Monroe** from the Jacksonville Jaguars in exchange for multiple draft pick compensation. ... Titans safety **Michael Griffin** says the NFL fined him \$21,000 for his hit on New York Jets receiver **Stephen Hill**. Griffin has appealed the fine. ... Oakland quarterback **Terrelle Pryor** returned to practice and was working with the first team after missing last week's game with a concussion. ... Called "Mr. Hitner" for years out of respect for his hard-hitting defense, San Francisco safety **Donte Whitner** has filed paperwork in Ohio through his lawyer to formally change his name by removing the 'W' — after receiving permission from his mother, **Deborah**, to do so.

COLLEGES

Saban suspends safety

Alabama coach Nick Saban has suspended star safety **Ha Ha Clinton-Dix** indefinitely for violating team rules. Clinton-Dix is one of the top-ranked Crimson Tide's top defenders and a projected first-round NFL draft pick. ... Despite the government shutdown, the Air Force-Navy football game will be played Saturday after receiving the approval of the Department of Defense.

AUTO RACING

Keselowski gets extension

Penske Racing has signed extensions with driver **Brad Keselowski** and sponsor **Miller Lite** through 2017.

GYMNASTICS

Biles leads at worlds

Simone Biles used superh floor and vault exercises to sweep past U.S. teammate **Kyla Ross** and take the provisional lead in all-around qualifying at the world gymnastics championships in Antwerp, Belgium.

On the air

AUTO RACING

1 a.m. Korean Grand Prix practice, NBCSN

BASEBALL DIVISIONAL SERIES

5 p.m. NL, Game 1, Pittsburgh at St. Louis, TBS

8:30 p.m. NL, Game 1, L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta, TBS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. Texas at Iowa State, ESPN

8 p.m. Harding at Southern Arkansas, CBSSN

10 p.m. UCLA at Utah, FS1

GOLF

9 a.m. Seve Trophy, Golf Channel

Noon Presidents Cup, Golf Channel

4 a.m. (Friday) Reignwood Classic (tape), Golf Channel

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7 p.m. Covington (Ky.) Catholic at Fort Mitchell (Ky.) Beechwood, FSO

NFL

8 p.m. Browns vs. Buffalo, NFLN, WKYC Ch. 3; AM/850, FM/92.3, FM/98.5

NHL

8 p.m. Los Angeles at Minnesota, NBCSN

SOCCER

Noon UEFA Europa League, Tottenham at Anji, FS1

3 p.m. UEFA Europa League, St. Gallen at Swansea City, FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

3 p.m. Michigan at Michigan State, BTN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m. Penn State at Indiana, ESPN2

7 p.m. Ball State at Toledo, TWCS-311

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Browns	Buff				
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NFL	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
Week Five			
CLEVELAND	1 ½ (41)		Buffalo
Sunday			

Kansas City	3 (39)	TENNESSEE	
MIAMI	3 (44)	Baltimore	
ST. LOUIS	1 ½ (42)	Jacksonville	
CINCINNATI	2 (45)	New England	
Seattle	3 (43)	INDIANAPOLIS	
GREEN BAY	7 (54)	Detroit	
CHICAGO	Pick'em (49)	New Orleans	
PHILADELPHIA	2 ½ (54)	PHILADELPHIA	
ARIZONA	7 (42)	ARIZONA	
San Diego	4 (45)	OAKLAND	
Denver	7 ½ (57)	DALLAS	
SAN FRAN	6 ½ (43)	Houston	

Monday	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
ATLANTA	10 (44)		NY Jets

Bye Week: Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Washington.

College Football	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
Texas	9 (56)	IOWA ST	
W. Kentucky	7 (48)	UL-MONROE	
Ucla	5 (58)	UTAH	

Friday	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
UTAH ST	6 (58)		Byu
SAN DIEGO ST	5 (57)		Nevada

Saturday	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
Ohio St	7	NORTHWESTERN	
Navy	11 ½	Air Force	
Michigan St	1	IOWA	
Louisville	34	TEMPLE	

TOLEDO	21	W. Michigan	
BUFFALO	13 ½	E. Michigan	
ALABAMA	56	ILLINOIS	
BOS. COLLEGE	11 ½	Army	
Central Michigan	3	MIAMI-OHIO	
FLORIDA ST	15	Ball St	
MIAMI-FLA	5	Maryland	

Clemson	13 ½	SYRACUSE	
N.C. State	8	WAKE FOREST	
NEBRASKA	9	Illinois	
MARSHALL	14	Tex San Antonio	
North Texas	3	TULANE	
Oregon	39	COLORADO	
Georgia	10	TENNESSEE	
FLORIDA	12	Arkansas	

Lsu	9 ½	MISSISSIPPI ST	
TULSA	7 ½	Rice	
VIRGINIA TECH	4	North Carolina	
OKLAHOMA	10 ½	Tcu	
Cincinnati	11 ½	SOUTH FLORIDA	
OKLAHOMA ST	14	Kansas St	
VANDERBILT	1	Missouri	

MICHIGAN	20	Minnesota	
Central Florida	10 ½	MEMPHIS	
Rutgers	5	MEMPHIS	
Fresno St	27	IDAHO	
UL-LAFAYETTE	10 ½	Texas St	

TROY	3 ½	South Alabama	
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Soccer: River tops Rangers, WSC title contest next



Photos and video by **Larry Bennet**

The Rocky River Pirates remained in the hunt for a West Shore Conference boys soccer championship with a 3-0 win over Lakewood Wednesday night at Rocky River Stadium.

The Pirates, now 11-1-1 on the season, got the only goal they needed early in the first half. With just 8:28 gone off the clock, sophomore Liam Duncan took the ball and drilled a long, arching shot from 35 yards out that evaded the leaping save attempt of Rangers goalkeeper Robby Fehrenbach.

That gave Rocky River a 1-0 lead. The lead would grow to 2-0 right before halftime when senior Spencer Klodnick went one-on-one with a Lakewood defender and scored with 4:03

remaining.

In the second half, a long ball found its way to sophomore Jacob Wischmeir on the left side. He sent a crossing pass to his right to junior Sutton Klodnick, who beat Fehrenbach for the goal with 29:39 remaining on the stadium scoreboard.

With the win, the Pirates remained unbeaten in WSC games and tied with arch rival Bay for first place. The two teams will play for all the marbles Wednesday at Rocky River at 7 p.m.

Click the icons below for photos and video highlights:



HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Cartwright's big game keys Black River win

WELLINGTON — Emily Cartwright had 15 points, five aces, 16 assists, four kills and seven digs to lead Black River past Wellington 25-17, 25-8, 25-17 Monday in a Patriot Athletic Conference matchup.

Danielle Jenkins had 16 kills, Makayla Koerner had nine points, three aces and four kills and Louise DeMarco had five points and 16 digs to help the Pirates improve to 8-12, 4-10 in the PAC.

Fairview 25-17-23-25-15
Columbia 23-25-25-13-11

COLUMBIA STATION — Alison Schafer had 11 kills, Emily Viccarone had five aces and Megan Hawke had 32 assists for Columbia.

Hearts for Jesus 25-25-25
Open Door 18-17-12

ELYRIA — Ariella Carter led Hearts for Jesus with eight kills and five points in non-conference action. Brianna Foster had 10 points and six kills for the Guardians (25-2).

CLIPPERS

From B1

But the 'Horns had the momentum despite the loss and won the next two games to set up a deciding fifth game.

Lutheran West began dominating at the net as Anne Kennedy (five kills), Emile Hausmann (seven kills, two blocks) and Gabby Schultz (five kills, six blocks) took over against a Clearview team that was having trouble with serve-reception and rarely got into its system.

Despite their troubles in the fourth game, the Clippers led 19-16, but Schultz gave the Longhorns four straight points with blocks. A Clippers serving error gave the Longhorns the game.

"I was really proud of the way we came back and built momentum after losing those first two games," Hausmann said. "We have trouble starting games and you could see us building up to the wins in the third and fourth games."

The Longhorns' momentum carried right over as they jumped out to a 4-1 lead behind two aces from junior Callie Grenig.

The Clippers, who had looked confused at the start of Game 5, battled back to tie the score at 10 as Younkin picked up a solo block and paired up with Madison Fortune for another. But a hitting error and kills by Kennedy and

Hausmann gave the Longhorns a 13-10 lead.

Clearview called time out and it must have helped because Lutheran West didn't score another point.

The Clippers, however, picked up one on a hitting error, three on Younkin kills and the match-clincher on a Fortune ace.

"They (Longhorns) really came to play and I expected nothing less from a team coached by Stephanie Rivera," Clearview coach David Dorinski said. "She made some adjustments and stopped their unforced errors."

"Our passing went awry and they kept us out of our system and kept us from getting the ball to Heather. Luckily in that fifth game — it helps when it's only 15 points — we had the right people at the net."

"There are very few kids in the state of Ohio that can say they won four championships. It's hard enough to even play as a freshman and win every year. This is a really special group of seniors."

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HITTING: (LW) Emile Hausmann 18 kills, Gabby Schultz 8 kills, Anne Kennedy 8 kills; (C) Heather Younkin 19 kills, Jackie Kokinda 9 kills, Madison Fortune 6 kills.

SETTING: (LW) Abby DeSimpelare 49 assists; (C) Sarah Ernst 108 of 110, 35 assists.

SERVING: (LW) Margaux Thompson 13 points, Callie Grenig 9 points; (C) Ernst 11 points, Younkin 10 points, Madison Fortney 10 points.

DIGS: (LW) Lexi Rivera 17; (C) Ernst 16, Fortney 15.

BLOCKS: (LW) Schultz 7; (C) Younkin 15 (7 kills).

BOYS SOCCER: OPEN DOOR 1, FIRST BAPTIST 0



LINDA MURPHY / CHRONICLE

Open Door's Mark Woodson tries to kick the ball past First Baptist's Mathias Butcher (15) and back toward the Sabres' goal and goalkeeper Chad Parker. Woodson scored the only goal of the game as the Patriots picked up the win.

Frustrated Patriots finally get one to go

Todd Shapiro
The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA— If points were awarded for time of possession, near misses and beautiful passes, Open Door would have blown a fuse on the scoreboard Monday at First Baptist.

However, since you can only score by actually putting the ball in the back of the net, the Patriots were fortunate to escape with a 1-0 win in a non-league battle of the city's two Christian schools.

Sophomore Mark Woodson scored the only goal in the 36th minute on a play that started with a Solomon Dutton free kick from a position just outside of the penalty box.

Dutton played the ball to the face of the net where it glanced off the head of Miki Dutton and onto the right foot of Woodson, who drove it past Sabres goalkeeper Chad Parker for his fifth goal of the year.

Open Door (5-7-3) left the field at halftime after taking nine shots on goal, earning eight corner kicks and maintaining possession in its offensive third of the field for most of the half but with just the one goal to show for its efforts.

"It was really frustrating for us," said Solomon Dutton, who almost scored twice in the second half, bouncing a shot off the goal post in the 63rd minute and hitting the cross bar with a free kick seven minutes later. "It really felt like we should have had about four goals. This isn't the only game that had been like this. We've struggled with finishing all season."

First Baptist coach Steve Williams gave the credit to Parker, his junior goalkeeper, for frustrating the opponents and keeping the Sabres (8-4-1) in the game.

"Chad is an athlete," Williams said. "He a great basketball player but he wasn't a soccer player until we started the program up last season. He learned to play goalkeeper and has gotten progressively better. Chad made

some really good reaction saves. This is one of the best games I've seen him play."

Parker finished with 15 saves.

Patriots goalkeeper Josh Thomas made some nice saves of his own to preserve the shutout in the second half after First Baptist started to find its offensive rhythm. On two occasions, First Baptist forward Jacob Baker had shots from within the 6-yard box. Each time Thomas, a freshman, put himself in the perfect position to make the save.

"We need to talk more and come into every game with the proper attitude, not expecting that any game is ever going to be an easy win," Woodson said. "First Baptist proved to be a really good team so we're happy that we're able to walk away from here with a win."

Open Door has one more regular-season match, Saturday against Keystone, before it opens Division III sectional play a week from today against Cleveland Martin Luther King.

"We weren't very sharp but give First Baptist credit," Patriots coach Michael Perris said. "They played a good game and we're fortunate to come away with a win today. We're going to take a couple of days off now to rest up and heal up. I like where we are right now as a team. We just have to keep working on ball movement and getting the ball up the sides of the field and keeping it out of the middle."

The Sabres won't have any time to dwell on the loss. They're back in action today, hosting Grand River Academy in the first round of the Lake Effect Conference tournament.

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Open Door 1, First Baptist 0

GOAL: (OD) Woodson
ASSIST: (OD) Solomon Dutton
SAVES: (OD) Thomas 12; (FB) Parker 15
SHOTS ON GOAL: Open Door 16, First Baptist 12
CORNER KICKS: Open Door 12, First Baptist 5
FOULS: Open Door 5, First Baptist 4
OFFSIDES: Open Door 2
HALFTIME: Open Door 1-0

GOLFERS OF THE WEEK

Garrett Orseno, North Ridgeville

YEAR: Senior

WHAT HE DID: Shot a 4-over-par 75 at the Division I sectional tournament at Eagle Creek Golf Course in Norwalk to lead all individual qualifiers and take third overall to advance to Thursday's district tournament at Red Hawk Run in Findlay.

BIO: Has already had a season to remember, firing rounds of 67 at Avon Oaks to win the Ranger Invitational, a 71 to win the Coppertop Classic and a 72 to claim the Grey Hawk Invitational. Also had a 73 at Forest Hills to take second at the Pioneer Invitational and a 75 at Bunker Hill to tie for third at the West Shore Conference Preview. Though he spends a lot of time on his golf game, when he's not practicing or playing he likes to watch sports on TV, especially basketball, football and, of course, golf. Is also focused on his studies.

FAVORITE PRO GOLFERS: Tiger Woods and Jason Dufner

FUTURE PLANS: Wants to attend college and play golf but is undecided where. Will major in marketing or psychology.

PARENTS: Tracy and Tony



Nicole Gerome, North Ridgeville

YEAR: Sophomore

WHAT SHE DID: Fired a 2-over 74 at the Legacy Course at Sweetbriar to lead individual qualifiers and take third overall at last week's Division I sectional to move on to today's district tournament at the Legends of Massillon.

BIO: Strong season includes shooting a 79 to win the West Shore Conference tournament at Sweetbriar. Plays year-round, including on the Plantation and Golf Weekly tours, which take her out of state to weekend tournaments. Also plays the Southwest Junior Golf Tour in the summer. Her love of golf doesn't leave time for much else, though when she's not practicing or playing she likes to hang out with friends and family.

FAVORITE PRO GOLFER: Annika Sorenstam

FUTURE PLANS: Wants to attend college and play golf at the Division I level with the ultimate goal of becoming a professional player.

PARENTS: Dan and Jill



— Kevin Aprile

CAVS

From B1

Unlike the 6-8 Bennett, who is listed at 240 but says he weighs 250 after a summer of inactivity due to shoulder surgery, Waiters is in shape this season. The 21-year-old still has a relatively thick build and probably always will, but the change from early in his rookie year is apparent.

"I feel good," Waiters said. "I'm jumping higher, my body feels good. I did some yoga in the summer. Yoga is hard."

So was previous coach Byron Scott's training camp last year, as it featured more sprints than some track teams run.

"Training camp was crazy," said Waiters, the No. 4 overall pick in the 2012 draft. "I got in shape in two days with Coach Scott. It's good for me. That's what I need for my body."

A year older and wiser, Waiters now

realizes he continually needs to work on his fitness and basketball skills. That's why the Syracuse product spent time training with teammates in Miami, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and his native Philadelphia in the offseason.

The goal — and it appears he accomplished it — was to show up at training camp in shape, not use it to get there.

That done, Cavs coach Mike Brown is intent on simplifying Waiters' role on the court, which means the first-team NBA All-Rookie pick will play almost no point guard this season.

Scott allowed Waiters to run the offense last season and there were some promising moments, but there was never much chemistry between Waiters and All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving because they were frequently changing roles.

That won't be the case this season. Waiters will still get the ball in spots where he can create for himself and

others, but he will no longer be charged with running the offense.

"Kyrie's our point guard," Brown said. "When Kyrie's off the floor and Jarrett Jack is on the floor, Jarrett Jack is our point guard. We have plenty of ballhandlers. Now, (Waiters) job will be simplified."

"He's been terrific with what we've talked to him about. He's just tried to get better at it. I'm excited for him."

Waiters might have balked at such a move last season, thinking it was a knock on his playmaking abilities, but now he understands less could be more. Waiters also knows the move should benefit not only him, but Irving, as the latter will still be able to play some shooting guard when he is on the court with Jack.

"They're putting us in a position where we can succeed and help one another," Waiters said. "They want me to be strictly a 2."

"Last year, you're out there, you're

Beetler and Noah Haramia (31:30) and Nick Biere-Alex Poalson-Matthew Trame (34:17).

The Amherst Monkeyball Relays is a two-person, 6-mile relay in which each person runs 12 alternating 400-meter laps with a partner.

Sergent had the top average split of 1:07.75, followed by Haramia (1:08.0), Colon (1:09.58), Johnson (1:13), Sekoulopoulos (1:13.75), Kelly (1:14.16) Lutz (1:14.61), Lough (1:18.26), Crozier (1:20.91), Kordeleski (1:21.15), Trifiletti (1:21.83) and Beetler (1:27.58).

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Messiah gets mark; Keystone gets victory

EATON TWP. — Midview's Silvester Messiah set a school record for goals in a season but it wasn't enough to stop Keystone in a non-conference boys soccer matchup Monday.

Keystone got two goals from Collin Fitzgerald and one each from Turner Giesel and Jason Hallman for a 4-3 win.

Messiah had all three goals for the Middies, who fell to 4-10. Keystone improved to 4-9-2.

GOALS: (K) Collin Fitzgerald 2, Turner Giesel, Jason Hallman; (M) Silvester Messiah 3.
ASSISTS: (K) Giesel, Steven Speck, Evan Valentik.
SAVES: DJ Cyrus 10; (M) Kellen McGuire 8, Chambers 7.
HALFTIME: Midview 2-1.

Brookside 4, Sandusky 1

SANDUSKY — Brandon Knitt had a goal and three assists to lead the Cardinals (6-8), while Mike Norris had two goals and Mitchell O'Connor one.

GOALS: (B) Mike Norris 2, Brandon Knitt, Mitchell O'Connor.
ASSISTS: (B) Knitt 3.

Rocky River 3, Lutheran West 0

ROCKY RIVER — Jacob Wischmeier, Nathaniel O'Halla and Spencer Klodnick each scored a goal to lead Rocky River over Lutheran West (10-6) in non-conference action.

GOALS: (RR) Jacob Wischmeier, Nathaniel O'Halla, Spencer Klodnick.
SAVES: (RR) Dominic Liva 2, Mark Hoelzer 1; (LW) Jake Pschook 7.
HALFTIME: Rocky River 2-0.

Girls

Elyria Catholic 8, Trinity 0

Danielle Dziak and Kirsten Fehlan each scored two goals to lead the Panthers (9-3-3). Meliah Roman and Tricia Gauntner added a goal apiece.

GOALS: (EC) Danielle Dziak 2, Kirsten Fehlan 2, Meliah Roman, Tricia Gauntner, Smith, Halbrook.
ASSISTS: (EC) Keely Birsic 2, Sara Pallendino 2, Julia Scarpelli, Alyssa Malinowski
SAVES: (EC) Katie Gauntner 4; (T) Heese.
HALFTIME: Elyria Catholic 4-0.

Brookside 1, Wellington 1

SHEFFIELD — Hannah Sours scored for Brookside and Samantha Sparks scored for Wellington as the teams battled to a tie in Patriot Athletic Conference play.

Brookside is 8-3-4 and 4-1-3 and Wellington is 7-6-2 and 6-2-1.

GOALS: (B) Hannah Sours; (W) Samantha Sparks.
SAVES: (B) Arianna Sanchez 7; (W) Kayla Sparks 3.

Amherst 8, Valley Forge 0

PARMA HEIGHTS — Ally Perkins scored three goals to lead the Comets in non-conference action.

Lindsay Sands, Gabrielle Semon, Julie Lacock and Nicole Schneider also scored for the Comets.

GOALS: (A) Ally Perkins 3, Lindsay Sands, Gabrielle Semon, Julie Lacock, Nicole Schneider, Moore.
ASSISTS: (A) Lacock, Sands, Moore.
SAVES: (A) Wright, Keller, (VF) Voltai 6.

Open Door 3, Berkshire 2

ELYRIA — Nicole Varady scored three goals to lead Open Door in non-conference play. Selena Frazier had 14 saves.

GOALS: (OD) Nicole Varady 3.
SAVES: (OD) Selena Frazier 14.

Fairview 2, Midview 1

FAIRVIEW — Katie Kovach and Paige Strandahl scored goals to lead Fairview (11-1-3) in non-conference play.

Morgan Hamker scored the lone goal for the Middies (7-7-1).

GOALS: (F) Katie Kovach, Paige Strandahl; (M) Morgan Hamker.
ASSISTS: (F) Megan Coyne, Mo Klag.
SAVES: (F) Savannah Lally; (M) Taylor Ceh 7.

Independence 4, Firelands 1

HENRIETTA TWP. — Jenn Wisniewski scored three goals to lead Independence, while Sydney Novak scored the lone goal for the Falcons (9-5-1).

GOALS: (I) Jenn Wisniewski 3, Amanda Pucella; (F) Sydney Novak.
ASSISTS: (I) Crystal Hajek, Halle Dorko; (F) Bryce Jones.
SAVES: Alex Willis 4.
HALFTIME: Independence 2-1.

ers to step on the scale, because he still does his best to dodge any mandatory weigh-in.

"If the note says, 'Everybody weigh in,' I walk by it," he said. "I try to sneak by. I don't like it. It's my worst enemy sometimes."

Tip-ins

Second-year center Tyler Zeller, whose slip on the floor midway through the third quarter of a scrimmage Saturday at Baldwin Wallace University led to the cancellation of the rest of the game for safety reasons, has a strained left hip flexor.

As a precaution, he is expected to miss the team's exhibition opener tonight at Quicken Loans Arena against the Milwaukee Bucks. Zeller underwent an MRI at Cleveland Clinic Sports Health and took part in limited non-contact drills Monday at practice.

● For the first time, all eight preseason games will be shown by Fox Sports Ohio.

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COLLEGES

Boy's cancer in remission

The young boy with cancer whose touchdown run at the Nebraska spring football game was viewed by millions online is in remission, his father said. Jack Hoffman, now 8, captured the hearts of Nebraska football fans when, with the players' help, he ran 69 yards to score during April's intrasquad game. His scamper was viewed nearly 8.4 million times on YouTube and replayed on national television. The video also won an ESPY award as the "Best Moment."

SOCCER

FIFA focuses on racism

FIFA plans to create an international league table of countries which have problems with racism and discrimination in sports. At a United Nations forum on racism and football, FIFA delegate Tokyo Sexwale said the global "barometer" was central to the football governing body's work to tackle discrimination. "The barometer is going to tell that society that the conduct of your sporting people is bringing your country down," Sexwale said. ... David Beckham earned more than \$26 million from personal sponsorship deals in his final full year as a footballer. The former England captain, 38, retired from playing in May. The accounts don't include Beckham's \$4 million salary from the L.A. Galaxy.

NBA

Heat's Wade takes it easy

Dwyane Wade sat out the Heat's preseason opener Monday against the Hawks. He was penciled into the original starting lineup but said about 45 minutes later that he's not playing, simply to "take a little easy, a little slower." He plays to be ready when the Heat practice today. ... Atlanta forward Gustavo Ayon left the game with an injury to his right arm.

AUTO RACING

Stewart has 3rd leg surgery

NASCAR driver Tony Stewart is recovering from a third surgery on his right leg following a crash at an Iowa sprint car track. Stewart-Haas Racing said the procedure was done Monday to examine and close a wound on his shin stemming from the broken tibia and fibula he suffered in the Aug. 5 crash at Southern Iowa Speedway. ... Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti will need a second surgery on the broken right ankle he suffered Sunday when his car went airborne into the fence during the last lap of the Grand Prix of Houston. He had surgery on the ankle Sunday night.

TENNIS

Isner advances in Shanghai

John Isner served 29 aces and rallied to beat Colombian qualifier Santiago Giraldo 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 in the first round of the Shanghai Masters. The 14th-seeded American fought off three break points at 5-5 in the third set, then broke Giraldo for the second time to close out the match.

HORSE RACING

Video board for Derby

The home of the Kentucky Derby wants to make sure every fan attending the famous race actually sees the horses running. Churchill Downs plans to install a video board bigger than three basketball courts to give fans a giant-size view of the thoroughbreds stampeding along the track. The track is teaming with Panasonic for the \$12 million project expected to be done early next year.

WINTER SPORTS

Skier Hoelzl retires

Former giant slalom world champion Kathrin Hoelzl, 28, of Germany has retired after years of struggling with injuries and illness. "I've tried everything. To give up your career because of something inexplicable like this is hard to take," she said.

On the air

BASEBALL DIVISIONAL SERIES

5 p.m. AL, Game 4, Oakland at Detroit, TBS

8:30 p.m. AL, Game 4, Boston at Tampa Bay, TBS

NBA

7 p.m. Cavaliers vs. Milwaukee, FSO, AM/1100

NHL

7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Buffalo, NBCSN

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. UEFA Champions League, Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Manchester United (tape), FSO

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Penn State, BTN

WNBA FINALS

8 p.m. Game 2, Atlanta at Minnesota, ESPN2

Calendar

	Today	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Browns	Next: Vs. Lions, Sunday, FirstEnergy Stadium, 1 p.m., WJW Ch. 8				

	Bucks	Magic
Cavaliers	800-820-2287	7:00 FSO

	Rock	Rock
Monsters	216-420-0000	7:30 FSO

	Post	Post	Post
Thistledown	216-662-8600	12:55	12:55

	Post	Post	Post
Northfield	330-467-4101	6:30	6:30

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	101	94
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	117	110
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	94	87
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	69	110

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	1	0	.800	95	70
Miami	3	2	0	.600	114	117
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	68	88
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	112	130

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	1	0	.800	139	79
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	113	95
Houston	2	3	0	.400	93	139
Jacksonville	0	5	0	.000	51	163

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	230	139
Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	128	58
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	98	108
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	125	129

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	131	123
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	145	140
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	118	97
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	115	123

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	135	159
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	152	136
Washington	1	3	0	.250	91	112
N.Y. Giants	0	5	0	.000	82	162

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	134	73
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	74	58
Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	94	104
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	44	70

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	.800	137	81
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	113	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	91	91
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	103	145

Thursday's Game

Cleveland 37, Buffalo 24

Sunday's Games

Green Bay 22, Detroit 9

New Orleans 26, Chicago 18

Kansas City 26, Tennessee 17

St. Louis 34, Jacksonville 20

Cincinnati 13, New England 6

Indianapolis 34, Seattle 28

Baltimore 26, Miami 23

Philadelphia 36, N.Y. Giants 21

Arizona 22, Carolina 6

Buffalo 31, Dallas 48

San Francisco 34, Houston 3

Oakland 27, San Diego 17

Monday's Game

N.Y. Jets at Atlanta, late

Thursday

N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 8:25

Sunday

Carolina at Minnesota, 1

Oakland at Kansas City, 1

St. Louis at Houston, 1

Green Bay at Baltimore, 1

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 1

Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1

Detroit at Cleveland, 1

Tennessee at Seattle, 4:05

Jacksonville at Denver, 4:05

Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25

New Orleans at New England, 4:25

Washington at Dallas, 8:30

Open: Atlanta, Miami

Monday

Indianapolis at San Diego, 8:40

LATE SUNDAY BOXSCORES

49ers 34, Texans 3

Houston	0	0	3	0-3
San Francisco	14	7	3	10-34

First Quarter

SF-Brock 18 interception return (Dawson kick), 13:30.

SF-Gore 1 run (Dawson kick), 13:37.

Second Quarter

SF-Dixon 2 run (Dawson kick), 5:03.

Third Quarter

Hou-FG Bullock 41, 12:01.

SF-FG Dawson 38, 5:15.

Fourth Quarter

SF-VDavis 64 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 14:16.

SF-FG Dawson 24, 10:46.

A-69,732.

First downs

Hou 17 SF 17

Total Net Yards 313 284

Rushes-yards 30-131 36-177

Passing 182 107

Punt Returns 3-20 2-28

Kickoff Returns 6-140 1-29

Interceptions Ret. 0-0 3-37

Comp-Att-Int 22-40-3 6-15-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 1-6 1-6

Fumbles-Lost 2-1 1-0

Penalties-Yards 7-52 3-17

Time of Possession 33:52 26:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Houston, Shaun 21-98, Tate 7-28, Williams 1-5, Yates 1-0. San Francisco, Gore 17-81, James 4-31, Hunter 5-29, Kaepernick 1-14, McCoy 1-13, Dixon 5-12, McCoy 3-1minus 3.

RECEIVING-Houston, Schaub 19-35-173, Yates 3-5-15. San Francisco, Kaepernick 6-5-6-113.

RECEIVING-Houston, Daniels 6-60, Foster 4-20, Johnson 3-39, Graham 3-15, Hopkins 2-23, Tate 2-12, Martin 1-14, Posey 1-5. San Francisco, VDavis 3-88, Boldin 2-21, Miller 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS-Houston, Bullock 45 (WL).

Raiders 27, Chargers 17

San Diego	0	0	3	14-17
Oakland	14	3	7	3-27

First Quarter

Oak-Streater 44 pass from Pryor (Janikowski kick), 13:03.

Oak-D.Moore 2 pass from Pryor (Janikowski kick), 1:28.

Second Quarter

Oak-FG Janikowski 47, 4:13.

Third Quarter

SF-FG Novak 35, 4:51.

Oak-Woodson 25 fumble return (Janikowski kick), 2:37.

Fourth Quarter

SD-Woodhead 5 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 14:57.

SD-Allen 7 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 10:17.

Oak-FG Janikowski 50, 4:24.

A-48,834.

First downs 27 17

Total Net Yards 423 299

Rushes-yards 19-32 26-104

Passing 391 195

Punt Returns 2-21 0-0

Kickoff Returns 2-46 4-92

Interceptions Ret. 0-0 3-39

Comp-Att-Int 36-49-3 18-23-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 2-20 4-26

Punts 2-38.5 6-49.5

Fumbles-Lost 2-2 2-0

Penalties-Yards 5-30 8-85

Time of Possession 30:55 29:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-San Diego, Woodhead 9-13, R.Brown 7-11, Mathews 3-8. Oakland, Jennings 10-41, Reece 7-32, Pryor 31-21.

PASSING-San Diego, Rivers 36-49-3-41. Oakland, Pryor 18-23-0-221.

RECEIVING-San Diego, Woodhead 9-58, V.Brown 8-117, Gates 7-74, Allen 6-115, Royal 3-26, R.Brown 3-21. Oakland, D.Moore 5-84, Streater 3-56, Reece 3-25, Ford 2-15, Olawale 2-15, Butler 1-20, Rivera 1-5, Stewart 1-1.

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NBA

Sunday's Games

LA Lakers 88

Monday's Games

Toronto 97, Boston 89

Miami 92, Atlanta 87

Memphis vs. Chicago, late

New Orleans at Dallas, late

L.A. Clippers at Portland, late

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Today

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By Ryan Kaczmariski

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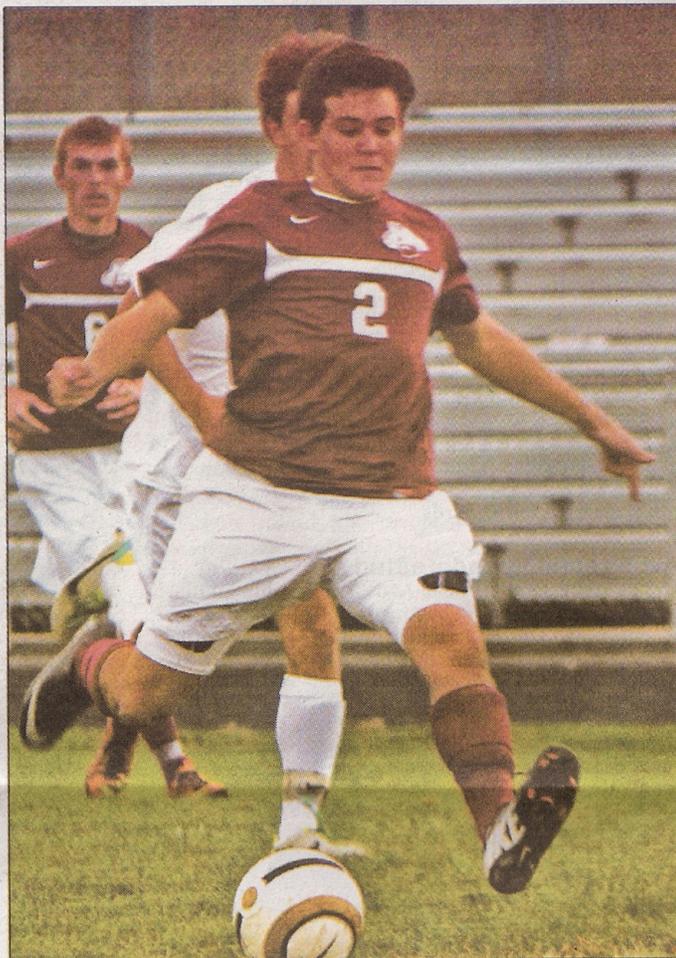
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Pirates strike early, top Rockets to claim WSC title



The Rocky River boys varsity soccer team clicked on all cylinders Wednesday night.

The Pirates scored early and often, survived a late Bay rally and beat the Rockets, 4-2, to win the West Shore Conference championship at Rocky River Stadium.

"In every game that we've played this year, I've tried to emphasize how important it is to get an early goal," said Rocky River head coach Kevin Zerbey, whose team moved to 13-1-1 overall and finished the WSC season a perfect 7-0.

"It helps us out psychologically and it messes with the other team a bit," Zerbey continued. "I didn't think we would score as fast as we did on

these guys. It's Bay, you know?"

Rocky River's senior forward, Spencer Klodnick, scored the opening goal on a redirect of a throw-in that was defended back to the Bay goalkeeper just two and a half minutes into the game.

"That first goal happened because Spencer never gave up on it," Zerbey said. "That ball was thrown in and flicked, and he could have easily said 'It's going to the goalie and I'm not going for it. But he knifed in there, got a toe on it and put it in the goal.

"That goal was so important, because it set a tone of things were going to go," Zerbey said.

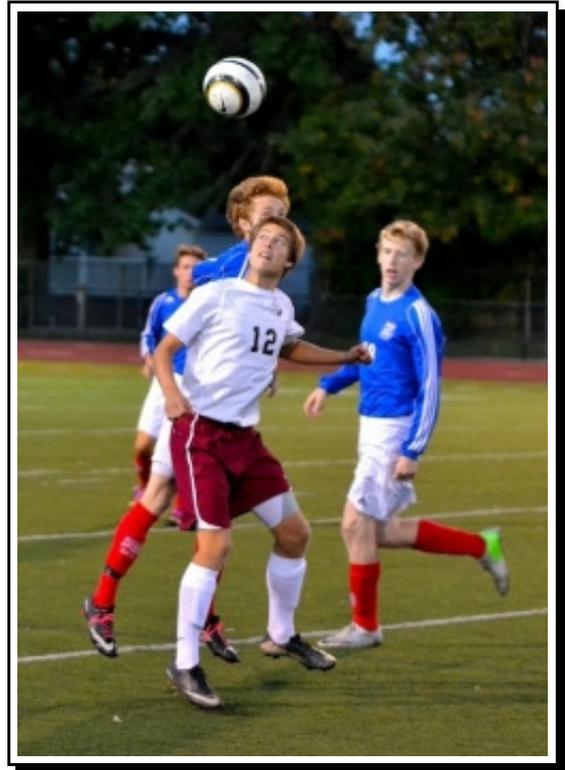


Bay head coach Bobby Dougherty made frequent substitutions to keep fresh legs on the pitch at all times, but the Pirates held fast and did not allow the

Rockets many offensive opportunities.

"Every time he (Dougherty) was subbing in new guys, we had to deal with the energy that they were bringing. My guys handled it magnificently," Zerbey explained.

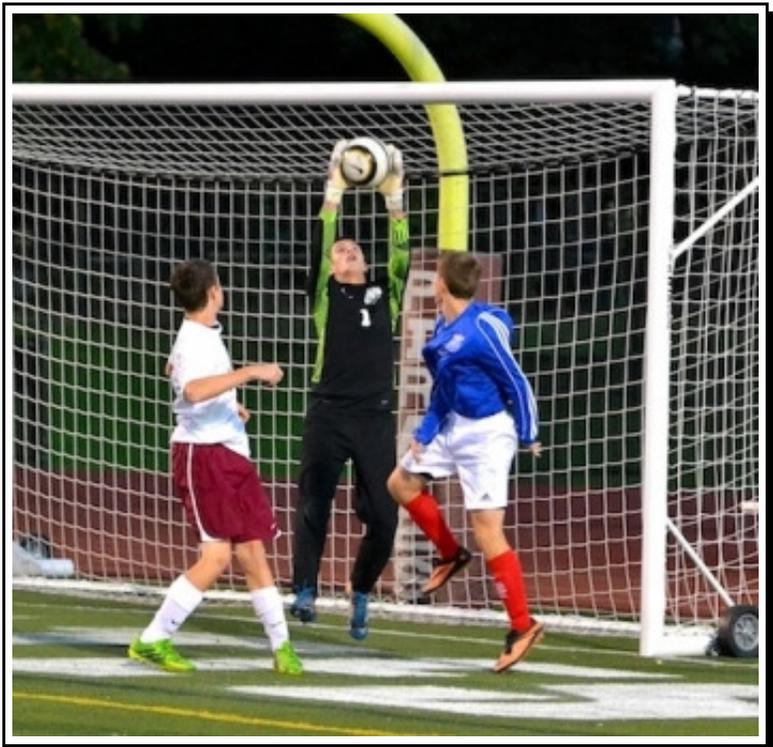
"I'd love to say that I taught them how to deal with all of the pressure, but I didn't. It was all them, and it was fantastic to watch."



The Pirates did not let off the gas in the second half. With 25:26 left in the game, Rocky River sophomore Jacob Wischmeier kicked in a goal off of a Trent Newby throw-in.

Three minutes later, the Rockets were called for a hand ball in their own penalty box, setting up a penalty kick which was taken by Rockets junior captain Sutton Klodnick.

"I went up there, and I usually go right-side. But I know the Bay keeper and I kind of thought he knew where I was going," Klodnick said. "He went that way, so I kicked it to the left and it went right in. It was a nice shot, and I knew it."



"This was the biggest game in my life so far," he added. "It was for the West Shore Conference championship, against our rivals at home. We almost shut them out, except for the end."

Now trailing 4-0 in the game, the Rockets started to mount a comeback. The Bay forwards started to shoot at will, putting 11 balls on net in the second half and scoring two goals late in the game.

The first Bay goal was by junior forward Jacob Sooy off an assist by Mark Comiensi with 4:57 left in the game. Less than a minute later, senior Brandon Myers found the back of the net to make the final score 4-2.

"Hats off, River kicked our butts," said Dougherty, whose team lost for the first time this season and fell to 9-1-5 overall, 6-1 in the WSC. "They outplayed us tonight. Collectively, as a group, on the field there was never a point where we were getting better.

"We didn't expect it to happen. Coming off of training over the past few days, we played exceptionally well. We just didn't have it tonight, and River just outplayed us from the beginning to the end.

"They did a great job, and they deserved to win tonight. Hopefully, if things go well, we'll see each other in a couple of weeks, and that's the only focus from this day forward," he added.

Bay will play against Westlake on Saturday for the Dover Cup before starting postseason play.

"There will be no change in our game plan going forward," Dougherty said. "Tonight was just one of those nights where nothing worked, no matter who we threw out there.

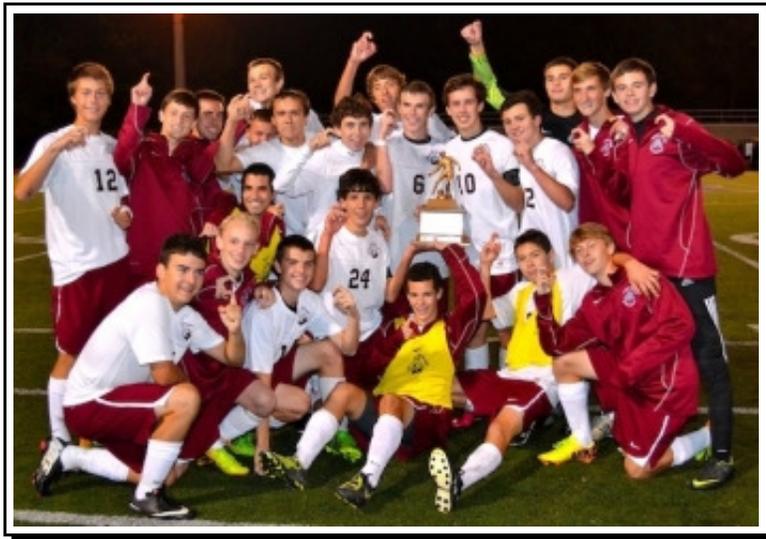
"It was nice that the boys put in the effort all the way to the end of the game. We got two, and at least it gets the monkey off their backs, that they can do this. We're all right, and it's nothing to get too freaked out about," he said.

Zerbey said he wasn't worried about the late Bay scores going forward. He was just happy to be the conference champions.

"I'm not going to lie. I would have preferred the shutout," said Zerbey, whose team has recorded a school-record 11 shutouts so far this season. "But a win is a win. A shutout would have been sweet, but we know we might see them again for the district over at their place.

"That game would be every bit as tough as this game was, and maybe even more so," he concluded.

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Soccer: Teams capable of making playoff push

By SAM AMEEN

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The district tournaments for soccer begin this week, and there are numerous talented local teams that have the potential to make deep playoff runs. The following are some of the top boys and girls teams to keep an eye on in the playoffs.

Top boys teams

Elyria Catholic: Coach Attila Csiszar has done a great job, guiding the Panthers to a 12-3-1 record. Elyria Catholic also finished the regular season ranked No. 3 in the state in Division III. The senior leadership and experience of Michael Saddler and Ryan Medves will be essential to helping the Panthers in the playoffs.

Bay: The Rockets are 10-1-5, but dropped out of the Division II rankings this week after being ranked No. 2 last week. Coach Bobby Dougherty knows what it takes to win after reaching the state semifinals in 2012. Top scorer Dan Linhart (15 goals) was the Rockets only double-digit scorer this year. In order to excel, teammates need to step up offensively to take the pressure off Linhart.

Rocky River: The Pirates finished the regular season No. 5 in Division III after compiling a 13-1-1 record. Rocky River is a balanced team offensively as the Pirates have six players with at least four goals scored. Defense will be a positive component for a deep tourney run – the Pirates have given up seven goals all season. Jacob Wischeimer and Sutton Klodnick are vital for Rocky River.

[Sleeper boys](#) teams

Avon: The Eagles are an experienced group. Avon lost in the district semifinals in 2012 to Westlake but returned 13 letter winners. The trio of John DeMarco, Will Sharer and Daniel Minotti will be pivotal for tournament success. Avon finished the regular season at 11-4-1.

Firelands: The Falcons started on an 11-game winning streak, and closed out the regular season at 13-2-1. The offensive duo of Nate Yorks and Jordan Ruffner has combined for 34 goals. Firelands is stingy defensively, allowing just eight goals this year.

Avon Lake: The Shoremen picked a good time to get hot. Avon Lake has won eight in a row (9-4-3). If keeper Kane Adams can [continue](#) to defend as well as he has (two shutouts in the past three games) the Shoremen can do well.

Top girls teams

Rocky River: Coach Pat Hopkins has the Pirates at 15-0-1 and also finished as the No. 1 team in Division II. It will be tough to stop one of the best scoring duos in the state – that of Abby Elinsky (34 goals) and Grace Bennett (24 goals). The Pirates have scored 94 goals this season. Defensively, Rocky River is just as tough, allowing six goals on the year.

Bay: Coach Jack Griffiths has a great group of players including Nichole Pohlkamp, Jordan Holmes and Kelly McBride. Ashley Grisnik has also been one of the premier keepers in the area, and what Griffiths has called “The surprise of the team.” Grisnik has 98 saves on the year. Bay’s eight day layoff before Thursday’s tournament match is beneficial to Griffiths squad so his team can nurse some injuries. Four starters have been bothered by injuries. When Bay (10-2-4) is at close to or at full health, they are a difficult team to beat.

Elyria Catholic: Tony Rozanc had high expectations for his team after making it to the D-III regional semifinals in 2012. The Panthers (10-3-3) are a deep and experienced team, as they returned 10 starters from a year ago. The Panthers are balanced defensively and offensively and certainly have the capability of reaching regionals, or even further this season. Some of the Panthers key players include Jenna Ellingson, Keely Birsic and Kirsten Fehlan on the defensive end.

Sleeper teams

Firelands: In her first season as coach, Morgan Ziegler has done a great job (10-5-1) getting the best out of her team, including Brylee Jones and Alyssa Melendez.

Huron: The Tigers have lost one match on the season (9-1-5) and have had great production from senior Amanda Vacca (10 goals 11 assists) and junior Monika Giardina (11 goals 4 assists). Today, Huron will face Northwood on the road.

Brookside: The Cardinals are 8-4-4 and have great offensive weapons in Madison Sours (17 goals, four assists) and Hannah Sours (nine goals, 10 assists). Keeper Arianna Sanchez has played well at keeper, posting 97 saves on the year.

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OSSCA State Poll 2013 - 10/14 - FINAL

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Boys Division I

1. Mason	15-0-1	100
2. Anthony Wayne (Whitehouse)	12-0-4	83
3. Mentor	12-0-4	78
4. Coffman (Dublin)	12-2-2	67
5. Jackson (Massillon)	12-2-2	56
6. Lakota West (West Chester)	12-2-2	53
7. Beavercreek	12-1-3	31
8. St. Ignatius (Cleveland)	7-3-6	24
9. Turpin (Cincinnati)	12-0-4	19
Lincoln (Gahanna)	10-1-5	19

Receiving votes: St. Johns Jesuit (Toledo), Copley, Chillicothe, Howland (Warren)

Boys Division II

1. Revere (Richfield)	14-0-2	100
2. Carroll (Dayton)	10-2-4	88
3. Bishop Watterson (Columbus)	12-4-0	65
4. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (Stow)	10-3-1	61
5. Rocky River	13-1-1	58
6. Bishop Fenwick (Middletown)	13-0-3	51
7. University School (Hunting Valley)	9-1-6	39
8. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	8-6-2	24
9. Coshocton	14-0-2	15
10. Bellbrook	12-1-3	11

Receiving Votes: Archbishop Hoban (Akron), Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati), Bowling Green, Chagrin Falls, Indian Hill (Cincinnati), Clear Fork (Bellville), Lakeview (Cortland)

Boys Division III

1. Summit Country Day School (Cincinnati)	10-2-4	96
2. Mansfield Christian School	15-1-0	87
3. Elyria Catholic	12-3-1	80
4. Columbus Academy (Gahanna)	11-4-1	64
5. Catholic Central (Springfield)	13-2-1	60
6. Liberty-Benton (Findlay)	15-0-1	45
7. Worthington Christian School	10-3-2	33
8. Grandview Heights	13-3-0	30
9. Chippewa (Doylestown)	13-0-3	22
Cincinnati Country Day School	12-2-2	22

Receiving votes: Zane Trace (Chillicothe), Mariemont (Cincinnati), Crestview (Columbiana)

MOTORSPORTS

Blood clot forces Vickers out for season

The Associated Press

Brian Vickers will miss the rest of the NASCAR season because of a blood clot in his right calf.

The clot was found after a Monday examination and he was placed on blood-thinning medication that will prevent him from racing. Vickers missed the final 25 races of the 2010 season with blood clots, and during that time required heart surgery.

He said in a statement his physicians are confident he'll be able to resume activity before the 2014 season.

"If there's anything to be positive about with today's news it's that this is only a temporary setback," Vickers said. "The timing for this is never good, but I'm glad we'll get it out of the way now and be ready to run for a championship with the Aaron's Dream Machine in 2014."

Michael Waltrip Racing named

Vickers the full-time driver of the No. 55 Toyota in August. He'd previously shared the seat with Mark Martin and team co-owner Michael Waltrip.

Waltrip had already planned to drive the car this weekend at Talladega, and the team said it will decide later on its driver for the remaining four Sprint Cup Series races.

"We were just informed this morning and our concern is for Brian's health," MWR co-owner Rob Kauffman said. "Anything else will be worked out in due course."

Joe Gibbs Racing did not name an immediate replacement for Vickers in the Nationwide Series, which is off until Nov. 2 at Texas.

"We are praying Brian will have a quick and full recovery from this latest issue," team owner Joe Gibbs said in a statement. "Everyone at JGR appreciates all the hard work and

effort he has given to our Nationwide Series program this year. He is a great competitor and we look forward to seeing him back on the track in 2014."

Vickers has run 22 races with MWR. He has 10 top-10 finishes and won at New Hampshire in July, a victory that solidified his full-time hiring in the No. 55. The win ended a 75-race winless streak for Vickers.

His hiring by MWR was to mark a return to a full Cup ride for Vickers, who last ran for the championship at NASCAR's top level in 2011. He lost that seat when Red Bull Racing pulled out of NASCAR and Vickers ran just eight Cup races in 2012 for MWR.

MWR making cuts

The Associated Press has learned that Michael Waltrip Racing will run only two full-time cars next season because of the loss of sponsor NAPA.

Team owners Waltrip and Kauffman began telling employees of their decision. Those affected were told they are free to

begin looking for a new job immediately.

Two employees spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because MWR had not publicly announced its decision. The team owners had a Monday afternoon meeting scheduled to go over organizational changes, which will include running the car currently driven by Martin Truex Jr. on a partial schedule.

Truex had been previously told he is free to look for another ride, and has been talking to Furniture Row Racing about the seat being vacated by Kurt Busch.

More surgery for Franchitti

Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti underwent the second operation on the broken right ankle he suffered Oct. 6 on the last lap of the Grand Prix of Houston. He also fractured two vertebrae and suffered a concussion.

IndyCar orthopedic consultant Dr. Terry Trammel said Monday's surgery lasted just over three hours and was to repair the talus bone in Franchitti's ankle. The talus bone connects the leg and the foot. The surgery was performed by Dr. Tim Weber, who told Trammel it "went perfectly and just as planned." Franchitti's accident occurred when

contact with Takuma Sato sent his car sailing into the fence. Debris from the accident injured 13 fans and one IndyCar official.

Focus on aerodynamics

A six-car NASCAR test at Charlotte Motor Speedway focused on the aerodynamic package for 1.5-mile tracks.

NASCAR had three different configurations that covered seven significant changes at Monday's test. The goal was to help drivers pass easier through more rear downforce or the creation of more turbulent air.

The manufacturers brought two cars each. Ford had Brad Keselowski and Trevor Bayne, Jeff Burton and Jamie McMurray were there from Chevrolet and Toyota brought Denny Hamlin and Brett Moffitt.

NASCAR vice president of Innovation Gene Stefanyshyn said the configurations came from computer simulation and wind tunnel testing, and the ideas needed to be tested on the track. Stefanyshyn's role at NASCAR's Research & Development Center is on the development of the race cars.

TV & RADIO

Baseball

ALCS: Boston at Detroit	4:07 p.m.	Channel 8 WKNR 850-AM
NLCS: St. Louis at Los Angeles	8:07 p.m.	TBS WKNR 850-AM

Basketball

NBA Preseason: Charlotte vs. Cleveland at Canton	7 p.m.	STO WTAM 1100-AM, WEOL 930-AM
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Football

College: Louisiana-Lafayette at W. Kentucky	8 p.m.	ESPN2
CFL: Toronto at Hamilton (taped)	Midnight	NBCSN

Golf

PGA of America: Grand Slam of Golf, first day, from Southampton, Bermuda	4 p.m.	TNT
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Hockey

NHL: San Jose at St. Louis	8 p.m.	NBCSN
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Soccer

World Cup qualifier: England FS1 vs. Poland, from London	3 p.m.	
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Brian Snitker manager of Gwinnett (IL) and Doug Scanzino third-base coach.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
Suspended Dallas F Devin Ebanks two games for pleading nolo contendere to driving under the influence of alcohol, in violation of the law of the State of California.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed QB Matt Flynn, placed RB Jonathan Meeks on injured reserve/return.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DE Tracy Robertson to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Placed G Kari Lehtonen on injured reserve. Activated D Aaron Rome from injured non-roster and loaned him to Texas (AHL).
Assigned F Chris Mueller to Texas.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Assigned F Brandon Yip to Portland (AHL).

COLLEGE

DETROIT MERCY — Named Clay Shaw director of athletic marketing and promotions.

AMERICA'S LINE

BASEBALL
Favorite Odds (O/U) Underdog
American League Championship Series
TIGERS — \$145 (7½) Red Sox
Series price:
Tigers —\$120 vs. Red Sox even
National League Championship Series
DODGERS —\$115 (7½) Cards

NFL
Favorite Points (O/U) Underdog
Seahawks 6 (40½) Cards
Patriots 4 (43½) JAGUARS
Chargers 6½ (47½) Texans
CHIEFS —\$18 (47½) Bengals
LIONS 3 (47½) Bills
DOLPHINS 8½ (42½) Bears
WASHINGTON 1 (51) Bears
EAGLES 3 (56½) Cowboys
PATRIOTS 8 (42½) Rams
FALCONS 7½ (42) Bucs
49ers 4½ (38½) TITANS
PACKERS 10½ (45½) Browns
STEELERS 1½ (40½) Ravens
Broncos NL (NL) COLTS
Monday
GIANTS 3 (47) Vikings
Bye week: Saints, Raiders.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Favorite	Points (O/U)	Underdog
W KENTUCKY	4 (62½)	UL-Lafayette
Miami-Fla	12 (NL)	N CAROLINA
LOUISVILLE	12 (NL)	C Florida
VIRGINIA	2½	Duke
TEMPLE	2½	Kent
Orio U	19	E MICHIGAN
Ball St	19	W MICHIGAN
No Illinois	17	C MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ST	25½	Purdue
CAROLINA	38½	So Miss
Florida St	21	CLEMSON
Maryland	3	WAKE FOREST
Texas Tech	7	W VIRGINIA
N'WESTERN	NL	Minnesota
TOLEDO	7	Navy
CINCINNATI	15	Connecticut
MEMPHIS	3	Smu
WYOMING	7	Colorado St
TEXAS A&M	13½	Auburn
OREGON	38½	Washington
MICHIGAN	10½	Indiana
GA TECH	8½	Syracuse
Oregon St	10½	CALIFORNIA
OHIO STATE	16½	Iowa
ALABAMA	8	Arkansas
S Carolina	7½	TENNESSEE
ARIZONA ST	3	Washington
N Texas	6½	LA TECH
S ALABAMA	NL	Kent
Utah St	NL	NEW MEXICO
Florida	3	MISSOURI
Lsu	7½	MISSISSIPPI
Byu	9½	HOUSTON
BUFFALO	20½	UMass
TEXAS ST	18½	Georgia St
Akron	7½	MIAMI-OHIO
BAYLOR	31	Iowa St
Oklahoma	24	KANSAS
OKLAHOMA ST	7	Tu
STANFORD	7	Ucla
NOTRE DAME	3	Usc
Rice	18½	NEW MEXICO ST
BOISE ST	21½	Nevada
Wisconsin	10½	ILLINOIS
Georgia	8½	VANDERBILT
ARIZONA	5½	Utah
FRESNO ST	23	Unlv

Favorite	NHL Odds (O/U)	Underdog
ISLANDERS	-\$185+/\$165 (5)	Sabres
LEAFS	-\$150+/\$130 (5½)	Wild
FLYERS	-\$110+/\$110 (5)	Canucks
PENGUINS	-\$225+/\$185 (6)	Oilers
Blackhawks	-\$155+/\$135 (5)	'CANES
WINGS	-\$180+/\$140 (5½)	Jackets
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BLUES	-\$135+/\$115 (5½)	Sharks
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COYOTES	-\$135+/\$115 (5)	Senators

HIGH SCHOOL

Monday's results

VOLLEYBALL
Division I sectional at Midview
Brunswick 25-25-25, Westlake 16-14-21
Loran 25-25-25, North Ridgeville 22-11-8
Midview 18-25-25-25, Avon 25-21-21-22
Division II sectional at Holy Name
Keystone 25-25-25, Brookside 20-11-12
Bay 25-25-25, Firelands 21-17-16
Vermilion 25-25-25, Brooklyn 14-7-22
Division III sectional at Elyria High
Cuyahoga Heights 25-25-25, Wellington 10-12-10

GIRLS SOCCER

Division I sectional
Avon Lake 2, Elyria 0
North Olmsted 3, Olmsted Falls 0
Division II sectional
Firelands 2, Vermilion 1
Division III sectional
Lutheran West, Lake Ridge 1
Norwayne 14, Black River 0

Today's schedule

VOLLEYBALL
Division II sectional at Holy Name
Fairview vs. Buckeye, 6 p.m.
Max Hayes vs. Clearview, 7:30 p.m.
Division III sectional at Elyria High
Wickliffe vs. Lutheran West, 6 p.m.
Columbia vs. Black River, 7:30 p.m.
Division IV sectional at Medina High
Open Door vs. Lutheran East, 6 p.m.
Cornerstone Christian vs. Mapleton, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Division II sectional
Keystone at Brookside, 7 p.m.
Vermilion at Buckeye, 7 p.m.
Division III sectional
Trinity at Lake Ridge, 4 p.m.
Villa Angela-St. Joseph at Wellington, TBA
Cleveland MLK at Open Door, 4 p.m.
Lake Effect Conference
Championship game at Grand River Academy (TBA)
GIRLS SOCCER
Division I sectional
North Ridgeville at Westlake, 7 p.m.

AP state

football poll

COLUMBUS — How a state panel of sports writers and broadcasters rates Ohio high school football teams in the fifth weekly Associated Press poll of 2013, by OHSAA divisions, with won-lost record and total points (first-place votes in parentheses):

DIVISION I	Points
1. Lakewood St. Edward (18)	6-0 275
2. Cincinnati Moeller (7)	7-0 246
3. Cincinnati Colerain (3)	7-0 223
4. Austintown-Fitch (1)	7-0 207
5. Canton McKinley (1)	7-0 170
6. Mansfield	7-0 194
7. Hilliard Davidson	7-0 141
8. Mentor	6-1 69
9. Pickerington North	7-0 59
10. Centerville	6-1 31

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Cleveland St. Ignatus 20, 12. Cincinnati Elder 17, 12. West Chester Lakota West 17.

DIVISION II	Points
1. New Albany (12)	7-0 253
2. Loveland (5)	7-0 220
3. Zanesville (5)	7-0 212
4. Avon (2)	7-0 194
5. Mansfield	7-0 152
6. Massillon Washington (3)	6-1 118
7. Medina Highland	7-0 114
8. Cleveland Glenview (3)	7-0 110
9. Macedonia Nordonia	7-0 98
10. Cincinnati Winton Woods	6-1 96

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Cincinnati Northwest 20, 12. Pataskala Licking Heights 12, 12. Willoughby South 12.

DIVISION III	Points
1. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (15)	7-0 263
2. Columbus Ready (5)	7-0 233
3. Wayne Trace (2)	7-0 213
4. Canfield S. Flange (2)	7-0 155
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3. Shadyside	7-0 202
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9. McComb	6-1 38
10. Norwalk St. Paul	6-1 29

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Danville 26, 12. Leipsic 18, 13. Arlington 13, 13. Bainbridge Paint Valley 13.

DIVISION IV	Points
1. Kenton (21)	7-0 270
2. Bryan (3)	7-0 252
3. Genoa Area (2)	7-0 219
4. Caledonia River Valley (2)	7-0 188
5. Clinton-Massie	6-1 154
6. Urbana	7-0 130
7. Kettering Alter (1)	6-1 85
8. Wauseon	6-1 82
9. Gnadenhutten Indian Valley	6-1 36
10. Steubenville	5-2 23

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Galion 22, 12. Chagrin Falls 21, 13. Newark Licking Valley 17, 13. Philo 17, 15, Perry 12.

DIVISION V	Points
1. Wheelersburg (18)	7-0 256
2. Coldwater (4)	7-0 226
3. Cin. Hills Christian	7-0 179
4. Liberty-Benton (3)	7-0 177
5. Loudonville	7-0 142
6. Columbia (1)	7-0 128
7. St. Clairsville (3)	6-1 121
8. Martins Ferry	6-1 81
9. Columbus Hartley	6-1 78
10. Akron Manchester	6-1 61

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DIVISION VIII	Points
1. Padua Franciscan (27)	336
2. Archbishop Alter (5)	293
3. Madison Comprehensive (1)	191
4. Dover (3)	178
5. Lake Catholic (1)	180
6. Norwalk	169
7. Kenton Ridge	107
8. Bloom-Carroll	105
9. Bishop Hartley	86
10. Washington	78
11. Beaumont 66; 12. Waverly 65; 13. Wyoming 49; 14. Athens 30; 15. Norwood 29; 16. John Glenn 28; 17. Carrollton (1) 27; 18. Lakeview 22; 19. (tie) Indian Creek and Clearview 21.	

Boys soccer player of the year candidates for 2013 season (poll)



Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy's Ben Locke celebrates a first half goal during the 2012 Division II boys soccer state semifinal at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High during his sophomore season. (Lonnie Timmons III, The Plain Dealer)

By Robert Rozboril, Northeast Ohio Media Group
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CLEVELAND, Ohio - Take a look at some of the top candidates for the cleveland.com boys soccer player of the year honor.

Who do you think is most deserving of the honor? Cast your vote in our poll below and feel free to write in any candidates you feel are more deserving that you do not see listed here. Note:

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Here are the top player of the year contenders to date ([see some of the top storylines and things to watch during the postseason this fall here](#)):

Brandon Taylor, Revere: This senior defender is a four-year starter who played a significant role in leading the Minutemen to an undefeated 2013 regular season. With Taylor on the roster, the team finished as Division II state runner-up in 2010 and 2011 and was a district finalist in 2012.

Ryder Bell, [University School](#): Bell is a junior who has started all three of his seasons for [University School](#), including his freshman year. He's scored 30 goals and racked up 10 assists for the Preppers this year.

Ben Locke, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy: As a sophomore in 2012, Locke helped lead his team to the Division II boys soccer title game. He's been a big contributor for CVCA once again in 2013.

Dan Linhart, Bay: This junior forward has been a key contributor for the Rockets this year as he was in 2012 when Bay earned a West Shore Conference championship and then went on to win the Rocky River District title. He's netted 15 goals in 2013.

Matt Ivancic, St. Ignatius: Ivancic is a senior defender who translates his game experience into his leadership skills as a co-captain alongside fellow co-captain senior Colin Cleary.

Jordan Shalala, St. Edward: Shalala has been a key component of the Eagles' offensive attack for as long as he's been on the team, proving himself to be a dependable scorer time and time again.

Jake Lombardo, Mentor: Mentor has not hurt for scoring with Lombardo on the field. He's tallied 20 goals and four assists during the regular season.

Anthony Rizzo, Chagrin Falls: With 60 saves on the year, Rizzo has been an invaluable asset. The Tigers will definitely feel confident having him guarding the goal during districts.

Liam O'Halloran, Elyria Catholic: This junior striker has played a major part of the Panthers' success this season as the team will attempt to get its second consecutive district title in 2013.

Dean McNeil, Medina: This Bees goalkeeper had given up only four goals in the first 14 games of the season. He recorded 11 shutouts and, at one point, didn't give up a goal in over 700 minutes of game time.

Chris Brennan, Copley: Brennan was the leading scorer for Copley with 15 goals on the season, powering his team to a No. 1 seed in the sectional/district tournament this year.

Jordan Ianiro, Kirtland: His 27 goals went a long way toward powering Kirtland to a 12-3-1 record. In September, he scored four goals in a single game against Madison.

Sutton Klodnick, Rocky River: One of two Klodnicks making a huge impact for Rocky River this season, Sutton has been a key component in his team's success. He accumulated nine goals and four assists this season as the Pirates earned a West Shore Conference championship.

Who deserves to win boys soccer player of the year honors?

- Matt Ivancic, St. Ignatius
- Jordan Shalala, St. Edward
- Brandon Taylor, Revere
- Jake Lombardo, Mentor
- Ben Locke, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
- Sutton Klodnick, Rocky River
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- Chris Brennan, Copley
- Anthony Rizzo, Chagrin Falls
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Top boys soccer storylines from 2013 season and big things to watch in playoffs



Revere senior Joel Gerberich dives to make a save during a practice in Richfield. (Scott Shaw, Plain Dealer)

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CLEVELAND, Ohio - Sectional tournament action is underway for boys soccer teams throughout Northeast Ohio and there are plenty of storylines that have played out this fall around the area.

Here are some of the big storylines from the season to date, followed by items to watch in the playoffs. Also, [meet top contenders for player of the year here](#).

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Storylines from 2013 season:

1. Minutemen [complete](#) undefeated season

Revere finished the season ranked No. 1 in the state among Division II teams, for second year in a row, and ranked No. 4 in the Midwest in U.S. poll. The team wrapped up the 2013 regular season with a 14-0-2 record. The team has outscored its opponents 73-4. The Minutemen gave up goals in only two games this year.

2. Rocky River goes undefeated, wins conference

The Pirates have turned in a fantastic 2013 performance with a 13-1-1 record to claim first place in the West Shore Conference. The team put together an eight-game winning streak at one point during which the Pirates gave up zero goals. Rocky River was not in the state poll among Division II teams as of Oct. 7 but, in the [final version released Monday](#), Rocky River moved into the No. 5 spot. Conference rival Bay, which held the No. 2 spot as of Oct. 7, did not make the final top 10 in the coaches poll.

3. Earning wins and statewide recognition

Elyria Catholic finished No. 3 among Division III teams after not being ranked in the poll last season. The Panthers are defending district champions and finished the 2013 regular season with an overall record of 12-3-1.

4. Newly-formed Titans win Southwestern Conference

In only its first year as a team since the combining of Berea and Midpark to form Berea-Midpark, the Titans claimed the SWC title at 5-1-0. They went 8-4-3 overall.

5. John Hay takes conference title in only third year of existence

Until three years ago, John Hay did not have a soccer [program](#). Three years later, the team has claimed the Senate Athletic League championship with a 6-1-0 mark (went 7-4-0 overall). The team beat defending champ John Marshall, 9-2, to win the title. John Hay was eliminated from the Division II district tournament by Fairview in the first round of sectionals.

6. Four of the top 10 Division II teams are from Northeast Ohio

Revere (1), Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (4), Rocky River (5) and [University](#) School (7) all made the top 10 of the final state coaches poll, published Monday. Two others, Chagrin Falls (8) and Archbishop Hoban (9), had been ranked in the poll the week of Oct. 7 but dropped out in the final version.

7. WRA down from last year

Western Reserve Academy, which won 16 games and finished ranked No. 1 in the state for Division III teams a year ago, saw a dramatic drop this season. WRA finished the year 7-6-1.

What to watch for in postseason:

1. Bay and Rocky River could meet in district final

Rocky River managed to edge defending district champion Bay for the West Shore Conference crown this season and defeated the Rockets 4-2 the last time the teams met. Bay could get the chance to get even if both teams win their respective sectional/district matchups. Bay defeated Rocky River in the district finals last year, 4-0.

2. No. 1 seed Mentor looks to have a better district run than last year

In the 2012 Euclid District tournament, Mentor held the No. 1 seed but was upset by No. 5 Cleveland Heights, 1-0, in the semifinals. This year, Mentor once again is the No. 1 seed. It also holds the No. 4 spot among Division I teams in the state poll. A rematch is possible.

3. Medina is looking to repeat as district champs

The No. 2 seeded Bees will have to beat No. 3 Brunswick or Wadsworth in order for Medina to be in position to defend its district title. Copley holds the No. 1 seed and Highland is No. 4. Medina defeated Copley in the district finals last season when the Bees were also the No. 2 seed and Copley was No. 1.

4. [University School](#) wanting to get another district title, another shot at regionals

For the second straight year, University School enters the Division II playoffs holding the No. 1 seed in its respective sectional/district. In 2012, the Preppers came away with a district championship and made it to the regional finals. They will hope to do the same this season and it all starts with a game against Edgewood on Saturday. US finished the 2013 regular season 9-1-6 overall and 6-0-1 in conference play.

5. Could St. Ignatius-St. Edward rivalry be rekindled on soccer pitch?

Last season, No. 1-seeded St. Edward defeated No. 2 St. Ignatius to claim a Division I district crown, 2-1. This year, St. Ignatius holds the No. 1 seed while the Eagles are No. 2. They could meet in the district final again. No. 3 seed North Royalton could act as a spoiler for the Wildcats while No. 4 seed Brecksville-Broadview Heights could potentially be the same for St. Edward.

6. Can Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy get back to the state final?

Last year's tremendous season ended in disappointment for CVCA. The team made it to the Division II state championship in 2012 only to lose in a shootout to Dayton Carroll, 3-2. If the Royals are to have a chance at the title this year, the No. 2 seed will likely have to go through No.-1 seeded Revere, which has yet to lose a game in 2013.

7. Are Hawks up to task of flying back to the championship round?

Hawken looked almost unstoppable last year as the team roared its way into the Division III title game, going into the matchup against Cincinnati Summit Country Day at 16-1-4. But Country Day handed the Hawks their second loss of the season. Hawken's battle to try and make a return trip to the championship game begins today, Thursday, at 4:30 p.m. against Fuchs Mizrachi.

8. Aurora looking to get back to regional final

It couldn't have come any closer to the wire for the Aurora Greenmen in 2012 when they fell to Sylvania Southview in double overtime in a regional final. The team holds the No. 1 seed this year and is undoubtedly hungry to get back into contention for another shot at a regional crown.

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D-II DISTRICT SEMIFINAL: ROCKY RIVER 4, BUCKEYE 0

Pirates stop Bucks

Nothing goes right in loss

Karen Kase
The Gazette

ROCKY RIVER — Buckeye came into its Rocky River Division II District semifinal having won 12 of its last 13 games.

However, nothing went right for the Bucks on Wednesday night as they fell 4-0 to Rocky River. The game saw two penalty kick goals, a red card and even a wintery mix of rain, hail and snow.

The loss stings, but doesn't adequately reflect the team's impressive season.

"It was definitely a frustrating night," senior midfielder George Rusinko said. "You've got to be able to handle adversity, and in the past we've done that pretty well. Tonight, not so much.

"But, you know what? We have been

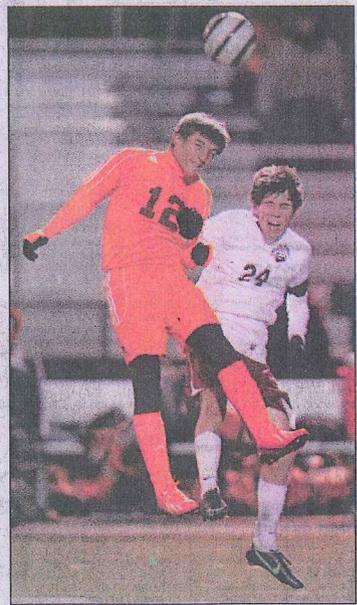
a resilient team. Snow, rain, whatever — we still stuck together. They outplayed us tonight, but we gave it our best this season."

The adversity began when the Pirates (15-1-1) were awarded a penalty kick with 22:39 remaining in the first half. Bucks senior defender Ryan Cobb was called for a tackle from behind and Sutton Klodnick calmly buried the shot into the lower left corner past Ryan Huber (6 saves).

From there, the Bucks (15-3-1) settled down and controlled the midfield for a stretch. Unfortunately, the attacks did not result in a goal or even a shot until less than 10 minutes remained.

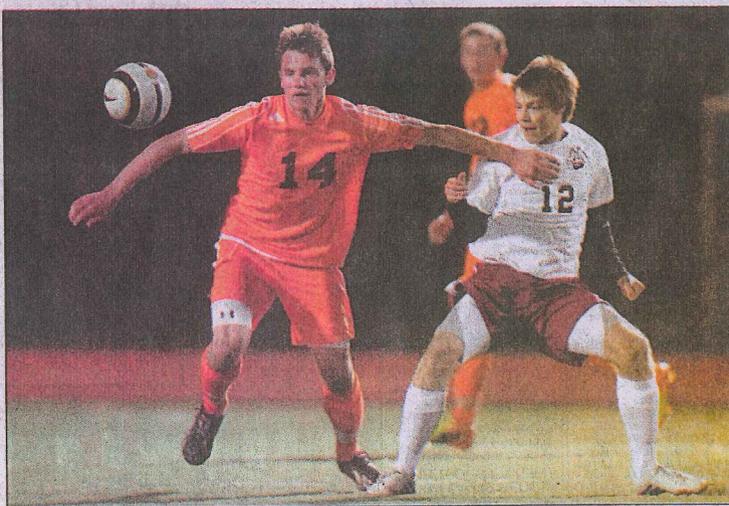
"I think the penalty kick actually

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Buckeye's Elijah Kupetz heads the ball past Rocky River's Nathaniel O'Halla in the first half.



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Buckeye defender Ryan Cobb plays the ball as he holds off Rocky River's Jacob Wischmeier in the first half.

BUCKS

From B1

settled us down," Buckeye coach Dan Collins said. "For the next 10 or 15 minutes after that, we dominated and got good opportunities. We are a possession team and we were looking forward to coming here to play on turf. We knew Rocky River was going to be very technically and tactically sound. They were the better side tonight."

"Buckeye has some very talented players, so I knew we would have to play really well," Pirates coach Kevin Zerbey said. "I was happy with what I saw out there. We were able to rise to the occasion tonight and played good team defense."

Klodnick added his second goal with 8:28 left in the first half. Then, 30 seconds into the second, Jacob Wischmeier intercepted a ball in the air and volleyed it into the net to make it 3-0.

Things kept going downhill for the Bucks after that as rain, hail and snow began falling steadily with 26 minutes left. Cobb was issued a red card and sent off, so the team played a man down for the duration.

Klodnick continued to rise to the occasion for the Pirates, completing his hat trick on a second penalty kick due to a pushing violation in the box.

"Tonight, they capitalized and we didn't. We respect them," Buckeye senior midfielder Dan Oswald said. "Coach made us into more of a posses-

sion team, and that allowed us to make a run in the playoffs. It's been an awesome senior year. I love this school and this team."

"This is the farthest we have gotten, and a lot of credit goes to the boys," Collins said. "They came in during preseason, worked hard, came together as a team. They played well throughout the season and I am proud of them."

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Rocky River 4, Buckeye 0

BUCKEYE	0	0	0
ROCKY RIVER	2	2	4

First
R — Sutton Klodnick, 22:39.
R — Klodnick (Brett Scherzer), 8:25.

Second
R — Jacob Wischmeier, 39:29.
R — Klodnick, 13:58.

Shots on goal — Buckeye 4, Rocky River 11. **Corner kicks** — Buckeye 3, Rocky River 1. **Saves** — Ryan Huber (Buc) 7, Dominic Liva (RR) 4. **Records** — Buckeye (15-3-1), Rocky River (15-1-1).

Rockets claim district crown with win over Pirates



Story by John Blake

Photos by Bobby Jones

Almost three weeks ago, the Rocky River boys soccer team defeated Bay to earn the West Shore Conference championship.

This time, there was arguably something more important on the line.

The host Rockets, meeting Rocky River for the second time in 17 days, weren't about to let another opportunity slip away. Bay had revenge on its mind and followed through with a 2-0 win over the Pirates Saturday night in the Division II district finals at Bay Memorial Stadium.

Bay, now 13-1-5, jumped on Rocky River for two goals in the first half, both in the final five minutes,

and stymied the opposition the rest of the way with the help of junior goalie Colin Southerington. The Rockets advanced to Wednesday night's regional semifinals against Norwalk at Perkins High School.

Bay head coach Bobby Dougherty said the win is a little "bittersweet" considering his friendship with Rocky River head coach Kevin Zerbey. He said the Rockets may have lost the conference championship to Rocky River, but they'll gladly take a district title in exchange.

"I've coached against Kevin for years now and we're very good friends. It's hard," Dougherty said. "The boys played tremendously well tonight and they were ready.



"I was nervous all day, I'm not gonna lie. It's a lot of pride on both of our ends," he said. "Initially when you're not friends with anybody, it's nice just to win and you don't really care. It's hard on both ends. I'm thrilled for our guys, they worked their tails off."

Beating the same team the caliber of Bay twice in a month is a tall task. That was the challenge facing Rocky River, which beat the Rockets, 4-2, on Oct. 9.

Zerbey's squad came out aggressive and the teams battled each other tough until the Rockets broke through with two goals in the final 4:38.

"My guys knew what to do and they knew how to play," said Zerbey, whose team closed out one of its best

seasons ever at 15-2-1. "But you give up two goals like those and you can't help but to [start](#) 🟩 having some doubts in your head.

"Coming out of halftime, we felt confident that we could get back in the game," he said. "We just needed a break to get a goal. We couldn't get any possessions really in either half to get down there and have some meaningful attacks."

The Pirates were gift-wrapped one critical chance to cut the deficit in half and steal the momentum in the second half. With 16:10 left in the match, a penalty kick was awarded to Sutton Klodnick, who blasted a shot to his left.

Unfortunately for Klodnick, Southerington dove in the same direction. The junior rejected the ball and any hopes of a Rocky River comeback.

"That's just wrong what he did," said Dougherty.

"All of our keepers know the rules. The rule is you have to make one freakishly good save - a save that nobody expects you to make but you have to come up with one of them.

"He had three tonight. That was the difference in the game. He was phenomenal. You can't expect that from anybody, and he did that tonight."

After Southerington swatted away the shot and the ball flew out of bounds, the entire Bay team on ran to the goalie in jubilation, all the while Klodnick displayed frustration amidst the missed opportunity.



"I usually always go right. It just happened so fast and it felt amazing after that," said Southerington.

"We knew they were going to come out firing, they had all the energy. They beat us last time, they really wanted to win. We had to stay sharp and play our game," he said.

Bay's first goal came at the 4:38 mark when junior Alec White, who is also the kicker on the [football](#) 🟩 team, sent a line drive about 30 yards through the air to the upper left corner of the net.

"He came down, and when everybody backed

away from him you knew it was going to be trouble because the ball was on his right foot," Dougherty said.

"He had a good last touch, and he had everything in the world behind it. He's probably the best athlete we have in the school in his grade," he said.

Less than three minutes later, senior Matt Koch used his head nicely to knock in the Rockets' second and final goal of the night. The Pirates, who had only trailed once all season, certainly had some work to do in the second half.

The penalty kick seemed to be just what the doctor ordered.

"Dougherty had been switching goalies different halves throughout the season," said Zerbey.

"That guy, the way he played tonight, it's hard to see how he wasn't the starter the whole year.

"He dominated I think from [start](#) to finish with his distribution of his punts and free kicks and everything. That save, that was a hell of a save," he said.



The Bay coach said it helped to get the early lead and put the pressure on the Pirates.

"River's going to come at us," Dougherty said. "They're so athletic, they're so strong. They were convinced they were going to win this thing.

"I'm trying to convince our guys that we've got the wind in the second half, we can keep it simple. Knock it in their end and let's let them make mistakes," he added.

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Bay wins district title in rematch with Rocky River



The Bay High School boys soccer team defeated Rocky River 2-0 for the OHSAA Division II district championship Saturday night at Bay Memorial Stadium. Photo – Ryan Kaczmariski

BOYS SOCCER

By Ryan Kaczmariski

Just two weeks after the Rocky River varsity boys soccer team defeated the favored Bay High School squad for the West Shore Conference title, 4-2, the Rockets came back to take the OHSAA Division II district title against the Pirates 2-0 on Saturday night at Bay Memorial Stadium.

"This is obviously bittersweet," Bay head coach Bobby Dougherty said. "Going into the first game against Rocky River, the boys were playing really well. We had a great week of training, and then we got killed.

"You look at that game and hope it's going to be an eye-opener for your squad, the kick in the pants you needed to get ready for the playoffs. Unfortunately, that was for the conference title. As disappointed as I was in losing that game, I was excited for (Rocky River head coach) Kevin Zerbey to put that team together and kick our butts.

"It all came down to this, and the boys played tremendously well tonight. They were ready, and I was nervous all day. I'm really thrilled for our guys."

Bay (13-1-5) took the early lead on first-half goals by Alec White and Matt Koch to go into halftime up 2-0, and kept the momentum going the rest of the game.

"We knew that Rocky River was not going to stop," Dougherty said. "They are so athletic and so strong, and they were convinced that they were going to come back and win this game.

"I told my team, 'Look, we have the wind at our back in the second half, so let's keep it simple and knock it into their end and not make any mistakes.'"

Bay goalkeeper Colin Southerington tallied nine saves in the match, including a penalty kick save in the closing minutes.

"It just happened so fast, and it was done," Southerington said. "It felt so amazing to get that save.

"We knew that they were going to come out firing tonight, and we knew

that we had to stay sharp and we would take it away today."

"Colin came up with the save that's out of his mind – and that's just wrong, what he did (to Rocky River)," Dougherty said with a smile. "The rule is that in each game, your goalkeeper will have to make one freakishly good save. You should have to make one of them, and Colin made three tonight."

Rocky River managed 14 shots on goal in the game, but committed 17 fouls in the loss.

"My guys knew what to do and how to play, but when you give up two goals like those, you can't help but to start having some doubts in your head," Zerbey said. "Coming out of halftime, we were confident that we could get back into the game, but we needed a break to get a goal.

"Really in either half, we didn't have too many good opportunities at their goal."

Rocky River goalkeeper Dominic Liva recorded six saves in the loss, which ended Rocky River's season with an impressive record of 15-2-1.

BOYS SOCCER SCORES

Division I

District finals

Avon Lake 1, Westlake 0 (OT)

District semifinals

Westlake 4, North Olmsted 2

Division II

District finals

Bay 2, Rocky River 0

District semifinals

Bay 5, Padua 2

Rocky River 4, Buckeye 0

Division III

District finals

Elyria Catholic 5, Lutheran West 0

District semifinals

Lutheran West 3, Independence 0

RRHS SOCCER TEAMS

BY MANNY MAROTTA



It's not hard to think that this year's boys' soccer team is some sort of dream team. Their nearly impeccable record this season has proven their worth, and win after win is securing the team's position as a legacy.

The season for these boys started earlier than the games. In August, they went to a camp with new coaches.

"At camp, we really started to improve," junior forward Anthony Mod said, "We did so well, our confidence shot up."

"We put in a ton of work in pre-season," sophomore sweeper Liam Duncan said. The camp led to a great pre-season, which in turn created a successful season.

The team is used to scoring wins, but not nearly this many.

"I didn't see this kind of record coming," junior midfielder Nathaniel O'Halla said. O'Halla is a co-captain this year, and many on the team attribute their success to his and the other captains' (Junior Sutton Klodnick and Senior Trent Newby) effort.

"We didn't entirely expect this," sophomore midfielder Collin Trudell said, "But in pre-season, we could see that there was something special coming."

Although unexpected to this degree, success did come. The source is not known, but there are many speculations. Many, such as Senior defender Hawken Sawyer, attribute it to team camaraderie.

"The team chemistry is the highest it's ever been," Sawyer said, "We're all friends and all experienced. Our shutouts motivate us to work harder in future games."

"Teamwork, communication and hard work have pushed us together and helped us work better," Trudell said, "Our attitude toward each other is great."

"I'd like to thank the brotherhood," O'Halla said, "We've had lots of fan support, and I think that's [one of the main contributors to our success]."

Fan support has been great for the team so far. The support comes from the amazing record which accumulated to the final goal. Each of the team members has good reason to be satisfied with his performance this season.

"I've had time both as a Varsity player and a JV player," Trudell said, "That's been helpful in my personal growth."

Others are more critical of themselves despite their good performance. No matter how well they play, there is always room for improvement.

"I've struggled in some games," Sawyer said, "sometimes, I feel I should be there for my teammates more."

"I need to learn to control my temper," O'Halla said, "I'm hard on myself about that."

Despite any problems they may have, the boys' soccer team's dynamic has always pulled them through. Their dedication to each other and their sport is unparalleled by others, and their passion is what has led to many wins, such as the amazing WSC Championship win against Bay Village on October 9.

Because of this game, the team is now moving on to playoffs. If they are successful, they will win districts and may even go to the state tournament.

"It's been a ton of years since we've gone this far," junior midfielder Chase Newby said, "I'd really like to see us go to states and make the school proud."

No matter what happens and how the playoffs go, boys' soccer is determined to keep the ball rolling.

Photos:

Top left: The team celebrates immediately after their second goal of the game on Oct. 9. They had a great game, winning 4-2 against the Bay Rockets.

Top right: Senior forward Spencer Klodnick runs after the ball during a pre-game practice. Practices like these have greatly improved the team's game.

Bottom middle: The team runs onto the field for their game against Bay. They had previously been warming up inside.

Bottom right: Sophomore midfielder Collin Trudell is welcomed to the field. This is customary before games.

Right: The team looks on at the initial action of a game. The coaches' ability to switch out players efficiently was a factor in many wins.

Photos by Manny Marotta



Girls soccer All-Stars

Abby Elinsky led River to state title

From staff reports

Abby Elinsky scored 43 goals for the Rocky River Pirates in 2013, but none was bigger than what proved to be the game-winning goal in the biggest game in program history.

Elinsky had a goal and an assist in the Pirates' 3-1 win over Granville in the Division II state championship game. The win gave Rocky River its first-ever girls soccer state championship and the school's first state championship in any Ohio High School Athletic Association-sanctioned sport in 86 years.

Elinsky's season earned her tremendous honors, including the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Miss Soccer Award, the Division II player of the year and The Plain Dealer Girls Soccer Player of the Year award.

For Elinsky and her teammates, winning the championship this season was more of an expectation than a goal.

"It's a great feeling," Elinsky said. "But after all the hard work, and just the team working so well together and all of us staying focused for our main goal, it wasn't so much of a surprise, but it was very rewarding."

The Pirates scored two goals in the first nine minutes of the match, with Elinsky scoring the second goal to put her team in front early, 2-0. After Granville's Nikki Cox cut the lead to 2-1 on a penalty kick, Elinsky set up her senior teammate Grace Bennett, who scored the game's first goal, and Bennett finished to score the last goal.

"Abby's been a special player for us all season," Rocky River coach Patrick Hopkins said. "It always seems like the bigger the game, the more we get out of her."

The Pirates scored 128 goals during the season. Elinsky either



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Abby Elinsky, The Plain Dealer Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

scored or set up 62 of the goals, accounting for 105 points.

"Definitely this season, I couldn't have done it without my team," Elinsky said. "Everybody was great out there. We all helped each other just perform, and they're a big factor in my accomplishments."

Elinsky will play her college soccer next fall at Illinois.

"This senior class broke every one of the records in the record books, whether it was goals scored or goals allowed," Hopkins said. "They basically rewrote the record book for Rocky River High School girls soccer."

Honorable mention: Maddy Anzelc, Walsh Jesuit; Grace Bennett,

Rocky River; Julia Bowen, St. Vincent-St. Mary; Jaycie Brown, Magnificat; Alexis Carpenter, Westlake; Sara Connelly, Rocky River; Megan Coyne, Fairview; Kaylee Ferguson, Manchester; Amanda Gallo, Revere; Julie Gavorsky, Madison; Anna Haverchak, Copley; Michelle Krebs, Gilmour; Nicki Krejci, Twinsburg; Mackenzie Lesnick, Hawken; Payton Lewis, Mentor; Bianca Medancic, Hawken; Kelly Novak, Strongsville; Kelly Rhodes, Medina; Emily Rogers, Walsh Jesuit; McKenzie Rozanc, Elyria Catholic; Sam Slagle, Solon; Melissa Vajskov, Hathaway Brown; Kate Waters, Hudson; Katherine Zalar, Hawken; Mykaela Zingale, Archbishop Hoban.

Boys soccer All-Stars

Jake Lombardo is first team All-Ohio

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A pair of game-winning playoff goals are just two reasons why Mentor forward Jake Lombardo is The Plain Dealer Boys Soccer Player of the Year for 2013.

Those goals in the Division I regional finals and state semifinals sent the Cardinals to the state championship game. Although Mentor lost to Mason in the title game, it does not diminish the outstanding senior season Lombardo had.

Lombardo tallied 23 goals and eight assists, more than tripling his scoring numbers from 2012. He earned the title of first team All-Ohio, and MVP of the Northeast Ohio Conference.

He achieved all of this while playing alongside longtime teammates Colin Eedy, Brock Venman and Matt Markiewicz.

The four players have competed together for the past eight years, on travel teams and in high school.

He describes himself as a quick, explosive player with a good touch on the ball.

Lombardo began playing soccer when he was 6-years-old.

"I have a lot of good support from my mom and her husband and my family," Lombardo said. "They all kind of push me to be better every single game. If I play not as good in one game, they talk to me, make sure everything is OK and I come in stronger the next game."

He said his mom has had the greatest impact on him.

"She pushes me a lot. She's my rock. She's my everything," he said. "Without her, I don't know where I'd be right now. She's pushed me to do everything I've aspired to do."



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Jake Lombardo, MVP of the Northeast Ohio Conference.

Lombardo also gets inspiration from other sources. His favorite professional soccer player is Cristiano Ronaldo, a wing for Real Madrid C.F. whom he admires for his work ethic.

Honorable mention: Tim Andrassy (Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy); Craig Bair (Brecksville); Ryder Bell (University School); Chad Bencina (Wiloughby South); Chase Betenson (Twinsburg); Chris Brennan (Copley); Julian Caputo (Beachwood); Steven Dages (St. Vincent-St. Mary); Gianluca DiFranco (Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin); Miguel

Espinoza (Perry); Joel Gerberich (Revere); Grant Gilchrist (Hawken); Jordan Ianiro (Kirtland); Dan Linhart (Bay); David Ma (Western Reserve Academy); Jesse Marinaro (Brunswick); Dean McNeil (Medina); Silvester Messiah (Midview); Ben Naragon (Archbishop Hoban); Trent Newby (Rocky River); Nick Perez (Aurora); Michael Saddler (Elyria Catholic); Omar Salem (Westlake); Will Sharer (Avon); David Sisson (St. Ignatius); Jack Sullivan (Hudson); Brandon Taylor (Revere); Mate Turkalj (Eastlake North); Alex Voloshen (Avon Lake); Scotty Welker (Solon).

Boys basketball Top 25

VASJ aims to be first in Ohio to win a title in every division

From staff reports

It's almost time for boys basketball season, and that means it's also time for The Plain Dealer boys basketball Top 25 poll.

In a year in which the talent is as good as ever in Northeast Ohio, plenty of teams are capable of making a deep run in the tournament.

1. Villa Angela-St. Joseph: Last season: 25-4, Division IV state champs.

The team graduated Duane Gibson Jr. and Demonte Flannigan, but all of the other key contributors are back from last year's state title winner. With Carlton Bragg, Dererk Pardon and Brian Parker, the Vikings have the talent to compete with anyone in the country. They move up to Division III and look to be the first Ohio team to ever win a state title in every division.

2. St. Vincent-St. Mary: Last season: 20-10, lost in Division II state title game.

V.J. King, Jalen Hudson and the Irish will try to get rid of the bad taste of losing in last year's state championship game. Newcomers Josh Williams and Jibri Blount could be what the team needs to cut down the nets at the end of this season.

3. Shaker Heights: Last season: 20-6, lost in Division I regional final.

Adding point guard T.J. Steele, a Benedictine transfer, to a group that already includes Esa Ahmad, Rosel Hurler and Kaleb Roy heightens expectations even more. The Raiders were a win away from Columbus last season and have what it takes to get there this year.

4. Mentor: Last season: 25-5, Division I state champs.

This is a team that will only get better as the season goes on, especially when you consider Conner Krizancic, the Cardinals' likely point guard, won't play until football season is over. Once Mentor gets everyone together, it will once again be state title or bust.

5. St. Edward: Last season: 19-6, lost in Division I district final.

Coach Eric Flannery brings back several experienced players, led by Marsalis Hamilton and Tony Vuyancih. As usual, the Eagles have a tough schedule to get them prepared, including a trip to California for the MaxPreps Holiday Classic.

6. Garfield Heights: Last season: 15-7, lost in Division I sectional final.

Garfield Heights returns just two seniors, including Ohio State-bound center Dave Bell, but has high hopes and expectations for big things. One reason why is Vonte Montgomery, a Cleveland Central Catholic transfer, who can score in bunches.

7. St. Ignatius: Last season: 21-4, lost in Division I district final.

The loss of Francisco Santiago is a big one, but the Wildcats have the talent to not miss a beat. Expect coach Sean O'Toole to rely heavily on the frontcourt combination of Eric and David Black, who can match up with almost anyone on the low blocks.

8. Beachwood: Last season: 23-4, lost in Division III regional final.

Matt Miller will coach the Bison after three seasons at Bedford. Miller inherits an experienced team ready to take the next step led by last year's Division III Northeast Lakes District Player of the Year John Davis III and senior Trey Sanders.

9. Central Catholic: Last season: 18-7, lost in Division II district final.

Antwon Lillard, Tervell Beck and Brandon Peters return to lead a young Ironmen team full of talent. Central Catholic also adds All-Senate Athletic League post Montel McRae, a junior transfer from Martin Luther King, to the mix. This team is VASJ's greatest challenge for a league title.

10. Warrensville Heights: Last season: 17-10, lost in Division II regional final.

Warrensville Heights returns an experienced team led by senior Charles Franklin and sophomore Yavari Hall, both of whom were All-Lake Erie League selections. The team was a surprise last season and now looks to become a perennial contender.

11. East Tech: Last season: 17-9, lost in Division I district final.

Last year, it was all about Kyauta Taylor, who was Senate MVP, and Johnell Free. Now add Martin Luther King transfer Anthony Carmon, and East Tech has three players that averaged at least 20 points per game last season.

12. Cleveland Heights: Last season: 18-5, lost in Division I district semifinal.

The experienced Tigers may have as good a collection of guards as anyone, led by Delaunte Davis. Cleveland Heights will battle it out with Warrensville Heights in conference play.

13. Glenville: Last season: 17-5, lost in Division I sectional final.

For the Tarblooders, it all starts in the backcourt with the duo of Jimond Ivey and Chris Coker. Although Glenville won the Senate title last year, it won't be as easy this season with talented East Tech and John Hay squads.

14. North Royalton: Last season: 23-2, lost in Division I regional semifinal.

A two-point loss to Shaker Heights was all that stood between the Bears and an appearance in the regional title game last season. Sophomore Omari Spellman is back with increased experience and strength, but this time around, he won't be sneaking up on anyone.

15. Bedford: Last season: 18-8, lost in Division I district semifinal.

The Bearcats lost coach Matt Miller but have some talent coming back, including All-Lake Erie League junior point guard Mike Smith, a third-year varsity player. This team appears ready to keep moving forward.

16. Brunswick: Last season: 14-11, lost in Division I district semifinal.

Ryan Badowski is back, and as one of the best scorers in the area (16 ppg), he'll have Brunswick in plenty of games this season. The Blue Devils will need someone to help him out, though, and Zach Parker might just be that guy.

17. John Hay: Last season: 12-10, lost in Division II sectional final.

Transfer Cristen Wilson, a Division I college prospect, joins three experienced senior guards as the Hornets hope to have success in the rugged Senate Athletic League. A city title and deep tournament run are the goals.

18. Medina: Last season: 13-10, lost in Division I sectional final.

One of the most notable transfers this off-season was junior Craig Randall, who moved from Girard to Medina. As a sophomore, he averaged 23.5 points and he's one of the main reasons Medina is expected to compete in the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division, one of the toughest leagues in Ohio.

19. Berea-Midpark: Last season: The schools merged this school year. Berea went 14-9 and lost in a Division I district semifinal. Midpark was 16-8 and lost in a Division I sectional final.

Combining Berea and Midpark gives the new school the best of the best from two strong programs. Leading the way will be guard Alex Brown, who averaged nearly 20 points for Berea last season.

20. Brush: Last season: 15-9, lost in Division I district semifinal.

With improved shooting and better depth, this is a Brush team that can do some damage. The Arcs are led by two underclassmen — guard Chris Oakley and forward Justin Sylver — and if they can take the next step, this is a dangerous team.

21. Benedictine: Last season: 10-16, lost in Division II regional semifinal.

There's a lot of work to do, as this team is made up mostly of inexperienced underclassmen. Early on, the team will rely heavily on R.J. Jones as an offensive contributor and a leader. Expect Benedictine to be better toward the end of the season.

22. Lake Catholic: Last season: 13-9, lost in Division II district semifinal.

Three-year starter Zavier Powers returns for the Cougars after averaging nearly 17 points per game. Lake Catholic adds point guard Justin Robinson, who started at St. Peter Chanel last season but transferred after the school closed.

23. Gilmour: Last season: 21-4, lost in Division III district final.

The Lancers return five seniors, including All-Ohio honorable mention Colin Zucker, and hope to have the type of chemistry to build off a district runner-up appearance. The program could be on the verge of a signature season.

24. University School: Last season: 17-8, lost in Division II district final.

The Preppers entered last season with four senior starters, so there will be plenty of talent to replace. DeAndre Austin is the lone starter who returns, and he's a guard who can not only score but also get his teammates involved.

25. Cuyahoga Falls: Last season: 13-11, lost in Division I sectional final.

In a wide-open Northeast Ohio Conference River Division, the Tigers have what it takes to win the title. Watch out for 6-foot-7 senior Angelo Cugini, who is now two years removed from a stint at St. Vincent-St. Mary and can do a little of everything on the floor.

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