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A new era begins for River in 6-2 win over Eagles



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While most teams had already played a game during the season's opening week, the Rocky River girls team waited.

And waited.

Impatiently.

The Pirates, coming off the program's best season ever in 2011, finally got out of the starting gate this past Saturday night. They scored four goals in the first half and fought off a determined rally by host North Olmsted in the second half to come away with a 6-2 win to start off the 2012 campaign.

"Being the first game of the season, I'm always worried because I don't know what I'm going to get out of the girls," admitted River head coach Patrick Hopkins, whose team took the pitch without graduated players such as All-Ohio Sarah Molina and keeper Kim Leitch.

"We've played some great competition during the preseason," Hopkins said. "I think it's one of the most difficult preseason schedules in the state. I want the girls to have the opportunity to play against great teams.

"So after going up against those teams and having some success, we had a whole week off. Practices the last couple of days have been very difficult because the girls were getting a little irritable...they wanted to play. We were excited and ready to play this game," he added.

North Olmsted already had one game under its belt, that coming in a 4-1 loss to Southwestern Conference rival Amherst last Monday night. The Eagles, who also lost a number of experienced players through graduation last year, got off to a slow start in the first half against the defending Division II regional finalists.



The Pirates used the combination of juniors Abby Elinsky and Grace Bennett to take control of the game early.

In the sixth minute, Bennet stole the ball, dribbled it through a host of Eagles and found herself one-one one with North Olmsted keeper Ashley Balasko. Bennett won that battle to give River the lead with 34:50 still left in the half.

About six minutes later, Bennett fed Elinsky with a sharp pass on the right side, resulting in the Pirates' second goal of the night. The visitors made it 3-0 just over five minutes later when Elinsky found sophomore Sydney Hamker racing down the sideline. Hamker beat one last defender and found the back of the net with 23:42 left in the half.

With 12:12 remaining, Elinsky scored her second goal on the back side off an accurate cross from Bennett. At that point, everything was going the Pirates way. The long wait had seemingly been worth it.

But North Olmsted had other ideas.

The Eagles regrouped at halftime and came out with a new sense of urgency to start second 40 minutes. With just 1:02 gone off the clock, senior Grace Kereky beat River's junior keeper, Sara Connelly, off a three-person fast break behind the Pirate defense. Junior defender Nicole Dembie was credited with the assist, and the Eagles were on the board.

North Olmsted continued to apply pressure, keeping the ball in River's third and forcing the Pirates back on their collective heels. With 18:12 remaining, the Orange and Black cut the River lead in half when junior Taylor Savarino found sophomore Danielle Yasenchack on the backside for a goal.



River, however, started possessing the ball more consistently after that and began to rebuilt its attack.

Early in the 68th minute, Elinsky scored her hat trick goal off a quickly-executed steal and cross from Bennett, her third assist of the night. Bennett scored her second goal of the night about three minutes later on a fast break, thanks to the assist from junior McKenna Klodnick.

With the score 6-2 at that point, Hopkins took Elinsky and Bennett out of the game and began to empty his bench. North Olmsted fought on, but head coach Erika

Fielder felt her team waited way too long to get into that mode of play.

"This is the same thing that happened in our first game against Amherst," Fielder said. "We've got to do something different before the game to get ourselves focused and ready to come out.

"It's the same thing that happened Monday night. We outshot them and had stretches where we played very well. We just have to learn to put two halves together. We played for about 25 minutes tonight, but the rest of it wasn't very good.

"We've got a lot of new players out there, and I think they'll find it sooner rather than later. We have some talented players, we just have to sort things out and see where we can put them where they best benefit the team," she added.

River has just five seniors on this year's team, with just one of them a starter in tri-captain Hallie McCue. Hopkins said the future for this new group has arrived.

"Last year when we lost in the regional finals, we had five seniors on the field," Hopkins said. "But we also had five sophomores and a freshman, with a junior who had started for us all season injured on the bench (McCue).

"So yes, we lost a lot, but we have a lot of girls back who gained a lot of valuable experience last year. And that experience really raised their expectations. They want more, and they believe they can get more.

"I told the girls before the game: The past is the past, It's time to look toward the future. It's a new era here, so let's go out and set the tone," he added.

Both teams back at it Monday



North Olmsted got back on the pitch Monday night may have taken a huge step toward playing more consistently. The Eagles faced defending district champion Avon and fought their way to a 2-2 tie.

Rocky River, meanwhile, faced a stern test in their home opener, coming away with a 2-1 win over Avon Lake. Connelly made her biggest save of the season in the final seconds to preserve the win and move the Pirates to 2-0 on the season.



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Thisteddown results

Legend: DD-daily double; Ex-exacta; Spr-spruick three; PT-pick three; PF-pick four; PF-pick five; Track: Sloppy

5th: \$4,800, Claiming \$4,000, 3 yo's & up, Six Furlongs
Time: 1:13.24, Off: 1:50 PM

4 Pyriteville \$4.00 2.20
Jockey: (Mejias)
1 Girlish Figure (Gonzalez) 2.60
3 Stormy N Classy (Hernandez-Lopez)
Late Scratch: Throttle Up
2nd: \$4,800, Claiming \$4,000, 3 yo's & up, Six Furlongs
Time: 1:12.40, Off: 2:21 PM

5 Blitt Eclipse \$4.80 2.40 2.10
Jockey: (Spieth)
6 Whodast Say Whodast 2.40 2.10
Jockey: (Rojas)
1A Awesome Prince (Hernandez) 2.10
My Lady A.P. (Gonzalez) 3.00
DD (4-5) \$9.60; Ex (5-6) \$9.00; Spr (5-6-1-2) \$18.60; Tri (5-6-1) \$13.00
3rd: \$4,800, Claiming \$4,000, 3 yo's & up, One Mile
Time: 1:46.25, Off: 2:52 PM

6 December Diva \$14.40 6.20 3.20
Jockey: (Bernal)
2 Princess Juanita (Mejias) 4.00 3.20
3 King Kitten (Mejias) 3.00
Ex (6-2) \$58.20; Spr (4-3-1-2) \$129.60; Tri (6-2-1) \$225.20; PT (4-5-4-5-6) \$157.20
4th: \$4,800, Claiming \$4,000, 3 yo's & up, One Mile
Time: 1:40.42, Off: 3:23 PM

4 Klassi Berti \$6.80 4.20 3.00
Jockey: (Laurentie)
3 King Kitten (Mejias) 6.20 3.00
1 Metrology (Mata) 2.60
Ex (4-3) \$44.20; Spr (4-3-1-2) \$149.60; Tri (4-3-1) \$101.20; PT (4-5-6-4) \$146.60

Northfield entries

Post time: 7:00 pm

1st: \$2,000 7500CL NW2 Trot

1 I Need You, KuSugg 5-2
2 For Reven's Sake, DaEdwards 9-2
3 Flowing Jason, ChWyers 8-1
4 Rose Run Louie, FRHarris 10-1
5 Speedy Jesse, CHrsHrbr 12-1
6 Fuzzy T Kash, KeKashr 6-1
7 Honey Prayer, CUniholtz 3-1

2nd: \$1,600 5000CL NW1 Pace

1 Im Loving Life, KYLadd 4-1
2 Sb Stratos Last, LaFerrari 7-2
3 He's A Thurninator, DaNoble 8-1
4 Tough Start, JoKrampp 10-1
5 Slip Rock, RobtMiller 2-1
6 Third Wheel, DaKennedy 6-1
7 Fuzzy T Kash, KeKashr 12-1
8 Sam's Noble Doctor, FRHarris 12-1

3rd: \$2,000 FM7500NW3 Trot

1 Kaynes Train, WtHarris 4-1
2 Spicy Lady, LaFerrari 15-1
3 Passionate Gold, DaNoble 7-2
4 Mom's Princess, RobtMiller 5-2
5 Just Plain Fast, CHrsHrbr 9-2
6 Boot Scootin Belle, KuSugg 12-1
7 Ms Masters Delight, AMerrimm 8-1
8 Cultured Pearl, KeKashr 10-1

4th: \$2,000 NW200SPD Pace

1 Blueridge Tooquick, Wytlvine 9-2
2 Vilas Blue Chip, AMerrimm 7-2
3 Oh My Sam, KuSugg 3-1
4 Gallows Pole, DaNoble 4-1
5 Fox's Desire, FRHarris 6-1
6 Ding Dong Ditch, KeKashr 10-1
7 C's Victory, Wytlvine 15-1
8 Little Big Man Ymw, DaJucett 12-1

5th: \$2,000 NW200SPD Trot

1 Elvis Returns, FRHarris 7-2
2 F Spiderman, DaNoble 4-1
3 Of The Trafford, AMerrimm 5-2
4 Victory's Desire, DaMcVay 9-2
5 Girls' Getaway, KuSugg 8-1
6 Freedom Hall, CUniholtz 15-1
7 C's Victory, Wytlvine 12-1
8 Send Cash, KeKashr 10-1

6th: \$1,600 NW600LSCD Pace

1 Nor Jeremy, DaNoble 3-1
2 Rella On Attack, KeKashr 5-2
3 Houdini Sabra, CHrsHrbr 6-1
4 He's Determined, MaWinters 15-1
5 Champagne Bliss, DaMajski 12-1
6 The Tugue Flash N, EDeaton 9-2
8 Bourbonist Hanover, Lieberman 10-1

7th: \$1,600 NW600LSCD Trot

Northfield results

1st: NW150SPD Trot \$1,500

5 Homestead Kjell 5.60 3.20 3.00
Driver: (LaJarrabe)
4 Canadian Frontier 3.80 3.20
Driver: (DaKennedy)
1 Nate K (MiMulle) 4.20
OFF:7:08 Time: 29.2 1:30.3 1:30.3 2:01.3
Ex (5-4) \$21.20; Tri (5-4-1) \$72.80
2nd: \$2,000 NW200SPD Pace \$2,000

5 Golden Nutmeg 4.00 2.60 2.10
Driver: (DaNoble)
2 Rhapwytchins (KuSugg) 8.40 3.80
1 Master Lad Pro (Wytlvine) 2.20
OFF:7:26 Time: 29.0 59.4 1:29.4 2:00.0
Ex (5-2) \$22.20; Tri (5-2-1) \$52.00; DD (5/5) \$25.20
3rd: 7500CLNW2 Pace \$2,000

5 Princess C 6.20 3.00 2.60
Driver: (FRHarris)
4 The Wizard (Wytlvine) 3.40 2.40
7 Kirklands Hanover (KuSugg) 7.60
OFF:7:46 Time: 28.4 59.3 1:28.3 1:58.2
Ex (5-4) \$22.20; Tri (5-4-7) \$114.60
4th: NW150SPD Pace \$1,500

4 Worries Stay Small 27.00 11.40 4.00
Driver: (JoKrampp)
2 Zakman (Eideaton) 4.60 2.60
The Big Wizzard (DaNoble) 2.20
OFF:8:09 Time: 27.4 57.4 1:27.1 2:00.0
Ex (4-2) \$121.20; Tri (4-2-1) \$429.40; SPR (4-2-1-8) \$1,099.30; SPR (4-2-1-8) \$1,099.30
5th: NW200SPD Trot \$2,000

1 Monsieue De Vie 6.80 3.80 2.20
Driver: (RobtMiller)
2 B Delightful (AMerrimm) 5.60 3.00
3 Yavok Coburn (Eideaton) 2.10
OFF:8:30 Time: 28.2 58.4 1:29.3 2:00.0
Ex (1-2) \$140.00; Tri (1-2-3) \$78.60
6th: FMNW200PS Pace \$2,000

4 Cummingsandgoings 3.40 2.60 2.10
Driver: (DaNoble)
8 Ruth Lane (RobtMiller) 29.00 13.40
2 Bloodstock'smartha (RuSwartz) 4.00
OFF:9:04 Time: 29.3 59.3 1:29.4 2:00.4
Ex (4-8) \$103.00; Tri (4-8-2) \$421.00
7th: NW150SPD Pace \$1,500

6 Coin Of The Realm 8.20 3.40 2.60
Driver: (DaKennedy)

Minor-league baseball

INTERNATIONAL (AAA)

Monday

Indianapolis 8, Columbus 5

Today

Columbus at Louisville, 7:05

Indians 8, Clippers 5

Columbus

Defredd, cf 5 1 1 1 .323
Pettis, 3b 4 0 0 0 .259
Peltis, 2b 4 0 1 1 .277
Canzler, dh 5 0 0 0 .261
Rottino, lf 3 1 2 0 .301
Goedert, lb 4 0 0 0 .283
DePina, cf 3 1 2 3 .259
Carlin, c 4 1 2 1 .242
Gallas, rf 3 0 1 0 .375
Totals 36 5 9 4
Indianapolis

Arnaud, ss 5 3 4 0 .247
Holt, cf 5 1 3 2 .397
Presley, cf 5 0 2 1 .306
Hague, lb 4 1 1 0 .284
DePina, dh 3 1 2 3 .259
Boggs, rf 4 1 1 0 .266
Sanchez, c 4 1 1 1 .228
Larish, lf 3 0 0 0 .173
Hernandez, 3b 4 0 1 1 .263
Totals 37 8 16 8

Columbus

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Indianapolis

E: Diaz, Prince, Leroux, LOB: Columbus 8, Indianapolis 11, DP: Columbus 2, Indianapolis 1, 2B: Diaz, 2, Carlin, Gallas, Rottino, Presley, Hague, d'Arnaud, McPherson, HR: Sanchez, McPherson, SBF: Defredd, d'Arnaud 2, Presley.

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Sturdevant 2 1/2 2 0 0 1 0
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Leroux, W 4-0 6 1 3 4 4 2
McCutchen, S-3 2 1 3 1 0 0
WP: Leroux 2, HBP: Gallas (by Leroux), Rottino (by Leroux), T: 3:14, A: 9:063.

EASTERN (AA)

Monday

Akron at Altoona, 1st game

Akron at Altoona, 1, 2nd game

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ROCKY RIVER GIRLS SOCCER DROWNS SHOREGALS

On a soggy night throughout Northeastern Ohio, Rocky River beat visiting Avon Lake by a score of 2-1 on Monday evening.

The Pirates struck for an early goal in the 14th minute as sophomore Jillian Krebs took a pass from fellow sophomore Eva Schneider from deep in the River defensive end and moved quickly past the Avon Lake defense on the left side of the field to score a breakaway goal.

The Pirates were able to control the action throughout the rest of the half with their speed and possession game and carried the 1-0 lead into halftime. The score could have been greater without Shoregal sophomore Sarah Nasr who cleared two balls off the goal line in that first half. In the second half, Rocky River scored quickly again in the 51st minute on a beautiful header by junior Abby Elinsky off a corner kick by senior Hallie McCue.



Corrigan

It looked to be smooth sailing for the Pirates the rest of the way, but then Shoregal freshman Catie Corrigan took a pass at midfield and dribbled through the Pirate defense to shoot a rocket into the upper left corner of the River net with 11:35 to go for her first varsity goal.

The pace and intensity of the game picked up over the last 11 minutes, but the River defense was able to hold off the Avon Lake attack to pick up their second win of the season.

In goal for Rocky River was junior Sara Connelly who recorded 5 saves and for Avon Lake the goalkeeper duties were shared by junior Amy Crooks in the first half and senior Abby Rogers in the second half who recorded 4 saves.

In JV action, Rocky River was able to overcome the Shoregals on a second half goal to win 1-0.



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Senior captain Hallie McCue will be key for Rocky River in its pursuit to return to the regional finals. (West Life file photo)

By Ryan Kaczmarek

The **FAIRVIEW** girls soccer team is coming off a 2011 season in which it was the Patriot Athletic Conference Stripes Division champions and made it to the sectional finals. The Lady Warriors finished with an overall record of 10-4-2 (7-2-1 in PAC play).

The team has all but three of its starters from last year returning to defend the league division title. The returning starters are seniors Kelsey Lorko (G), Taylor McCluskey (D) and Lindsay Harwood (D); junior midfielders Megan Coyne, Mo Klag and Stephanie Miller; and sophomore Katie Kovach.

"Our defensive players have been on the varsity field for several years and have a solid understanding of our system," Fairview head coach Scott Underwood said. "With three of our four backs being experienced seniors, and a senior goalkeeper, we should pose considerable problems for the opponents' attacking.

"Megan Coyne spent the bulk of the last season injured, and is back with an unmatched desire to win this season," he added. "Her leadership in the midfield, with her supporting cast attacking, should result in a very potent offense this season."

Underwood sees the games against Buckeye and Wellington high schools, both losses in 2011, as the biggest games on the schedule this year.

"The girls are seeking revenge for these losses last season, and are looking to sweep the league this year," Underwood said. "We are well balanced and play together. We are solid through the midfield and defense and are looking to become more of an attacking team."

The **LUTHERAN WEST** squad is coming out of a 2011 rebuilding season in which it lost in overtime in the sectional finals. The Longhorns had eight new players on last year's team, with five earning starting positions.

There are 16 returning letter winners this season and five new athletes coming over from other sports. The key returning players are seniors Madison Ross (last season's team MVP and leading scorer), Lindsey Tomola and Jessica Mecklenburg; and juniors Kylie Cash and Molly Szado.

"Offensively, we are looking for big seasons from Ross, Tomola and Cash," Longhorns head coach Jeff Bancroft said. "Defensively, we are counting on both Mecklenburg and Szado to be the anchors on the back line with help from seniors Johanna Webster and Marissa Spelich; and junior Clara Petkac."

Other seniors to watch are Bre Corino, Alison Henry, Marissa Nuti and Emily Wilkens.

"We are counting on them for their leadership and some quality minutes on the field," Bancroft said.

Bancroft sees the strengths of the team as its experience, with seven returning starters, overall numbers, 41 strong between JV and varsity, and athleticism, with 16 of 19 multiple sports athletes on the varsity roster.

MAGNIFICAT graduated six seniors from last year, including the starting goalkeeper and three starting defenders.

"We are fielding a young varsity side this year, with only three seniors," Blue Streaks head coach John Fenix said. "Fortunately, we have a talented pool of players roughly equally represented by all four grades.

"Returning starters and senior captains Ciara Murray and Lexi Norton must provide the leadership for players like last year's leading scorer, forward Natalie Coury, and stalwart midfielders Paige Rombach and Jaycie Brown, all juniors," Fenix said.

The incoming freshmen to watch this year are midfielder Alyssa Baumbick and goalkeeper Eva Dils.

"The challenge will be for players to settle into positions and find the chemistry to play together," Fenix said. "We are looking to build on last year's solid record of 10-4-4, and improve on our performance in the (postseason) tournament."

NORTH OLMSTED is looking to move on from its first-round, overtime tournament loss to Avon last season.

The Eagles have five returning letter winners, including Grace Kereky, Nicole Dembie, Danielle Yasenchack, Amneh Abed and Ashley Balasko.

Michelle Palange, along with Kereky and Abed, will serve as team captains this season. Other seniors to watch are Angela Loftus, Kara Woodyard and Emily Nagy.

Head coach Erika Kleinholz thinks the biggest games this year will be against Magnificat, Avon, Avon Lake, Westlake and Brecksville.

WESTLAKE returns 13 letter winners from last year's squad that went 13-2-1 (second in the Southwestern Conference and district runner-up), including seniors Maddie Sandhu and Shannon Kruger; juniors Megan Konrad, Madison Dunlap, Lauren Hurst, Gabby Gravino, Caleigh O'Brien, Jenna Tabbaa, Alexis Carpenter, Annie Hoelscher, Taylor Salamone and Lauren Severa; and sophomore Amanda Finucan.

The newcomers the team are seniors Liea Steffas, Julie Maxey, Alex Pavlo and Alina Balodis; junior Mackenzie Maynard; sophomores Rita Forbush, Katie Dubios, Missy Murthy, Sophie Warner and Erin Lagermeier; and freshmen Maya Bauer and Danielle Pelligrino.

"We are young," Demons head coach Scott Jones said. "We will start two seniors and nine underclassmen. We play a very demanding schedule and will continue to improve as the season goes on.

"We return a strong core of underclassmen that have played multiple district finals games already, so even though we are young, we do have experience."

OLMSTED FALLS is looking to improve on last year's overall record of 5-9-3 (1-4-1 in the SWC). The Bulldogs made it to the district finals, going 2-1 in the postseason.

The coaching staff is new this year and the team lost three of last year's starters, two of which are playing college soccer this season.

The key returning players are Allison Duber, Madison Woods, Christine Neudeck and Nikki Sieg.

"Our key players make contributions on all sides of the field," first-year head coach John Talley said. "Allie Duber leads by the example of her effort, Madison Woods in pure strength, Christine Neudeck brings skill and guidance and Nikki give the team perspective and focuses on the big picture."

BAY is expecting to challenge for the West Shore Conference title again this year, which it has won or tied for in the first five of seven seasons of the WSC.

The Rockets return All-Ohio senior captain Alex Brown, who has led the conference in scoring for three years, and four-year varsity goalkeeper and two-year varsity captain Margaret Francati.

"In addition to Alex up-top, Kelly McBride will provide a lethal scoring combination and make it harder for teams to double-team Alex," Rockets head coach Jack Griffiths said. "Our defense is sound as we return Diana Higgins from ACL surgery, along with senior captain Marci Walter, Sophie Steyns, Sam Meisenburg and Natalie Rezek.

"Our midfield will have some turnover," he added. "Eva Rezek, Nicole Pohlkamp, Jordan Holmes, Melanie Kukura and Erin Carter will help control the pitch and keep us in formation."

ROCKY RIVER returns last year's leading goal scorers Grace Bennett and Abby Elinsky, and last year's assist leaders McKenna Klodnick and Hallie McCue. Junior Sara Connelly takes over the goalkeeping duties for the varsity this year.

Other returning letter winners are Liesl Fahrenkopf, Meghan Ittu, Megan Killeen, Maddie Russell, Eva Schneider and Grace Tighe.

Newcomers this year are Sydney Hamker, Jillian Krebs, Katie Kocher, Megan Moore and Amanda Oster.

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Westshore Sports

Be A Fanatic.com**Bennett, Pirates strike early in win over Midview**

Story by Jim Horvath

Photos and video by Larry Bennet

After not scoring in last week's win against Vermilion, the first couple of minutes against Midview Wednesday night must have been a moment of deja vu for Rocky River's Grace Bennett.

In the opening minutes, Bennett stole the ball and found herself one-on-one with

Midview keeper Taylor Ceh, who made a great diving save. In the sixth minute, the River tri-captain was fouled in the box, but her penalty kick hit the left post.

Not to worry.

Bennett broke her mini scoring drought six minutes later and went on to score a hat trick as the Pirates rolled, 6-0, in West Shore Conference girls soccer action.

"The first 10 minutes we came out strong and had a couple of scoring opportunities," said River head coach Patrick Hopkins, whose team remained undefeated at 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the WSC.

"It's very important to hit the first goal of the game to take the pressure off. Grace had that opportunity on the breakaway early," Hopkins said. "We missed some opportunities that we shouldn't be missing. But I wanted Grace to get that first goal because she's been missing lately.

"She's been heavily marked lately. She still had five assists against Vermilion (school record), but we need her to score on those early opportunities. That will be very important for us as the season goes on," he added.

Midview, now 1-5 overall and 0-2 in the conference, had a corner kick in the fifth minute that was covered up quickly by Pirate keeper Sara Connelly. The Middies never threatened the rest of the half as the quicker Pirates maintained possession of the ball in the Midview third.

With 30:34 to go in the half, Bennett took a pass from fellow junior Abby Elinsky in the middle of the field behind the Midview defense. She made a quick move past Ceh, who had come out to cut down the angle.



The ball gently rolled into the back of the net for a 1-0 River lead. Bennett's mini slump was over, and the Pirates were on a roll.



In the 14th minute, sophomore Eva Schneider had a wide open shot from just under 20 yards out and nailed it for an unassisted goal. A little over three minutes later, Bennett scored on a picture-perfect header near the left post off McKenna Klodnick's throw-in.

With 23:18 left in the half, the Pirates already had all the goals they needed. For good measure, Elinsky capped off the first-half scoring with a goal from the right side off an assist from senior Megan Moore with 31.5 seconds left in the half. That goal made it 4-0, River, at the intermission.

"Yesterday, my confidence going into this game was high because of the way we practiced," Hopkins said. "I walked out of practice on cloud nine the way our girls possessed the ball.



"When I came out in pregame today, though, I didn't feel they were on. I called them out on it, and they made some adjustments. Once they fixed it and we had some quality, that's when I knew we were going to translate that over to the game," he said.

It didn't take long for the Pirates to erase any doubt as to the final outcome of the game.

Bennett got her third goal just 3:45 into the half on an unassisted move to the net. Elinsky got her second goal of the night

with 27:35 remaining on a penalty kick that went low and to the left of Ceh.

In all, the Pirates took 28 shots on the night, 15 of them on goal.

"They're a good team," admitted Midview's first-year head coach, Emily Ballantine. "Both teams worked hard, but they came out the better team tonight.

"Taylor is a phenomenal keeper for us," Ballantine said of Ceh, who registered 14 saves. "She works hard until the end of the game, regardless of the score. She's made some amazing saves for us so far this season.

"And she's our captain for a good reason. She's got a level head and keeps our team together," she added.

With 15 minutes off the clock and up 6-0, Hopkins began substituting and giving his younger players valuable varsity experience.

"I tell the girls that we cannot look to the future, that we can only look at where we're at right now," Hopkins said.

"Every day is a development for where we want to be," he said. "I don't care that we're not getting mentioned in the state polls or locally. They can talk about everybody else, that doesn't affect me.



"Slowly, we're getting better and better with more confidence. We're a very strong team, and we now have a program where a majority of our girls play soccer all year round. We've had a lot of playing time too. Last week, we had 24 girls play in the varsity game.

"That gives our younger players some varsity experience, which will help them in the future as well as during their time with the junior varsity," he added.



West Shore Conference Standings

1. Rocky River 2-0 (4-0); 2. Bay 2-0 (4-1); 3. Elyria Catholic 1-0-1 (1-0-1); 4. Avon 1-0-1 (1-0-2); 5. Lakewood 0-2 (1-2-1); 6. Midview 0-2 (0-5); 7. North Ridgeville 0-2 (0-2); 8. Vermilion 0-2 (0-2)

Wednesday Night's WSC Scores

Girls

Avon 2, Elyria Catholic 2

Bay 9, Vermilion 0

Rocky River 6, Midview 0

North Ridgeville 4, Lakewood 3

Boys

Avon 1, Elyria Catholic 1

Bay 8, Vermilion 1

Lakewood 1, North Ridgeville 1

Rocky River 1, Midview 0

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OSU FOOTBALL INSIDER

OSU can still win Leaders Division

DOUG LESMERISES
Plain Dealer Reporter

COLUMBUS — If Ohio State is the best team in the Big Ten's Leaders Division this season, the Buckeyes will be able to celebrate with an actual trophy, division title references in the record books and T-shirts that in Urban Meyer's first season could include the words "Ohio State" and "champion."

This was the case all along. But until Wednesday, neither the Buckeyes nor anyone else realized it.

The Buckeyes are banned from a bowl because of NCAA sanctions this season, and that means they are also banned from the Big Ten championship game. Everyone already knew that. But on Wednesday, spurred by a question from Adam Rittenberg at ESPN.com, the Big Ten spread the word that the Buckeyes can win something.

It previously was thought the ban meant that if either Ohio State or Penn State, also under NCAA sanctions, had the best record in the Leaders Division, that school wouldn't only be kept from the title game, it also wouldn't be considered the division champion. The conference has clarified that point, so if the Buckeyes are the best, they will win the Leaders Division Trophy — but the second-place team would go to Indianapolis for the title game.

"If a team plays eight games and all eight games count and at the end of the year they're atop the division, then they are division champions," Scott Chipman, Big Ten assistant commissioner for communications told The Plain Dealer in a phone conversation.

In the end, this is all semantics. But it is championship semantics.

"Now that we actually get a chance to win a trophy, it's kind of like a cherry on top," OSU receiver Evan Spencer said Wednesday. "It's just something extra."

Meyer said it won't make the Buckeyes play harder on Saturday against Central Florida. And it's hard to imagine Ohio State really needing any extra reason to play against division rival Wisconsin or historical rival Michigan in the last two games of the regular season.

But who doesn't like trophies?

So Meyer, after admitting it was news to him, mostly brushed aside three questions about it after practice Wednesday, though he did add with a smile: "I know we can't go to the [Big Ten title] game. They didn't change that, did they?"

OSU

FROM D1

OSU's Miller should pitch more, run less

In the opener, the fact Miller cramped twice in the third quarter wasn't a big deal. The Buckeyes were up by 25, and backup Kenny Guitton got in some work. But Meyer said Ohio State has a plan to make sure the cramping doesn't happen again, which includes making sure Miller gets extra hydration 48 hours before kickoff.

"We addressed it and we have people that that's their job full-time," Meyer said. "I hope he cramps up again — that mean's he's got some yards. But we have addressed that."

Now they can address Miller's full role in the run game.

His 17 carries came on eight read plays where he chose to keep the ball instead of handing off inside or pitching the ball on the edge; five scrambles on pass plays that included a fumble that he recovered himself and a sack called on an intentional grounding call that would have been a fumble if not blown dead as Miller slung the ball backward while going down; and four plays that were called runs for Miller.

Receiver Philly Brown motioned into the backfield on multiple occasions and was there as an option, but he never got the ball.

"One of the plays I was supposed to pitch it, and the guy tricked me," Miller said, "so I kept it to make a better play."



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Though Ohio State is banned from a bowl appearance, the team can still claim the Leaders Division championship.

An average team: Meyer continued to explain why he thinks Saturday's game against Central Florida, now an 18-point underdog, will be a real test, something he has expressed all week. He said the Knights have better players at several positions than the Buckeyes do, with about five or six future NFL players on the roster, and he said the Buckeyes must play better.

"We're not a very good team — we're average right now. We're playing a good team," Meyer said. "Certain positions are average. Our offensive line didn't play the way I'd expect. Certainly not dominant right now. Linebacker play, and we didn't have enough pressure on the quarterback. I would probably expect more. I know there were some really cool things that happened, with Devin Smith and Braxton [Miller] and John Simon's going to play hard and all that, but I would expect some other guys to play a little better."

Also: Meyer said starting defensive lineman **Michael Bennett** is doubtful after missing last week with a groin strain. Senior lineman **Nathan Williams**, who helped make up for Bennett's absence by playing about 30 snaps in his first game back after season-ending knee surgery last year, has been sore. He may be limited. "So we're not going to be at full strength," Meyer said.

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Meyer said Miller is pretty good on the mechanics of making those pitches.

"He's better towards the right," Meyer said. "On his left, he brings it up from down here a little bit. He's got to bring it [higher], but very good. He's kind of a natural guy at that. He's an athlete."

And he should get more comfortable in making decisions.

"He pulled it a couple of times when he should have gave it," Meyer said. "But that's one thing about this style of offense, every play the quarterback has to make a read. Some offenses you take the snap, hand the ball to the tailback and hope things work out well. We don't have too many of those plays. He has to make a read on every play, so he's going to make a few mistakes."

The two biggest were losing control of the ball once and almost losing it a second time.

"He's got a little ball security issue, not near as bad as I saw a year ago," Meyer said, noting Miller doesn't tuck the ball away enough when he runs. "But we worked hard to keep his hands on the ball and lock his elbows. Those are concerns of a young quarterback. Old quarterbacks do the same thing, especially competitors."

When it comes to competing, Miller certainly did that. So the plan is more pitches and fewer cramps — and he should probably keep that 65-yard run in the playbook.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Eagles edge Mustangs for big boys soccer victory

From staff reports

When it comes to boys soccer among Ohio high schools, Strongsville is fairly well known.

St. Edward, a state power in a number of sports — except boys soccer — took a giant step in gaining that level of notoriety during Wednesday's 2-1 home win as Bobby Daggett and Matt Ramser scored for the Eagles.

Westlake 3, Avon Lake 0 The Demons scored three minutes into the Southwestern Conference game and never looked back as Nick Wertman beat a diving defender and tucked the ball into the left side of the net. Adam Thompson had two insurance goals and goalie Jamie Lackner had three saves for the shutout.

Lakewood 1, North Ridgeville 1 Jameson Foran scored for Lakewood and Nate Wade scored for North Ridgeville in the West Shore Conference game.

Keystone 1, Brooklyn 0 Turner Geisel scored a first-half goal off

a Josh Pietrowski assist and goalie Logan Priddy made seven saves for Keystone (4-0, 2-0).

University School 7, Eastlake North 1 The Preppers, ranked fourth in the Division II Ohio Coaches Poll, cruised to the non-league win as Jude Gingo's two goals led the way.

Girls soccer

Walsh Jesuit 5, Holy Name 0 The Warriors, ranked No. 1 in the Division II Ohio Coaches Poll, had Halle Stelbasky and Kennedy Payne score two goals each. Freshman goalie Lauren Demarchi made five saves for the North Coast League Blue Division shutout.

Hudson 4, Mayfield 0 The Explorers (2-0-1) won the Northeast Ohio Conference game as Alexandra Wright had two goals and Erin Watkins had two assists. Goalie Sarah L'Hommedieu got the shutout.

Trinity 8, Lake Ridge 0 Freshman Anna Hawersaat scored five goals for her third hat trick of the

season to pace the host Trojans (6-1-1) in the nonleague romp.

Lutheran West 5, Black River 1 The Longhorns earned their first win of the season. Madison Ross and Maddie Jakabec each had two goals, and Kylie Cash had two assists.

Rocky River 6, Midview 0 The Pirates (4-0) had little trouble winning the WSC game as Grace Bennett and Abby Elinsky combined for five goals, and goalies Sara Connelly and Jessica Lekstutis teamed up for five saves.

Elyria Catholic 2, Avon 2 Elyria Catholic got goals from Meliah Roman and Jenna Ellingson, and Jessica Yurkovich and Nicole Chabot scored for the Eagles in the WSC game.

Field hockey

Hawken 2, Kent Roosevelt 0 Sophomore Annie Artz and freshman Elisabeth Blossom scored a goal each, and junior goalie Sarah Speroff earned the shutout as the Hawks improved

to 4-0, 1-0.

Girls tennis

Ravenna 4, Coventry 1 The Ravens (7-4, 6-1) had Morgan Sode-man, Ann Smith and Samantha Knapp sweep the single matches in straight sets in the Portage Trail Conference win.

Girls golf

Strongsville 192, North Royalton 204 Taylor and Paige Ingram shot 44 and 47, respectively, to lead the Mustangs to the Northeast Ohio Conference victory at Valleaire Golf Course.

Volleyball

Streetsboro 3, Southeast 1 The Rockets handed Southeast its first loss in eight matches behind Lexi Brewster's 15 kills, five blocks and 16 digs in the Portage Trail Conference crossover match.

Euclid 3, Richmond Heights 0 The Panthers won the nonleague match as Hannah Gawor's 15 assists, Danielle Bracy's 10 kills and Ashli Price's 13 digs led the way.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

Today's schedule

Volleyball
Akron North at Akron East, 6
Amherst at Avon Lake, 7
Bay at Avon, 6:30
Beachwood at Hawken, 5
Beaumont at NDCI, 7:30
Berkeley at Fairport, 6:30
Black River at Brookside, 7
Brooklyn at Clearview, 6:30
Chagrin Falls at Orange, 6:15
Cleveland Heights at Maple Heights, 6
Cuyahoga Falls at Stow, 6:30
CVCA at Fairless 5
Elyria Catholic at Lakewood, 4:15
Euclid at Warnersville Heights, 6
Garfield Heights at Brush, 6:30
Hathaway Brown at St. Joseph Academy, 7
Hearts for Jesus at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30
Highland at Cloverleaf, 7
Hoban at Lake Catholic, 7
Hudson at Mentor, 7
Independence at Cuyahoga Heights, 7
Keystone at Firelands, 7:30
Lorain at Shaw, 7
Lutheran West at Royalton, 5:30
Mayfield at Twinsburg, 6:30
Monclova Christian at Open Door, 5
Normandy at Valley Forge, 7:30
North Royalton at Brunswick, 7
Norton at Field, 7
Oberlin at Columbia, 7:30
Padua at Walsh Jesuit, 6:30
Ravenna at Ken Roosevelt, 7
Revere at Green, 5:30
Richmond Heights at Wickliffe, 6
Riverside at Madison, 7
Rocky River at North Ridgeville, 6
Solon at Streetsboro, 7
Streetsboro at Coventry, 6:30
St. Peter Chanel at Holy Name, 6
Tallmadge at Nordonia, 7
Timken at Manchester, 7
Trinity at Cleveland Central Catholic, 6
Vermilion at Midview, 6
Wadsworth at Copley, 6:30
Warren JFK at VASI, 6
Westlake at Berea, 7
Western Reserve at Elms, 6
Woodridge at Garrettsville, 5:30

Boys soccer
Brooklyn at Benedictine, 6
Columbia at Open Door, 5
Cupley at North Royalton, 7
Coventry at Streetsboro, 7
Crestwood at Woodridge, 7
Cuyahoga Heights at Lutheran West, 7
Euclid at Madison, 5
Field at Garrettsville Garfield, 7
Garrettsville Garfield at West Branch, 7
Independence at Wickliffe, 5
Hoover at Cuyahoga Falls, 7
Kent Roosevelt at Uniontown Lake, 7
Lincoln Luther King at Heritage Christian, 4:30
Normandy at Mentor, 7
Orange at Lake Catholic, 5
Padua at SVM, 7
Perry at Gilmour Academy, 5
Rootstown at Ravenna, 7
Stow at Hudson, 7
Tuscarawas Valley at CVCA, 5
Warren JFK vs. Trinity at St. Francis Field, 5
Willoughby South at Riverside, 7

Girls soccer
Chagrin Falls at Willoughby South, 7
Coventry at Streetsboro, 5
Cuyahoga Heights at Beachwood, 5
Field at Manchester, 7
Gilmour Academy at Laurel, 5
Harvey at Wickliffe, 5
Hawken at Aurora, 7
Independence at Kirtland, 7
Madison at Euclid, 4:30
Mentor at Solon, 7
Norton at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 7
Perry at Orange, 7
Ravenna at Rootstown, 7
Rittman at Our Lady Elms, 5
Wadsworth at Kent Roosevelt, 7
Westlake vs. Magnatic at Rocky River, 7
Woodridge at Crestwood, 7

Football schedule
Week 3
Note: Games start at 7 unless noted.

Today
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
John Hay (1-1) at John Adams (0-2)
Friday
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Crossover
Orange (1-1) at #16 Kirtland (2-0)
PORTAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE
Crossover
Southeast (1-1) at Crestwood (0-2)
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Cleveland Field (0-2) at Rhodes (2-0), 3
John Marshall (0-2) vs. #10 Glenville (1-1) at Bump Taylor, 3
Lincoln West (0-2) at East Tech (0-2), 3
NONLEAGUE
Akron East (0-2) at Coventry (1-1)
Akron Garfield (1-1) at Tallmadge (1-1)
Akron Manchester (0-2) at Black River (0-2), 7:30
Akron North (1-1) at Cloverleaf (2-0)
Alliance (0-2) at Ellet (0-2)
Archbishop Hoban (0-2) at Boardman (1-1)
Ashtabula Edgewood (0-2) at Lakeside (0-2)
#21 Avon (1-1) at Lorain (0-2)
Barberton (1-1) at New Philadelphia (2-0)
Bay (1-1) at Fairview (0-2)
Benedictine (0-2) at #24 Bedford (2-0)
Berea (1-1) vs. Normandy (1-1) at Byers Field
Berkshire (2-0) at Liberty (1-1)
#17 Brunswick (2-0) at Austintown-Fitch (2-0)
Brush (1-1) at Kenston (0-2)
Buchtel (0-2) at #11 Solon (1-1)
Buckeye (0-2) at Perkins (1-1)
Canton Central Catholic (0-2) at Springfield (0-2)
Cedarhurst (2-0) at Elyria Catholic (0-2), 7:30
Conneaut (0-2) at Geneva (0-2)
Cuyahoga Falls (2-0) at Kent Roosevelt (1-1)
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (0-2) at LaBrea (0-2)
Eagle Creek (0-2) at Midpark (2-0)
#14 Elyria North (0-2) at #13 Midview (2-0)
Fairport (2-0) at Windham (2-0)
Firelands (0-2) at Vermilion (0-2)
Firestone (0-2) at Stow (1-1)
Garrettsville Garfield (0-2) at Champion (0-2)
Gilmour Academy (0-2) at Hawken (2-0)
GlenOak (2-0) at Euclid (1-1)
#4 Hudson (2-0) at Brecksville (0-2)
Independence (2-0) at Lutheran West (1-1)
Indian Valley (1-1) at Garaway (2-0)
Jackson-Milton (0-2) at Grand Valley (1-1)
Kenmore (2-0) at Green (1-1)
Keystone (1-1) at Galion (1-1)
#18 Lake Catholic (1-1) at Youngstown Ursuline (2-0)
B (4-1, 2-0) at Twinsburg (0-2), 7:30
Ledgemont (0-2) at Cardinal (0-2)
Malvern (2-0) at East Canton (1-1)
Margaretta (0-2) at Brookside (0-2), 7:30
Massillon Jackson (1-1) at #9 Avon Lake (2-0)
Massillon Perry (1-1) at Dublin Coffman (2-0), 7:30
Massillon Washington (1-1) at Maumee (2-0), 7:30
Mathews (0-2) at Leetonia (1-1)

Medina (1-1) at Wadsworth (1-1)
Minerva (1-1) at Tuslaw (1-1)
Mogadore (2-0) at Northwestern (1-1), 7:30
Newbury (2-0) at Sebring McKinley (0-2)
North Ridgeville (0-2) at North Olmsted (2-0)
#15 North Royalton (2-0) at Highland (2-0)
Norton (1-1) at Newton Falls (0-2)
Norwalk (2-0) at Lakewood (1-1)
Orville (1-1) at Copley (2-0)
Padua (1-1) at Strongsville (0-2)
Parma (1-1) at Nordonia (1-1)
Perry (1-1) at Madison (1-1)
Ravenna (1-1) at Louisvile (1-1), 7:30
Revere (0-2) at #6 Aurora (2-0)
Richmond Heights (1-1) at Oberlin (2-0)
Riverside (1-1) at Harvey (0-2), 7:30
Shaw (1-1) at Garfield Heights (1-1)
Smithville (0-2) at Fairless (1-1)
St. Peter Chanel (2-0) at Cuyahoga Heights (2-0)
#8 St. Vincent-St. Mary (2-0) at Woodridge (2-0)
Streetsboro (2-0) at West Branch (0-2)
Struthers (2-0) at Field (1-1)
Trinity (1-1) at Dalton (0-2), 7:30
Timken (1-1) at South Range (0-2)
Tuscarawas Valley (1-1) at Sandy Valley (1-1)
United (1-1) at Rootstown (2-0)
Valley Forge (0-2) vs. Holy Name (0-2) at North Royalton
#19 Walsh Jesuit (0-2) at Bishop Watterson (2-0), 7:30
Warren JFK (2-0) at Girard (0-2)
Waynesdale (0-2) at Tirway (1-1)
Wellington (0-2) at Milan Edison (1-1)
Westlake (2-0) at Rocky River (1-1)
Wickliffe (1-1) vs. Brooklyn (0-2) at Brooklyn Athletic Complex
#12 Willoughby South (2-0) at West Geauga (1-1)
Wilson Secondary (Canada) at Hoover (2-0)
Wooster (1-1) at #5 Chagrin Falls (2-0)
Youngstown Christian (2-0) at Pymatuning Valley (0-2)
Saturday
NONLEAGUE
Cardinal Mooney (1-1) at Warren G. Harding (1-1)
Cleveland Central Catholic (1-1) at #25 Shaker Heights (1-1)
#7 Cleveland Heights (2-0) at Youngstown East (1-1), 2
#2 Mentor (2-0) vs. #1 St. Ignatius (2-0) at Byers Field
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (0-2) at University School (1-1), 3
Olmsted Falls (0-2) at Mayfield (1-1)
Villa Angela-St. Joseph (0-2) at Tuscarawas Central Catholic (2-0), 1:30
Warrensview Heights (1-1) at Beachwood (1-1), 3
Western Reserve Academy (0-2) at Lutheran East (0-2), 3
Woodson (Washington, D.C.) (0-1) at #3 St. Edward (2-0), 2
Volleyball
Andrews Osborne Academy d. Harvey 25-15, 25-17, 25-15
Beachwood d. Cleveland Central Catholic 21-25, 25-19, 25-14, 25-22
Cleveland MLK d. Max Hayes 25-18, 16-25, 18-25, 25-20, 17-15
Euclid d. Richmond Heights 25-20, 25-12, 25-14
John Adams d. East Tech 25-18, 25-12, 25-18
John Hay d. Cleveland JFK 25-17, 25-22, 19-25, 24-26, 15-13
Lincoln-West d. Whitney Young 25-18, 25-17, 21-25, 21-21
Streetsboro d. Southeast 26-24, 12-25, 25-23, 25-20
Late results
Euclid d. Bedford 25-20, 25-19, 23-25, 25-23
Sts. John & Paul d. Hearts for Jesus 25-19, 24-26, 25-23, 25-20

Boys soccer
Bay, Vermilion 1
B (2-2, 2-0): Toth 2, Mark Comieski 2, Linder, L. Schmit, G. Schmit, Mat Comieski, V. Delaney.
Goalies: B, Sayir (1 save), Forestner (2), Southerland (1); V, Spencer (8).
Berea, Amherst 1
B (3-1, 1): Tyler, Ruple, Hritz, Hodder, A (2-2): Glowacki.
Goalies: B, Bartek (5 saves); A, n/a (4).
Brecksville 3, North Olmsted 1
B (4-0, 1): Shutway, P. Phillips, Rader. NO: B (1-1): Schmit.
Goalies: B, Stease (5 saves); NO, DeAnna (5).
Holy Name 9, Max Hayes 1
HN (4-1, 1): Costello 2, Kosicki 2, Fathauer, Papagianis, Cirkvenec, Bourdres, Cora with, MH (1-1): Bermudez.
Goalies: HN, Stepic (6 saves); MH, Gutierrez (1).
Keystone 1, Brooklyn 0
K (4-0, 2-0): Giesel.
Goalies: K, Priddy (7 saves); B, Qasem (8).
Manchester 5, Fairless 0
M (5-1, 3-0): Ariza 2, Mirman, Daily, Lloyd.
Goalies: M, Cohen (4 saves), Jordan (2); F, King (13).
St. Edward 2, Strongsville 1
SE: Ramser, Daggett, S: Nadzan.
Goalies: SE, Ford (3 saves); S, Stephano (7).
St. Ignatius 5, Shaker Heights 1
SI (6-0): Sanda 2, Ivancic, Nagucki, Fahey, SH (2-1): Shauf.
Goalies: SI, Gronk (2 saves); SH, Hertz (7).
University School 7, Eastlake North 1
US (4-1, 2-0): Bulucea 2, Gingo 2, Weisbein, J. Bell, Oriella, EN (1-3-1, 1-1): Batarilo.
Goalies: US, Nowak (0 saves), Wilhelm (0); EN, Komso (5).
Westlake 3, Avon Lake 0
W (5-0, 2-0): Thompson 2, Wertman.
Goalies: W, Lackner (3 saves); AL, Adams (4).
Late results
Archbishop Hoban 3, Boardman 1
AH (5-0): Londa 2, McGee, B (2-3): Marsco.
Goalies: AH, Salamon (1 save), Markowski (1); B, Calautti (17).
Kenston 3, Perry 0
K: Astalos 3.
Goalies: K, Hansaker (6 saves); P, Singer (15).
Nordonia 2, Cloverleaf 1
N (1-3-1): Hathaway, Groff, C (3-3, 0-2): Zuk.
Goalies: N, Corcek (2 saves); C, Wardle (4).
North Ridgeville 5, Riverside 2
NR: A.George 2, Coffey, Clark, M.Ireland, R. Mangretto 2.
Goalies: NR, Crow (5 saves); R, Gratar (5).

Girls soccer
Amherst 5, Berea 1
A: Sands 2, Varouli, Essi, Slavik, B: Saekel.
Goalies: A, Ferguson (2 saves); B, Sasaki (7).
Archbishop Hoban 3, Lake Catholic 2
AH (4-2, 1-1): Dean 2, Walpole, LC (3-1-1, 1-1): Martins, Osborne.
Goalies: AH, Beke (10 saves); LC, Shannon (0).
Bay, Vermilion 0
B (4-1, 2-0): Sullivan (2), Brown, Steyns, Wisner, Drenkhan, McBride, Higgins, Meisenburg.
Goalies: B, Francati (1 save), Griska (0); V, Terschak (8), McCurdy (2).
Brecksville 3, North Olmsted 1
B: Sive 2, Stucky, NO: Yasenchack.
Goalies: B, Lopez (4 saves), Bahr (5); NO, Patterson (8).
Brooklyn 2, Keystone 0
B: Newby, Cassidy.
Goalies: B, Crossman (2 saves); K, Gordon

(5), J. Quillen (3).
Copley 5, Tallmadge 0
C (4-1, 2-0): Haverchak 2, Olorunto, Brenner, Revesz.
Goalies: C, Moore (3 saves); T, Kilway (10).
Elyria Catholic 2, Avon 2
EC (4-0, 3): Roman, Ellingson, A (2-0-3): Yurkovich, Chabot.
Goalies: EC, Gauntner (8 saves); A, Wysocki (6).
Hudson 4, Mayfield 0
H (2-0-1): Wright 2, Camp, Torrence.
Goalies: H, L'Hommedieu (1 save); M, Stickler (8).
Lakewood 1, North Ridgeville 1
L (4-1, 0-1-1): Foran, NR (1-3-1, 0-1-1): L.
Goalies: L, Z.Fehrenbach (2 saves); NR, Croow (11).
Lutheran West 5, Black River 1
LW (2-2, 1-1): 1-0-1: Ross 2, Jakabec 2, Mecklenburg, Brian, Donaloe.
Goalies: LR, Willvold (4 saves), Wilkens (4); BR, Heilmann (7).
Magnificat 3, North Royalton 1
M (3-0): Duggan, Rombach, Murray, NR (0-2-2): Steward.
Goalies: M, Piscioneri (6 saves); NR, Zeilmann (8).
Mentor 4, Shaker Heights 0
M (3-1-1): Schutz, Gabor; Smith; Vinborg.
Goalies: M, Pratt (3 saves); S, Scharfstein (13 saves).
North Ridgeville 4, Lakewood 3
NR (2-2): Wade 2, Zingale 2, L (1-2-1): Blinburg, Brian, Donaloe.
Goalies: NR, Wiles (9 saves); L, Sharkin (4), Clause (4).
Revere 2, Highland 0
R (4-1, 2-0): Milazzo 2.
Goalies: R, Hursh (7 saves); H, Less (4).
Rocky River 6, Midview 0
RR (4-0-1): Ennmett 3, Elinsky 2, Schneider, B: Bennett, S. Connelly (3 saves), Lekstutis (2), M, Ceh (14).
Stow 9, Brush 2
S (4-0-1): Lawson 3, S.Keller 2, Johnson, A.Pryce, T.Pryce, Zemanski, B: Seibyl, Martin.
Goalies: S, Koch (3 saves), Green (2); B, Mack (3), Fine (3).
Trinity 8, Lake Ridge Academy 0
T (6-1-1): Hawersaat 5, Stanley 2, Polinski.
Goalies: T, Heese (5 saves); LRA, Thorpe (20).
Wadsworth 4, Green 0
W (4-0, 2-0): Harvey 2, Lean Runkle, Fullbright (4), 3.
Goalies: W, Joy (4 saves); G, Sernan (12).
Walsh Jesuit 5, Holy Name 0
WJ (4-0): Stelbasky 2, Payne 2, John.
Goalies: WJ, Demarchi (5 saves); HN, Yanek (8).
Wellington 10, Oberlin 0
W (4-0-1): Bowman, E.Mariast, Marks, Sparks, Snyder, Schneider, Cole.
Goalies: W, n/a; O, Odiduro (1 save), Reinhold (13).

Boys golf
Avon 148, North Ridgeville 168, Vermilion 178
Pine Brook
1. Kelley (A) 34; 2. Olson (A) 35; 3. Tomko (A) 37.
Beachwood 158, Kenston 166
At Highland (Reed Court)
1. Dubin (B) 38; 2. (tie) Miller (C), Blaustein (B), Small (B), Obman (K), Roshon (K) 40.
Chagrin Falls 168, Cardinal 182, West Geauga 186
At Fowler's Mill (Lake Course)
1. Shoemaker (CF) 41; 2. (tie) Berlin (CF), Widman (CF), Mazanec (C), Forrai (WG) 42.
Chardon 159, Eastlake North n/a
At Legend Lakes
1. Kiss (C) 35; 2. (tie) LeScoeze (C), Bender (C) 41.
Columbia 161, Midpark 174
At Cherokee Hills
1. Stopper (C) 38; 2. (tie) Miller (C), Schuler (K) 39.
Firestone 169, Archbishop Hoban 175
At Good Park
1. Martin (F) 39; 2. Schultz (F) 40; 3. Parke (AH) 41.
Gilmour Academy 159, Solon 169
At Signature of Solon
1. (tie) Negrelli (G), Beiber (GA) 38; 3. Razabach (S) 39.
Kirtland 170, Cuyahoga Heights 180
At Astorhurst
1. Snyder (K) 39; 2. Seelinger (K) 41; 3. (tie) Schafer (CH), Drocton (CH) 43.
Shaker Heights 160, Euclid 175
At Highland Park (Reed Court)
1. Terry (H) 39; 2. (tie) Shick (SH), Hirsh (SH), Fuller (E) 40.
Twinsburg 154, Mayfield 166
At Manikiki
1. (tie) McCado (T), Heath (T) 36; 3. Rossi (M) 39.
WRA 172, Trinity 196
At The C.C. of Hudson
1. Wang (WRA) 37; 2. (tie) Ewers (WRA), Hoover (WRA) 44.
Girls golf
Avon 168, North Ridgeville 220
At Pine Brook
1. Neumann (A) 36; 2. Browne (NR) 41; 3. Schalschneider (A) 42.
Geneva 165, Hathaway Grove 201
Willoughby South 223, Warren JFK 228
At Manikiki
1. Nicholson (G) 35; 2. (tie) Dodge (G), Yarbrough (HB) 40.
Hawken 167, Aurora 212, Berkshire 258
At Pleasant Hills
1. Colten (H) 42; 2. Joseph (H) 41; 3. Gole (H) 42.
Highland 158, Nordonia 222
At Pine Hills
1. Porvanski (H) 37; 2. (tie) Horvath (H),

McRae (H) 40.
Hudson 171, Solon 185
At Ellsworth Meadows
1. N.Goodson (H) 42; 2. McDonnell (H) 42; 3. Alexis Gray (S) 43.
NDCL 13, Magnificat 159
At Sweetbriar
1. Jerab (NDCL) 34; 2. (tie) Morris (NDCL), Hollis (M), Nageotte (M) 37.
St. Joseph Academy 175, Beaumont 183
At Mallard Creek
1. Rose (SJA) 37; 2. K.Corrado (B) 40; 3. Keefe (SJA) 45.
Stow 196, Cuyahoga Falls 199
At Fox Den
1. Mondl (CF) 46; 2. Kim (CF) 47; 3. Huber (S) 49.
Strongsville 192, North Royalton 204
At Valleaire
1. Ingram (S) 44; 2. Ingram (S) 47; 3. (tie) Groschitt (NR), Smith (NR) 49.
Vermilion 194, Rocky River 213
At Big Met
1. Gentner (RR) 38; 2. Lardi (V) 43; 3. Fortner (V) 47.

Girls tennis
Amherst 3, Olmsted Falls 2
Singles: Keron (A) d. Taylor 6-2, 6-3; Souders (A) d. Bokman 6-3, 6-0; Quist (OF) d. Szucs 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles: Ondekka/Sturges (A) d. Garlitz/Bertrand 7-6(6), 4-6, 6-1; Staffis/Kopp (OF) d. Nowlin/Lander 6-4, 6-3.
Aurora 4, Western Reserve Academy 1
Singles: Gilley d. King 6-2, 6-0; Miotke d. Miller 6-0, 6-1; C.Nelson d. Halasa 6-3, 6

Thursday, September 6, 2012

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• **ROCKY RIVER** soccer is going strong with the Lady Pirates beginning the season with two victories over Vermilion, 8-0, and Avon Lake, 2-1.

Jill Krebs led in the win against the Shoregals with a first-half goal, while teammate Abby Elinsky scored a second-half goal with the assist coming from Hallie McCue. Eva Schneider assisted Krebs with her goal.

Rocky River goalkeeper Sara Connelly had eight saves in front of the net including a one-on-one attempt in the final seconds to preserve the win.

The Rocky River boys soccer team has a pair of wins as well including a victory over Lutheran West, 3-0.

Spencer Klodnick scored his first goal of the season with the assist coming from teammate Nathaniel O'Halla. Freshman Jacob Wischmeier had a pair of goals on assists from Trent Newby and Liam Duncan.

• **WESTLAKE** boys soccer recorded an impressive Southwestern Conference win over Amherst, 3-0.

The Demons, unbeaten with this victory were led by Nick Wertman's two assists and one goal, while goalkeeper Jamie Lacker recorded four saves in front of the net en route to the shutout.

• **LUTHERAN WEST** fell to Lake Ridge Academy, 5-3. Josh Sekola had two goals for the Longhorns, while Nick Vrabel added the third. Jacob Pshock had eight saves in goal.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Magnificat digs in, digs deep, gets 1st win

MATT PAWLIKOWSKI
Special to The Plain Dealer

The last time Magnificat started a season 0-3, was . . . Exactly. After doing just that, however, the Blue Streaks were out to make a statement during the Varsity Showcase Tournament held on their home courts.

They did exactly that, starting with a 25-11, 25-14 win over Brecksville Broadview Heights. It took three games in their next match, but the Blue Streaks prevailed against Holy Name, 25-9, 21-25, 25-19.

It was the final game that really showed the fortitude that this team, minus seven seniors lost to graduation last year, was made of.

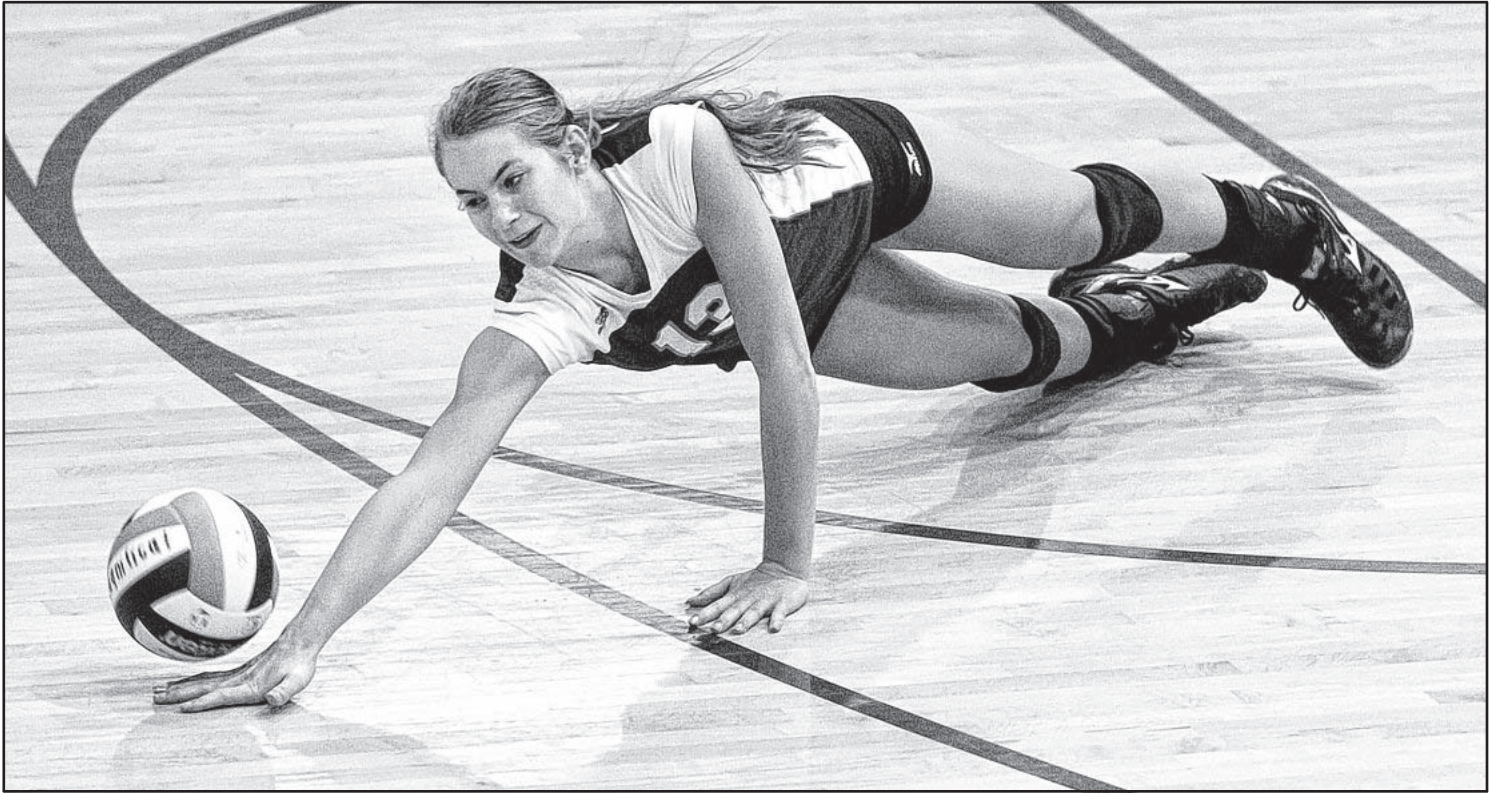
Then, facing a tough Padua team, it came down to the wire, but the Blue Streaks took home the championship, 25-21, 13-25, 25-23.

‘‘We pride ourselves in playing a tougher schedule, so to come out 0-3, this was a big weekend for us,’’ Magnificat coach Mike Cannon said. ‘‘We talked earlier this week that you can’t fix the past, you can’t fix the points, so today goes a long way in helping us reach our goal.

‘‘Winning our tournament is big.’’

Magnificat jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the championship game and appeared poised to make it an early end. But the lead was cut to 15-14 after a great play by Marissa Jay, and from that point on, it was nip and tuck. Padua cut it to 24-23, but Magnificat was able to prevail thanks to some strong net play.

Cayley Balser led the Blue Streaks with 20 kills, while Mi-



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Padua’s Emily Marcinowski dives for a dig against Magnificat during the Varsity Showcase Tournament on Saturday in Rocky River. Host Magnificat won the tournament.

chaela Gabanic had five aces on the night.

Padua coach Jim Behary was proud of how his team performed, considering the long day they had.

‘‘Three [matches], all day long. We had just come off an emotional five-game win against Walsh, so it was just a long day,’’ Behary said. ‘‘We haven’t been in the finals here for a very long time, so it felt good. We have some things to work on.’’

The Bruins went three sets in every match they played Saturday, starting with their match

against Norwalk, which they won (22-25, 25-19, 14-25).

On the day, Gina Kilner led the Bruins with 64 assists. Mary Djukic had 48 assists and three aces, while Maci Budzik had 18 kills and 17 digs.

In the third-place match, Lake Catholic took home a hard-fought 25-20, 25-22 win over Holy Name.

‘‘The Padua game was real close and we really wanted it,’’ said Morgan Toman, who had three kills in the match against Holy Name. ‘‘We were really down after that [loss] and

wanted to prove we could get over that, so it gave us some confidence.’’

Lake lost a heartbreaker to Padua but had perhaps the biggest upset of the morning when it crushed defending champion Cincinnati Seton, 25-10, 25-14. Seton appeared to have been suffering from the long drive as its players also looked listless against Norwalk in their next match.

Holy Name beat St. Joseph, 25-21, 26-24, before falling to Magnificat in three games (25-9, 21-25, 25-19) and then to Lake

Catholic.

‘‘I really think we came together as a team. We were missing one of our big players today and a number of players really stepped up,’’ junior Taylor Verba said.

‘‘Our servicing was on, compared to usual; we just couldn’t finish that last game.’’

Verba led Holy Name with 39 assists, while Leah Switalski had six kills and three aces in the third-place match.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

Football

NONLEAGUE

Berkshire	3	7	7	7-24
Liberty	0	10	0	26-36

B - Patterson 27 FG	
L - Walls 9 run (House kick)	
B - Blechschmid 22 pass from Burzanko (Patterson kick)	
L - House 26 FG	
B - Blechschmid 20 run (Patterson kick)	
L - Walls 27 run (House kick)	
L - Walls 21 run (kick failed)	
L - Pleas 20 INT return (House kick)	
B - Kaser 20 run (Patterson kick)	
L - Walls 12 run (kick failed)	

Cardinal Mooney	20
Warren G. Harding	28

Cle. Cent. Cath.	6	6	0	8-20
25 Shaker Heights	0	21	28	0-49

CCC - Pauldo 1 run (kick failed)	
SH - Pope 2 run (Katzi kick)	
SH - Pope 44 run (Katzi kick)	
CCC - Pauldo 2 run (Katzi kick)	
SH - Leach 42 pass from Pope (Katzi kick)	
SH - Owens 16 run (Katzi kick)	
SH - Burgess 28 pass from Pope (Katzi kick)	
SH - Perkins 25 pass from Pope (Katzi kick)	
SH - Jackson-Daniel 25 pass from Pope (Katzi kick)	
CCC - Brown 7 run (Snyder from Brown)	

#7 Cleveland Hts.	7	0	14	7-28
Youngs, East	0	0	6	6-12

CH - Austin 7 pass from Jones (Pewu kick)	
YE - Hensley 6 run (pass failed)	
CH - Bagley 5 run (Pewu kick)	
CH - Frisco 18 pass from Jones (Pewu kick)	
YE - Hensley 4 run (run failed)	
CH - Jones 1 run (Pewu kick)	

#2 Mentor	0	7	14	0-21
#1 St. Ignatius	21	10	7	10-48

SI - McVey 73 run (Colella kick)	
SI - Hennessey 54 pass from LaManna (Colella kick)	
SI - McVey 6 run (Colella kick)	
M - Tribusky 6 run (Muzik kick)	
SI - Colella 24 FG	
SI - Willis 2 pass from LaManna (Colella kick)	
M - Krizancic 12 pass from Tribusky (Schaffer from Tribusky)	
SI - Siragusa 11 pass from LaManna (Colella kick)	
M - Tribusky 2 run (pass failed)	
SI - Colella 33 FG	

NDCL	21	21	7	7-56
University School	0	0	0	7-7

N - Evans 57 run (Cimperman kick)	
N - Branisel 40 pass from Nash (Cimperman kick)	
N - Varcelli 65 punt return (Cimperman kick)	
N - Evans 24 run (Cimperman kick)	
N - Evans 62 run (Cimperman kick)	
N - Nash 1 run (Cimperman kick)	
N - Vadas 15 pass from Gannon (Bell kick)	
N - DiFranco 4 run (Cimperman kick)	

Olmsted Falls	0	3	0	7-10
Mayfield	14	21	0	0-35

M - Reimer 5 pass from Markovic (Tighe kick)	
M - Canganelli 8 run (Tighe kick)	
OF - Fox 32 FG	
M - Canganelli 14 pass from Markovic (Tighe kick)	
M - Pasquale 32 pass from Markovic (Tighe kick)	
M - Canganelli 41 pass from Markovic (Tighe kick)	
OF - Meketa 9 run (Fox kick)	

VASJ	0	14	0	16-30
Tuscarawas C.C.	14	15	6	7-42

T - Teater 5 pass from M.Lawless (Cummings run)	
T - Cummings 35 pass from M.Lawless (run failed)	
T - Teater 12 pass from M.Lawless (#30 run)	
V - Bolden 92 pass from Williams (kick failed)	
T - A.Lawless 1 run (run failed)	
V - Ross 84 run (Bolden run)	
T - Cummings 29 pass from M.Lawless (kick failed)	
T - M.Lawless 34 run (#30 kick)	
V - Ross 27 run (Mullin run)	
V - Ross 40 run (Mullin run)	

Warrensview Hts.	0	0	0	14-14
Beachwood	14	10	20	0-44

B - Lane 3 run (run failed)	
B - Lane 2 run (Lane run)	
B - Lane 3 run (Granut kick)	
B - Grant 35 FG	
B - Lane 2 run (Granut kick)	
B - Hamilton 9 run (Diamond kick)	
B - Hamilton 65 run (kick failed)	
W - Greer 80 run (run failed)	
W - Greer 12 run (Greer run)	

WRA	0	0	14	14-42
Greener East	0	14	0	8-8

Woodson (D.C.)	0	0	0	0-0
#3 St. Edward	28	9	7	7-51

SE - Aaron 3 run (Marsilio kick)	
SE - Crawford 22 run (Marsilio kick)	
SE - Butler 1 run (Marsilio kick)	
SE - Aaron 2 run (Marsilio kick)	
SE - Aaron 4 run (Marsilio kick)	
SE - Safety	
SE - Butler 1 run (Marsilio kick)	
SE - Walsh 37 pass from Shurmur (Marsilio kick)	

Saturday's scoreboard

Ada 55, Columbus Grove 21	
Anna 34, Ft. Recovery 6	
Arlington 17, Arcadia 14	
Beachwood 44, Warrensville Hts. 14	
Bellaire 43, E. Liverpool 28	
Bellbrook 21, Fairborn 7	

Bloomdale Elmwood 41, N. Baltimore 0	
Bowerston Conotton Valley 26, Bridgeport 21	
Bryan 47, Delta 3	
Bucyrus Wynford 43, Mt. Blanchard Riverdale 0	
Casstown Miami E. 37, Arcanum 0	
Celina 35, Defiance 28	
Centerville 27, Cin. Withrow 21	
Chardon NDL 56, Hunting Valley University 7	
Cin. Clark Montessori 42, Cin. Finneytown 15	
Cin. Country Day 44, St. Bernard 3	
Cin. La Salle 35, Cin. Princeton 21	
Cin. Madeira 21, Cin. N. College Hill 6	
Cin. Moeller 61, Detroit Catholic Central, Mich. 33	
Cin. Mt. Healthy 61, Cin. Aiken 6	
Cin. NW 48, New Carlisle Tecumseh 35	
Cin. Schroder 36, Cin. College Prep. 6	
Cin. Taft 32, Cin. Indian Hill 0	
Cin. Turpin 34, Cin. McNicholas 7	
Cin. Winton Woods 55, Middletown 13	
Cin. Wyoming 38, Middletown Madison 15	
Cle. Cent. Cath. 49, Shaker Hts. 20	
Cle. Hts. 28, Youngs, East 12	
Cle. St. Ignatius 48, Mentor 21	
Coldwater 21, Versailles 7	
Cols. Brookhaven 20, Fairfield 17, OT	
Columbiana 38, Steubenville Cath. Cent. 35	
Convoy Crestview 40, Haviland Wayne Trace 28	
Covington 55, Tipp City Bethel 0	
Day, Chaminade-Julienne 54, Day, Meadowdale 20	
Day, Christian 33, Cin. Christian 0	
Defiance Ayserville 41, Lima Perry 28	
Delphos Jefferson 21, Bluffton 14	
Delphos St. John's 21, St. Henry 17	
Eaton 33, Oxford Talawanda 28	
Elda 27, St. Marys Memorial 3	
Granville 28, Jackson 14	
Hudson WRA 42, Cle. Hts. Lutheran E. 8	
Huron 48, Norwalk St. Paul 12	
Lakewood St. Edward 51, H.D. Woodson, D.C. 0	

Lebanon 35, Greenville 13	
Leontonia 42, Vienna Matthews 0	
Liberty Twp. Lakota E. 17, Clayton Northmont 14	
London Madison Plains 27, Southeastern 17	
Maria Stein Marion Local 49, Rockford Parkway 22	
Mason 27, Cin. Glen Este 3	
Mayfield 35, Olmsted Falls 10	
McComb 43, Findlay Liberty-Benton 36, OT	
Mechanicsburg 33, Waynesfield-Goshen 32	
Miamisburg 13, Franklin 10	
Middletown Fenwick 35, Germantown Valley View 28	
Minster 51, New Bremen 19	
Ottawa-Glandorf 34, Lima Shawnee 13	
Piqua 35, Lima Sr. 7	
Portsmouth Notre Dame 37, Newcomerstown 20	

Riverside Stebbins 27, Spring, Greenon 14	
Sandusky St. Mary 56, Lakeside Danbury 0	
Spenncerville 53, Harrod Allen E. 6	
Springboro 34, Kettering Fairmont 14	
St. Clairsville 56, Day Jefferson 28	
Trenton Edgewood 36, Burton Berkshire 24	
Troy 14, Xenia 6	
Tuscarawas Cent. Cath. 42, Cle. VASJ 30	
Urbana 43, Spring, Shawnee 16	
W. Alexandria Twin Valley S. 46, Ansonia 40	
W. Carrollton 31, Sidney 24	
W. Chester Lakota W. 35, Cin. Anderson 7	
Wapakoneta 48, Lima Bath 27	
Warren Harding 28, Youngs, Mooney 20	
Waynesville 36, Blanchester 0	
Yonkers Liberty 36, Burton Berkshire 24	
Zanesville 48, Hamilton Ross 27	

Friday's area scoreboard

Amherst 49, Clearview 16	
Aurora 49, Bevere 0	
Austintown Fitch 35, Brunswick 7	
Avon 40, Lorain 14	
Bay 20, Fairview 13	
Benedictine 14, Bedford 12	
Berea 28, Normandy 14	
Bishop Watterson 13, Walsh Jesuit 7	
Boardman 47, Archbishop Hoban 26	
Canfield S. Range 42, Trinity 12	
Cardinal 42, Ledgemont 0	
Catholics 47, Brookside 8	
Chagrin Falls 56, Wooster 42	
Chardon 35, Maple Hts. 20	
Cleveland JFK 26, Rhodes 6	
Cloverleaf 55, Akron North 20	
Columbia 28, Doylestown Chippewa 7	
Copley 34, Orrville 28	
Coventry 40, Akron East 13	
Crestwood 14, Ravenna SE 6	
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy 23, Leavittsburg LaBree 14	

Cuyahoga Heights 28, St. Peter Chanel 0	
East Tech 22, Lincoln-West 8	
Ellet 26, Alliance 12	
Elyria Catholic 40, Centerburg 27	
Fairport 20, Windham 18	
Firestone 13, Stow 7, OT	
Galion 46, Keystone 28	
Garrettsville Garfield 15, Warren Champion 8	
GlenOak 35, Euclid 18	

Glenville 47, John Marshall 0	
Green 35, Kenmore 2	
Hawken 28, Gilmour 14	
Hudson 38, Brecksville 21	
Independence 35, Lutheran West 9	
Kenston 30, Brush 16	
Kent Roosevelt 20, Cuyahoga Falls 15	
Kirtland 45, Orange 21	
Louisville 34, Ravenna 20	
Madison 28, Perry 27	

Manchester 34, Black River 7	
Massillon Academy 54, Avon Lake 47, 2OT	
Madpark 48, Eastlake North 7	
Midway 37, Elyria 27	
Mogadore 26, W. Salem NW 20	
New Philadelphia 41, Barborton 8	
Newbury 28, Sebring McKinley 20	
Nordonia 49, Parma 14	

North Olmsted 36, North Ridgeville 20	
North Royalton 56, Highland 51	
Norton 28, Newton Falls 21	
Oberlin 34, Richmond Heights 20	

Riverside 42, Harvey 0	
Sandusky Perkins 55, Buckeye 20	
Shaw 38, Garfield Heights 7	
Solon 36, Buchtel 14	
Springfield 20, Can. Cent. Cath. 19	
St. Vincent-St. Mary 48, Woodridge 0	
Streetsboro 37, Beloit W. Branch 28	
Strongsville 12, Padua 7	
Struthers 28, Field 14	
Sunbury Big Walnut 50, Collinwood 6	
Tallmadge 26, Akron Garfield 0	
Twinsburg 44, Lancaster 21	
Valley Forge 10, Holy Name 7	
Vermilion 41, Firelands 28	
Wadsworth 29, Medina 0	
Waterloo 56, Southington Chalker 16	
Westlake 29, Rocky River 13	
Wickliffe 43, Brooklyn 28	
Willoughby S. 41, West Geauga 7	
Youngstown Ursuline 21, Lake Catholic 7	

Volleyball

Avon Lake d. Midview 25-15, 25-15, 25-19	
Copley d. Barberton 15-25, 25-20, 25-13	
Cuyahoga Falls d. Canfield 25-20, 22-25, 25-22	
Garfield Heights d. John Adams 25-4, 25-9, 25-4	

Hearts for Jesus d. Calvary Christian (Pa.) 25-8, 25-22	
Mayfield d. West Geauga 25-14, 25-27, 25-23, 25-19	
Mentor d. Eastlake North 25-16, 25-14, 25-13	
Salem d. Cuyahoga Falls 15-25, 25-20, 25-19	

ANDREWS OSBORNE QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Andrews Osborne d. Richmond Heights 25-10, 25-19	
Fairport d. Max Hayes 25-15, 25-14	
Richmond Heights d. Max Hayes 25-8, 25-17	
Champion Fitch d. Andrews Osborne 25-21, 25-22	

AUSTINTOWN FITCH TRIANGULAR

Austintown Fitch d. Akron Garfield 25-5, 25-9	
Geneva d. Austintown Fitch 25-16, 25-15	

AVON INVITATIONAL

Avon d. Wellington 25-8, 25-12	
Elyria d. Highland 25-17, 25-10	
Elyria d. Perkins 25-23, 22-25, 25-17	
Highland d. Wellington 25-6, 25-14	
Perkins d. Westlake n/a	
Riverside d. Avon 25-15, 25-18	
Riverside d. Rostown 25-18, 25-12	
Westlake d. Normandy 25-23, 25-17	

FIFTH PLACE

Westlake d. Highland 25-19, 12-25, 25-23	
THIRD PLACE	
Perkins d. Avon 25-15, 25-16	

CHAMPIONSHIP

Riverside d. Elyria 25-22, 25-23	
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CHARDON TOURNAMENT

Field d. Orange 25-18, 25-22	
Orange d. Lakeside 25-19, 25-15	
Orange d. Jefferson 14-25, 25-20, 25-19	

FRANCES DAVIS INVITATIONAL

LaBree d. LaBree 25-15, 25-15	
Ledgemont d. Newbury 27-25, 25-8	
Ledgemont d. Rostown 25-18, 25-18	
Newbury d. Rostown 25-18, 27-25	
Windham d. LaBree 21-25, 25-17, 25-8	
Windham d. Ravenna 25-12, 25-15	

FIFTH PLACE

Windham d. LaBrae 21-25, 25-17, 25-8	
Windham d. Ravenna 25-12, 25-15	

The Start

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Terry's talking: Talk Browns, Indians and Cavaliers with Terry Pluto, left, in a live chat at 1 p.m. today. cleveland.com/pluto

TIMEOUT

Bitter endings

Most consecutive losses by FBS schools to end the season, 2011:

- Kansas** — 10 straight (finished 2-10).
- Tulane** — 10 straight (finished 2-11).
- Indiana** — 9 straight (finished 1-11).
- New Mexico** — 9 straight (finished 1-11).
- Colorado State** — 8 straight (finished 3-9).
- Akron** — 8 straight (finished 1-11).
- Maryland** — 8 straight (finished 2-10).

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CALENDAR

	TODAY	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
BROWNS 440-891-5000	Next: Sunday, at Bengals, Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, 1:00, WOIO				
INDIANS 216-420-4487	Texas 8:05 STO	Texas 8:05 STO	Texas 8:05 STO	Detroit 7:00 WKYC/ STO	Detroit 4:05 WJW
AEROS 330-253-5151	Trenton 7:05-x	Trenton 7:05-x		Trenton 7:05-x	Trenton 7:05-xy
THISTLEDOWN 216-662-8600		Post 1:50	Post 1:50	Post 1:50	Post 1:50
NORTHFIELD 330-467-4101	Post 7:00			Post 7:00	Post 7:00

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ON THE AIR

BASEBALL	
7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Boston	MLBN
8:05 p.m. Indians at Texas	STO; AM/1100
SOCCER	
8 p.m. Men, World Cup qualifier, U.S. vs. Jamaica	ESPN2

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TODAY IN SPORTS

2001: Sports comes to a standstill following the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, with major-league baseball postponing a full schedule of regular-season games for the first time since D-Day in 1944.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



HIGH SCHOOL INSIDER

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JOSHUA GUNTER | THE PLAIN DEALER

Conor Hennessey, a wide receiver for No. 1 St. Ignatius, hauls in a pass for a first down in the Wildcats' 48-21 win against Mentor Saturday night at Byers Field in Parma. Hennessey, a senior, left the game with a tendon injury late in the first half, but not before catching four passes for 139 yards and a touchdown.








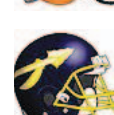
PD football top 25 poll

(Previous week's ranking in parentheses)

- **1. St. Ignatius, 3-0 (1):** At Strong Vincent (Pa.) on Saturday. Wildcats showed plenty of balance in 48-21 romp over Mentor.
- **2. St. Edward, 3-0 (3):** At Cincinnati Elder on Saturday. Eagles' defense pitched second straight shutout after surrendering 14 points in Week 1.
- **3. Mentor, 2-1 (2):** Hosts Mayfield on Friday. Cardinals' slow start against St. Ignatius made a long night even longer.
- **4. Hudson, 3-0 (4):** Hosts No. 19 Brunswick on Friday. Rookie quarterback Mitchell Guadagni is beginning to turn heads.
- **5. Chagrin Falls, 3-0 (5):** Hosts No. 6 Aurora on Friday. Tigers' offense will be tested by Aurora's stingy defense.
- **6. Aurora, 3-0 (6):** At No. 5 Chagrin Falls on Friday. Greenmen looking to avenge last season's 17-10 loss to Chagrin Falls.
- **7. St. Vincent-St. Mary, 3-0 (8):** At Youngstown Cardinal Mooney on Friday. Can Fighting Irish keep it going against defending Division III state champions?
- **8. Cleveland Heights, 3-0 (7):** At Bedford on Friday. Big second half lifted the Tigers to a 28-12 victory at Youngstown East.
- **9. Midview, 3-0 (13):** Hosts Rocky River on Friday. Cody Callaway-to-Eric Lauer pass connection proved huge in win over Elyria.

- **10. Glenville, 2-1 (10):** Hosts East Tech on Friday. Tarblooders opened league play with weather-shortened win over John Marshall.
- **11. Solon, 2-1 (11):** At No. 14 North Royalton on Friday. Comets' secondary will be tested against Travis Tarnowski and Co.
- **12. Willoughby South, 3-0 (12):** Hosts Geneva on Friday. Do Rebels really need to pass with a runner like Kareem Hunt in the backfield?
- **13. Avon Lake, 2-1 (9):** At North Olmsted on Friday. Shoremen wasted 24-point halftime lead in double OT loss to Massillon Jackson.
- **14. North Royalton, 3-0 (15):** Hosts No. 11 Solon on Friday. Bears will need to control the line of scrimmage to compete with Solon.
- **15. Elyria, 2-1 (14):** Hosts Strongsville on Friday. Pioneers ran out of time after digging too big a hole against Midview.
- **16. Kirtland, 3-0 (16):** At Newbury on Friday. Hornets can't take Newbury lightly considering the Knights' rare 3-0 start.
- **17. Chardon, 3-0 (23):** Hosts Eastlake North on Friday. Hilltoppers will go for first 4-0 start since 1998, coach Mitch Hewitt's senior year.

Dropped out: Maple Heights, Bedford.

- **18. Avon, 2-1 (21):** Hosts Lakewood on Friday. Watch out, Eagles are back at full strength and are formidable.
- **19. Brunswick, 2-1 (17):** At No. 4 Hudson on Friday. Blue Devils out-gained Austintown Fitch but two turnovers were costly in 35-7 loss.
- **20. Walsh Jesuit, 0-3 (19):** Idle. A bye week couldn't have come at a better time for the Warriors.
- **21. Lake Catholic, 1-2 (18):** Hosts Cathedral Prep (Pa.) on Saturday. Cougars look more like a M*A*S*H unit than a football team.
- **22. Kent Roosevelt, 2-1 (20):** At Coventry on Friday. Tra'Von Chapman excelled — again — in a 20-15 win over Cuyahoga Falls.
- **23. Shaker Heights, 2-1 (25):** Hosts Parma on Saturday. QB Jimmie Pope leads Raiders to Northeast Ohio Conference Lake Division debut.
- **24. Green, 2-1 (—):** Hosts Revere on Friday. Twins Zach and Seth Wieland are giving opponents fits.
- **25. Copley, 3-0 (—):** Hosts Tallmadge on Friday. Tailback Aregeros Turner is having a healthy, productive senior campaign.

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ROUNDUP

Avon blanks North Olmsted

From staff reports

Avon wasted little time in defeating visiting North Olmsted, 2-0, in a Monday night boys high school soccer game.

Fredrik Troupe scored on a free kick just 5½ minutes into the game. Daniel Minotti struck for an insurance tally 31 minutes later.

Manchester 2, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy 1 The Panthers (6-1, 4-0) got goals from Nathan Ariza and Josh Williams to remain unbeaten in the Principals Athletic Conference and drop CVCA, ranked No. 8 in the latest Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Division II poll.

Gilmour Academy 2, Villa Angela-St. Joseph 1 Robbie Zeller's goal 77 minutes into the nonleague game gave the Lancers the victory.

Girls soccer

Holy Name 2, Rocky River 1 The Green Wave (4-1-1) extracted a little revenge for last season's Division II district final loss as Sarah Krause and Caroline Dreher had a goal each in helping bump the Pirates (5-1) from the unbeaten ranks.

Bay 2, North Olmsted 0 Alex Brown's goal gave the Rockets (6-1, 2-0) a 1-0 halftime lead and Erin Carter scored in the second half in a West Shore Conference game. Bay is ranked No. 1 in the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association poll.

Goalie Margaret Francati had nine saves.

Solon 2, Hawken 1 Hannah Schippers' two goals and goalie Kristen Confroy's two saves helped the Comets pull the minor nonleague upset over Hawken, ranked No. 2 in the OSSCA Division III poll.

Shaker Heights 3, Cleveland Heights 1 Beth Cheverine had two goals and Rae Conlon chipped in a goal and an assist to lead the Raiders past their archrival in the non-league game.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights 1, North Royalton 0 The Bees stung their archrival in a nonleague game behind Grace Bahr's goal and netminder Jena Lopez's single save.

Volleyball

Black River 3, Mapleton 2 The Pirates rebounded for the nonleague win after dropping the first two sets. The tandem of Emily Cartwright and Megan Mey joined forces for 35 services points, including 11 aces, 26 kills, 49 assists and 11 digs.

Report football stats

Football coaches are asked to input individual player statistics into our online database on a weekly basis again this season. Stats will be published weekly beginning next week. If you need your sign-on information to access the website, contact our staff at results@plaind.com

GOLF | KIELY CUP

Walsh's Johnson wins in near-record fashion

TIM ROGERS
Plain Dealer Reporter

Great courses bring out the best in good golfers.

That axiom held true on Monday during the eighth annual Kiely Cup golf tournament when some of the area's best high school players and at least one of the state's best teams took on Canterbury Golf Club on bright day that had a hint of fall in the air.

It was a record-setting day for the team from Dayton Oakwood, a perennial Division II state championship contender, and it was a near record-setting day for Walsh Jesuit junior Chase Johnson.

Oakwood, a three-time state champion, won the team championship with a record score of 301 as four of its five players shot 77 or better. The 301, a whopping 18 shots better than runners-up Walsh Jesuit and St. Ignatius, was the lowest score in the tournament's brief history and gave the Lumberjacks the widest margin of victory.

Johnson, a Kent State recruit, was the only player to break par over Canterbury's 7,012 yards with a 3-under 69, one shot off the tournament record set last year by Beau Tittsworth of St. Ignatius, now at Oklahoma.

Stow junior Ian Holt, also a KSU recruit and the reigning Division I

state champion, was second at one-over 72, and Gilmour's Andrew Bieber, the reigning Division III state champion and a Duke recruit, shared third place at 73 with Wellington School's Justin Perdue.

"Winning this really means a lot to me," said Johnson, who hit 15 greens in regulation despite hitting just six fairways, and had 31 putts. "I've played here since my freshman year, and it's such a prestigious event. Other than the state tournament, this is my favorite high school event."

The victory avenged a minor setback two years ago for Johnson, a resident of Barberton. He missed a 2-foot putt on the final hole and lost by a stroke to teammate Tyler McHigh and Gilmour's Alex Andrews.

"Ever since then I've wanted to come back here and win, and now I have a chance to win two," Johnson said.

After making the turn at even, Johnson made putts of about 8 feet for birdie on the 384-yard 14th and the 617-yard 16th.

Oakwood was led by senior Jack Kegelmeyer and sophomore Austin Wells, each of whom shot 74, followed by Alex Marquis (76) and Tripp French (77).

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High schools

Today's schedule

BOYS SOCCER
Akron North at Ellet, 5
Andrews Osborne at Lawrence School, 4:30
Archbishop Hoban at Padua, 5
Arundel at Chagrin Falls, 7
Beechwood at Newbury, 7
Benedictine at St. Peter Chanel, 7
Berkshire at Independence, 7
Cloverleaf at Revere, 7
Columbus at Martin Luther King, 4
Cuyahoga Heights at Harvey, 4:30
Elyria at Cuyahoga Falls, 7
Garfield Heights at Parma, 4
Green at Copley, 7
Highland at Tallmadge, 7
Holy Name at Warren JFK, 4:30
Hudson at Mentor, 7
John Marshall vs. East Tech at Rhodes, 4
Kent Roosevelt at Crestwood, 7
Lincoln-West vs. Max Hayes at Collinwood, 7
Medina at Strongsville, 7
Midway at First Baptist, 5
Nardonata at Wadsworth, 7
Normandy at Valley Forge, 7
Perry at Coney, 7
Ravenna at Orange, 7
Rhodes at John Hay, 4
Shaker Heights at North Royalton, 7
Stow at Fairview, 7
Springfield at Field, 7
Stow at Mayfield, 7
Twinsburg at Solon, 7
University School at Madison, 5
West Geauga at Hawken, 4:30
Wickliffe at Waterloo, 7

GIRLS SOCCER
Brooklyn at Beachwood, 5
Crestwood at Kent Roosevelt, 7
Euclid at Open Door, 4:30
Fairview at Orange, 7
Field at St. Vincent-St. Mary, 7
Hathaway Brown vs. Laurel at Ursuline, 7
Hudson at Mentor, 7
Manchester at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 7
Ravenna at Coventry, 5
Rostown at Southeast, 5
Woodbridge at Waterloo, 5

WOLLEYBALL
Akron Garfield at Akron North, 6
Cuyahoga Heights at Beachwood, 6:30
Euclid at Open Door, 4:30
Fairview at Orange, 7
Field at Streetsboro, 7
Garrettsville at Southeast, 7:30
Green at Cloverleaf, 5:30
Hudson at Warren JFK, 4:30
Horizon Science at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30

Independence at Richmond Heights, 5
Kent Roosevelt at Springfield, 7
Keystone at Brookside, 7:30
Lake Catholic at Beaumont, 7:30
Lake Ridge at Western Reserve AC, 6:30
Lakewood at Midview, 6
Lutheran East at Cleveland MLK, 6
Lutheran East at Clearview, 5:30
Manchester at Indian Valley, 7
Maple at Shaw, 7
Mentor at Mayfield, 6:30
Midpark at Avon Lake, 7
Midway at Lakewood, 7
Nardonata at Highland, 7
Penn Dor at Cornerstone Christian, 6:30
Perry at Orange, 6:30
Rocky River at Elyria Catholic, 6
Rostown at Woodridge, 7
Stow at Hudson, 6:30
St. Vincent-St. Mary at St. Joseph, 6:30
Trinity at Villa Angela-St. Joseph, 6:30
Trinity at CVCA, 7
Twinsburg at Cuyahoga Falls, 6:30
Valley Forge at Garfield Heights, 7:30
Warren Harding at Euclid, 4:30
Westlake at Brookside, 7
Wickliffe at Hawken, 6:30

AP poll
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — How a state panel of sportswriters and broadcasters rates Ohio high school teams in the first weekly Associated Press poll of 2012, by OHSAA divisions, with won-loss record and total points (first-place votes in parentheses):

DIVISION I
1. St. Ignatius (15) 3-0 190
2. Cin. Colerain (2) 3-0 164
3. Cin. Moeller (3) 3-0 140
4. St. Edward 3-0 137
5. Pickerington N. 3-0 63
6. Dublin GlenOak (1) 3-0 62
7. Can. GlenOak (1) 3-0 58
8. Findlay 3-0 51
9. Austintown-Fitch (2) 3-0 50
10. Tol. Whitmer 3-0 42

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Cin. St. Xavier 39, 12. Can. McKinley 32, 13. Springfield 30, 14. Mentor 30, 15. Willoughby South 21, 16. Massillon Washington 20, 17. Hilliard Darby 19, 18. Glenview 18, 19. Gahanna Lincoln 15, 20. Lewis Center Olentangy 13, 20. N. Can. Hoover 13.

DIVISION II
1. Tol. Cent. Cath. (8) 3-0 179
2. Cin. Moeller (2) 3-0 112
3. Chardon (3) 3-0 108
4. Cin. Turpin (2) 3-0 103
5. Tiffin Columbian (1) 3-0 95
6. Trotwood-Madison (2) 1-2 73
7. Zanesville 3-0 67
8. Dresden Trl-Valley (1) 3-0 61
9. Copley 3-0 43
10. Mansfield Madison (1) 3-0 40

Others receiving 12 or more points: 10. Cols. Marion-Franklin 40, 10. Cin. Winton Woods 40, 13. Cin. Mt. Healthy 37, 14. Trenton Edgewood 34, 15. Tipp City Tippecanoe 33, 16. Cin. NW 29, 17. New Philadelphia 26, 18. Grafton Midwest 23, 19. Fremont Ross 21, 20. Kent Roosevelt (1) 21, 21. Franklin 16, 22. Cloverleaf 15, 22. Norwalk 15, 24. Maple Heights 12.

DIVISION III
1. Tol. Vincent-St. Mary (6) 3-0 159
2. Thurgood Marshall (2) 3-0 146
3. Chagrin Falls (7) 3-0 139
4. Steubenville (3) 3-0 122
5. Kettering Allert (1) 3-0 119
6. Cols. Watterston (1) 3-0 86
7. Brookfield (1) 3-0 61
8. Elida (1) 3-0 79
9. You. Mooney (1) 3-0 48
10. Bellevue 3-0 48

Others receiving 12 or more points: 11. Napoleon 33, 12. Granville 30, 13. Bryan 29, 14. Millersburg W. Holmes 25, 15. Jefferson Area 23, 16. Hubbard (1) 21, 17. Niles McKinley 20, 17. Plain City Jonathan Alder 20, 19. Thornville Sheridan 18, 20. Cols. DeSales 14, 21. Struthers 12.

DIVISION IV
1. Cols. Hartley (8) 3-0 146
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Cross Country - Boys	9/11/2012	Tiffin Columbian/Sandusky? Willard	Tiffin Columbian 49, Willard 55, Sandusky 103 Norwalk
Soccer - Girls	9/11/2012	Ashland	1 Norwalk
Volleyball	9/11/2012	Monroeville	1 St. Paul

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Abby Elinsky's lone goal lifts Rocky River Pirates over Avon Eagles

BY JAMES BRADY
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AVON — For 59 minutes it looked like the Avon girls' soccer team was headed to its fourth tie of the season against Rocky River in West Shore Conference action Wednesday night.

The Eagles had already survived nine corner-kicks by the Pirates, but on the 10th attempt, Rocky River's Abby Elinsky poked home her 11th goal of the young season to give her team a 1-0 win.

The Division II state-ranked Pirates ran their record to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the WSC while the Eagles dropped their second in a row falling to 2-2-3 and 1-1-1 in conference play.

Despite playing what Pirates head coach Pat Hopkins called, "My team played slower than usual tonight", his team dominated the pitch for the entire match by allowing just one shot on goal in the first half and no corner kicks.

Pirates goalie Sara Connelly only had one save on an easy ball lofted to the front of net. Eagles goalie Kayla Wysocki stopped eight shots and defender Mallory Deel turned away another to keep Avon close in the first half.

Rocky River's consistent offensive pressure kept Avon on its heels as the Eagles defense turned away a nice direct kick by Hallie McCue while Deel turned away a Grace Bennet shot with her shoulder right on the goal line at the 16 minute mark.

Wysocki turned away three more Rocky River shots in the final 21 minutes to keep Avon alive.

The Eagles offense finally got a chance on offense in the 48th minute when Alex LaSalla lofted a long crossing pass from the right wing to Emily Joyce just inside the top of the box.

Joyce was able to turn and get off a shot, but it went wide right after being deflected by a Pirate defender.

Rocky River kept up the pressure with a couple balls that went off the mark, but the corner kicks kept mounting until McCue teed up the 10th of the night, this one from the right of the goalie, setting up the only score of the game.

"Hallie takes all of our corner kicks and she does a great job of getting the ball to the right place," Elinsky said about the lone score of the game. "I'm normally better playing the ball off my head, but she got it through a couple defenders and I was able to get my foot on the ball to poke it into the goal."

Avon only had one real chance to tie the game after the goal when Jessica Yurkovich let a shot fly from 30 yards on the right wing, but the ball sailed to the right, sending the ball the other direction on a goal kick.

"Offensively we just couldn't create much," Eagles first-year coach Danie Schnauffer said. "We've been lacking intensity the entire season and we've been trying to bring that to practice recently."

"Our girls brought it today and I thought it was the first time they were emotionally vested in the game. I'm happy with the intensity we brought to the game tonight. We just weren't creating the opportunities and keeping the ball in play."

The Eagles are off until next Wednesday when they travel to Bay for another conference match. Rocky River will play host to Beaumont at home Monday.

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TIM WARSINSKEY

Q: Hey, Tim: Thoughts on Cleveland Heights' football team after the first few games? — *Kent Hoshiko (@spudnick5 on Twitter)*

A. Hey, Kent: I was shocked Cleveland Heights didn't get any love in the initial Associated Press state Division I poll released this week.

This is a team that has won 12 straight regular-season games and features five players with Division I scholarship offers — wideouts Shelton Gibson and Dorien Hudson, cornerback Marcus McShepherd, slot back/linebacker De'Niro Laster and junior linebacker Dorian Baker. Laster is a transfer from Shaker Heights, and Baker transferred from Brush.

The Tigers, who play at Bedford on Friday, on paper appear to be a team that could go 10-0 this year. The key is the development of sophomore quarterback Taylor Jones, who is surrounded by a wealth of talent. They also have had some injuries on the offensive line, but nothing serious.

I like this team to make the playoffs, host a game and win a game.

— Tim

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- "I watch my bro do tons of college homework. #intimidating"
- @TSprinkle90 (**Tracy Sprinkle**, Elyria football player)
- "Peyton absolutely tearin it"
- @Tupes07 (**Tommy Tupa**, Brecksville-Broadview Heights quarterback, on Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning)
- "It's party time."
- @tmcvey41 (**Tim McVey**, St. Ignatius football player, on Saturday afternoon before the Wildcats defeated Mentor that night)
- "Ready for this game, time to put in work fore!"
- @AndersonKasidy (**Kasidy Anderson**, Shaker Heights field hockey player)

— *Bob Fortuna, Joe Maxse*

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GAME BALLS

Here are the results of the online poll to determine the top Week 3 Friday football performance. Vote each week at cleveland.com/hssports through Wednesday at noon. The winner receives a Game Balls T-shirt. See who won every Thursday in The Locker Room.

Week 3 results



Williams

- Dorian Williams, Streetsboro: 4,147 votes. Running back had 26 carries for 290 yards and four touchdowns in a 37-35 win over West Branch.
 - Jake Czerwinski, Aurora: 2,541.
 - Travis Tarnowski, North Royalton: 264.
 - Tommy Iammarino, Chagrin Falls: 153.
- Joe Vuraich, Wickliffe: 90.
- George Bollas, Aurora: 61.
- Khoury Crenshaw, Solon: 54.
- Mitchell Guadagni, Hudson: 42.
- Clayton Uecker, SVSM: 14.
- Tra'Von Chapman, Kent Roosevelt: 12.
- Jeremy Holley, Elyria Catholic: 7.
- Total votes: 7,385**

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ...

Ashley (Rucker) Rivera, a former All-Ohio girls soccer player at Rocky River?



Rivera

"My dad [Ron] lets me know or I go online. I try to go to one or two games."

"I went last year when they beat Hathaway Brown [in the district final]. It was amazing. I only had my senior season under coach [Patrick] Hopkins. I wish I would have had more."

Rivera, 23, said high school and the rivalry against neighboring Magnificat bring back a lot of memories.

"It does seem like just yesterday I was playing, but then again, I can't believe it's more than five years ago to high school," she said. "I remember we got our butts kicked by Mags [8-0] in the playoffs, my final game."

"I'm going to try to come to the game against Mags this year."

Rivera lives in Austintown with her husband, Jose, and their stepson, Dominic (3), and 3-month-old Lillianah.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Chris Onyak

Copley



Sport: Cross-country
Class: Junior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 5-6
Wt: 130
What Chris did last week: Won Suburban Super Dual meet with a time of 17:12.

Placed second in Tiffin Carnival Division I-B race (16:43).

About Chris: Enjoys fishing and playing video games. Favorites include the Indians and Chris Perez, pancakes, Bob Evans restaurant, "The Lord of the Rings" movie and book, "Myth Busters" TV show, science class and "Mass Effect 3" video game.

Jimmie Pope

Shaker Heights



Sport: Football
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 6-4
Wt: 195
What Jimmie did last week: Quarterback was 13-of-20 for 260 yards and four touchdowns in 49-20 win over Cleveland Central Catholic. Ran five times for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

About Jimmie: Also plays basketball. Member of Minority Achievement scholars program. Favorites include the Browns and Knicks, athletes Carmelo Anthony and Peyton Manning, "Scarface" movie and "NBA 2K12" video game.

Matt Krause

Strongsville



Sport: Golf
Class: Senior
Age: 18 **Ht:** 6-0
Wt: 170
What Matt did last week: Ran medalist streak to six matches with a 39 at Columbia Hills in win over Cloverleaf and 3-under 32 at Forest Hills in win over Elyria. Averaging 36.2 for nine holes and 76 for 18.

About Matt: Wants to study accounting in college. Enjoys playing darts and ping pong. Favorites include golfer Hunter Mahan, "Caddyshack" movie, "Pawn Stars" TV show and Chipotle restaurant. Wants to learn how to play guitar.

Nick Astalos

Kenston



Sport: Soccer
Class: Senior
Age: 16 **Ht:** 5-11
Wt: 170
What Nick did last week: Forward scored six goals as Bombers defeated Perry, 3-0; Midpark, 4-1; and Eastlake North, 3-1. Three-year starter and co-captain has scored in all seven games, netting 11 goals.

About Nick: Member of National Honor Society. Enjoys photography. Plans to major in business management. Favorites include Manchester United, "Family Guy" TV show and "FIFA 2012" video game. Wants to attend the World Cup.

Tamara Heller

Ledgemont



Sport: Volleyball
Class: Junior
Age: 16 **Ht:** 5-7
What Tamara did last week: Outside hitter went 117-of-128 hitting and 45-of-51 serving. Averaged 4.11 kills and 1.18 aces as team went 6-0, including winning the Frances David Invitational.

About Tamara: Member of Relay for Life and Student Council. Enjoys riding snowmobiles and dirt bikes. Favorites include English class, Florida Gators, Cavaliers, Steelers, fruit roll-ups and "Mean Girls" movie. Wants to be a sports broadcaster.

Maddie Britton

Bay



Sport: Cross-country
Class: Junior
Age: 16 **Ht:** 5-4
What Maddie did last week: Placed seventh in Division I at the Tiffin Carnival with a time of 18:55, a personal best and school record. Helped team place fourth.

About Maddie: Member of HUD-DLE club. Plays flute in symphonic band. Likes to draw. Favorites include "Modern Family" TV show, music by Bruno Mars, Mitchell's ice cream and "The Hunger Games" book. Would like to try skydiving.

Travis Tarnowski

North Royalton



Sport: Football
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 6-0
Wt: 185
What Travis did last week: Quarterback was 11-of-15 for 218 yards and three touchdowns in 56-51 win over Highland as team moved to 3-0. Had eight carries for 102 yards and three touchdowns.

About Travis: Three-year varsity basketball player. Favorites include Carolina Panthers and Cam Newton, "Forrest Gump" movie, "Breaking Bad" TV show and music by Lil Wayne. Wants to skydive and vacation in Alaska.

Jessica McRae

Highland



Sport: Golf
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 5-4
What Jessica did last week: Shot 1-under 34 at Turkeyfoot and had rounds of 3-over 40 and 1-under 35 at Pine Hills. At Medina County Invitational at Bunker Hill, had 13 pars en route to a 76 as team won.

About Jessica: Plans to major in premed. Favorites include biology class, golfer Adam Scott, chocolate-covered strawberries, "The Longest Yard" movie, "Pretty Little Liars" TV show and Thyme² restaurant.

Mickey Rosenblum

Fuchs Mizrahi



Sport: Soccer
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 5-4
What Mickey did last week: Forward scored all three goals in 3-2 win over Cornerstone Christian, the school's first win in more than two years.

About Mickey: Plays basketball and piano. Member of Friendship Circle and Yachad, helping disabled youths. Favorites include Cavaliers, U.S. soccer player Hope Solo, "Jumper" movie, "One Tree Hill" TV show, stumbleupon.com and chemistry class.

How to nominate a Player of the Week

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Players of the Week win a free SAT or ACT class with College Review. To arrange, call 216-831-2557 or visit collegereview.org.

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Maple Heights' Dezmenn Fedrick is sandwiched by Chardon's Anthony Cantanzriti, left, and Alex Muir in a game Friday night. The No. 17 Hilltoppers beat the Mustangs, 35-20.

Midpark coach credits his seniors for fast start

Midpark has been one of the pleasant surprises in the Southwestern Conference.

In its last year of existence before merging with neighboring Berea, Midpark is off to a 3-0 start heading into Friday's league opener against winless Olmsted Falls (0-3).

Coach Dave McFarland, who coached the freshmen for two seasons, took over the program in June. He wanted to deflect all credit to his seniors.

"It's a unique situation having one year to build a program," said McFarland, who teaches history at the school. "We have a great group of seniors who work their butts off."

"They want to be good. How good? I don't know."

The Meteors have knocked off Parma (55-35), Valley Forge (24-21) and Eastlake North (48-7). Senior quarterback Doug Verbofsky has passed for more than 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The schedule promises to get a lot tougher from here to the finish, with a visit to strong Avon Lake looming next week. Appropriately, Midpark and Berea will play their regular season finale on Oct. 26 at Finnie Stadium.

"I'll be back teaching [next year]," said McFarland. "This is a one-time deal. Any success we have, it's about the seniors. I told them to take ownership of the team and they have."

— Tim Rogers

Dry spell: Besides Midpark, North Olmsted and Westlake went through their nonleague games undefeated to stand 3-0 heading into conference play. With seven weeks to go in the regular season, all hope they can put an end to lengthy play-off droughts.

Midpark has not been to the post-season since 2000 (also 1988, 1986, 1985); North Olmsted since 2005; and Westlake since 1989 (also 1984, 1983).

— Joe Maxse

Mighty Mike: Lost in the first quarter, 21-point onslaught by St. Ignatius in its 48-21 victory over Mentor last week was a key defensive play by senior Mike Gibbons, the starter at outside linebacker/strong safety.

Gibbons, who is being looked at by several Ivy League schools, stormed through the Mentor line and partially blocked a punt on Mentor's second possession. Defensive end Kevin Kavalec caught the ball out of midair on the Mentor 34 and St. Ignatius scored its second touchdown three plays later.

It was a gratifying return to action for the 6-0, 200-pound Gibbons, who missed all but about 10 plays last year after suffering a compressed nerve in his shoulder and a triple fracture of the third metacarpal on his right hand. A former running back, Gibbons was asked to move to defense and responded with his best game of his varsity career against Mentor.

Numbers: The St. Ignatius student sports information staff reports that

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since 1983, the Wildcats have a 252-17 record in games when they score 20 or more points. They are 92-2 in that span when they score 40 or more.

One Hall of a return: Former Padua coach and John Carroll graduate Chuck Prieffer will receive the Jerry Schweikert Leadership Award from JCU during ceremonies Friday at the university. Prieffer, who went on to coach at Miami (Ohio), North Carolina, Kent State and Georgia Tech, as well as stints with the Green Bay Packers, San Diego Chargers and Detroit Lions, also will be introduced at halftime of the Blue Streaks' game against rival Baldwin Wallace on Saturday.

— Tim Rogers

Shurmur's other QB: There was one quarterback who had to make Browns coach Pat Shurmur smile last weekend. His sophomore son, Kyle, completed 7-of-10 passes for 119 yards and a touchdown in St. Edward's 51-0 victory against Woodson of Washington, D.C.

Kyle Shurmur is a 6-3, 195-pound backup to senior starter Ryan Fallon. So far this season, Shurmur is 16-of-19 for 204 yards and two touchdowns and has not thrown an interception.

Return game: Defense wins games, especially when your defense scores. Cuyahoga Heights junior cornerback Jack Alpert scored touchdowns on a 13-yard fumble return and a 65-yard interception return in a 28-0 victory over Chanel. He also caught a 12-yard TD pass.

— Tim Warsinskey

Quarterbacks Blue: There are some changes behind center in the North Coast League's Blue Division.

Lake Catholic senior quarterback Mark Baniewicz suffered a strained knee ligament in last week's loss to Youngstown Ursuline. Baniewicz had accounted for 370 yards rushing and five touchdowns, passing for 259 yards and two scores. He is expected to miss a month of play.

Junior wide receiver Dylan Bell, who has quarterback experience, will take over when the No. 21-ranked Cougars (2-1) host Cathedral Prep (Erie, Pa.) on Saturday night. Lake Catholic coach Mike Bell is Dylan's father.

Over at Benedictine, freshman Brian Schoeffler took over when senior Dan Piascik was injured in the first half at Steubenville and nearly pulled off the upset. He was at the helm last week when the Bengals (1-2) got their first win by holding off Bedford, 14-12.

Piascik, playing defensive back, came up with two interceptions in the win.

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Report football stats in online database

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It's just like old times when Chardon's Elswick is running

When Emil Heineking graduated from Chardon in 2007, cross-country coach Mark Shafer thought he had seen it all. Heineking was a state cross-country and track champion who went on to be a two-time Atlantic Coast Conference champ and two-time All-American at Virginia.

"We thought we'd never see times like that again. We thought he was a once-in-a-lifetime runner," Shafer said.

How about twice in a lifetime? Chardon junior Nick Elswick won the Berkshire Invitational two weeks ago in 15:49 and followed up with a win last week at Brecksville, despite taking a wrong turn. Shafer said Elswick (6-0, 135 pounds) has bettered Heineking's class records at every step of his development.

Elswick ran a 16:16 at state last year as a sophomore, placing 42nd. At state track in the spring, he placed fifth in the 3,200 and was the top sophomore in 9:16.

Shafer said this year Elswick has stepped strongly out of the shadow of graduated senior Ty Kawalec and wants to win every race. Shafer has had to work on reining in Elswick, trying to pace him for a long season he hopes will include national meets in November and December.

"He likes doing well. He doesn't want to go out and do anything worse than he's done before. He has that, 'I don't want to lose' attitude," Shafer said.

Carnival thrill rides: The Tiffin Carnival typically produces the season's fastest times because of

an inviting, flat course and a deep field, and last week was no exception.

Solon's Therese Haiss tied her personal-best time with an 18:18 while winning the girls Division I-A race. It's the second-fastest time in Ohio this season, according to OhioMileSplit.com. Chardon's Corinne Kule was fourth (18:39), Rocky River's Madi Connelly (18:48) sixth and Bay's Maddie Britton (18:55) seventh.

Top-10 finishes by Julia Mendiola, Marissa Rossetti and Rachel Iacofano helped St. Vincent-St. Mary dominate the girls Division II race with 46 points. Mendiola, a junior, was second in 19:08. Hawken's Alex Markovich was the Division III runner-up in 18:43.

Independence senior Kyle Polman (15:39) ran the fastest area boys time. He placed third in Division III, seven seconds behind Versailles standout Sam Prakel.

Buckeye senior Ryan Gallagher won Division II in 16:20, 10 seconds ahead of runner-up Mick Iacofano of SVSM. Fifth-place Ben Bockoven (16:34) paced team champ Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy.

— Tim Warsinskey

Boys soccer

Good start: Twinsburg has been putting up winning seasons over the years. The Tigers (6-0-1) are on their way to another good year as they have won their first six games before tying Northeast Ohio Conference rival Solon, 1-1, on Tuesday night.

Coach Michael Lally, in his

18th season at the helm, pointed to his club's improvement on offense.

"We've got to have that defensive mindset, but this year, we're brighter on the offensive side," said Lally, whose club has outscored opponents, 24-3. "We've got a pretty decent team, but it's still only the first [half] of the season. The guys are working hard."

Junior forward Chase Betenson leads the team with nine goals and three assists, with senior midfielder Cory Weddington contributing five goals.

Voters have noticed as the Tigers are ranked No. 7 in this week's Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association poll.

"Being ranked, the kids should enjoy it," said Lally, whose club travels to top-ranked St. Ignatius on Sept. 27. "We're going to do what we can and not worry about it."

Also, don't overlook the Comets, who are 5-1-2.

— Joe Maxse

Girls soccer

Oops: After the first week of voting by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, Magnificat's Blue Streaks were voted No. 2 in Division I, the best ranking in school history. That was the result of knocking off defending state champion Strongsville. The Mustangs and Wadsworth were both ranked No. 5.

But when this week's polling came out, both Magnificat and Strongsville were absent, even though neither suffered a loss. Wadsworth was ranked sixth.

What gives?

Well, Strongsville coach Jon Felton said it was all his fault. The designated representative to turn in Northeast Ohio's votes, Felton admitted he just plain forgot to do it for the first time in 10 years.

"You can throw me under the bus," said Felton, feeling lousy about the miscue. "I coach three teams and I missed the deadline. It's on me."

Felton pointed out that the week before the Columbus area representative did the same thing. It happens. The polls are obviously nice when it comes to bragging rights, but it's the state tournament that ultimately counts.

— Joe Maxse

Volleyball

New reason for winning: Winning isn't new at Andrews Osborne Academy. However, winning means more now because AOA has a conference title to shoot for.

The Lake Effect Conference, a new coed loop, is in its first season of existence. Joining AOA are Grand River Academy, Hearts for Jesus, Geauga Academy, Horizon Science Academy, Lawrence School, New Day Academy, St. John and St. Martin de Porres.

"I don't think the players have yet grasped the concept of what it's like to play for a [conference] championship," said third-year coach Julie Lewis, a former standout at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin and Northern Kentucky. "One big reason for that is

because we're pretty young.

"[Sophomore outside hitter] Maddie Mooney and [setter] Lizzy Porapot are the only returning starters and Lizzy's our only senior."

The Phoenix (6-2) has three sophomores and the rest of the nine-player squad are freshmen.

Price is right: Firelands entered the week at 4-2, its best start in coach Diane Price's three-year stint.

"I can no longer say we're young because we have three seniors and four juniors," Price said of her nine-player team.

The Falcons stand 4-0 in the Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division, including a win over league power Keystone. Firelands, a former West Shore Conference member, is in its second season in the PAC.

"That win over Keystone was huge but, overall, the entire conference is competitive," said Price, who entered the season with a 23-24 mark with the Falcons.

— Bob Fortuna

Field hockey

Huge loss: Hudson's field hockey team took a big hit when Plain Dealer All-Star Sarah Schroeder recently underwent surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered during lacrosse season.

"Sarah planned to play with a brace but the doctor never cleared her," said Explorers coach Jen Haney.

Schroeder, a midfielder/back who would have been a four-year

Volleyball stats being accepted

Volleyball coaches are asked to report individual player statistical leaders to The Plain Dealer each week.

Coaches are asked to fax or e-mail stats on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Calls are accepted only on Mondays from 4 p.m. to midnight and on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. The deadline is Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The email address is results@plaind.com. The fax number is 216-999-6276. The telephone number is 216-999-4370.

We publish stats in per-game averages. To that end, stats must be submitted with computed per-game averages, including totals and the number of games played.

Categories are: aces per game, assists per game, blocks (assisted) per game, blocks (solo) per game, digs per game, kills per game and service points per game. It is important to provide players' first and last names.

starter, accounted for three goals and three assists a year ago.

"We'll miss her athleticism, speed and quickness," said Haney. "[Senior] Becca Patno and [juniors] Maria Russell and Erin Hoover are taking turns filling the void."

"We're young, but we have a big junior class, so the future looks good."

Hudson's youth also extends in goal. Sophomore Jackie Kisthardt has been promoted because last season's starter decided not to play.

— Bob Fortuna

BOXING INSIDER

About time: Fighters to settle middleweight title



JOE MAXSE

Pacquiao, and before that Oscar De La Hoya and Mike Tyson, but Saturday's middleweight title fight between Sergio Martinez and Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. has a more-than-interesting makeup.

Martinez should be known in these parts as the fellow who handled Youngstown's Kelly Pavlik in taking the middleweight title in April 2010. Chavez Jr. was during the reign of his father, who compiled a 107-6-2 (86 KOs) record in becoming a Mexican legend and all-time great.

So while Martinez should hold the 160-pound title, the always-shaky machinations of the ring have Chavez the champ and Martinez the challenger. How can it be?

Well, after disposing of Pavlik and then Paul Williams, the latter by a wicked second-round knockout, the World Boxing Council, always a bit partial to the sons of Mexico, decided to declare Martinez a "diamond champion," whatever that may be. Chavez Jr., who had been designated a "silver champion," whatever that may be, slipped in and was named "regular champion," not that it means anything, when he defeated Sebastian Zbik last June.

No matter if you can't follow all that, it comes to the 37-year-old Martinez (49-2-2, 28 KOs) from Argentina taking on the younger Chavez (46-0-1, 32 KOs) at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

"It is personal," said Martinez, during a conference call. "I cannot accept the fact he is world champion. The only reason he is world champion is because he is Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., the son of the legend. His mouth is so big, even bigger than his own brain and he's talking too much."

Chavez, 26, was not about to let that go by without a counter.

"I know he has a big mouth, and on Sept. 15, I'm going to shut him up once and for all," said Chavez. "He's just a big clown."

Actually, the 6-0 Chavez will be two inches taller. But Martinez will have the edge in quality of opponents he has fought and defeated and he will be fighting out of his left-handed stance, from which he attacks in unorthodox fashion.

Chavez will have hot trainer Freddie Roach in his corner, along with his father.

"We know how to fight a southpaw," said Roach, best known for working with Pacquiao. "His father and I have been coming up with a game plan. Julio has some ideas, so the three of us are putting the plan together."

The HBO-PPV telecast begins at 9 p.m.

Nice win: Andre Ward was on his game Saturday in his hometown of Oakland, Calif., as he took apart WBC light heavyweight champion Chad Dawson (31-2, 17 KOs), who dropped to the lower weight. The WBA/WBC 168-pound titlist, Ward (26-0, 14 KOs) was methodical in dropping Dawson three times, the final dumping in the 10th round.

Dawson told referee Steve Smoger he had enough and the match was stopped at 2:45 of the round.

Ward, who won Showtime's "Super Six" super middleweight

tournament, looks to make a bigger name for himself with this win. It's possible Pavlik could be in the mix.

History: Chavez Sr. and Pernell Whitaker fought to a controversial draw in San Antonio on Sept. 10, 1993.

Amateur show: Youngstown's Downtown Boxing Club has a show at the Downtown Beat Down, 11 S. Phelps St., in Youngstown on Saturday at 3 p.m. Call Tom Cordell at 330-717-4201.

Friday: The ESPN2 "Friday Night Fights" are at the Hard Rock in Las Vegas where Jessie Vargas (19-0, 9 KOs) meets welterweight Aaron Martinez (18-1-1, 4 KOs) at 10 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

Today's schedule

BOYS SOCCER

Andrews Osborne at Hearts for Jesus, 5:30
Avon Lake at Eastlake North, 7
Chagrin Falls at Beachwood, 5
Cuyahoga Heights at St. Peter Chanel, 7
Elyria vs. Normandy at Byers Field, 8
Field at Streetsboro, 5
First Baptist at Christian Community, 5
Garrettsville Garfield at Ravenna, 5
Geneva at Gilmour Academy, 5
GlenOak at Kent Roosevelt, 7
Harvey at Benedictine, 6
Hawken at Padua, 5
Highland at CVCA, 7
Kenston at Orange, 7
Lake Catholic at Kirtland, 5
Lincoln-West at Conneaut, 4:30
NDCL at Newbury, 7
Open Door at Berkshire, 7
Riverside at Chardon, 6:30
Rootstown at Woodridge, 7
Solon at North Royalton, 7
SVSM at Cuyahoga Falls, 7
University School at Aurora, 7

GIRLS SOCCER

Beachwood at Fuchs Mizrahi, 5:45
Field at Streetsboro, 7
Garrettsville Garfield at Ravenna, 7
Gilmour Academy at Chardon, 7
Hawken at Perry, 7
Independence at Harvey, 7
Jefferson at Madison, 5
Keystone at Valley Forge, 6
Kirtland at Cuyahoga Heights, 7
Manchester at Hillsdale, 7
Orange at Kenston, 7
Waterloo at Coventry, 7
West Geauga at Chagrin Falls, 7
Wickliffe at Berkshire, 7
Woodridge at Rootstown, 7

VOLLEYBALL

Avon Lake at Olmsted Falls, 7
Beachwood at Wickliffe, 6:30
Berkshire at Newbury, 6:30
Chagrin Falls at Perry, 6:15
Cleveland at Copley, 5:30
Columbia at Clearview, 7
Crestwood at Kent Roosevelt, 7
Cuyahoga Falls at Mayfield, 6:30
Ellet at Akron North, 6
Elms at Louisvill Aquinas 6:30
East Tech at Lutheran East, 5
Elyria Catholic at Bay, 6
Fairview at Oberlin, 7:30
Garfield Heights at Normandy, 7
Garrettsville at Rootstown, 7:30
Hawken at Independence, 5
Hathaway Brown at Western Reserve Academy, 5
Highland at Wadsworth, 7
Holy Name at Cleveland Central Catholic, 6:30

Hudson at Twinsburg, 7
Keystone at Black River, 7
Kingsway at Open Door Christian Lake Catholic at Padua, 6:30
Lakeside at Madison, 6:45
Lakewood at Rocky River, 6
Lorain at Warren Harding, 6:30
Lutheran East at Black Tech, 5
Lutheran West at Brooklyn, 5:30
Maple Heights at Euclid, 6
Medina at Solon, 7
Midview at Avon, 6
New Day at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30
North Olmsted at Berea, 7
North Royalton at Strongsville, 7
Orange at Kenston, 6
Reynata at Field, 7
Revere at Nordonia, 7
Richmond Heights at Cuyahoga Heights, 5
Shelton at Warrensville Heights, 7
Springfield at Coventry, 7
Stow at Mentor, 6:30
Sts. John & Paul at Andrews Osborne, 5
Tuslaw at Manchester, 7
Villa Angela-St. Joseph at Trinity, 7
Walsh Jesuit at Beaumont, 7
Warren JFK at Trinity, 6
Woodridge at East Canton, 7

Football schedule

Week 4
Note: Games start at 7 unless noted.

Friday

AKRON CITY SERIES
Buchtell (0-3) at Firestone (1-2)
Kenston (0-3) at Akron Garfield (1-2)
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Chagrin Division
#6 Aurora (3-0) at #5 Chagrin Falls (3-0)
Kenston (1-2) at Wickliffe (2-1)
Orange (1-2) at Wellington (0-3)
West Geauga (1-2) at Harvey (0-3)
Metro Division
Richmond Heights (1-2) at Independence (3-0)
Valley Division
16 Kirtland (3-0) at Newbury (3-0)
Crossover
Beachwood (2-1, 0-1) at Cardinal (3-0)
Berkshire (2-1) at Hawken (3-0)
Cuyahoga Heights (3-0) at Fairport (3-0)

Lake Erie League
#8 Cleveland Heights (3-0) at Bedford (2-1)
Euclid (1-2) at Shaw (2-1)
Lorain (0-3) at Warrensville (1-2)
Maple Heights (2-1) Warren Harding (1-2)

NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
Brush (1-2) vs. Valley Forge (1-2) at Byers Field
Normandy (1-2) at Garfield Heights (1-2)
Crossover
Black River (0-3) at Lutheran West (1-2)
Brooklyn (0-3) at Buckeye (0-3)
Brooklyn (0-3) at Oberlin (3-0)
Clearview (2-1) at Keystone (1-2)
Gordon (0-3) at Wellington (0-3)
Firelands (0-3) at Fairview (0-3)

PORTAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE
County Division
East Canton (1-2) at Waterloo (1-2)
Garrettsville (1-2) at Southeast (1-2)
Rootstown (2-1) at Windham (2-1)
Mogadore (1-2) at Mogadore (3-0)
Metro Division
Crestwood (1-2) at Ravenna (1-2)
Field (1-2) at Streetsboro (3-0)
#22 Kent Roosevelt (2-1) at Coventry (2-1)
Norton (2-1) at Springfield (2-1)

PREMIER ATHLETIC CONF.
Eastlake North (0-3) at #17 Chardon (3-0)
Geneva (1-2) at #12 Willoughby South (3-0)
Lakeside (1-2) at Riverside (2-1)
University (1-2) at Madison (2-1)

PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONF.
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
Indiana Valley (1-2) at Timken (1-2)
Triway (2-1) at Fairless (1-2)
Manchester (1-2) at Tuscarawas Valley (1-2)

SENAATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Collinwood (0-3) at John F. Kennedy (1-2)
East Tech (1-1, 1-0) at #10 Glenville (2-1, 1-0) at Bump Taylor, 3
John Marshall (0-3, 0-1) vs. John Hay (2-1, 1-0) at Collinwood

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

#13 Avon Lake (2-1) at North Olmsted (3-0)
Berea (2-1) at Brecksville (0-3)
Olmsted Falls (0-3) at Midpark (3-0)
Westlake (3-0) at Amherst (1-2)

SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Cloverleaf (3-0) at Nordonia (2-1)
Highland (2-1) at Wadsworth (2-1)
Revere (0-3) at #24 Green (2-1)
Tallmadge (2-1) at #25 Copley (3-0)

WEST SHORE CONFERENCE
Elyria Catholic (2-1) at Bay (2-1)
Lakewood (1-2) at #18 Avon (2-1)
North Ridgeville (0-3) at Vermilion (1-2)
Rocky River (1-2) at #9 Midview (3-0)

NONLEAGUE
Austintown-Fitch (3-0) at Barberton (1-2)
Bishop Hartley (3-0) at Archbishop Hoban (0-3)
Canal Fulton Northwest (0-3) at Padua (1-2)
Conneaut (0-2) at Ledgemont (0-3)
Norwalk (3-0) at St. Peter Chanel (2-1)
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (1-2) at Canton Central Catholic (1-2)
#7 St. Vincent-St. Mary (3-0) at Cardinal Mooney (1-2)
Western Reserve Academy (1-2) at Mathews (0-3)
Youngstown East (1-2) at Ellet (1-2)

AKRON CITY SERIES
Akron North (1-2) at Akron East (0-3), noon
NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Crossover
Holy Name (0-3) vs. Benedictine (1-2) at Bedford

NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
Parma (1-2) at #23 Shaker Heights (2-1), 1
SENAATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Lincoln West (0-3, 0-1) vs. John Adams (0-3, 0-1) at Rhodes

NONLEAGUE
Cathedral Prep, Pa (2-0) vs. #21 Lake Catholic (1-2) at Mentor
Gilmour (0-3) at Cleveland Central Catholic (1-2), 1
#1 St. Ignatius (3-0) at Strong Vincent, Pa. (0-2), 2
St. Thomas Aquinas (2-1) vs. Trinity (1-2) at Bedford, 1
Villa Angela-St. Joseph (0-3) at Lutheran East (0-3)
Rhodes (2-1) at Warren JFK (3-0)
#2 St. Edward (3-0) at Elder (2-1)

Boys soccer

Avon 2, Rocky River 1
A: Troupe 2, RR (4-3-1): Klodnick.
Goalies: A. Poyle (3 saves); RR, Liva (7)
Brecksville 4, Olmsted Falls 2
B (6-0-0): Nowak 2, Phillips, own goal.
OF: Levin, Skutt
Goalies: B, Stease (4 saves), Schroedel (2); OF, Samsel (10)
Cleveland MLK 3, Collinwood 3
MLK (1-0-1): B Estrella 3, C (0-1-1): U/A.
Goalies: MLK, Estrella (9 saves).

Columbia 4, Firelands 1
C (3-4): Loos 2, Szabados, Zelinsky. F (4-2-1): Yorks.
Goalies: C, Ellasser (5 saves); F, Miller (10).

Catholic 3, N. Ridgeville 0
EC: Jarvis, Saddler, Kelling
Goalies: EC, Conroy (5 saves); NR (3)
Lakewood 2, Vermilion 0
L (5-1-1): Curri 2, V (1-5-0): None
Goalies: L, Fehrenbach, (3 saves); V, Spencer (7)

Lutheran West 5, Brookside 3
LW: Szabal 3, Sekola 2, B: Knitt 2, Schulz
Goalies: B, Pshock (5 saves), Wagner (4); B, Jones (11)

Manchester 8, Tuscarawas 5
M (7-1): Daily 3, Ariza 2, Vyper, Mirman. TV (5-1): None.
Goalies: M, Jordan (2 saves); Coben (1); Troy, Troyer (10).

Oberlin 6, Brooklyn 2
O: Levine 2, Weiss 2, McMillin, Lariccia, B: Saleay 2.
Goalies: O, Ferguson (7 saves); B, Qasem (2).

St. Ignatius 7, Cleveland Heights 0
SI (8-0): Pietrow 2, Sanda, Kargeph, Cleary, Nagucki, Leneghan. CH (5-2): None.
Goalies: SI, Gnek (3 saves); CH, Bennett (7).

VASJ 1, Trinity 0
VASJ (2-1-1): Porter.
Goalies: VASJ, Gail (6 saves)

Westlake 2, Berea 1
W: Sutcliffe, Wertman, B: Ruple
Goalies: W, Lackner (6 saves); B, Bartek (14).

Late result
Revere 4, Cloverleaf 0
R (7-0-1): Taylor 2, Marich, Branch. C (4-0): None.
Goalies: R, Gerberich (3 saves); C, Wardle (15).

Girls soccer
Amherst 4, Avon Lake 1
Am (6-1-1): Perkins 3, Johnston . AL (1-3-1): O'Connor.
Goalies: AL, Rogers (3 saves), Crooks (2); Am, Ferguson (7)

Bay 6, Midview 0
B (7-1): Kukura 2, Brown, Rezek, McBride, Holmes.
Goalies: B, Francati (3 saves); M, Ceh (11)

Brecksville 6, Olmsted Falls 0
B (3-2): Sivic 2, Weaver 2, Houk, Stuckey.
Goalies: B, Farwell (2 saves); OF, Woods (14).

Brooklyn 6, Oberlin 0
B: Cassidy 3, Geballa, Gatte.
Goalies: B, Crossman (3 saves); O, Reinhold (3).

Brookside 6, Lutheran West 0
B (4-1-1): O'Connor 3, Sours 2, Elias.
Goalies: B, Sanchez (6 saves); LW, Wilkens (12)

Brunswick 1, Hudson 0
B (4-2): Malleno, H (3-1-1): None.
Goalies: B, Galthoun (12 saves); H, L'Hommiedieu (1).

Holy Name 5, Beaumont 3
HN (5-1-1): Krause, Dreher, Davis, Keller, Gordon (3). B (2-2-1): Patton, Shanahan, Zipert.
Goalies: HN, Yanak (6 saves); B, Nemecek (10).

Mayfield 6, Brush 3
M (4-0): Handel 2, Rus 2, Blanchard, Rubino. B (2-6): Martin 3.
Goalies: M, Stickley (5 saves); B, Fine (5), Mack (7)

Buckeye 8, Keystone 0
B (5-1): Thomas 4, Turner, Banas, Hartley, Barnes, K (0-4-1): None.
Goalies: B, Stacy (0 saves), Banas (0); K, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (2-1)

Copley 1, Green 0
C (5-1-2): Haverchak, G (2-5): None.
Goalies: C, Moore (6 saves); G, Seman (16)

Euclid 8, Shaw 0
E (4-3): Holtzheimer 2, Feeney, Moore, O'Brien, Gibson, Escot.
Goalies: E, Thompson (2 saves); S, Johnson (14)

Firelands 11, Columbia 0
F: Zurcher 4, Fowler 2, Holowecky, Hritsko, Jackson, Zurcher, Riccardi, Yakunov

vich
F, Dostall (4 saves); C, Paine (17)
Highland 4, Tallmadge 1
H (4-3-1): Schmiegensberg 2, Koch, Kohman, H (0-7): Williams.

Goalies: H, Less (2 saves); T, Kilway (13)
Hoban 2, Padua 0
H (6-2): Dean, Easton, P (4-3): None.
Goalie: H, Beke (4 saves); P, Kuznik (2)

Medina 2, Mentor 1
Med: Shingary, Ludwig, Men: Rozic
Goalies: Med (3 saves); Men, Pratt (5)
Normandy 1, Parma 0
N: Williams.

Goalies: N, Wakut (4 saves); P, Lewis (14)
North Olmsted 1, Midpark 0
NO: Kereky.
Goalies: NO, Patterson (3 saves), Balasko (4); M, Moody (14)

Rocky River 1, Avon 0
RR (6-1): Elinsky.
Goalies: RR, Connelly (1 save); A, Wysocki (12)

Strongsville 1, N. Royalton 0
S (5-1): Lisi. NR (0-5-3): None.
Goalies: S, Baskey (2 saves); Ortenzi (3); NR (9 saves)

Wellington 7, Black River 0
W (5-0-1): Marist 2, Mrks 2, Snyder 2, Bowman, BR (2-3): None.
Goalies: W, Sparks (1 saves); BR, (26).

Western Reserve 1, Stow 0
WRA: Forhan
Goalies: WRA, DeBolt (7 saves)

Westlake 3, Berea 0
W (5-1-1): Dunlap, Konrad, Hurst. B (1-5): None.
Goalies: W, Carpenter (1 saves); B, Fasak (12).

Western Reserve 6, Louis. Aquinas 0
WRA (7-1): Van Dijk 3, Waldeck, McCormick, U/A. LA (2-2-4): None.
Goalies: WRA, Paparella (2 saves); STA, Valentine (2).

Late result
Revere 3, SVSM 1
R (4-1): Gallo 2, Stanner. SVSM: n/a.
Goalies: R, Hursh (n/a); SVSM, n/a.

Boys golf
Aurora 156, Orange 175
At Beechmont
1. (tie) Hinton (A), Schroeder (A) 36; 3. Levin (O) 37

Benedictine 181, Trinity 183
At Shawnee Hills
1. LeSeuer T) 43; 2. (tie) Wasinski (B), Cappello (B) 44.

Berkshire 165, Independence 181
1. Kershner (I) 39; 2. Monroe (B) 40; 3. (tie) Ludlow (B), Moell (B) 41.

Brooklyn 186, Black River 206
1. Anderson (B) 38; 2. Blaine (B) 41; 3. Kramer (BR) 45

Brunswick 162, Strongsville 172
Mayfield 185
At Pine Hills
1. Toom (B) 37; 2. (tie) Perdok (B), Hill (S) 41

Brush* 192, Berea 192
At Manakiki
1. Smith (Be) 42; 2. Shlonsky (Br) 43; 3. Wittke (Br) 46

*Brush wins on tie breaker
Chardon 157, Geneva 163
At Legend Lakes
1. LeSeoezc (C) 37; 2. (tie) Nappi (G), Glaser (C) 39, Kiss (C) 39

Copley 156, Hoban 170
At Good Park
1. P. Steffen (C) 37; 2. F. Seffen (C) 37; 3. Finley (T) 39.

Hawken 177, Wickliffe 241
At Wicked Woods
1. Opalich (H) 38; 2. Hughes (H) 42; 3. Goudman (H) 45

Medina 149, North Royalton 153
Elyria 166
At Hinckley Hills
1. (tie) Bieber (O), Althans (G) 38; 3. (tie) Luth (M), Jenkins (NR) 37; 4. (tie) Luth (M), Jenkins (NR) 37

Shaker Heights 177, Beachwood 171
1. Small (B) 39; 2. Terry (SH) 40; 3. Tramer (B) 42

Tallmadge 158, Solon 166
Nordonia 167
At Ellsworth Meadows
1. Mastran (T) 37; 2. Bell (N) 39; 3. Mosholder 40.

Walsh Jesuit 149, Aurora 183
At Brookledge
1. Johnson (WJ) 36; 2. Lobeck (WJ) 37; 3. (tie) Liberatore (WJ), Lewis (WJ) 38

Western Reserve 163, Cuyahoga Hts 184
At Brandywine
1. Ewers (WRA) 37; 2. Schafer (CH) 38; Wang (WRA) 40.

Late result
Euclid 170, Benedictine 180
At Briardale
Perry (E) 36; Wasinski (B) 41; Clack (E) 42

Girls golf
Avon 162, Bay 192
1. Neumann (A) 36; Strack (A) 38; 3. (tie) Warnkin, Doeube (A) 44.

Gilmour 162, Kenston 187
At The Country Club
1. (tie) Bieber (O), Althans (G) 38; 3. (tie) Hollis (G), Kennedy (G) 43.

Fairview 170, Wellington (FF)
At Big Met
1. Straka (F) 36; 2. Cain (F) 43; 3. Riley (F) 45

Laurel 177, Hawken 177
Arange 263
At Elsworth Meadows
1. K. Basch (L) 38; 2. Crespo (H) 42; M. Cohen (H) 43

*Laurel won on the tie-breaker with their fifth score.
Mentor 174, Mayfield 188
At Blackbrook
1. Victor (Me) 39; 2. Graziano (Me) 40; 3. Tamburro (May) 45

Stow 194, Twinsburg 210
At Fox Den
1. Kim (S) 43; 2. Woodmansee (T) 45; 3. Hendershot (S) 46

Westlake 171, Warren JFK 224
At Elsworth Meadows
1. Ra. Reilly (WJ) 41; 2. (tie) Re. Reilly, Peltz (WJ) 42

Westlake 195, Rocky River 207
Keystone 240
At Big Met
1. Gentner (RR) 40; 2. Labroo (W) 46. 3. Bates (W) 48

NEOGCCA
At Harbor G.C.
How they finished: 1. Geneva 346; 2. Willoughby South 414; 3. Madison 423; 4. Lakeside 444; 5. Sts. John & Paul 461; 6. Edgewood 479; 7. Conneaut 502.

Top individuals: 1. Nicholson (G) 75; 2. Dodge (G) 86; 3. Hesser (WSR) 87; 4. Lara (G) 92; 5. (tie) Grimmer (G), Pitts (M) 93.

NORTH COAST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
At Quail Hollow (Weiskopf)
How they finished: 1. Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin 324; 2. Walsh Jesuit 355; 3. Beaumont 397; 4. Lake Catholic 419; 5. Padua 422; 6. Hoban 453; 7. Warren John F. Kennedy 468

Top individuals: 1. O. Jereb (NDCL); 2. E. Jereb (NDCL) 80; 3. Morris (NDCL) 81; 4. Peltz (WJ) 85; 5. Corrado (B) 86; 6. Reilly (WJ) 7; Hounshell (NDCL) 87.

TURKEYFOOT INVITATIONAL
How they finished: 1. Highland 301; 2. Kent Roosevelt 350; 3. Medina 351; 4. Hathaway Brown 362; 5. Dover 362; 6.

GlenOak 363; 7. Hudson 365; 8. Avon Lake 371; 9. Ashland 373; 10. Solon 374; 11. St. Vincent-St. Mary 378; 12. Copley 388; 13. Uniontown Lake 389; 14. North Royalton 390; 15. New Philadelphia 407; 16. Cuyahoga Falls 411; 17. Nordonia 413.

Top individuals: 1. Schroeder (Avon Lake) 67; 2. Je. Porvasnik (Highland) 71.

Girls tennis
Aurora 4, Euclid 1
Singles: Vito (A) d. Hayes 6-0, 6-2; Petrelli (A) d. Smith 6-1, 6-0; Jones (A) d. Pollard 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles: Jackson-Shen (A) d. Nesbit-Panell 6-4, 7-5; Lewan-Steele (E) d. Du-Picciano 6-3, 6-2

Aurora 3, Beachwood 2
Singles: Vito (A) d. Pietsch 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-3; Miotke (A) d. Finkenthal 6-0, 6-0; C. Nelson (A) d. Kuang 6-2, 6-2

Doubles: S. Tall/J. Tall (B) d. A. Nelson/Gill 7-5, 6-2; Crosby/Jiao (B) d. Kovalcheck/Catto 4-6, 6-0, 6-3

Avon Lake 5, North Olmsted 0
Singles: Hirvank d. Minch 6-0, 6-1; Krieger d. Diamantis 6-1, 6-2; Makadia d. Sherman 6-1, 6-2

Doubles: Carpenter/Johnson d. Moell/Pradhan 6-0, 6-1; Thomas/Wanner d. Luck/Conway 6-1, 6-1

Coventry 3, Crestwood 2
Singles: Hartman (Co) d. Dunkin 6-2, 6-2; Barnard (Co) d. Taylor 6-0, 6-1, Pieronek (Cr) d. Lushes 6-4, 6-2

Doubles: Jackson/Blankenship (Co) d. Cline/Dunkin 2-6, 6-1, 6-2; Scala/Sherry (Cr) d. Kinsinger/ Michaels 6-2, 7-5

Edgewood 3, Harvey 2
Singles: Zhang (H) d. Turner (E) 6-0, 6-0; Beamer (H) d. Braden (E) 6-0, 6-0; Masaro (E) d. Slay (H) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles: Brady/Wilpila (E) d. Koren/Cipriano (H) 6-3, 6-3; Ferl/Dickey (E) d. Ballard/Winters (H) 6-0, 6-3

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL INSIDER

Bad tackling unbearable to watch

COLUMBUS — The answer for missed tackles? Tackle more often.

“Instead of one day a week, we’ll probably have to go two now,” Ohio State coach **Urban Meyer** said Monday, ready to change his practice plans after OSU’s defensive problems Saturday.

OSU defensive coordinator **Luke Fickell** said he was awake Saturday night re-watching the Buckeyes’ 35-28 win over California, trying to find a trend in what went wrong as the Buckeyes let too many Golden Bears slip free for big gains. Meyer offered the stat Monday that 40 percent of Cal’s 512 yards of offense came on just six of their 79 plays.

It was actually worse than that. With runs of 81, 59 and 26 yards and passes of 36, 30 and 28 yards, the Bears gained 260 yards, or 51 percent of their offense, on just six plays.

Though some Buckeyes admitted to slowing up on **Brendan Bigelow’s** 81-yard touchdown run because they thought he was down, Fickell said the issue wasn’t effort.

“As I watched that thing, as everyone in the house was asleep, I couldn’t pinpoint one thing,” Fickell said. “Is it fundamentally sound in what we’re



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Fickell said the Buckeyes need to do a better job of forcing ball carriers to run side-to-side, noting runs that went straight down the field. And his defenders must do a better job of staying in position to seal the edge and not let runners get to the corner.

“It’s a fundamental thing that I promise we’ll stress this week,” Fickell said.

Meyer remained as stunned as he was on Saturday by how often the Buckeyes missed, which he said wasn’t fair to just blame on the players.

“That’s not acceptable. That is the most alarming thing. I can’t remember an Ohio State defense, I’ve watched them for a long time, and I can’t remember the defense I’ve been around that’s given up this many. We’ve got to stop or we’ll lose a game,” Meyer said.

Actually, the missed tackles were a regular problem a year ago. But Meyer also believes it is

doing? When a guy slips out the back-side for 81 yards, there’s nothing fundamentally sound about it.”

Fickell said the

possible that his emphasis on aggression and forcing turnovers could be something to consider as well.

“We make a huge emphasis on stripping the ball,” Meyer said. “If you watch one of those tackles, it looked like the guy was going after the ball instead of wrapping him up. So we’ve addressed that and we’ll have more conversation about that.

“Other than saying that is a high priority and getting that stuff fixed, that’s all I can share with you now. We’re working awfully hard to get that done.”

Players of the week: Defensive lineman **Johnathan Hankins** was named the Buckeyes’ Defensive Player of the Game for the second straight week. According to Meyer, cornerback **Bradley Roby** and linebacker **Ryan Shazier** also earned champion grades.

On offense, Meyer said one of the players with a champion grade was running back **Jordan Hall**, though Hall estimated he left 70 yards on the field that he could have picked up and didn’t in a rusty return from a foot injury. Meyer also said fullback **Zach Boren** and receiver **Devin Smith** earned champion marks.

Smith is the only Buckeye to get a champion grade in all three

games.

Injury update: Meyer said running back **Carlos Hyde**, who missed last week with a sprained right knee ligament, almost certainly will be out again Saturday.

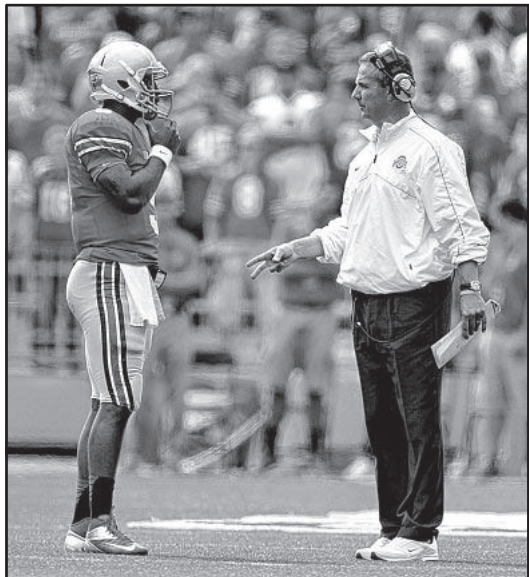
On the defensive line, **John Simon** should be fine after playing through a shoulder injury on Saturday, though Meyer did have a talk with him about being more honest about his injuries.

“He said, ‘My shoulder is a long way from my heart,’” Meyer said. “So I get you. I get you. What is that movie called? I got you, Braveheart. Just tell us so we can get you treated and get you right.”

Meyer was uncertain as to whether projected starting lineman **Michael Bennett** may be able to play for the first time this week. He has been battling a groin injury.

“So I don’t know how far that groin is away from the heart. We’ll find out here,” Meyer said, smiling and drawing laughter from the room. “That probably didn’t sound right. I apologize. He is hurt by the way. I love Mike. Mike’s got a serious injury.”

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QB Braxton Miller and coach Urban Meyer.

Urban Meyer passing offenses

Ohio State’s passing offense through three games is in line with how Urban Meyer’s teams have thrown the ball throughout his coaching career. Meyer teams completed between 17 and 19 passes per game in eight of his first 10 seasons, and the Buckeyes are completing 18 throws per game so far. But defenses may force Ohio State to throw more in the coming weeks. Here is the passing stat breakdown for Meyer’s coaching career at Bowling Green, Utah, Florida and Ohio State.

Year	Team	Passing rank	Games	Avg. att./ comp.	Avg. yards	Total pass TDs	Yards per att.
2012	OSU	76	3	18 for 29	216	7	7.45
2010	FLA	88	13	18 for 29	184	12	6.29
2009	FLA	41	14	18 for 26	236	28	9.08
2008	FLA	61	14	15 for 24	214	33	9.10
2007	FLA	38	13	18 for 28	257	32	9.25
2006	FLA	28	14	18 for 29	236	29	8.28
2005	FLA	51	12	20 for 32	227	20	7.06
2004	UT	19	12	19 for 29	264	33	9.20
2003	UT	65	12	17 for 27	214	17	7.83
2002	BG	49	12	19 for 33	230	27	6.93
2001	BG	59	11	19 for 32	217	21	6.84

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OSU

FROM D1

Defenses may force Miller to throw

Time to throw.

“I love when they do that,” Miller said of defenses focusing on his running. “It opens it up for all the guys on the outside. They key on me and forget about guys on the outside.”

One quarter of the way through the regular season, Miller is 10th in the nation in rushing yards, averaging 126 yards per game, and 70th in the nation in passing yards, averaging 204 per game. But as a team, the Buckeyes are right on schedule with the kind of passing offense Meyer has always put to use.

Ohio State’s average passing game this season is 18 for 29 for 216 yards, which ranks the Buckeyes’ passing offense 76th in the nation. In his first 10 sea-

sons as a head coach at Bowling Green, Utah and Florida, Meyer’s teams averaged between 17 and 20 completions per game in nine of 10 seasons, and in nine of 10 seasons ranged between 214 and 264 yards per game.

In his run-first spread, this is how it worked. And it worked well.

So while defenses may gear up to stop Miller on the run, there’s still the idea, expressed by OSU tight end Jeff Heuerman, of “good luck stopping him.”

Cal kept an eye on Miller with a safety on Saturday — “he didn’t do anything the whole game but watch him,” Heuerman said — but when Miller broke off a 55-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, he juked that safety into the turf.

“I was one-on-one with the safety and I don’t know what I did,” Miller said. “I never picture what I’m going to do one-on-one. My feet just move.”

“I think Braxton’s going to do what he does,” Meyer said, “and

he makes guys miss and he’s one of the most dynamic runners in college football. That’s not just from me, but some of the people we’ve played against already.”

But even that only goes so far. Beyond that run, Miller gained a total of 20 yards on 11 other runs Saturday.

So Herman, who said he has never coached a quarterback anything like Miller, may be tempted. But he has to be savvy with how he deploys Miller’s skills.

“He’s so elusive with his feet, you get tempted and say, ‘Let’s just get in [an] empty [back-field] and run him, and when they pack the box, we’ll throw it,’” Herman said. “But you hope that temptation you can temper throughout the game planning stages every week and say, ‘What can he handle and what is the right time to do it?’”

Meyer repeated again Monday that in the face of these defenses, the Buckeyes have to throw the ball deep more often.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL INSIDER

Possible season-altering games this week



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Several Mid-American Conference football games this week could determine the direction some teams are headed.

That includes Wednesday’s game between visiting Kent State (1-1) and Buffalo (1-1) on ESPNU at 7 p.m.

“This game definitely paves the way for the rest of the season,” Buffalo coach **Jeff Quinn** said on the MAC’s weekly teleconference. “This is going to be a battle — every play, every snap, every inch is going to matter in this game.”

The Golden Flashes are desperate to have a winning season for just the second time since 1987. It will be 11 days between games for Kent, which is coming off a 47-14 loss to a Kentucky team that, after beating Kent, lost to Western Kentucky, 32-31.

This week’s MAC games

Wednesday

Kent State (1-1, 0-0) at Buffalo (1-1, 0-0), 7, ESPNU

Saturday

Bowling Green (1-2) at Virginia Tech (2-1), noon, ESPNU
Central Michigan (1-1) at Iowa (2-1), noon, BTN
Massachusetts (0-3, 0-0) at Miami (Ohio) (1-2, 0-0), noon
Connecticut (2-1) at Western Michigan (1-2), 2
Ohio (3-0) vs. Norfolk State (2-1), 2
Northern Illinois (2-1) vs. Kansas (1-2), 3:30
Eastern Michigan (0-3) at Michigan State (2-1), 3:30, BTN
Ball State (2-1) vs. South Florida (2-1), 4:30
Toledo (2-1) vs. Coastal Carolina (2-1), 7
Akron (1-2) at Tennessee (2-1), 7:30

Now the Flashes have to rebound against a Buffalo team that was not projected to do well this season but is averaging 459.0 yards of total offense per game.

UB is anchored by junior tailback **Branden Oliver**, who is averaging 174.5 yards per game. The 5-8, 202-pound bowling ball is a proven runner, coming off 1,395 yards rushing last season and averaging a solid 4.6 yards per carry.

KSU’s defense, perceived as a

team strength going into the season, has allowed a stunning 427.5 yards and 34.0 points per game.

One key to Buffalo’s surprising start has been the play of quarterback **Alex Zordich** from Youngstown. The junior, who is 6-3, 220 pounds, has passed for 385 yards and five TDs. He has completed 30 of 45 attempts in his first season as a starter.

“He’s just been really solid,” Quinn said. “He’s been really locked in. Very serious, football

is important to him. He understands what we’re asking him to do.”

Still searching: This was expected to be a breakout season for Eastern Michigan, but the Eagles are 0-3 and show no real signs of busting loose. It does not get any easier for coach **Ron English**. The next challenge is on the road at Michigan State, although English did see improvement after EMU’s 54-16 loss at Purdue.

“I don’t think we’re in the tank over here, we’re not getting down,” English said. “I don’t think anybody is hanging their heads around here. It’s, ‘Can we get better fast enough to be a factor in the league race?’”

EMU’s first MAC game is Oct. 6 against Kent, following a bye. If Eastern does not take out KSU, the Eagles could be in danger of going winless.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Amherst girls soccer ties No. 1 Blue Streaks

From staff reports

Ties in any sport aren’t normally anything to get excited about, unless it was Monday and it was Amherst girls soccer.

The Comets tied Magnificat, 3-3, in a nonleague game in what exemplified the term, “moral victory” because the Blue Streaks entered the game with a 6-0 record and the No. 1-ranking in the Ohio School Soccer Coaches Association Division I poll.

Lindsay Sands, Celine Burgos and Dominica Essi each had goals for Amherst, while Katherine Viancourt, Jaycie Brown and Paige Rombach scored for Magnificat.

Strongsville 1, Massillon Jackson 0 The defending state champion/No. 5-ranked Mustangs prevailed in the battle of Division I state powers thanks to a Nicolette Griesinger-from-Alexis Manoa goal. Sarah Baskey and Samantha Ortenzi teamed up for six saves in the nonleague shutout of the 10th-ranked Polar Bears.

Rocky River 4, Beaumont 1 Grace Bennett’s two goals led the **Pirates (7-1) to the nonleague win.**

Holy Name 1, Medina 0 Caroline Dreher got the game’s lone goal for the Green Wave (6-3-1), ranked fourth in Division II. Winning goalie Jax Yanak had four saves against Medina, the No. 7-ranked team in Division I.

Elyria Catholic 3, St. Joseph 2 The Panthers got two goals from Keely Birsic in the nonleague win.

Girls golf

Suburban League Tournament Ohio State recruit Jessica

Porvasnik shot 68 and teammate Jessica McRae shot 69 at Brookside Golf Course to lead Highland to the team title with 298 strokes. Green was a distant second at 333.

Strongsville 180, Brunswick 184 Taylor Ingram shot 43 to lead the Mustangs to a Northeast Ohio Conference win at Val-leaire Golf Course, but it was Brunswick’s Kelly McLaughlin’s 43 that stole the spotlight because she had a hole in one of the 149-yard seventh hole using a 4-hybrid. Strongsville’s Alyson Wohlleber followed with 44.

Avon 185, Vermilion 204 The unbeaten Eagles got a par-36 effort from Kaitlin Neumann at Bob-O-Link Golf Course to pace the West Shore Conference victory.

Boys golf

Revere 160, Archbishop Hoban 165 Mike Devine and Danny Pavlich each shot 38 to help the Minutemen top Hoban in a nonleague match at Good Park Golf Course. Hoban’s Joey Durkin also fired a 38.

Volleyball

Clearview 3, Oberlin 0 The Clippers (6-2, 6-1) held on to first place in the Patriot Athletic Conference Stripes Division as Heather Younkin and Katlynn Baker teamed up for 12 kills, with Younkin adding five solo blocks.

Boys soccer

Western Reserve Academy 5, Elyria Catholic 2 The unbeaten Pioneers (8-0) grabbed a 4-0 first-half lead in the nonleague victory thanks to Rishav Banerjee’s two goals and an assist and Alex Campana’s two assists.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Akron City Series Akron Garfield 1-0 2-2 Akron North 1-0 1-3 Buchtel 1-0 1-3 Ellet 0-0 2-2 Kenmore 0-1 2-2 Firestone 0-1 1-3 Akron East 0-1 0-4 Chagrin Valley Conference Chagrin Division Chagrin Falls 1-0 4-0 Kenston 1-0 2-2 Perry 1-0 2-2 West Geauga 1-0 2-2 Aurora 0-1 3-1 Wickliffe 0-1 2-2 Orange 0-1 1-3 Harvey 0-1 0-4 Metro Division Cuyahoga Heights 1-0 4-0 Hawken 1-0 1-3 Independence 1-0 4-0 Beachwood 1-0 3-1 Richmond Heights 0-1 1-3 Valley Division Kirtland 1-0 4-0 Cardinal 0-1 3-1 Fairport Harding 0-1 1-3 Newbury 0-1 3-1 Berkshire 0-1 2-2 Lake Erie League Cleveland Heights 1-0 4-0 Warren G. Harding 1-0 3-1 Euclid 1-0 2-2 Lorain 1-0 1-3 Bedford 0-1 2-2 Maple Heights 0-1 2-2 Shaw 0-1 2-2 Warrensville Heights 0-1 1-3 North Coast League Blue Division Benedictine 0-0 2-2 NDCL 0-0 2-2 Padua 0-0 2-2 Lake Catholic 0-0 1-3 Walsh Jesuit 0-0 0-3 Archbishop Hoban 0-0 0-4 White Division Warren JPK 0-0 4-0 Cleveland Cent. Catholic 0-0 2-2 St. Peter Chanel 0-0 2-2 Trinity 0-0 1-3 VASJ 0-0 1-3 Holy Name 0-0 0-4 Northeast Ohio Conference Lake Division Shaker Heights 1-0 3-1	Brush Garfield Heights 1-0 2-2 Normandy 1-0 1-3 Parma 0-1 1-3 Valley Forge 0-1 1-3 North Royalton 0-0 4-0 Cuyahoga Falls 0-0 3-1 Elyria 0-0 3-1 Hudson 0-0 3-1 Mayfield 0-0 2-2 Stow 0-0 1-3 Valley Division Brunswick 0-0 3-1 Mentor 0-0 3-1 Solon 0-0 2-2 Twinsburg 0-0 2-2 Medina 0-0 1-3 Strongsville 0-0 1-3 Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division Black River 1-0 1-3 Buckeye 1-0 1-3 Keystone 0-1 1-3 Brookside 0-1 0-4 Firelands 0-1 0-4 Wellington 0-1 0-4 Stripes Division Oberlin 1-0 4-0 Clearview 1-0 3-1 Columbia 1-0 3-1 Fairview 1-0 1-3 Lutheran West 0-1 1-3 Brooklyn 0-1 0-4 Portage Trail Conference County Division Mogadore 1-0 4-0 Windham 1-0 3-1 East Canton 1-0 2-2 Southeast 1-0 2-2 Rootstown 0-1 2-2 Worridge 0-1 2-2 Garrettsville 0-1 1-3 Waterloo 1-0 1-3 Metro Division Kent Roosevelt 1-0 3-1 Norton 1-0 3-1 Field 1-0 2-2 Ravenna 1-0 2-2 Streetsboro 0-1 3-1 Akron Springfield 0-1 2-2 Coventry 0-1 2-2 Crestwood 0-1 1-3 Premier Athletic Conference Chardon 1-0 4-0 Willoughby South 1-0 4-0 Madison 1-0 3-1	Riverside Geneva 1-0 3-1 Lakeside 0-1 1-3 University School 0-1 1-3 Eastlake North 0-1 0-4 Principals Athletic Conference Triway 1-0 3-1 Akron Manchester 1-0 2-2 CVCA 1-0 2-2 Indian Valley 1-0 2-2 Tuslaw 0-1 2-2 Fairless 0-1 1-3 Timken 0-1 1-3 Tuscarawas Valley 0-1 1-3 Senate Athletic League Glenville 2-0 3-1 John Hay 2-0 3-1 East Tech 1-1 1-3 John Marshall 0-1 2-2 Rhodes 0-1 2-2 Collinwood 0-1 0-4 John Marshall 0-2 0-4 Lincoln West 0-2 0-4 Southwestern Conference Midpark 1-0 4-0 Westlake 1-0 4-0 Avon Lake 1-0 4-1 Brecksview 1-0 1-3 North Olmsted 0-1 3-1 Berea 0-1 2-2 Amherst Steele 0-1 1-3 Olmsted Falls 0-1 0-4 Suburban League Green 1-0 3-1 Highland 1-0 3-1 Nordonia 1-0 3-1 Tallmadge 1-0 3-1 Cleveland 0-1 3-1 Copley 0-1 1-3 Wadsworth 0-1 2-2 Revere 0-1 0-4 West Shore Conference Midview 1-0 4-0 Avon 1-0 3-1 Elyria Catholic 1-0 3-1 Lakewood 1-0 1-3 Bay 0-1 2-2 Lakewood 0-1 1-3 Rocky River 0-1 1-3 Vermilion 0-1 1-3 Nonleague St. Edward 4-0 St. Ignatius 4-0 SVSM 3-1 Barberton 1-3 WRA 1-3 Gilmour Academy 0-4 Lutheran East 0-4
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Volleyball stats being accepted

Volleyball coaches are asked to report individual player statistical leaders to The Plain Dealer each week.

Coaches are asked to fax or email stats on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Calls are accepted only on Mondays from 4 p.m. to midnight and on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Each week the deadline is Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The email address is results@plaind.com. The fax number is 216-999-6276. The telephone number is 216-999-4370.

We publish stats in per-game averages. To that end, stats must be submitted with computed per-game averages, including totals and the number of games played. Categories are: aces per game, assists per game, blocks (assisted) per game, blocks (solo) per game, digs per game, kills per game and service points per game. It is important to provide players’ first and last names.

Vote for top football players

Vote on the top high school football performer from Friday night in our weekly Game Balls poll. The winner receives a Game Balls T-shirt. The poll closes each Wednesday at noon. See who won every Thursday in The Locker Room. cleveland.com/hssports

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

New US start times

University School announced new start times for two home football games in October. The Oct. 6 game against Riverside will start at 2 p.m., and the Oct. 27 game against Geneva will begin at 3 p.m.

— From staff reports

Report football stats in online database

Football coaches are asked to input individual player statistics into our online database on a weekly basis again this season. Stats will be published weekly beginning this week. If you need your sign-on information to access the website, contact our staff at results@plaind.com.

The deadline each week is Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Thistledown results

Legend: DD-daily double; Ex-exacta; Spr-superfecta; Tri-trifecta; PT-pick three; PF-pick four; PFI-pick five.
Track: Fast

1st: \$5,200, Claiming \$4,000, 3 yo's & up, 5 Six Furlongs	
1 Danzig Scorpion \$5.20 3.20 3.80 Jockey: (Hernandez)	
2 Zippin Lapan (Ramos) 5.80 6.00 3.00 Jockey: (Rosario)	
Time: 1:11.30; Off: 1:50 PM	
Ex (1-2) \$32.20; Spr (2-1-2-5-3) \$216.40; Ex (1-2) \$32.20; Spr (2-1-2-5-3) \$216.40	
2nd: \$4,800, Claiming \$4,000, 3 yo's & up, 5 Six Furlongs	
2 Dapper Tapper \$6.60 3.60 2.40 Jockey: (Rojas)	
5 Mt. Factor (Hmndz-Lpz) 6.60 2.80 2.10 Jockey: (Laguana)	
Time: 1:12.16; Off: 2:21 PM	
DD (1-2) \$25.60; Ex (2-5) \$41.00; Spr (2-5-4-6) \$114.30; Spr (2-5-4) \$125.20	
3rd: \$4,300, Claiming \$2,500, 3 yo's & up, 5 Six Furlongs	
3 Set the Stage \$6.20 2.60 2.20 Jockey: (Hernandez)	
2 Canoe (Van den Berg) 2.20 2.10 3.60 Jockey: (Banda)	
Time: 1:12.42; Off: 2:52 PM	
Ex (3-2) \$9.80; Spr (3-2-5-4) \$48.30; Tri (2-5-5) \$42.60; Spr (3-1-2-3) \$90.20	
4th: \$4,300, Claiming \$2,500, 3 yo's & up, 5 Six Furlongs	
3 Candy Tiger \$4.00 2.20 2.10 Jockey: (Rosario)	
5 Adalina Light (Velez) 2.60 2.10 2.20 Jockey: (Delgado)	
Time: 1:14.22; Off: 3:23 PM	
Ex (3-1) \$8.80; Spr (3-1-5-6) \$18.10; Tri (3-1-5) \$14.40; Spr (3-2-3-3) \$82.60; Pic 4 (1-2-3-3) \$62.30	

Northfield entries

Post time: 7:00 p.m.

1st: Purse \$2,400 \$2,400.00 NW250PSCD Trot	
1 Mr Taurus, Miller 9-2	
2 Abba Zabra, KuSugg 4-1	
3 Monsieus De Vie, Miller 5-2	
4 Fuzzy T Kash, KeKashR 12-1	
5 Rockin H Winnie, ChMyrick 8-1	
6 Pathway Dot Com, LaFerrari 10-1	
7 Mom's Looker, KeKashR 7-2	
2nd: Purse \$1,600 \$1,600.00 NW600L5CD Trot	
1 Flowing Jason, ChWyers 15-1	
2 Thomas Be Quick, JoGwengend 5-2	
3 Edith, ChMyrick 8-1	
4 For Revers Sake, DaEdwards 4-1	
5 Honey Prayer, KuSugg 12-1	
6 Baywood Firm, KeKashR 9-2	
7 Old Trafford, WyVline 7-2	
8 Wild Nordic, RobLMiller 10-1	
3rd: Purse \$1,600 \$1,600.00 5000CL NW1 Pace	
1 Third Wheel, DaKennedy 4-1	
2 Awesome Act, WyVline 6-1	
3 Fuzzy T Kash, KeKashR 9-2	
4 Third Race, JohnGreen 9-1	
5 Bayliss, FrHarris 12-1	
6 Dash, MiSpearman 7-2	
7 Heezanartist, RoWinning 3-1	
8 Tough Start, RiWing 15-1	
4th: Purse \$1,600 \$1,600.00 FMN7600L5 Pace	
1 Fox Valley Windy, PaMelloyr 7-2	
2 Solid Impreg, Wilky 9-2	
3 Hula Lu, ChHrshbr 7-2	
4 Sporty Cat, RoDinning 6-1	
5 Willadthebeach, KeKashR 4-1	
6 Eagle Unity, WyVline 12-1	
7 When You Smile, KeMcCross 20-1	
8 Felmansago, LaFerrari 10-1	
9 Soaring Cloud, RobLMiller 3-1	
5th: Purse \$2,800 \$2,800.00 NW300PSCD Trot	
1 Lucca's Revenge, WyVline 2-1	
2 Jess Coy, DoPfeister 4-1	
3 Fortune King, KuSugg 7-2	
4 San Zambello, FrUberj 12-1	
5 Minnie Spry, RobLMiller 10-1	
6 Confects, RoDinning 4-1	
7 High Heels Sours, ChHrshbr 8-1	
8 Celebrity Abs, JoIMiller 15-1	
6th: Purse \$1,600 \$1,600.00 NW600L5CD Pace	
1 Lima Jag, KuSugg 2-1	
2 Kingofthehighlands, RoDinning 8-1	
3 Israeli Hall, DaKennedy 10-1	
4 Irish Hat, KeKashR 12-1	
5 Tin Star, Wilky 12-1	
6 Cousin Mikey, WyVline 6-1	
7 Real Estate, DaMajeski 15-1	
8 Auto Pilot, AMerrinn 7-2	
7th: Purse \$2,000 \$2,000.00 NW200PSCD Trot	
1 Celebrity Wonder, Miller 7-2	
2 Grandpa's Jojobeni, Merrinn 2-1	
3 Rose Run Ichabod, ChMyrick 12-1	
4 Memories Of Us, DuGupitt 1-1	
5 Speedy Joes, ChHrshbr 6-1	
6 Danny O, DaMajeski 10-1	
7 Sir Pet, KeKashR 8-1	
8 S F Spiderman, KuSugg 8-1	
8th: Purse \$2,000 \$2,000.00 NW1CD Pace	
1 A And Gs Lady, LaMerrinn 6-1	
2 Real Senile, AMerrinn 7-2	
3 Sand Ruskin, TyLo 10-1	
4 YoullhaveaLaugh, ChHrshbr 4-1	
5 Runny Buffles, RobLMiller 3-1	
6 Cinnamon Bolls, JoKamp 1-1	
7 American Ace, KuSugg 9-2	
8 Sam's Noble Doctor, FrHarris 15-1	
9th: Purse \$2,000 \$2,000.00 7500CL NW2 Trot	
1 Honest Mom, ChHrshbr 7-2	
2 Cultured Pearl, KeKashR 2-1	
3 Boot Scootin Belle, PaMelloyr 6-1	
4 Peek A Bue Kid, KuSugg 8-1	
5 Mom's Looker, RobLMiller 10-1	
6 Howarda Runover, Myrick 15-1	
7 Rose Run Memo, AMerrinn 12-1	
8 Crown Time Jestar, JoMiller 10-1	
9 Puttinnthechips, FrUberj 20-1	
10th: Purse \$2,000 \$2,000.00 7500CL NW2 Pace	
1 J D Three, PaMelloyr 7-2	
2 Some Little Star, LaFerrari 20-1	
3 CuckooShut, BoArnett 12-1	
4 Teel's Splash 7-2	
5 White Ash, FrHarris 15-1	
6 Western Point, KeKashR 4-1	
7 Thunder Reigns, KuSugg 6-1	
8 Foolproof, DaMajeski 12-1	
9 Lefty Grove, RoWinning 1-1	
11th: Purse \$2,000 \$2,000.00 NW200PSCD Pace	
1 On My Sam, WyVline 9-2	
2 Vilas Blue Chip, AMerrinn 5-2	
3 Western Hoss, FrHarris 8-1	
4 Worries Stay Small, JoKamp 10-1	
5 Incredible Boid, DaMajeski 12-1	
6 Juillard, RoKashR 15-1	
7 Robin Danteg, RobLMiller 4-1	
8 Foxy's Desire, KeKashR 1-1	
9 Ridge Park, KuSugg 7-2	
12th: Purse \$2,000 \$2,000.00 FMN700P5 Pace	
1 Vp Sharon, PaMelloyr 7-2	
2 Liveandconcedit, KuSugg 7-2	
3 Fast Attack, RoDinning 12-1	
4 Sun Rei, FrHarris 2-1	
5 Back Home Again, RobLMiller 10-1	
6 Anxiety Hanover, WyVline 6-1	
7 Sir Katie Kide, FrHarris 8-1	
8 Hurricane Hanna, KeKashR 20-1	
9 AllAmerican Dora, RaKaeoka 15-1	

Auto racing

NASCAR Sprint Cup
SYLVANIA 300
At New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Loudon, N.H.
Lap length: 1.058 miles
RESULTS
(Start position in parentheses)

- (32) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 300 laps, 149.2 rating, 48 points, \$273,166.
- (20) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 300, 116.9, 43, \$204,796.
- (1) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 300, 118.9, 42, \$179,171.
- (12) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 300, 112.6, 40, \$141,074.
- (6) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 300, 114.3, 40, \$113,135.
- (15) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 300, 97.4, 39, \$135,780.
- (3) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 300, 107.3, 38, \$149,360.
- (18) Joey Logano, Toyota, 300, 87.5, 36, \$98,185.
- (4) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 300, 90.8, 36, \$94,985.
- (8) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 300, 97.4, 34, \$128,968.
- (16) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 300, 98.2, 33, \$132,421.
- (7) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 300, 88.9, 32, \$94,135.
- (14) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 300, 82.3, 31, \$92,185.
- (25) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 300, 87.6, 31, \$127,946.
- (11) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 300, 79.3, 29, \$121,560.
- (22) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 300, 75.4, 28, \$107,818.
- (9) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 300, 89.6, 27, \$108,499.
- (13) Greg Biffle, Ford, 300, 80.1, 26, \$89,235.
- (5) Carl Edwards, Ford, 300, 73.1, 25, \$123,126.
- (17) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 299, 68.9, 24, \$105,718.
- (10) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 299, 65.9, 0, \$121,001.
- (24) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 299, 63.5, 22, \$109,776.
- (19) Eric Almirola, Ford, 298, 65.6, 21, \$116,396.
- (21) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 298, 59.4, 20, \$107,068.
- (23) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 298, 59.3, 19, \$107,543.
- (29) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 298, 58.7, 18, \$109,593.
- (28) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 298, 53.6, 17, \$104,580.
- (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 298, 94.5, 17, \$89,318.
- (26) David Ragan, Ford, 297, 52.5, 15, \$89,318.
- (34) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 296, 47.6, 14, \$87,910.
- (31) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 296, 49.9, 13, \$87,910.
- (37) David Gilliland, Ford, 296, 43.4, 12, \$73,935.
- (42) Mike Olsen, Ford, 289, 34.8, 11, \$81,735.
- (39) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, 296, 38.1, 10, \$83,035.
- (43) David Stremme, Toyota, transmission, 315, 37.2, 9, \$73,335.
- (30) Casey Mears, Ford, vibration, 100, 45.3, 9, \$73,110.
- (31) Michael McDowell, Ford, vibration, 100, 45.3, 9, \$73,110.
- (38) Scott Speed, Ford, suspension, 88, 30.1, 6, \$72,678.
- (36) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, brakes, 78, 35.5, 0, \$69,850.
- (41) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, rear gear, 68, 31.9, 4, \$69,700.
- (40) JJ. Yeley, Chevrolet, brakes, 29, 29.9, 3, \$69,525.
- (35) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, brakes, 21, 30, 0, \$69,400.
- (42) Kelly Hires, Ford, brakes, 20, 27.8, 1, \$69,767.

RACE STATISTICS
Average Speed of Race Winner: 116.810 mph; Time of Race: 2 hours, 43 minutes, 2 seconds; Margin of Victory: 2.675 seconds; Caution Flags: 4 for 17 laps; Lead Changes: 17 among 10 drivers.

Lap Leaders: J.Gordon 1-3; T.Stewart 4-41; J.Gordon 42; C.Mears 43; J.Gordon 44-45; Ky.Busch 46-93; D.Hamlin 94-107; K.Kahne 108; J.Johnson 109; M.Kenseth 110-112; B.Keselowski 113-112; D.Hamlin 113-179; B.Vickers 180-184; D.Hamlin 185-244; J.Johnson 245; J.Gordon 246; B.Keselowski 247-248; D.Hamlin 249-300.

Laps Led: D.Hamlin, 4 times for 193 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 48 laps; T.Stewart, 1 time for 38 laps; J.Gordon, 4 times for 7 laps; B.Vickers, 1 time for 5 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 4 laps; J.Johnson, 2 times for 2 laps; K.Kahne, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Kenseth, 1 time for 1 lap.

Top 12 in Points: 1. J.Johnson, 2,096; 2. B.Keselowski, 2,095; 3. D.Hamlin, 2,089; 4. T.Stewart, 2,086; 5. K.Kahne, 2,081; 6. C.Bowyer, 2,081; 7. D.Earnhardt Jr., 2,070; 8. K.Harvick, 2,065; 9. G.Biffle, 2,063; 10. M.Truxer Jr., 2,062; 11. M.Kenseth, 2,061; 12. J.Gordon, 2,051.

Formula 1
SINGAPORE GP
At Marina Bay Street Circuit
Singapore
Lap length: 3.152 miles
RESULTS

1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 59 laps, 2:00:26.144, 92.611 mph.
2. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 59, 2:05:10.33.
3. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 59, 2:04:31.371.

4. Paul di Resta, Scotland, Force India, 59, 2:04:57.207.
5. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 59, 2:05:00.928.
6. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 59, 2:05:01.903.

7. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 59, 2:05:02.842.
8. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 59, 2:05:08.973.
9. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Toro Rosso, 59, 2:05:11.964.

10. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Sauber, 59, 2:05:16.763.
11. x-Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 59, 2:05:13.319.
12. Timo Glock, Germany, Marussia, 59, 2:05:18.062.

13. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Sauber, 59, 2:05:20.285.
14. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 59, 2:05:20.557.
15. Heikki Kovalainen, Finland, Caterham, 59, 2:05:21.111.

16. Charles Pic, France, Marussia, 59, 2:05:29.069.
17. Pedro de la Rosa, Spain, HRT, 58, +1 lap.
18. Bruno Senna, Brazil, Williams, 57, +2 laps, Retired.

19. Vitally Petrov, Russia, Caterham, 57, +2 laps.
x-A 20-second penalty for passing off the track

Not Classified
20. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 59, 2:05:29.069.
21. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Mercedes, 38, Accident.

22. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 36, Hydraulic.
23. Narain Karthikeyan, India, HRT, 30, Accident.

24. Lewis Hamilton, England, McLaren, 22, Gearbox.
1. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 194 points.
2. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 165.

3. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 149.
4. Lewis Hamilton, England, McLaren, 142.
5. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 132.

6. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 119.
7. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 93.
8. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 82.

9. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Sauber, 66.
10. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 51.
11. Paul di Resta, Scotland, Force India, 44.

12. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Mercedes, 43.
13. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Sauber, 35.
14. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 31.

15. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 25.
17. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 8.
18. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Toro Rosso, 8.

Constructors Standings
1. Red Bull, 297 points.
2. McLaren, 261.
3. Ferrari, 245.

4. Lotus, 231.
5. Mercedes, 136.
6. Sauber, 101.
7. Force India, 75.

8. Williams, 70.
9. Toro Rosso, 14.
NHRA
TEXAS FALL NATIONALS
at Texas Motorplex
Ennis, Texas
FINALS

TOP FUEL: Antron Brown, 3.898 seconds, 311.49 mph def. Spencer Massey, 3.945 seconds, 300.60 mph.

NEWSWATCH

FUNNY CAR: Bob Tasca III, Ford Mustang, 4.826, 197.59 def. Matt Hagan, Dodge Charger, 5.025, 188.15.
PRO STOCK: Allen Johnson, Dodge Avenger, 6.598, 210.93 def. Erica Enders, Chevy Cobalt, 6.835, 209.39.
PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE: Michael Ray, Buell, 6.920, 192.77 def. Karen Stoffer, Suzuki, 7.028, 190.48.



PEGGY TURBETT / THE PLAIN DEALER

Jerry Pattenau of Norfolk, Va., heads for an unintended dip into Lake Canadagua in Sunday. Pattenau was trying to keep his catamaran from flipping before the Canadagua Multi Hull Open Regatta. He and his crewmate Joseph Lieberman, already treading water, righted the boat and won the regatta.

Tennis

Tsonga defends title: Top-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France routed fifth-seeded Andreas Seppi, 6-1, 6-2, on Sunday to successfully defend his Moselle Open title in Metz, France. The seventh-ranked Tsonga needed just 50 minutes to win, breaking the Italian's serve four times. Tsonga was in control on his serve, winning 85 percent of his service points. He won nine games in a row to take a 4-0 lead in the second set. It is Tsonga's second title of the year, after the Qatar Open in January, and boosts his chances of reaching the year-ending ATP finals in London.

Klizan wins first title: Martin Klizan of Slovakia defeated Fabio Fognini of Italy, 6-2, 6-3, to win his first career ATP title at the St. Petersburg (Russia) Open. The third-seeded Klizan broke the fourth-seeded Fognini twice in the first set and four times in the second. In the past seven months, the 23-year-old Klizan has moved up from No. 121 in the world to a career-high 45th. His breakthrough season included reaching the fourth round of the U.S. Open by beating No. 6-ranked Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Boxing

Former champ shot dead: Corrie Sanders, the South African southpaw who knocked out Wladimir Klitschko in one of the great upsets in heavyweight boxing, died after being shot by robbers at a restaurant in Brits,

College football

Polls
AP Top 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (59)	4-0	1,499	1
2. Oregon	4-0	1,414	3
3. LSU (1)	4-0	1,346	2
4. Florida St.	4-0	1,340	4
5. Georgia	4-0	1,245	5
6. South Carolina	4-0	1,147	7
7. Kansas St.	4-0	1,067	15
8. Stanford	3-0	1,055	9
9. West Virginia	3-0	1,045	8
10. Notre Dame	4-0	1,003	11
11. Montana St.	4-0	964	14
12. Texas	3-0	856	12
13. Southern Cal	3-1	801	103
14. Ohio St.	4-0	633	16
15. TCU	3-0	616	17
16. Oklahoma	2-1	611	20
17. Clemson	3-1	588	10
18. Oregon St.	2-0	551	NR
19. Louisville	4-0	414	20
20. Michigan St.	3-1	448	21
21. Mississippi St.	4-0	246	23
22. Nebraska	3-1	179	25
23. Rutgers	4-0	128	NR
24. Boise St.	2-1	114	24
25. Baylor	3-0	92	NR

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 89, UCLA 79, Michigan 44, Ohio 40, Virginia Tech 26, Arizona 17, Iowa St. 16, Wisconsin 13, Oklahoma St. 12, Texas A&M 11, Cincinnati 10, Tennessee 10, Texas Tech 10, Arizona St. 8, Louisiana Tech 7, Purdue 5, Miami 1.

USA Today Top 25
The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 22, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (57)	4-0	1,473	1
2. Oregon	4-0	1,371	3
3. LSU (1)	4-0	1,361	2
4. Florida St. (1)	4-0	1,306	4
5. Georgia	4-0	1,224	6
6. South Carolina	4-0	1,148	7
7. West Virginia	3-0	1,137	7
8. Kansas St.	4-0	1,000	13
9. Stanford	3-0	949	11
10. Texas	3-0	924	10
11. Notre Dame	4-0	836	15
12. Florida	4-0	817	14
13. USC	3-1	813	12
14. TCU	3-0	705	16
15. Oklahoma	2-1	699	9
16. Clemson	3-1	569	5
17. Louisville	4-0	493	18
18. Michigan St.	3-1	404	20
19. Mississippi St.	4-0	349	23
20. Nebraska	3-1	327	22
21. Oregon St.	2-0	220	NR
22. Oklahoma St.	2-1	154	25
23. Wisconsin	3-1	102	24
24. Baylor	3-0	101	NR
25. Rutgers	4-0	98	NR

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 96, Boise State 69, Michigan 57, Iowa State 45, Cincinnati 42, UCLA 33, Texas A&M 31, Louisiana Tech 28, Arizona State 22, Texas Tech 17, Arizona 16, Ohio 13, Minnesota 11, Tennessee 6, Western Kentucky 5, Louisiana-Monroe 4, Purdue 4, Miami (Fla.) 2, San Jose State 2, Washington 2.

Saturday's Scoreboard
EAST
Albany (NY) 30, Maine 20

South Africa, during a family celebration. The former WBO and WBU champion was 46. Renowned for his hand speed, the 6-4 Sanders was one of South Africa's most successful and popular fighters after a nearly 20-year professional career. He retired in 2008 with a 42-4 record, with 31 knockouts. But he was most remembered for the shocking second-round knockout of Klitschko in Germany in 2003 that earned him the WBO title and respect across the world as a wily, fast and clever fighter and powerful puncher. It is one of only three losses for the Ukrainian and current WBO champion. Sanders agreed to the fight on short notice and was a 40-1 underdog. The result was voted as the upset of the year by Ring Magazine. He then lost to Wladimir's older brother Vitali for the vacant WBC title the following year, Vitali's first fight for the title he still holds.

Cycling

Belgian wins race: Philippe Gilbert of Belgium won the men's 166-mile road race at the Road Cycling World Championships in Valkenburg, Netherlands, sprinting away on the closing climb for victory. Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway was second and Alejandro Valverde of Spain third. Defending champion Mark Cavendish of Britain dropped out midway through the grueling race, as did teammate Bradley Wiggins, who had already won the Tour de France and Olympic time trial this year.

Cent. Methodist 32, Culver-Stockton 7
Cent. Michigan 32, Iowa 31
Concordia (Mo.) 31, St. John's (Minn.) 4-1
Dane 38, Nebraska Wesleyan 24
Drake 28, Morehead St. 25
E. Illinois 50, Murray St. 49, OT
Ferris St. 20, Walsh 14
Grand Valley St. 46, Ohio Dominican 41
Greenville Ar., Minn.-Morris 24
Grinnell 13, Beloit 7
Hillsdale 63, Notre Dame Coll. 14
Illinois College 46, Ripon 21
Illinois St. 23, W. Illinois 3
Illinois Wesleyan 23, Hope 13
Jacksonville 21, Dayton 17
Lake Forest 34, Knox 13
Louisiana Tech 52, Illinois 24
Mayville St. 54, Presentation 7
Miami (Ohio) 27, UMass 16
Michigan St. 23, E. Michigan 7
Michigan Tech 35, Findlay 10
Milikin 44, Aurora 20
Minn. Duluth 42, Augustana (SD) 34
Minn.-St. Markato 24, Minn. St.-Morhead 0
Minn.-Crookston 33, SW Minnesota St. 28
Missouri 17, Syracuse 10
Missouri S&T 47, Kentucky Wesleyan 23
Missouri Valley 31, Baker 17
N. Dakota St. 66, Prairie View 7
N. Illinois 30, Kansas 23
Nebraska 73, Idaho 7
North Park 46, Olivet 21
Northern St. (SD) 24, Concordia (St.P.) 23
Northwestern 38, South Dakota 7
Northwestern (Minn.) 54, Mac Murray 14
Northwood (Mich.) 35, Tiffin 14
Notre Dame 13, Michigan 6
Ohio 44, Norfolk St. 10
Ohio St. 29, UAB 15
S. Arkansas 35, SW Oklahoma 34
S. Dakota St. 32, Mary 23
S. Illinois 14, Missouri 31
St. Cloud 17, Texas 7
St. Francis (Ill.) 52, Iowa Wesleyan 31
St. Francis (Ind.) 76, Concordia (Mich.) 14
St. Norbert 28, Carroll (Wis.) 21, OT
St. Olaf 17, Gustavus 14
St. Scholastica 21, Martin Luther 7
Toledo 38, Coastal Carolina 28
Trine 28, Taylor-Fort Wayne 13
Upper Iowa 26, Minot St. 20
W. Michigan 30, Malone 24
Wayne (Mich.) 38, UConn 14
Westminster (Mo.) 30, Crown (Minn.) 12
Winona St. 32, Mary 23
Wis.-Oshkosh 70, Alma 9
Wis.-Stout 20, Wis.-River Falls 9
Wis.-Whitewater 34, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 7
Wisconsin 37, UTEP 26
Wyoming St. 42, N. Iowa 35

SOUTHWEST
Alabama A&M 42, Texas Southern 13
Arkansas St. 56, Alcorn St. 0
Cent. Arkansas 24, San Houston 20
Kansas St. 24, Oklahoma 19
Lamar 31, Langston 0
Marshall 54, Rice 51, 2OT
Mary Hardin-Baylor 49, Trinity (Texas) 28
Rutgers 35, Arkansas 26
TCU 27, Virginia 7
Texas A&M 70, SC State 14
Texas Lutheran 43, SW Assemblies of God 35
Texas St. 41, Stephen F. Austin 37
Troy 14, North Texas 7
Tulsa 27, Fresno St. 26
UTSA 56, NW Oklahoma 3
Wesley 25, Louisiana College 22

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 37, Utah 7

High schools

Today's schedule

Boys soccer
Fairfax at CVCA, 5
Harvey at Beachwood, 5
Hawken at Gilmour Academy, 4:30
John Hay vs. VASJ at Lost Nation Sports Park, 4:30
Lake Ridge Academy at Sandusky, 5
Lincoln-West at Hearts for Jesus, 5:30
Mentor at Solon, 7
Normandy at Avon, 7
Open Door at Wellington, 5
Triway at Manchester, 7

Girls soccer
Avon at Amherst, 7
Beaumont at Chagrin Falls, 7
Brecksville at Copley, 7
Buckeye at Cloverleaf, 7
Columbia at North Ridgeville, 7
Cornerstone Christian at Youngstown Christian, 5
Cuyahoga Heights at Elyria Catholic, 7
Hathaway Brown vs. Magnificat at Rocky River, 7
Hoover at Wadsworth, 7
Kent Roosevelt at Louisville, 7
Keystone at Parma, 8
Oberlin at Open Door, 4:30
Riverside at Orange, 7
St. Joseph Academy vs. Berea at Fairview, 4:30
Solon at Aurora, 7
Twinsburg vs. Normandy at Byers Field, 6

Football schedule

Week 6
Note: Games start at 7 unless noted.
Thursday
NORTH COAST LEAGUE
White Division
Cleveland Central Catholic (2-3) vs. Trinity (2-3) at Bedford Stadium
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Crossover
Elyria (3-2, 0-1) vs. Valley Forge (1-4, 0-1) at Byers Field
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Riverside (3-2, 0-2) vs. Lincoln West (0-5, 0-3) at Collinwood

Friday
AKRON CITY SERIES
Akron North (1-4, 1-0) at Akron Garfield (2-3, 1-1)
Kenmore (2-3, 0-2) at Ellet (3-2, 1-0)
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Chagrin Division
Harvey (0-5, 0-2) at Perry (2-3, 1-1)
Kenston (3-2, 0-0) at Orange (1-4, 0-2)
West Geauga (3-2, 2-0) at Aurora (4-1, 1-1)
Wilkeffe (3-2, 1-1) at Chagrin Falls (4-1, 1-1)

Metro Division
Hawken (5-0, 2-0) at Cuyahoga Heights (4-1, 1-1)
Valley Division
Berkshire (2-3, 0-2) at Fairport Harding (4-1, 1-1)
Cardinal (4-1, 1-1) at Kirtland (5-0, 3-0)
Crossover
Richmond Heights (1-4, 0-2) at Newbury (3-2, 0-2)

LAKE ERIE LEAGUE
Berkshire (2-3, 0-2) at Cleveland Heights (5-0, 2-0), 7:30
Lorain (2-3, 2-0) at Bedford (2-3, 0-2)
Shaw (2-3, 0-2) at Warren G. Harding (4-1, 2-0)
Warrensview Heights (1-4, 0-2) at Maple Heights (2-3, 0-2)
NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Blue Division
Lake Catholic (2-3) at Archbishop Hoban (4-1, 1-1)
Padua (2-3) at Walsh Jesuit (0-4)
White Division
Holy Name (1-4) at St. Peter Chanel (2-3)

NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Valley Division
Medina (1-4) at Solon (3-2)
Mentor (4-1) at Brunswick (4-1)
Strongsville (2-3) at Twinsburg (2-3)
Crossover
Brunswick (2-3, 1-0) at Mayfield (3-2, 1-0)
Hudson (4-1, 2-0) at Garfield Heights (2-3, 1-0)
North Royalton (5-0, 1-0) vs. Normandy (1-4, 0-1) at Byers Field
Parma (1-4, 0-1) at Stow (1-4, 0-1)

PATRIOT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Stars Division
Black River (2-3, 2-0) at Buckeye (1-4, 1-1)
Browdie (0-5, 0-2) at Keystone (2-3, 1-1)
Firelands (0-5, 0-2) at Wellington (1-4, 1-1)
Stripes Division
Clearview (3-2, 1-1) at Fairview (1-4, 1-1)
Columbia (4-1, 2-0) at Oberlin (5-0, 2-0)
Lafayette West (2-3, 1-1) at Brooklyn (2-3, 1-1)
PORTAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE
County Division
East Canton (3-2, 2-0) at Southeast (3-2, 2-0)
Rootstown (2-3, 0-2) at Garrettsville Garfield (1-4, 0-2)
Waterloo (1-4, 0-2) at Woodridge (3-2, 1-1)
Windham (3-2, 1-1) at Mogadore (5-0, 2-0)

Metro Division
Akron Springfield (2-3, 0-2) at Ravenna (3-2, 0-4)
Coventry (2-3, 0-2) at Crestwood (1-4, 0-2)
Kent Roosevelt (4-1, 2-0) at Streetsboro (4-1, 1-1)
North (4-1, 2-0) at Field (2-3, 1-1)
PREMIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Chardon (5-0, 2-0) at Willoughby South (5-0, 2-0)
Geneva (2-3, 1-1) at Riverside (4-1, 2-0)
Madison (3-2, 1-1) at Eastlake North (0-5, 0-2)
University School (1-4, 0-2) at Lakeside (1-4, 0-2)

PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONF.
Akron Manchester (3-2, 2-0) at Indian Valley (2-3, 1-1)
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (3-2, 0-2) at Triway (4-1, 2-0)
Timken (1-4, 0-2) at Fairless (1-4, 0-2)
Tuscarawas Valley (2-3, 1-1) at Tuslaw (2-3, 0-2)
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
East Tech (1-4, 1-2) at Collinwood (0-5, 0-2), 3
John Hay (3-2, 2-0) at Cleveland JFK (3-2, 3-0), 3

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Avon (4-1, 1-1) at Berea (2-3, 0-2)
Midpark (4-1, 1-1) at Amherst (2-3, 1-1)
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Highland (3-2, 1-1) at Tallmadge (4-1, 1-1)

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Avon (4-1, 2-0) at Elyria Catholic (3-2, 1-1)
Bay (2-3, 0-2) at Vermillion (1-4, 0-2)
Midview (5-0, 2-0) at North Ridgeville (1-4, 1-1)
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Girls soccer: Rocky River shows its might in 8-0 rout of ECFiled by **Bob Daniels** September 27th, 2012 in **Sports**.

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ROCKY RIVER — It became obvious Wednesday night why Rocky River is Ohio's ninth-ranked soccer team and forward Abby Elinsky is the second-leading goal scorer in Division II.

Elinsky put up a hat trick and added two assists as the Pirates dominated Elyria Catholic 8-0 in West Shore Conference play. In addition, they got two goals each from Jillian Krebs and Grace Bennett. Elyria Catholic, ranked 15th in Division II, was undefeated with four ties going in.

Rocky River, which blanked Elyria Catholic by the same score last season, controlled the midfield from start to finish. The Pirates' defense shut the Panthers down with just six shots for the match, only one on goal. Meantime, the Pirates took 19 shots and put 11 of them on target. They led 6-0 at the break.

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Keely Birsic of EC midfield against Rocky River. photo by Chuck Humel

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Rocky River (10-1, 5-0 WSC), tied for the conference lead with Bay, has lost only to Holy Name, the fourth-ranked Division II team.

The Panthers dropped to 7-1-4 and 1-1-3.

"We went out there to prove that we're (ranked) where we should be," Elinsky said. "Games like that, you just go out, show that you can do it and have fun out there. When we weren't ranked, it was just something that kept us pushing because we knew we should be. Now, we just have to keep going."

Elinsky and Krebs teamed up for Rocky River's first goal in the fourth minute, Elinsky getting a header to Krebs, who kicked it in. Hallie McCue, with an assist from Krebs, made it 2-0 in the 20th minute, and it was a 3-0 game when Krebs, assisted by Megan Killeen, scored in the 26th minute.

Grace Bennett, assisted by Elinsky; Elinsky, with an assist from McCue, and Elinsky again — all scored before halftime. Second-half goals by Bennett and Elinsky were unassisted.

Elyria Catholic, which really had no strong scoring opportunities, got its only shot on frame by Sara Pallendino in the 78th minute. Keely Birsic just missed the left goalpost in the 15th minute and Lauren Wisnor was also wide left in the 21st minute. But that was as close as the Panthers came to scoring.

"Before this game we talked about we want to win each half," Pirates coach Patrick Hopkins said. "We don't focus on our opponents. We go out there and play our style of soccer. We go out there to play our game and see how the other team can handle us. We don't make a lot of adjustments toward other teams as much as let's make them adjust to us."

Panthers coach Tony Rozanc said Rocky River is a strong team, but Elyria Catholic could have played defensively.

"We didn't defend corners very well tonight and that pretty much set the tone," he said. "And it seemed like their first three shots were just spot on, too. That kind of took the wind out of our sails. But we'll recover."

Rocky River 8, Elyria Catholic 0

GOALS: (RR) Abby Elinsky 3 (36th, 39th, 52nd minutes), Jillian Krebs 2 (4th, 26th minutes), Grace Bennett 2 (33rd minute, 33rd minute, 54th minute), Hallie McCue (20th minute).

ASSISTS: (RR) Elinsky 2, Krebs, Megan Killeen, McCue.

SHOTS: Elyria Catholic 6; Rocky River 19.

SHOTS ON FRAME: Elyria Catholic 1, Rocky Rver 11.

SAVES: (EC) Katie Gauntner 9; (RR) Sara Connelly 1, Jessie Lekstutis 0.

GOAL KICKS: Elyria Catholic 11, Rocky River 5.

CORNER KICKS: Rocky River 9.

OFFSIDE: Elyria Catholic 1, Rocky River 2.

FOULS: Elyria Catholic 5, Rocky River 3.

CARDS: None.


HALF: Rocky River, 6-0.

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Rocky River Pirates crush Elyria Catholic Panthers in West Shore Conference

By PAUL BARNEY
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ROCKY RIVER — Whether it was dribbling the ball, passing it, heading it or shooting it, Rocky River executed it to perfection.

The Pirates made it look easy, too, crushing Elyria Catholic, 8-0, in West Shore Conference action Wednesday night at Rocky River High School.

The match was originally scheduled to be played at Elyria Catholic, but rain earlier in the day forced it to be moved to Rocky River's turf field.

The change in venue was the least of the Panthers' problems.

The Pirates (10-1-0, 5-0-0), who are ranked ninth in the state in Division II, scored six goals in the first half alone, outshooting the Panthers (7-1-4, 1-1-3) 11-4.

"We didn't defend corners well tonight and that really just set the tone for how the game went," Elyria Catholic coach Tony Rozanc said. "It just seemed like the first three shots they took were spot on. It took the wind out of our sails, but we'll recover."

It didn't take long for Rocky River to get on the scoreboard, needing just four minutes to do so when Jillian Krebs scored off a nice header from Abby Elinsky.

The Pirates were just getting started to pick on Panthers goalkeeper Katie Gauntner.

After hitting the top post on a clean look moments after Krebs' goal, Hallie McCue redeemed herself when she found the right side of the net in the 20th minute to give Rocky River a 2-0 lead.

McCue faked the corner kick and received a nice pass from Krebs and shot a laser past Gauntner.

From there, the rout was on.

Just six minutes after McCue's goal, Krebs found the back of the net for the second time in the match as the Pirates jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

Six minutes later they scored again.

Three minutes after that — another.

Four minutes after that — another.

Goals from Grace Bennett, McCue and Elinsky in a span of 13 minutes put Elyria Catholic in a huge hole and the match out of reach.

"Before every game we talk about winning each half, we don't focus on our opponents," Rocky River coach Pat Hopkins said. "We go out there to play our style of soccer and we want to make a statement right away. I don't look at anyone's record. I focus on it as one game at a time, and when we get to game day it's one half at a time."

The Pirates picked up right where they let off in the second half as Bennett recorded her second goal just five minutes in to make it 7-0.

Rocky River extended its lead to 8-0 when Elinsky scored her third goal of the night in the 52nd minute.

"We went out there to prove where we should be," Elinsky said. "Games like that you just go out there and you show what you can do at your best ability, and they're fun."

It was déjà vu all over again for the Panthers, who also lost 8-0 to the Pirates last season.

Elyria Catholic was able to bounce back from its defeat to Rocky River last season and went on to win their first district championship in program history.

Much like last year, Rozanc is confident his team will be able to bounce back.

"They're strong willed girls," Rozanc said. "They know what we did wrong and they recognize it. We'll move on past this and it will make us a better team."

Elyria Catholic will look to bounce back Saturday when it travels to Trinity for an 11 a.m. match.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

No. 1 Walsh girls soccer team blanks Magnificat

From staff reports

Magnificat and the Walsh Jesuit girls entered Wednesday's nonleague soccer game unbeaten, so something had to give.

The Warriors, ranked No. 1 in Division II, blanked the visiting Blue Streaks, 3-0, behind goals from Halle Stelbasky, Sandra Yu and Renee Mirka. Yu and Mirka also had an assist, while goalie Libby Grace's six saves preserved the eighth shutout for Walsh (9-0-2).

Magnificat (8-1-1) is ranked fourth in Division I.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights 2 Westlake 0 Amanda Sivic accounted for both goals for the Bees (7-2-2) in the Southwestern Conference shutout,

while goaltender Jenna Lopez made four saves.

Bay 8, North Ridgeville 0 The Rockets (10-1-1, 5-0), ranked No. 2 in Division II, handily won the West Shore Conference game behind Eva Rezek and Mad-die Drenkhan, each with a goal. Goalies Margaret Francati and Ashley Grisnik teamed up for three saves to earn the shutout.

North Royalton 4, Brunswick 1 The Bears (3-5-3) held a 12-6 shots-on-goal edge en route to pulling an NOC upset, as Lexi Medalis, Ally Kall, Brianna Steward and Megan McEldowney had a goal.

Rocky River 8, Elyria Catholic 0 Abby Elinsky paced the WSC romp with three

goals and Sarah Connelly and Jessica Lekstutis combined for six saves in salvaging the shutout. Grace Bennett and Jillian Krebs added two goals each for the Pirates (10-1), ranked ninth in Division II.

Boys soccer

Amherst 2, Midpark 1 Two second-half goals helped Amherst (3-7-1) win the Southwestern Conference game on Senior Night.

Phil Sheffield and Zach Levit had the Comets' goals, with Levit's goal in the 65th minute providing the margin of victory. Justin Lepkowski and Cole Plumb each had an assist.

Elyria Catholic 2, Rocky River 0 The Panthers' Ryan Medves scored a first-

half goal, while Michael Saddler tallied an insurance goal off Gage Jarvis' assist. Netminder Marty Conroy had eight saves in the West Shore Conference blanking.

Volleyball

Brookside 3, Lorain 0 The Titans found out why Brookside (14-1) is ranked 20th in the Division II state coaches' poll, starting with Shelby Kerstetter's 20 kills and six blocks. Kady Whitsel chipped in 30 assists, Lisa Campo collected 14 digs and Tyler Holley added eight kills.

Windham 3, Sebring 0 The Bombers (11-5) had Dari Heller finish with 19 kills and five blocks and Jessica Isler with 30 assists in the nonleague sweep.

Girls golf

Southwestern Conference Tournament Avon Lake reigned with 350 strokes, as Niki Schroeder and Corynn Kreig shot 77 and 81, respectively, to perry the Shorelands.

Boys sectional golf

Division III at Riverview Golf Course Ryan Fowler's 71 was good enough to earn medalist honors and lead Warren John F. Kennedy to the team title.

JFK finished with 311 strokes, while Mogadore (328) and Mineral Ridge (347) also advanced to next week's district action.

Collin Whitmyer and Ryan Hostetler shot 79 and 80, respectively, for Mogadore.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEADERS



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Brunswick's Nick Roberts has rushed for 522 yards and five touchdowns on 93 carries for the Blue Devils this season.

Rushing					
Player, school	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
Kareem Hunt, Will. South	83	1175	14.2	20	
Dorian Williams, Streetsboro	117	1004	8.6	12	
Nate Hamilton, Beachwood	66	827	12.5	8	
Chris Ranc, Lutheran West	87	707	8.1	7	
Tiontay Phillips, Wickliffe	101	654	6.5	10	
Rodell Gophin, St. Peter Chanel	73	648	8.9	5	
Nick Lombardy, Kenston	115	624	5.4	10	
Jordan Lane, Beachwood	73	592	8.1	12	
Ramsey Owens, Shaker Hts.	66	592	9.0	7	
Jack Campbell, Chagrin Falls	99	570	5.8	7	
Jordan Connell, Elyria	82	567	6.9	11	
Logan Paul, Westlake	77	527	6.8	8	
Nick Roberts, Brunswick	93	522	5.6	5	
TJ Benenati, Chardon	62	504	8.1	9	
Michael Starcovich, N. Olmsted	68	483	7.1	5	
Tre Smith, Holy Name	87	469	5.4	6	
Danny Lashley, Rootstown	23	461	20.0	6	
Shaun Turk, North Royalton	66	457	6.9	3	
Shaun Turk, Westlake	51	449	8.8	5	
Steve King, Hawken	45	439	9.8	7	
Nick Evans, NDCL	48	430	9.0	6	
Ben Gedeon, Hudson	55	370	6.7	2	
Darryl Richards, Kenston	69	417	6.0	7	
Will Hughes, Padua	74	415	5.6	2	
Khari Anderson, Hawken	67	393	5.9	9	
Matt Bolden, Chardon	54	381	7.1	6	
Dan Yohman, Brunswick	54	375	6.9	4	
Mike Dell, Normandy	55	370	6.7	2	
Damon Washington, Kirtland	20	357	17.9	9	
Antoine Barbee, Shaw	37	356	9.6	5	
Jack Quinn, Aurora	40	353	8.8	3	
Travis Tarnowski, N. Royalton	43	334	7.8	9	
Kevin Smith, University School	79	329	4.2	5	
T. Chapman, Kent Roosevelt	64	319	5.0	3	
Jumarr Lewis, Elyria	56	318	5.7	4	
Drazen Markovic, Mayfield	72	314	4.4	3	
Nick Lombardi, NDCL	38	311	8.2	4	
Corey Jones, Richmond Hts.	28	305	10.9	4	
Greg Clapham, Brecksville	52	304	5.8	4	
Demetrius Hooks, Rich. Hts.	33	295	8.9	3	
Andrew Schauer, CVCA	45	288	6.4	3	
Reilly Hawkins, Kenston	27	282	10.4	3	
Royce Sawyer, Trinity	58	269	4.6	2	
Alex Muir, Chardon	26	256	9.8	2	
Anthony Shumpert, Shaw	92	256	11.6	2	
Keith Yohman, Brunswick	31	251	8.1	4	
Dylan Baldwin, Rootstown	28	250	8.9	3	
Passing					
Player, school	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	
Doug Verbofsky, Midpark	199	120	1858	19	
Austin Petsche, WRA	195	109	1663	9	
Romney Tupa, Brecksville	214	135	1653	20	
T. Chapman, Kent Roosevelt	155	88	1493	13	
Jalen Washington, Twinsburg	185	101	1345	7	
Travis Tarnowski, N. Royalton	109	71	1271	16	
T. Iammarino, Chagrin Falls	108	72	1213	15	
Drazen Markovic, Mayfield	149	76	1204	12	
Jimmie Pope, Shaker Hts.	92	57	1001	13	
Arthur Christian, Rich. Hts.	111	52	978	13	
Deric Martin, Brooklyn	151	59	958	11	
Hunter Parsh, Elyria	108	64	882	9	
Dan Yohman, Cuyahoga Hts.	94	62	876	13	
Michael Botek, Gilmour Academy	105	63	831	8	
Stephen Borgegnani, Hudson	86	66	751	5	
Daryl King, Shaw	85	35	708	8	
Jason Richards, Kenston	91	49	663	4	
Greg Kunze, Lutheran West	85	45	638	4	
John Gannon, University School	94	50	623	6	
Pat Ford, Walsh Jesuit	92	50	609	4	
Casey Klicman, Will. South	61	32	587	4	
Mike Messina, Holy Name	87	47	575	5	
Dan Yohman, Brunswick	60	37	549	6	
Mike Botek, Gilmour Academy	58	35	508	5	
Pat Ford, Walsh Jesuit	72	34	498	2	
Brad Novak, North Olmsted	72	34	491	3	
Pat Sobolewsky, Trinity	63	36	480	4	
Eric Lamb, Amherst	58	33	472	4	
J. Bennett Jr., Garfield Hts.	74	35	450	3	

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Receiving					
Player, school	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	
Antonio Carroscia, CVCA	74	41	433	5	
Kent Accelli, Westlake	53	30	390	4	
Receiving					
Player, school	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	
Repass, Midpark	39	638	16.4	8	
Trei Thomas, Kent Roosevelt	36	605	16.8	6	
Johnny Saucier, WRA	36	590	16.4	4	
Luke Vadas, University School	42	555	13.2	6	
Rico Jones, Richmond Hts.	24	533	22.2	6	
Tyler Tarnowski, Brecksville	33	504	15.3	5	
Matt Iammarino, Chagrin Falls	24	495	20.6	7	
Tim Tupa, Brecksville	32	493	15.4	8	
Owens, Midpark	39	486	12.5	5	
Will Carter, Orange	32	476	14.9	4	
Dalyn Herrmann, WRA	31	444	14.3	3	
Alex Sommers, Brooklyn	28	437	15.6	6	
Chris Reimer, Mayfield	26	407	15.7	9	
Nick Bryant, WRA	19	377	19.8	3	
Eric Krempasch, N. Royalton	18	359	19.9	3	
Carl Lint, North Royalton	18	354	19.7	4	
Mitch Longo, Mayfield	21	352	16.8	2	
Tom Gula, Amherst	17	340	20.0	1	
Tyler Gallo, Cuyahoga Hts.	25	326	13.0	6	
Zachary Janus, Kent Roosevelt	15	325	21.7	5	
Paul Karthan, Brecksville	24	320	13.3	2	
Melran Leach, Shaker Hts.	15	308	20.5	4	
Keith Yohman, Brunswick	20	302	15.1	5	
Anthony Federico, Will. South	11	288	26.2	3	
Martell Anthony, Twinsburg	21	284	13.5	0	
Jonathon Mangelluzzi, Mayfield	7	275	39.3	4	
Ben Vandertill, Chagrin Falls	9	272	30.2	5	
Brad Warnkin, Lutheran West	13	269	20.7	1	
Sean Mayer, Normandy	10	261	0.0	3	
Mike Botek, Gilmour Academy	16	250	17.2	2	
Mr. Burgess, Shaker Hts.	15	250	15.6	1	
Dan Ratiff, Elyria	21	250	11.9	1	
Leighton Antonio, Hudson	15	247	15.4	1	
Devonte Price, Shaw	14	245	17.5	1	
Javonte Keck, Richmond Hts.	10	239	23.9	5	
Jack Quigley, Kenston	20	237	11.9	0	
Chris Reimer, Mayfield	22	237	10.8	2	
Jackie Curry, Shaw	10	235	23.5	4	
Nick Hernandez, Brooklyn	12	234	19.5	4	
Da'Jaun Glover, Elyria	18	233	12.9	3	
Dontae Dukes, Elyria	13	222	17.1	2	
Tyrrone McGuinea, Twinsburg	12	222	18.5	1	
Chris Reimer, Mayfield	16	220	13.8	2	
Tim Surman, Cuyahoga Hts.	12	214	17.8	0	
Derek Burgess, Shaker Hts.	8	213	26.6	5	
Proffitt, Midpark	12	210	17.5	1	
Andrew Schauer, CVCA	17	209	12.3	4	
Joey Tomcuffich, Kenston	12	209	17.4	3	

Chuckie Gallo, Gilmour
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Scoring					
Player, school	TD	XP	2pt	FG	Tot
Kareem Hunt, Will. South	20	0	0	0	120
Dorian Williams, Streetsboro	12	0	1	0	74
Jordan Connell, Elyria	12	0	0	0	72
Jordan Lane, Beachwood	12	0	0	0	72
Khari Anderson, Hawken	10	0	0	0	60
Dalyn Herrmann, WRA	10	0	0	0	60
Nick Lombardi, Kenston	10	0	0	0	60
Tiontay Phillips, Wickliffe	10	0	0	0	60
Damon Washington, Kirtland	10	0	0	0	60
TJ Benenati, Chardon	9	0	1	0	56
Travis Tarnowski, N. Royalton	9	0	0	0	54
Keith Yohman, Brunswick	9	0	0	0	54
Rico Jones, Richmond Hts.	8	0	2	0	52
Tim Tupa, Brecksville	8	0	1	0	50
Shaun Turk, Westlake	8	0	1	0	48
Nick Evans, NDCL	8	0	0	0	48
Nate Hamilton, Beachwood	8	0	0	0	48
Seth King, Hawken	8	0	0	0	48
Zach Quinn, Aurora	8	0	0	0	48
Repass, Midpark	8	0	0	0	48
Repass, Midpark	7	0	1	0	44
Jackie Curry, Shaw	7	0	0	0	42
Matt Iammarino, Chagrin Falls	7	0	0	0	42
Seth King, Hawken	7	0	0	0	42
Danny Lashley, Rootstown	7	0	0	0	42
Carl Lint, North Royalton	7	0	0	0	42
Ramsey Owens, Shaker Hts.	7	0	0	0	42
Austin Petsche, WRA	7	0	0	0	42
Chris Ranc, Lutheran West	7	0	0	0	42
Darryl Richards, Kenston	7	0	0	0	42
Andrew Schauer, CVCA	7	0	0	0	42
Matt Bolden, Chardon	6	0	1	0	38
Jack Alpert, Cuyahoga Hts.	6	0	0	0	36
Arthur Christian, Richmond Hts.	6	0	0	0	36
Tyler Gallo, Cuyahoga Hts.	6	0	0	0	36
Jumarr Lewis, Elyria	6	0	0	0	36
Casey Mayell, North Royalton	6	0	0	0	36
Robbie Nash, NDCL	6	0	0	0	36
Marvelle Ross, VASJ	6	0	0	0	36
Tre Smith, Holy Name	6	0	0	0	36
Austin Smith, North Royalton	6	0	0	0	36
Alex Sommers, Brooklyn	6	0	0	0	36
Anthony Kinney (Shaker Hts.), Malik Lozada (Villa Angela-St. Joseph), Dylan Maxwell (North Olmsted), Derek Mosher (Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy), Mark Murgiano (Hawken), Jarrese Pritchard (Richmond Hts.), Nick Shirilla (Brecksville-Broadview Hts.), Justin Silva (Amherst), Chad Sonkin (Orange), Lukas Sontich (Chagrin Falls), Michael Starcovich (North Olmsted), Shaun Turk (Westlake), Steve Webb (St. Peter Chanel), Dorian Williams (Streetsboro), John Zuccaro (Hudson).	6	0	0	0	36

Field goals					
Player, school	Att	Made	Yds	TD	
4: Donald Tepic (Holy Name), 3: Frank Candau (Twinsburg), Griffin Trau (Western Reserve Academy), 2: Nick Bavaro (Medina), Jared Friszman (Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy), Dean Grant (Beachwood), Casey Mayell (North Royalton), Greg Raimondo (Normandy), Thomas Rodriguez (North Olmsted), Ed Shelley (Chagrin Falls), Triston Wasi (Brunswick).					

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Akron East at Akron North, 6	Black River (2-3, 2-0) at Buckeye (1-4, 1-1)
Amherst at Berea, 7	Brookside (0-5, 0-2) at Keystone (2-3, 1-1)
Andrews Osborne Academy at New Day Academy 5	Firelands (0-5, 0-2) at Wellington (1-4, 1-1)
Bay at Midview, 6	Stripes Division
Beaumont at Lake Catholic, 7:30	Clearview (3-2, 1-1) at Fairview (1-4, 1-1)
Black River at Oberlin, 7	Columbia (4-1, 2-0) at Oberlin (5-0, 2-0)
Brookside at Brooklyn, 6:30	Lutheran West (2-3, 1-1) at Brooklyn (0-5, 0-2)
Brunswick at North Royalton, 7:30	
Brush at Garfield Heights, 7:30	PORTAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE
Cleveland Heights at Shaw, 7	County Division
Copley at Green, 6:30	East Canton (3-2, 2-0) at Southeast (3-2, 2-0)
Cornerstone Christian at Open Door, 6:30	Rootstown (3-2, 0-2) at Garrettsville
Cuyahoga Heights at Independence, 5	Garfield (1-4, 0-2)
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy at Tuslaw, 7	Waterloo (1-4, 0-2) at Woodridge (3-2, 1-1)
Elms at Lake Center Christian, 6:30	Windham (3-2, 1-1) at Mogadore (5-0, 2-0)
Elyria Catholic at North Ridgeville, 4:15	Metro Division
Eucild at Bedford, 4:30	Akron Springfield (2-3, 0-2) at Ravenna (3-2, 2-0)
Garfield at Berkshire, 6:30	Coventry (2-3, 0-2) at Crestwood (1-4, 0-2)
Field at Springfield, 7	#23 Kent Roosevelt (4-1, 2-0) at Streetsboro (4-1, 1-1)
Firelands at Tallmadge, 7:30	Norton (4-1, 2-0) at Field (2-3, 1-1)
Gilmour at Villa Angela-St. Joseph, 7	PREMIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Hawken at Beachwood, 6:30	#15 Chardon (5-0, 2-0) at #12 Willoughby South (5-0, 2-0)
Hoban at Padua, 6:30	Madison (2-3, 1-1) at Riverside (4-1, 2-0)
Keystone at Fairview, 7	Gena (2-3, 1-1) at Eastlake North (0-5, 0-2)
Lake Ridge Academy at Christian Community, 5:30	University School (1-4, 0-2) at Lakeside (1-4, 0-2)
Laurel at Western Reserve Academy 5:30	
Maple Heights at Lorain, 7	PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONF.
Mentor at Hudson, 7	Akron Manchester (3-2, 2-0) at Indian Valley (2-3, 1-1)
Mogadore at Woodridge, 5:30	Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (3-2, 2-0) at Triway (4-1, 2-0)
NDCL at Walsh Jesuit, 7	Timken (1-4, 0-2) at Fairless (1-4, 0-2)
North Olmsted at Brecksville, 7	Tuscarawas Valley (2-3, 1-1) at Tuslaw (2-3, 2-0)
Norton at Orange, 6:30	
Revere at Chagrin Falls, 6:15	SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Revere at Cloverleaf, 5:30	East Tech (1-4, 1-2) at Collinwood (0-5, 0-2, 3)
Riverside at at Chardon, 6	John Hay (3-2, 2-0) at Cleveland JFK (3-2, 0-3, 3)
Rocky River at Avon, 6:30	
Stow at Cuyahoga Falls, 6:30	SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Streetsboro at Kent Roosevelt, 7	#13 Avon Lake (4-1, 2-0) at Berea (2-3, 0-2)
Sturgesville at Solon, 7	Midpark (4-1, 1-1) at Amherst (2-3, 1-1)
Tallmadge at Highland, 7	North Olmsted (4-1, 1-1) at Brecksville-Broadview Heights (2-3, 2-0)
Triway at Manchester, 7:30	Olmsted Falls (0-5, 0-2) at Westlake (4-1, 1-1), 7:30
Twinsburg at Mayfield, 6:30	SUBURBAN LEAGUE
Valley Forge at Normandy, 7:30	Green (3-2, 1-1) at Cloverleaf (3-2, 0-2)
Vermilion at Lakewood, 5:30	Highland (3-2, 1-1) at #24 Tallmadge (4-1, 2-0), noon
Wadsworth at Norwood, 7	#25 Nordonia (4-1, 2-0) at Copley (4-1, 1-1)
Waterloo at Garrettsville, 7:30	Wadsworth (3-2, 1-1) at Revere (0-5, 0-2)
Warrensview at Warren Harding, 7	
Wellington at Lutheran West, 5:30	WEST SHORE CONFERENCE
Westlake at Avon Lake, 7	#18 Avon (4-1, 2-0) at Elyria Catholic (3-2, 1-1)
Wickliffe at Richmond Heights, 6:30	Bay (2-3, 0-2) at Vermilion (1-4, 0-2)
Windham at Rootstown, 7	#6 Midview (5-0, 2-0) at North Ridgeville (1-4, 1-1)
	Rocky River (2-3, 1-1) at Lakewood (2-3, 1-1)
Boys soccer	NONLEAGUE
Benedictine at Kirtland, 5	Barterton (1-4) at St. Thomas Aquinas (4-1, 2-0), noon
Collins at Heights, 7	Firestone (2-3) at Massillon Washington (4-1, 7:30)
Cuyahoga Heights at Open Door, 5	Lutheran East (0-5) at Grand Valley (2-3)
East Tech vs. John Hay at South, 4	#12 St. Edward (5-0) at Erie McDowell (2-2), 7:30
Edgewood at Harvey, 7	#8 St. Vincent-St. Mary (4-1) at Canal Fulton Northwest (0-4)
GenOak at Revere, 7	
Glenn Dale at Andrews Osborne Academy, 7	Saturday
Highland at North Royalton, 8	AKRON CITY SERIES
Kent Roosevelt at North Canton Hoover, 7	Akron East (0-5, 0-2) at Buchtel (2-3, 2-0), noon
Kirtland at Open Door, 5	CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Lake Catholic at Kirtland, 7	Metro Division
Lincoln-West at Cleveland MLK, 4	Independence (4-1, 1-1) at Beachwood (4-1, 2-0), 1
Manchester at Alliance, 7	
Max Hayes at John Marshall, 4	NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Media at Wadsworth, 7	Blue Division
NDCL at Orange, 7	Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (3-2) at Benedictine (3-2), 1
Newbury at Gilmour Academy, 4:30	
Perry at Cuyahoga Falls, 7	NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Rootstown at Garrettsville Garfield, 5	Crossover
Twinsburg at St. Ignatius, 7	Cuyahoga Falls (3-2, 0-1) at #22 Shaker Heights (4-1, 1-0), 1
Willoughby South at Mayfield, 7	SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Woodridge at Southeast, 5	John Adams (2-3, 2-1) at John Marshall (4-1, 2-0), noon
Girls soccer	NONLEAGUE
Bay at Madison, 7	Brookfield (5-0) at Western Reserve Academy (2-3), 2
Coventry at Akron Garfield, 5	#10 Glenview (4-1) vs. #1 St. Ignatius (5-0) at Byers Field
Harvey at Berkshire, 7	Miller (1-4) at Gilmour Academy (1-4), 2
Independence at Beachwood, 5	Vinla Anne-St. Joseph (1-4) at Warren JFk (4-1)
Kenston at Chagrin Falls, 7	
Lake Catholic at Eastlake North, 7	Volleyball
Non at Manchester, 7	Brookside d. Lorain 25-19, 25-9, 25-20
Open Door at Fuchs Mizrahi, 5:30	East Tech d. Whitney Young 15-25, 25-19, 25-12, 25-21
Orange at Aurora, 7	Eastlake d. North D. Euclid 25-15, 25-8, 25-22
Rootstown at Garrettsville Garfield, 7	Highland d. Tallmadge 25-15, 21-25, 13-25, 25-12, 15-11
Smithville at Our Lady of the Elms, 5	Holy Name d. Warren JFK 25-7, 25-12, 25-16
Solon at Stow, 7	John Addams d. Jane Addams 25-19, 25-13, 25-18
Twinsburg at Shaker Heights, 7	John Marshall d. Cleveland MLK 25-17, 25-17, 25-22
Willoughby South at Cuyahoga Heights, 7	Lincoln West d. Collinwood 25-20, 25-12, 25-25
Woodridge at Southeast, 7	Lutheran East d. Warrensville Heights 20-20, 16-25, 25-21, 25-17, 15-13
	Max Hayes d. Cleveland JFK 25-22, 25-15, 25-17
	Olmsted Falls d. Midview 26-24, 25-21, 25-20
	Our Lady Elms d. Ellet 25-19, 25-17, 25-20
	Valley Angela-St. Joseph d. Trinity 25-18, 25-10, 25-12
	Windham d. Sebring 25-18, 25-23, 27-25
Football schedule	Boys soccer
Week 6	Varsity 2, Midpark 1
Note: Games start at 7 unless noted.	A (3-7-1): Sheffield, Levitt. M (3-9): Wargo.
Today	Goalies: A. Daugherty (3 saves); M. Teple (5).
NORTH COAST LEAGUE	Avon 7, Vermilion 3
White Division	A (7-2-4): Trouper 3. Sharer, Teledis, Medves, DeMarco, V. Rini.
Cleveland-Central Catholic (2-3) vs. Trinity (2-3) at Bedford Stadium	Goalies: A. Poyle (6 saves); V. n/a (7).
	Bay 4, North Ridgeville 0
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE	B (7-4-3, 4-0-1): Kinsey, Furst, B. Tepper, Hazlet, Kereker.
Crossover	Goalies: B. Sayir (2 saves); NR, Cro (1).
Ellys (3-2, 0-1) vs. Valley Forge (1-4, 0-1) at Byers Field	Columbia 6, Wellington 4
	C (4-5-1): Thirfe, Zelinsky, W (5-6-1): Schneider, Girard, Cro, Butti.
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE	Goalies: C. Ellasser (5 goals); W. Miller (7).
Rhodes (2-3) at Collinwood	Elyria Catholic 2, Rocky River 0
Lincoln West (0-5, 0-3) at Cuyahoga Falls	EC (5-5-1): Medves, Saddler.
	Goals: EC, Conroy (2 saves); RR, Liza (2).
Friday	Fairview 1, Oberlin 1
AKRON CITY SERIES	
Akron North (1-4, 1-0) at Akron Garfield (2-3, 1-1)	
Kenmore (3-2, 0-2) at Ellet (3-2, 1-0)	
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE	
Chagrin Division	
Harvey (0-5) at Perry (2-3, 1-1)	
#20 Kenston (3-2, 2-0) at Orange (1-4, 0-2)	
West Geauga (3-2, 2-0) at #14 Aurora (4-1, 1-1)	
Wickliffe (3-2, 1-1) at #9 Chagrin Falls (4-1, 1-1)	
Metro Division	
Hawken (5-0, 2-0) at Cuyahoga Heights (4-1, 1-1)	
Valley Division	
Berkshire (2-3, 0-2) at Fairport Harding (4-1, 1-1)	
Cardinal (4-1, 1-1) at #17 Kirtland (5-0, 3-0)	
Crossover	
Richmond Heights (1-4, 0-2) at Newbury (3-2, 0-2)	
LAKE ERIE LEAGUE	
Eucild (3-2, 2-0) at #4 Cleveland Heights (5-0, 2-0)	
Lorain (2-3, 2-0) at Bedford (2-3, 0-2)	
Shaw (2-3, 0-2) at Warren G. Harding (4-1, 2-0)	
Warrensview Heights (1-4, 0-2) at Maple Heights (2-3, 0-2)	
NORTH COAST LEAGUE	
Blue Division	
#21 Lake Catholic (2-3) at Archbishop (4-1, 1-1)	
Padua (2-3) at Walsh Jesuit (0-4)	
White Division	
Holy Name (1-4) at St. Peter Chanel (2-3)	
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE	
Valley Division	
Medina (1-4) at #19 Solon (3-2)	
#18 Mentor (1-4) at #8 Brunswick (4-1)	
Stromberg (2-3) at Twinsburg (2-3)	
Crossover	
Brush (3-2, 1-0) at Mayfield (3-2, 1-0)	
#11 Hudson (4-1, 1-0) at Garfield Heights (3-2, 1-0)	
#7 North Royalton (5-0, 1-0) vs. Normandy (4-1, 0-1) at Byers Field	
Parma (1-4, 0-1) at Stow (1-4, 0-1)	

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Football

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	112	83
Cincinnati	1	0	0	.750	112	112
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	.333	77	75
Cleveland	4	0	0	.000	73	98

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	81	109
New England	2	2	0	.500	134	92
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	115	131
Miami	1	3	0	.250	86	90

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	4	0	0	1.000	126	65
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	61	83
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	62	97
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	61	151

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	100	71
Denver	2	2	0	.500	114	83
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	87	126
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	66	135

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	66	63
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	65	88
Washington	2	2	0	.500	123	83
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	111	124

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	0	0	1.000	124	76
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	82	91
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	80	109
New Orleans	0	4	0	.000	110	130

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	1	0	.750	90	72
Green Bay	3	0	0	.750	108	68
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	85	81
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	100	114

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	0	0	1.000	91	61
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	104	91
St. Louis	2	2	0	.500	79	95
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	70	58

WEEK 5
 Thursday
 Arizona at St. Louis, 8:20

Sunday
 Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 1
 Baltimore at Kansas City, 1
 Atlanta at Washington, 1
 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1
 Green Bay at Indianapolis, 1
 Miami at Cincinnati, 1
 Seattle at Carolina, 4:05
 Chicago at Jacksonville, 4:05
 Buffalo at San Francisco, 4:25
 Tennessee at Minnesota, 4:25
 Denver at New England, 4:25
 San Diego at New Orleans, 8:20

Monday
 Houston at N.Y. Jets, 8:30

Bye week: Dallas, Detroit, Oakland, Tampa Bay

WEEK 6
 Thursday
 Sunday
 Monday

Bye week: XXX

Injury report
NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT — Definitely will not play; DNP — Did not practice; LIMITED — Limited participation in practice; FULL — Full participation in practice):

Today
ARIZONA CARDINALS at **ST. LOUIS RAMS**: **QUESTIONABLE:** CB Michael Adams (hamstring), DT Darrell Dockett (hamstring), TE Jim Dray (knee), LB Quentin Groves (hamstring), TE Todd Heap (knee), LB Paris Lenon (knee), QB John Skelton (ankle), RB LaRod Stephens-Hawling (hip), DT Dan Williams (foot). **PROBABLE:** S Rashad Johnson (hamstring), S James Sanders (calf), LB O'Brien Schofield (knee), RB Anthony Sherman (hamstring), G Adam Snyder (elbow), S Adrian Wilson (ankle, groin), P Dave Zastudil (right calf). **RAMS:** OUMT: P Roger Saffold (knee), DE Eugene Sims (head). **QUESTIONABLE:** DT Matthew Conrath (knee), S Matthew Daniels (hamstring), T Wayne Hunter (knee), RB Steven Jackson (groin). **PROBABLE:** WR Danny Amendola (ankle), WR Brandon Gibson (knee), DE William Hayes (knee).

Sunday
CLEVELAND BROWNS at **NEW YORK GIANTS** — **BROWNS:** DNP: WR Travis Benjamin (hamstring), S Tashaun Gipson (knee), WR Mohamed Massaquoi (hamstring), TE Alex Smith (head), S T.J. Ward (hand). **LIMITED:** WR Joshua Cribbs (head), LB James-Michael Johnson (calf, rib, oblique), DE Froste Rucker (shoulder), S Ray Ventrone (hand, calf), S Usama Young (knee). **GIANTS:** DNP: C David Baas (knee), WR Ramesh Barden (concussion), DT Rocky Bernard (quadriceps), LB Michael Bojeb (hip), WR Hakeem Nicks (foot, knee), S Kenny Phillips (knee), G Chris Nee (hip), CB Corey Webster (hand). **LIMITED:** T David Diehl (knee), CB Jayron Housley (hamstring), LB Keith Rivers (hamstring), S Antrel Rolle (knee). **FULL:** CB Michael Coe (hamstring).

ATLANTA FALCONS at **WASHINGTON REDSKINS** — **FALCONS:** DNP: TE Michael Palmer (shoulder), RB Lousaka Polite (hamstring). **LIMITED:** DT Jonathan Bullen (groin), C Todd McClure (pectoral), S William Moore (hip), LB Stephen Nicholas (high), CB Christopher Owens (knee), RB Antoine Smith (hamstring). **FULL:** WR Julio Jones (hand). **REDSKINS:** DNP: S Brandon Meriweather (knee), DNP: CB Cedric Griffin (hamstring). **LIMITED:** WR Brandon Banks (hip), LB Adrick Robinson (head), RB Evan Royster (knee). **FULL:** WR Pierre Garcon (foot), T Trent Williams (knee).

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at **PITTSBURGH STEELERS**: **EAGLES:** DNP: LB Akeem Jordan (hamstring), DT Derek Landri (knee), G Danny Watkins (chest). **FULL:** S Colt Anderson (knee), T Demetres Bell (thigh), LB Lamar Chaney (knee), RB Ruby Cooper (collarbone), C Jon Dorenbos (ankle), T King Dunlap (hamstring), WR Damaris Johnson (foot), RB LeSean McCoy (knee). **STEELERS:** DNP: T Marland Jones (knee), G Joe Reitz (knee). **FULL:** RB Rashard Mendenhall (knee), S Troy Polamalu (calf).

GREEN BAY PACKERS at **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — **PACKERS:** DNP: WR Greg Jennings (groin), S Sean Richardson (hamstring). **LIMITED:** DT Ryan Pickett (shoulder). **FULL:** CB Davon House (shoulder), S M.D. Jennings (neck). **COLTS:** DNP: CB Vontae Davis (ankle), CB Justin King (groin), RB Pete Melroe (ankle), G Jeff Faine (hamstring), CB Leon Hall (hamstring), CB Dre Kirkpatrick (knee), RB Bernard Scott (ankle), T Andrew Whitworth (knee).
BALTIMORE RAVENS at **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** — **RAVENS:** **LIMITED:** T Jah Reid (calf). **FULL:** WR Torrey Smith (ankle). **CHIEFS:** DNP: WR Jon Baldwin (hamstring), CB Jalil Brown (hamstring), DE Glenn Dorsey (calf), CB Brandon Flowers (ankle), RB Peyton Hillis (ankle), LB Derrick Johnson (groin), DE Rogatis Plotiuta (elbow), WR Devon Wylie (hamstring). **LIMITED:** S Kendrick Lewis (shoulder), G Ryan Lila (back).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at **CAROLINA PANTHERS** — **SEAHAWKS:** No Data Reported. **PANTHERS:** DNP: DE Frank Alexander (back), LB Jon Beason (knee), CB Chris Gamble (shoulder), C Geoff Hangartner (knee).

(knee), S Colin Jones (shoulder). **LIMITED:** G Mike Pollak (shoulder). **FULL:** DE Antwan Applewhite (knee).

CHICAGO BEARS at **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** — **BEARS:** DNP: RB Evan Rodriguez (knee), LB LIMITED: WR Earl Bennett (hand), RB Matt Forte (ankle), DE Julius Peppers (ankle). **JAGUARS:** DNP: DT Tyson Alualu (not injury related), C Brad Meester (not injury related), WR Laurent Robinson (concussion), LB Daryl Smith (groin). **LIMITED:** DE George Selvie (knee).

DENVER BRONCOS at **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** — **BRONCOS:** **LIMITED:** LB Nate Irving (concussion), G Chris Kuper (forearm). **FULL:** CB Chris Harris (ankle), CB Tracy Porter (shoulder), WR Matthew Willis (hamstring). **PATRIOTS:** DNP: WR Julian Edelman (hand), S Steve Gregory (hip), TE Rob Gronkowski (hip), TE Aaron Hernandez (ankle), TE Michael Hoomanawanui (concussion). **LIMITED:** RB Brandon Bolden (knee), QB Tom Brady (right shoulder), DE Brandon Deaderick (ankle), DE Justin Francis (ankle), LB Dont'a Hightower (hamstring), G Logan Mankins (calf, hip), G Nick McDonald (shoulder), S Sterling Moore (knee), RB Shane Vereen (foot), T Sebastian Vollmer (back). **FULL:** DT Kyle Love (knee).

BUFFALO BILLS at **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** — **BILLS:** DNP: S Jarius Byrd (hip), T Cordy Glenn (ankle), DE Spencer Johnson (ankle), G Kraig Urbik (ankle).

LIMITED: WR Russell Martin (ankle).

FULL: TE Scott Chandler (head), WR Donald Jones (head). **49ERS:** No Data Reported

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS at **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** — **CHARGERS:** No Data Reported. **SAINTS:** DNP: RB Travis Caider (shoulder), S Roman Harper (hip), LB David Hawthorne (hamstring), DE Turk McBride (ankle), WR Lance Moore (hamstring). **LIMITED:** LB Jonathan Casillas (neck). **FULL:** DT Akiem Hicks (ankle), S Malcolm Jenkins (hamstring).

Monday
HOUSTON TEXANS at **NEW YORK JETS:** No Data Reported.

Canadian Football League	W	L	T	Pts.	PF	PA
EAST DIVISION						
Montreal	8	5	0	16	360	378
Toronto	7	6	0	14	317	321
Hamilton	5	8	0	10	401	409
Winnipeg	3	10	0	6	247	406
WEST DIVISION						
B.C.	9	4	0	18	338	249
Calgary	8	5	0	16	376	302
Saskatchewan	7	7	0	14	341	289
Edmonton	5	8	0	10	279	314

Friday
 Hamilton at Edmonton, 9
Saturday
 Calgary at B.C., 10
Monday, Oct. 8
 Winnipeg at Montreal, 1
 Saskatchewan at Toronto, 4:30

Soccer

MLS

	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
x-Kansas City	17	7	8	58	39
New York	15	8	5	53	44
Chicago	16	10	5	53	43
D.C. United	15	6	5	48	40
Houston	13	8	10	49	44
Columbus	14	11	6	48	39
Montreal	12	15	4	40	49
Philadelphia	9	15	6	33	37
Philadelphia	7	16	8	29	47
New England	7	15	9	22	35
Toronto FC	5	19	7	22	35

x-San Jose 18 6 7 61 65 39

x-Real Salt Lake 16 11 4 52 44 34

x-Los Angeles 15 11 5 50 55 43

x-Seattle 13 7 10 49 45 31

Vancouver 11 12 9 42 35 40

FC Dallas 9 12 10 37 38 41

Colorado 9 18 4 31 39 46

Portland 7 15 9 30 32 52

Chivas USA 7 17 7 28 21 53

x-clinched playoff berth

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday
 Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1

Saturday
 Chicago at Toronto FC, 1

Chicago at New York, 3:30

New England at Philadelphia, 7

Montreal at Houston, 8:30

Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 9

San Jose at Colorado, 9

Sunday
 Sporting Kansas City at Columbus, 4

FC Dallas at Chivas USA, 7

Portland at Seattle FC, 9

MLS CHAMPIONS

2011: Los Angeles Galaxy

2010: Colorado Rapids

2009: Real Salt Lake

2008: Columbus Crew

2007: Houston Dynamo

2006: Houston Dynamo

2005: Los Angeles Galaxy

2004: D.C. United

2003: San Jose Earthquakes

2002: Los Angeles Galaxy

2001: San Jose Earthquakes

2000: Kansas City Wizards

1999: D.C. United

1998: Chicago Fire

1997: D.C. United

1996: D.C. United

European Champions League

FIRST ROUND

Tuesday
Group E
 Juventus (Italy) 1, Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 1

Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 0, Chelsea (England) 4

Group F
 Valencia (Spain) 2, Lille (France) 0

BATE Borisov (Belarus) 3, Bayern Munich (Germany) 1

Group G
 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 2, Celtic (Scotland) 3

Benfica (Portugal) 0, Barcelona (Spain) 2

Group H
 CFR Cluj (Romania) 1, Manchester United (England) 2

Galatasaray (Turkey) 0, Braga (Portugal) 2

Wednesday
Group A
 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 2, Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 0

FC Porto (Portugal) 1, Paris Saint-Germain (France) 0

Group B
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group C
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group D
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

Group E
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group F
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group G
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

Group H
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group I
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group J
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

Group K
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group L
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group M
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

Group N
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group O
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group P
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

Group Q
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group R
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group S
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

Group T
 Schalke (Germany) 2, Montpellier (France) 2

Arsenal (England) 3, Olympiakos (Greece) 1

Group U
 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 2, AC Milan (Italy) 3

Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Malaga (Spain) 3

Group V
 Celtic (Scotland) 1, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1

Ajax (Netherlands) 1, Real Madrid (Spain) 4

NEWSWATCH

Colleges

Summitt felt forced out: Pat Summitt said in an affidavit

that she initially believed Tennessee Athletic Director Dave Hart forced her step down as the Lady Vols' basketball coach after the 2011-12 season.

The affidavit was part of former Lady Vols media director Debby Jennings' lawsuit against the university. In it, Summitt said Hart told her in March she would be replaced after the season.

Summitt said in the affidavit filed Wednesday in a Tennessee federal court in Knoxville that Hart later told her that she misinterpreted his comments from that conversation. Jennings' lawsuit alleges age and sex discrimination led to Jennings' forced retirement.

Summitt, who was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, is Tennessee's head coach emeritus.

Ex-player arrested: Former Arkansas linebacker Bret Harris, 23, was arrested for allegedly threatening to kill the school's head athletic trainer on his Twitter account. Harris played at Arkansas from 2007 through last season.

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Bay Rockets' boys and girls clinch West Shore Conference championships

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MORNING JOURNAL/JAMES BRADY The Bay boys soccer team pose with the trophy after defeating Rocky River, 2-0, to win the West Shore Conference championship.

minutes later, Craig Linder was turned away by Pirate goalie Dominic Liva on a header and Dominic Ruma had a shot got straight up after hitting the crossbar with ten minutes left in the first half.

"Relax and solve it, is what I tell the kids when we have chances like that in the first half," Rockets head coach Bobby Dougherty said.

"(Ruma) kept them in the game and their (Pirates) confidence builds.

"They really didn't counter much and we were controlling the midfield, so we just had to find a way to relax and solve it."

It took 60 minutes for Bay to finally solve Rocky River when Ben Tepper sent a spot-on pass from way out on the left wing to a streaking Kinsey who headed the ball into the goal for a 1-0 advantage.

"The play just kind of developed," said Kinsey about his third game-winner and fifth goal of the season. "Ben (Tepper) was fast enough to get around the defender, he played a perfect ball to me and I just finished it.

"I've got a lot of chemistry with the Tepper's (Ben and Adam). We've been playing together for a long time and we really know what each other are going to do, so that's a big help."

The Rockets advantage increased to 2-0 just 52 seconds later when Eaton scored off a restart to secure the WSC boy's crown.

The boys (8-4-3, 5-0-2) have one regular season game left against their neighbor to the south in Westlake as the teams play for the Dover Cup on Saturday.

The second-ranked Rocket girls (Division II) won for the first time under head Jack Griffiths on the Rocky River turf against either the Pirates or Magnificat who shares the field beating fourth-ranked Rocky River, 2-0.

"I'm glad to finally get a win on that field," Griffiths said. "We were a little upset though going against them since we did not get the number one seed in the tournament and they (Pirates) did.

"We are looking forward to going back to that field in a couple of weeks when we start the state playoffs."

Alex Brown picked up her 9th goal and 9th assist on the year scoring on a breakaway in the first half and then assisting on Nicole Pohlkamp's first goal of the year.

On the defensive end of the field, goalie Margaret Francati pitched her 12th shutout of the year. Franchati has only allowed two goals the entire season in a 1-0 loss to Magnificat in the season opener and a 1-1 tie with West Geauga.

The girl's squad completed their regular season with a 14-1-1 mark and went 7-0-0 in West Shore Conference play. Their next game will be against Vermilion in the Division II state tournament.

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CHAMPIONS! Rockets blank Pirates, reclaim WSC



Story by Jim Horvath

Photos and video by Larry Bennet

The age old adage in sports is that defense wins championships.

On Wednesday night, the Bay girls soccer team showed why that axiom still stands in 2012.

The Rockets, after a two-year absence, reclaimed the West Shore Conference championship trophy by blanking defending champion Rocky River on it's home turf, 2-0. The second-ranked team in Ohio Division II finished the league season at 7-0, while the fourth-ranked Pirates closed out at 6-1.

Combined with the boys team's 2-0 win over Rocky River at Memorial Stadium, Bay soccer completed a 2012 WSC title sweep. The girls, who either won or tied for the first five WSC titles, also won their first game at Rocky River Stadium during head coach Jack Griffiths tenure.

"When we come here to this turf, it's tough. I don't know what it is," said Griffiths after getting soaked with the traditional Gatorade shower by his players. "The curse of playing at River is finally broken."

Griffiths said the title was something his players, especially his nine seniors, had worked toward since the summer.

"I told them when we started back in the summer that this is a team that can go far," Griffiths said. "That's because we play as a team. We really don't have a ton of superstars with egos, so they play well together."

"And we're not done. We're very upset that we didn't get the No. 1 seed in the tournament. We have a game with Vermilion, then a very tough game against Holy Name. We're going to be back here in a couple of weeks, so we tried not to do too much celebrating tonight," he added.



The Rockets, as it turned out, got the only goal they needed early in the 24th minute when junior Erin Carter chipped the ball over the Bay defense and found senior Alex Brown just past the midfield stripe.

Brown, with just River keeper Sara Connelly between her and the goal, turned on the jets and advanced the ball forward. The Pirate defense couldn't catch her as the Rocket co-captain made a move past the oncoming Connelly.

In a flash, Brown had a wide-open goal for a 1-0 Bay lead. But with 16:51 left in the first half, she knew her team still had a battle in front of them.

"It really set the tone for the entire game," Brown said of her first-half goal. "It was a little early, but that meant we had to play our hardest the rest of the game. We couldn't let up at all. It was like playing as if it was still 0-0.

"The ball was in the air, and Erin kind of jumped up and hit it karate style right to me. I got past one of the defenders, and I was going as fast as I could to try and get around the goalie. At first I thought I had too much of a touch, but then I hit it in.

"I just layed there for a second. It was a great feeling," she added with a smile.

The rest of the way, it was up to the Rockets' vaunted defense to finish the job. Bay's back line had allowed just two goals the entire season up to Wednesday night, and they proved up to the task against River's formidable one-two punch of juniors Grace Bennett and Abby Elinsky.



"We consider River a big rival because they're so good," admitted Bay co-captain Marci Walter. "Their forwards have a lot of speed, so that was one thing we were looking out for all night.

"I feel they were good competition, and that both teams played really well. It's nice to have a shutout, especially after they beat us twice last year. We've been waiting for this game for a year, especially the seniors and the returning starters.

"We had one thing in mind coming into the season. That was to come back into this

game giving it our all and bring home a win," the senior defender added.

Bay's senior keeper, Margaret Francati, registered her 12th shutout of the season and had seven saves.

"It was a totally different atmosphere this season," Francati said. "We had a whole new team with a whole new attitude toward this game. Instead of fearing this team, we went out there knowing we were favored.

"I think we worked off that positive momentum and took it to them. When we got that first goal, it settled things down in the bak. Once Nicole got the second goal, we knew we had it," she added.

Francati was referring to Nicole Pohlkamp, a sophomore midfielder, who scored Bay's second goal of the game in the 51st minute. Brown, who had the ball on the far side, crossed the ball over to Pohlkamp, who had slipped past the River defense.

The pass was on target, and Pohlkamp found the back of the net with 29:58 left in the game.

"This is tough, because it's the first shutout against us this season," said river head coach Patrick Hopkins, whose team lost for just the second time this season in falling to 15-2.

"First off, I don't think we created enough scoring opportunities," Hopkins said. "The opportunities we did create, we didn't capitalize on. I feel we controlled a good portion of the game with our passing, but they kept going after the counter.



"It was two mental lapses that got us. On the first one, the girl had a breakaway for 50 yards and we didn't do what we needed to do to stop it. When they created their opportunities, it was based on things that happend on the counter.

"The second goal was a nice pass, but again we were stepping forward. The knocked the ball to the left and hit a quick cross. It was a great combination play on their part. We didn't get back in time. We didn't mark up," he added.

Rocky River will conclude it's regular season at home Saturday night. The Pirates will host state-ranked Magnificat at 7 p.m.



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BOYS DIVISION I DISTRICT GOLF

Kent recruit Johnson leads Walsh to title

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At times, the windy weather was a challenge for everyone. At times, the rainy weather was a challenge for everyone.

All day, the 18 holes at Pine Hills Golf Club in Hinckley were a challenge for most everyone during the Division I district tournament Wednesday.

Wind out of the north, a brief rain in the morning, temperatures in the low 50s and the 6,742 yards of Pine Hills made for a long day — 7½ hours to complete 18 holes.

Uncommon conditions can produce surprises, and the event that determined qualifiers for next week's state tournament produced a few.

The biggest surprise belonged to Walsh Jesuit, which won its first district championship since 1997, with a score of 317. Led by unflappable junior and Kent State recruit Chase Johnson's medalist round of one-under 71, the Warriors won by seven shots on a day when scoreboard watching was as popular as hot chocolate and hand warmers.

Medina (324), Aurora (326) and St. Edward (328) also qualified for the 87th-annual state tournament, while Stow's Ian Holt (76) and Tallmadge's Zack Mosholder (78) advanced as individuals, along with Uniontown Lake's Jake McBride (76) and

Canton GlenOak's Trevor Stan (78). Holt, the reigning Division I state champion and also a KSU recruit, struggled during his final nine holes.

"I played well on the front, but on the back, my putting let me down and my irons weren't as good as they were on the front," said Holt, who was 1 under on the front but 5 over on the back. "But I'm excited about going to Columbus again. I am going to take advantage of this and have a good week of practice."

That Johnson shot the low round of the day was no surprise. However, the 79 shot by sophomore Sam Gibson out of the fourth slot in the Warriors' lineup was equally important.

"If you would have come to me five weeks ago and said we were going to have a sophomore shoot 79 in the district tournament, under these conditions, I would have questioned your sanity," said veteran coach Joe Denton in between hugs from the parents of his players. "But he [Gibson] has come a long way."

The Warriors, who will seek the school's fifth state title, received rounds of 81 by senior David Lobeck and 86 by junior Luke Liberatore to clinch the program's 15th state appearance.

After playing his first nine holes (the back nine) at 7 over, Gibson cruised on the front nine with a par 36. Johnson was 1 over on the back, but he birdied three of his final eight holes to

shoot 2 under on the front.

"It was so cold to start off and it was raining, and the greens were fast and tricky," said Johnson, who had four birdies, one bogey and one double bogey, with 29 putts. "You had to stay below the hole. I was above it a few times and paid the price. I'm psyched to win as an individual — that's always the goal — but for us to win the team title with our young team makes it a special day for Walsh Jesuit."

Medina's second-place finish wasn't a shocker, but the surprise came from sophomore Spencer Koch, who was low man at 78 to go with Sean Sherman's 80; an 82 by Cleveland State recruit Patrick Luth; and an 84 by junior Grant Morgan.

It has been many years since Aurora qualified as a team, but coach Gus Mehallis' four low scorers shot a combined 114 on the front, led by senior Andrew Hinton's 37-39—76.

"I am very happy for the kids," Mehallis said. "They are a fun group to be around, but they work hard. They deserve this."

St. Edward, the winner of the Sweetbriar Sectional, also received a good score for a lower lineup spot. While brothers Joey and Anton Krecic led the way with 80s, freshman Danny Zahn shot 82 as the Eagles' No. 4 man.

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Stow's Ian Holt watches a putt drop Wednesday at the Division I district tournament in Hinckley. Holt shot a 76 on a windy, rainy, chilly day to qualify for the state tournament as an individual.

SCOREBOARD

Today's schedule
Volleyball
Aurora at Orange, 6:30
Avon Lake at North Olmsted, 7
Barberton at Laurel, 6:30
Berea at Olmsted Falls, 7
Black River at Buckeye, 7
Brooklyn at Columbia, 6:30
Christian Community at Cornerstone Christian, 6:30
Cloverleaf at Tallmadge, 5:30
Coventry at Field, 6:30
Cuyahoga Heights at Wickliffe, 5
Elms at St. Vincent-St. Mary, 6
Elyria Catholic at Vermilion, 6:30
Fairview at Clearview, 7
Fuchs Mizrahi at Lutheran East, 6
Garfield Heights at Shaker Heights, 7
Garfield Heights at Windham, 7:30
Green at Nordonia, 7
Hawthay Brown at Beaumont, 7:30
Hearts for Jesus at Andrews Osborne Academy, 5 p.m.
Highland at Copley, 6:30
Holy Name at Padua, 7
Independence at Beachwood, 5
Keystone at Wellington, 7:30
Lakewood at Avon, 7
Lorain at Cleveland Heights, 7
Lutheran West at Oberlin, 5:30
Magnificat at Lake Catholic, 5:30
Manchester at Fairless, 7
Maple Heights at Warren G. Harding, 6:30
Mayfield at Stow, 6
Medina at North Royalton, 7
Midview at North Ridgeville, 6
Normandy at Brush, 7:30
Norton at Kent Roosevelt, 7
Open Door at Lake Ridge, 6
Revere at Wadsworth, 5:30
Richmond Heights at Hawken, 6
Shaw at Euclid, 4:30
St. Martin de Porres at East Tech, 4
Timken at CVCA, 7
West Gaugaua at Chagrin Falls 6:30

Boys soccer
Akron North at Norton, 7
Benedictine at Berkshire, 7
Christian Community at Cornerstone Christian, 4
Copley at Massillon Jackson, 7
Coventry at Garrettsville Garfield, 5
First Baptist at Ramah, 4:30
Gilmour Academy at Lake Ridge Academy, 5
Harvey at Grand River Academy, 4
Hawken at Shaker Heights, 7
Highland at Firestone, 5
Lake Catholic at NDCL, 7
Lincoln-West at Garfield Heights, 6
Mayfield at Aurora, 7
Mentor at Nordonia, 7
Oran vs. Padua at TBD, 7
Strongsville at Brunswick, 7
Trinity at Poland Seminary, 7
University School at St. Ignatius, 8

Girls soccer
Beachwood at Harvey, 5
Berkshire at Cuyahoga Heights, 7
Chagrin Falls at Hawken, 4:30
Coventry at Garrettsville Garfield, 7
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy at Field, 7
Lake Catholic at Padua, 5
Rootstown at Manchester, 7
St. Joseph Academy vs. Magnificat at Rock River, 8
Shaw at Fuchs Mizrahi, 5:40
Walsh Jesuit vs. Beaumont at Denison Park, 7
West Gaugaua at Orange, 7
Wickliffe at Independence, 7

Football
Week 8 schedule
Note: Games start at 7 unless noted.
Today
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
Parma (2-5, 1-1) vs. Normandy (1-6, 0-2) at Byers Field
PREMIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Madison (4-3, 2-2) at Geneva (2-5, 1-3)
NONLEAGUE
Lutheran East (0-7) at Mathews (1-6)
Friday
AKRON CITY SERIES
Akron East (0-7, 0-4) at Akron Garfield (3-4, 2-1)
Firestone (3-4, 2-1) at Ellet (5-2, 3-0)
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Chagrin Division

#22 Kenston (5-2, 4-0) at Harvey (0-7, 0-4)
Orange (2-5, 1-3) at Wickliffe (3-4, 1-3)
Perry (3-4, 2-2) at #9 Aurora (6-1, 3-1)
West Gaugaua (3-4, 2-2) at #7 Chagrin Falls (6-1, 3-1)
Metro Division
Richmond Heights (2-5, 1-3) at Hawken (6-1, 3-1)
Valley Division
Berkshire (3-4, 1-3) at #17 Kirtland (7-0, 4-0)
Fairport Harding (4-3, 1-3) at Cardinal (5-2, 2-2)
Crossover
Newbury (3-4, 0-4) at Independence (4-3, 1-3)
LAKE ERIE LEAGUE
#15 Cleveland Heights (6-1, 3-1) at Warren G. Harding (6-1, 4-0)
Euclid (4-3, 3-1) at Lorain (2-5, 2-2)
Maple Heights (4-3, 2-2) at Shaw (3-4, 2-0) at Osborne Stadium
Warrensville Heights (1-6, 0-4) at Bedford (3-4, 1-3)
NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Blue Division
#24 Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (5-2, 2-0) at Archbishop Hoban (1-6, 1-1)
Padua (2-5, 0-2) vs. Lake Catholic (4-3, 2-0) at Osborne Stadium
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
#23 Shaker Heights (6-1, 2-0) at Brush (4-3, 2-0)
Valley Forge (1-6, 0-2) at Garfield Heights (2-5, 1-1)
River Division
Cuyahoga Falls (3-4, 0-2) at #6 North Royalton (7-0, 2-0)
#8 Hudson (6-1, 2-0) at Mayfield (4-3, 1-1)
Stow-Munroe Falls (2-5, 0-2) at #16 Elyria (5-2, 1-1)
Valley Division
#11 Brunswick (4-3, 0-2) at Strongsville (2-5, 0-2)
#3 Mentor (6-1, 2-0) at Medina (2-5, 1-1)
Twinsburg (4-3, 2-0) at Solon (4-3, 1-1)
NORTHEASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Grand Valley (3-3) at Chalker (3-4, 0-1)
Pymatuning Valley (2-5, 1-1) at Ledgermont (3-4, 2-0)
PATRIOT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Stars Division
Black River (3-4, 3-1) at Brookside (0-7, 0-4)
Buckeye (2-5, 2-2) at Firelands (2-5, 2-2)
Keystone (3-4, 2-2) at Wellington (2-5, 2-2)
Stripes Division
Brooklyn (0-7, 0-4) at Columbia (6-1, 4-0)
Lutheran West (3-4, 2-2) at Clearview (5-2, 3-1)
Oberlin (2-5, 2-2) at Fairview (2-5, 2-2)
PORTAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE
County Division
East Canton (3-4, 2-2) at Windham (3-4, 1-3)
Garrettsville Garfield (2-5, 1-3) at Woodridge (5-2, 3-1)
Rootstown (2-5, 0-4) at Mogadore (7-0, 4-0)
Waterloo (2-5, 1-3) at Southeast (5-2, 2-0)
Metro Division
Coventry (3-4, 1-3) at Streetsboro (5-2, 2-0)
Field (2-5, 1-3) at Crestwood (2-5, 1-3)
#25 Kent Roosevelt (6-1, 4-0) at Akron Springfield (2-5, 0-4)
Norton (5-2, 3-1) at Ravenna (5-2, 4-0)
PREMIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
#21 Chardon (6-1, 3-1) at Riverside (5-2, 2-0)
Lakeside (1-6, 0-4) at #5 Willoughby South (7-0, 4-0)
University School (3-4, 2-2) at Eastlake North (1-6, 1-3)
PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONF.
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (2-5, 2-2) at Tuscarawas Valley (3-4, 2-2)
Indian Valley (3-4, 2-2) at Fairless (3-4, 2-2)
Triway (5-2, 3-1) at Akron Manchester (4-3, 3-1)
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
East Tech (2-5, 2-3) at John Marshall (2-5, 2-2)
John Adams (3-4, 3-1) at Collinwood (0-7, 0-4)

COMMITMENT

Solon's Collica to wrestle for Oklahoma State

Solon two-time state wrestling champion Anthony Collica gave Oklahoma State his oral commitment.

"It's the best fit for me," said Collica, the 145-pound state champ last year who won at 130 pounds as a sophomore. "I feel it has the best coaches, the nicest campus and I'll have wrestling partners over there who will only make me better."

Collica, who enters this season with a 123-13 record, also visited Cornell, Binghamton and Virginia Tech and fielded scholarship offers from Kent State, Ohio State and Virginia.

Collica, who will wrestle at 152 pounds this season, hasn't declared a major but is leaning toward business.

— Bob Fortuna

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Amherst (2-5, 1-3) at Olmsted Falls (0-7, 0-4)
#19 Avon Lake (5-2, 3-1) at Brecksville-wood (6-1, 4-0)
Midpark (5-2, 2-2) at #18 Westlake (6-1, 3-1)
North Olmsted (5-2, 2-2) at Berea (3-4, 1-3)
SUBURBAN LEAGUE
Copley (5-2, 2-2) at Wadsworth (4-3, 2-2)
Highland (4-3, 2-2) at Green (5-2, 3-1)
Revere (0-7, 0-4) at #10 Nordonia (6-1, 4-0)
Tallmadge (5-2, 3-1) at Cloverleaf (3-4, 0-4)
WEST SHORE CONFERENCE
Elyria Catholic (4-3, 2-2) at North Ridgeville (1-6, 1-3)
#13 Midview (6-1, 3-1) at Lakewood (3-4, 2-2)
Rocky River (4-3, 3-1) at Bay (2-5, 0-4)
Vermilion (2-5, 1-3) at #12 Avon (6-1, 4-0)
NONLEAGUE
Kenmore (2-5) at Canal Fulton Northwest (0-6)
#4 St. Vincent-St. Mary (6-1) at Barberton (1-6)
Western Reserve Academy (2-5) at Cleveland Knights (2-4)
Youngstown Christian (5-1) at Sandy Valley (2-1)
Saturday
AKRON CITY SERIES
Akron North (2-5, 2-1) at Buchtel (3-4, 3-1), 12
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Metro Division
Cuyahoga Heights (6-1, 3-1) at Beachwood (6-1, 4-0)
NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Blue Division
Walsh Jesuit (1-5, 1-1) vs. Benedictine (3-4, 0-2) at Bedford Stadium
White Division
St. Peter Chanel (2-5, 0-2) vs. Villa Angela-St. Joseph (1-6, 0-2) at #14 Euclid Central Catholic (4-3, 2-0) vs. Holy Name (2-5, 1-1) at North Royalton
Trinity (3-4, 1-1) at Warren John F. Kennedy (6-1, 2-0)
PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONF.
Tuslaw (4-3, 2-2) at Timken (1-6, 0-4)
SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
#20 Glenville (5-2, 0-5) vs. Cleveland JFK (4-3, 4-1) at Collinwood
Rhodes (4-3, 2-2) vs. John Hay (5-2, 4-0) at Bump Tupper, noon

NONLEAGUE
Ashtabula Edgewood (3-1) at Gilmour Academy (2-5)
Lincoln West (0-7) at Grand River Academy, 4
St. Francis (New York) vs. #1 St. Ignatius (7-0) at Byers Field
St. Xavier (5-2) vs. #2 St. Edward (7-0) at Lakewood Stadium, 2
Boys golf
District tournament
DIVISION I
At Pine Hills
Note: Top four teams and top four individuals not on a qualifying team advance to the state tournament.
How they finished: 1. Walsh Jesuit 317 (Johnson 71, Gibson 79, Lobeck 81, Liberatore 86, Furey 88); 2. Medina 324 (Koch 78, Sherman 80, Luth 82, Morgan 84, Schreck 85); 3. Aurora 326 (Hinton 76, Schroeder 80, O'Callaghan 84, Avalon 86, Nowak 88); 4. St. Edward 328 (tie: J. Krecic, A. Krecic, 80, Zahn 82, Bethune 86, Abele 93); 5. GlenOak 338; 6. (tie), Brecksville, St. Ignatius, Hoover 342; 9. Lake 343; 10. (tie) Brunswick, Tallmadge 344; 12. Wadsworth 348; 13. Lake Catholic 352; 14. Stow 353; 15. Jackson 359; 16. University School 361; 17. (tie) Riverside, Rocky River 362; 19. Padua 368; 20. Chardon 375.
Qualifying individuals: McBride (Lake) 76; Holt (Stow) 76; Stan (GlenOak) 78; Mosholder (Tallmadge) 78.

Volleyball
Andrews Osborne Academy d. Fuchs Mizrahi 25-5, 25-4, 25-5
Cuyahoga Heights d. St. Joseph Academy 25-18, 25-22, 25-10
Gilmour Academy d. Independence 25-21, 25-16, 25-18
Hudson d. Cuyahoga Falls 25-20, 25-19, 25-15

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Bay reaches goal with shutout win

From staff reports

The Bay girls shut out host Rocky River, 2-0, in a West Shore Conference girls soccer match Wednesday night.

It not only gave the Rockets (14-1-1, 7-0 WSC) the conference title but also could prove to be a preview of a Division II district tournament game.

Bay, ranked No. 2 in the state, got a goal and an assist from Alex Brown, while goalie Margaret Francati earned her 12th shutout of the season with seven saves.

Francati has allowed just two goals the entire season.

Rocky River (13-2-0, 6-1), which plays Magnificat in its regular-season finale on Saturday, is ranked fourth in the state.

Solon 7 Shaker Heights 0
Goalie Kristen Confroy needed to make just one save on the night. It was enough, however, to earn Solon (14-2, 4-1) a Northeast Ohio Conference River Division blanking as the Comets had six players score, along with being

the beneficiary of an own goal.

Boys soccer
Brecksville-Broadview Heights 3, Avon Lake 1
The Bees (13-1-2) jumped out to a 2-0 lead seven minutes into the Southwestern Conference game and never looked back.

Alex Strimbu's goal for Avon Lake one minute later looked like it would make it a game, but Aaron Shutway scored a late goal in the second half for insurance.

Lakewood 3, Avon 2 Two goals by Mirsad Curri and a single tally by Alain Mika carried the Rangers (9-4-1, 5-1-1) to the West Shore Conference triumph.

Volleyball
Hudson 3, Cuyahoga Falls 0
The Explorers (15-7, 9-1) clinched a Northeast Ohio Conference Lake Division co-championship behind Celia Cristofoli's seven kills, Erin Dunlap's 15 assists and Allison Zullo's 10 digs.

Dunlap, Amanda Bendell, Krissy Mummey and Jordan

Gilmour Academy 3, Independence 0 The Lancers (15-4), ranked seventh in the Division III coaches state poll, rebounded from Monday's upset loss to Mentor to take out their frustrations on visiting Independence.

Megan Polak collected 30 assists and eight digs, while Josie Sheehan finished with 10 digs and Laura Brzozowski chipped in with nine kills.

Normandy 3, Brush 0 The Invaders (10-11, 9-1) clinched the NOC River Division with the victory.

Angela Tekalec, Jenna Karaffa and Madison Stacho combined for 21 kills.

Field hockey
Shaker Heights 6, Hudson 2
The Raiders (9-3, 8-1) got a four-goal effort out of Lizzie Weingart, two goals from Kasidy Anderson and three assists from Tia Morrison in the Northeast Ohio Field Hockey League road win.

SCOUTING DIVISION I DISTRICT GIRLS TENNIS

What, when, where: Division I district girls tennis tournament, today and Saturday, 9 a.m., Oberlin College, Don Hunsinger Courts, Woodland Avenue and Union Street, Oberlin.

Rain site: John W. Heisman Club Field House, 200 Woodland St., adjacent to Hunsinger Courts.

At stake: The top six singles players and top six doubles teams will advance to the state tournament, to be held Oct. 19-20 at Stickney Tennis Center at Ohio State University and Hilliard Davidson High.

What to watch in singles: The state belongs to Westlake senior Lauren Golick until someone can stop her. Golick, a two-time Plain

Dealer Player of the Year, is seeking her third consecutive singles title and is trying to keep alive her dream of playing for a state championship. Golick, fourth in the state last year, won the Oberlin Sectional and will open district play against Walsh Jesuit's Emily Hissong in the lower half of the 16-player bracket.

Hissong, a sophomore, finished fourth at the Medina Sectional.

Mentor's Natalie Weaver, who won the Solon Sectional, is in the same half-bracket as Golick and will open play against Uniontown Lake's Katherine McCauley. Golick has yet to lose a set in postseason play.

Medina senior Ali Garrity and Massillon Jackson's Tesa Hill are the

other sectional champs and are in the upper half of the bracket, along with Magnificat's Emily Witt, the Oberlin Sectional runner-up to Golick.

What to watch in doubles: Magnificat's Sarah Patrick and Veronica Johnson, who defeated Westlake's Lindsey Golick and Melissa Djohan in a classic match in the final at the Oberlin Sectional, are in opposite brackets, so a rematch is a possibility. Two of the hurdles for Golick-Djohan are Hudson's Grace Lu and Natalie Arcoria and Kenston's Amanda Marchant and Natasha Birze, both sectional champions.

— Tim Rogers

Recreation listings online

A complete listing of regional events and tryouts appears each week on cleveland.com/recreation. To submit items for the recreation calendar, fax information at least two weeks in advance to 216-999-6276 or email recreation@plained.com. Listings are free.

Send The Rec Room your team info, pictures
Log on to cleveland.com's The Rec Room at cleveland.com/recroom. There, you can find stories and photos about local recreational and amateur athletes succeeding in everything from A to Z. This week, log on to read about:

- Hudson resident Madeline Libby, winner of United States Equestrian Federation's top young rider horsemanship award.

Want to find a spot in The Rec Room to tell people about your accomplishments or those of your recreational team? Send an email to sports@plained.com (be sure to put The Rec Room in the subject header). Photos also will be accepted if they are in .jpeg format.

line is Oct. 15.

Rhodes is looking to fill a few JV/varsity girls basketball games the 2012-13 schedule. Call 216-459-3111 or email Cheryl.A.Dzurko@cmsdnet.net.

Nordonia is searching for a varsity baseball head coach. Experience is preferred. Contact Rob Eckenrode, athletic director, at 330-908-6001 or rob.eckenrode@nordoniaschools.org. The deadline is Oct. 15.

Brookside seeks an assistant varsity wrestling coach. Contact Dick Kerschbaum, athletic director, at 440-242-8242 or email dkerschbaum@sheffield.k12.oh.

Beachwood Middle School is looking for an assistant wrestling coach. Coach must be willing to help grow the program. Contact Ryan M. Peters at rmp@beachwoodschoools.org or call 216-831-2080 ext. 102.

Rocky River seeks the following coaches: varsity softball head and assistant coach, freshman head coaches for boys and girls basketball, a middle school head wrestling coach and assistant coaches for varsity boys and girls lacrosse. Send letter of interest and resume to athletic director Mark Wagner, Rocky River High, 20951 Detroit Road, Rocky River, OH 44116 or email wagner.mark@rrcs.org.

Solon has an opening for a head varsity boys lacrosse coach. Head coaching experience is preferred. E-mail a letter of interest and resume to Mark T. McGuire, athletic director, at markmcguire@solonboe.org or call 440-349-6244.

Beachwood is looking for a head girls basketball coach. Candidates must be willing to help build all aspects of the program. Prior head coaching experience is preferred. Must have valid Pupil Activity Permit. Email cover letter and resume to Ryan M. Peters at rmp@beachwoodschoools.org or call 216-831-2080 x 210.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights seeks a JV girls basketball coach. Contact Athletic Director Dan Kalinsky at kalinskysd@bhssd.org or call 440-740-4771.

Hawken seeks the following coaches: girls JV basketball, girls JV lacrosse and assistant track. Send resume to Jim Doyle, Athletic Director, at jdoyle@hawken.edu; or Hawken School, P.O. Box 8002, Gates Mills, OH 44040. Call 440-423-2108.

Holy Name is looking for a freshman boys basketball coach. Contact head coach Jeff Huber at jhuber@holyname.s.com.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Brunswick, Mentor win NOC

JOE MAGILL
Special to The Plain Dealer

The Northeast Ohio Conference cross country championships had an odd feel to them. The Valley Division meet was held Saturday at Mentor's Garfield Park, and with only six teams and 42 runners in each varsity race, it was the smallest field of the season. The competition seemed more like a dual meet than a championship race, and most cross country runners aren't exposed to dual meets anymore as most teams have gone to an invitational-only schedule. On the other hand, it's difficult to imagine a more competitive six teams stepping to the starting line together — Brunswick, Hudson, Medina, Mentor, Solon and Strongsville. In each varsity race half the field was mentioned in the latest state poll. When the races were done and the points were added up, there was a surprised winner — the girls from Brunswick — and a relieved winner — the boys from Mentor. Solon had both individual winners in Therese Haiss (18:29.69) and John Riordan (16:04.22), and while the Comets showed great strength up front, they didn't have the depth to win either team race. Brunswick has been the area's most successful girls team in recent years, having placed first, fifth

and fourth in the past three state meets. But during that same stretch the Blue Devils never won their conference meet, a streak that they thought continued Saturday. "As coaches we told them afterward that we were either second or third," Brunswick coach Kerry Hunter said. "We didn't have a clue that we won." With Solon having three of the top seven finishers, it was assumed the Comets would be first, but their fourth and fifth runners were too far back to match Brunswick's solid pack of Vanessa Pasadyn in fifth, Tara Horton in ninth, Jenna Scott in 12th, Emily LaPolla in 13th and Hannah Mender in 17th. The Blue Devils ended up with 56 points to 61 for Solon and 62 for Hudson. "We had no idea that we won," Horton said. "Every year we always finish second to Hudson. But it was worth it with all the hard work that we put in." Haiss led the race from the start and finished nearly 33 seconds in front of teammate Geneva Sandridge. The Comets are hoping to reach the state meet as a team and wanted to use the NOC meet to gauge their progress. "We're really hoping to go to state as a team," Haiss said. "This is a very competitive conference so we wanted to see how we stood up against the better teams." The Mentor boys were relieved because they didn't run particu-

larly well as a team yet still managed to edge Hudson, 66-67. "We knew Hudson would be tough," Mentor coach Bill Dennison said. "I can't believe we squeaked it out. We ran probably our second-worst race of the season." Mentor's pack was spread out more than usual, with Jeff Gudowicz sixth, followed by Jared Keipert (eighth), Matt Evans (ninth), Joe Polakowski (19th) and Tommy Kozlovich (24th). Obviously every position counts when winning by just one point, but Kozlovich came through for the winning margin, kicking his way to the finish line to finish in front of Strongsville's Tommy Papish by less than half a second. Incredibly, Kozlovich had his appendix removed three weeks ago and was up and running six days later. "In most sports if you sit out a week you can pick up where you left off," he said. "With running it takes a while to get it back. Today was a little bit of a scare, but it's good to see that even if we aren't at the top of our game we can still battle and pull it off." Riordan didn't take the lead until more than 800 meters into the race, but once he got it he wouldn't let go. His winning time of 16:04.22 was well ahead of Hudson's Vince Moeglin (16:11.47) and teammate Kevin Blank (16:19.99).

Joe Magill is a freelance writer in Auburn Township.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Solon volleyball team keeps winning

From staff reports

Talk about fantastic finishes. Solon's volleyball team has won 10 of its past 11 matches, including victories over state-ranked Walsh Jesuit, Strongsville, Toledo Notre Dame Academy and North Royalton, and capped off the regular season in style at Saturday's Gilmour Academy Invitational. After sweeping West Geauga, Solon (18-4) went on to win the hardware with victories over Beaumont and the host Lancers, respectively ranked in Division II and III. Solon senior out hitter/Fordham recruit Kristi Tekavec was named Most Valuable Player by accounting for 37 kills and 52 digs. Other all-tourney teammates, outside hitter Julie Ludwig, chipped in with 21 kills while setter Monica Chehade contributed 86 assists. Even Kristi Tekavec's sister, freshman defensive specialist Dena Tekavec, got into the act with seven straight serving points, including four aces, in the third and deciding set against Gilmour.

Lake Effect Conference Tournament Hearts for Jesus, led by tourney Most Valuable Player Brianna Foster and her 30 assists and two kills, won the tourney after defeating Andrews Osborne Academy and St. John. Andrea Fleck (15 kills, nine digs) and Ariella Carter (eight kills and eight blocks) were also chosen to the all-tournament team.

Berkshire 3, Chardon 0 The Chagrin Valley Conference Valley Division champion Badgers (18-4) had Kayla Bayler and Olivia Hess combine for 17 kills in the nonleague sweep.

Boys soccer
St. Ignatius 5, North Royalton 0 The defending Division I state champion Wildcats (13-0-3) closed the regular season with the program's 500th win in 700 games and head coach Mike McLaughlin's 300th career victory in 18 seasons. He is the state's 15th soccer coach to achieve that milestone. Nate Fahey led the festive occasion with a hat trick while goalies Clark Gronck and Mikal Outcalt teamed up to earn the shutout for St. Ignatius, ranked No. 2 in Ohio.

Western Reserve Academy 3, University School 0 The Pioneers (14-0-2) blanked the state's No. 5-ranked team in Division II thanks to Ryan Hassell's two second-half goals within five minutes. WRA, not a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, got four saves from winning goalie Scott Schultz.

Boys cross country
Premier Athletic Conference Championships Nicholas Elswick turned in the day's best time of 15:46.4, followed by teammates Aubrey Jordan (16:42.0), Steven Zombory (16:42.4) and Josh Sopchak (16:47.9) with respective finishes of second-, third- and fifth place in leading Chardon's 24-point effort en route to the team title. Riverside was a distant second with 73 points.

North Coast League Championships Brian Brennan and Jordan Shepherd punched in at 16:09.71 and 16:43.44 to place first and second in leading Walsh Jesuit to the Blue Division team title with 18 points. Trinity and Holy Name tied for the White Division crown, each with 28 points, as Trinity's James Nedrich beat the pack at 17:28.60 and Kein Masella of Holy Name was second at 17:42.73.

Portage Trail Conference Championships Matthew Wojcik (16:35.44), Alex Frederick (16:46.87) and Sam Scourfield (17:05.44) finished in the top three as Woodridge scored 17 points to easily win the County Division championship. Spencer Ziegler of fourth-place Norton (114) had the Metro Division's top time of 17:07.06 but Jeremiah Fitzgerald's runner-up clocking of 17:12.40 aided Crestwood's team-championship total of 35 to lead the Metro Division field.

Girls cross country
Premier Athletic Conference Championships Chardon also won the girls team race with 34 points thanks to Corinne Kule's first-place time of 19:34.4, Samantha Stansbury's second-place effort of 20:00.6 and Allie Diehl's fifth-place clocking of 20:44.8. Madison was runner-up with 76 points.

Lake Effect Conference Championships Andrews Osborne Academy, with Sarah Ridley (23:44.65) and Veronica Lach (26:38.90) finishing 1-2, won with 15 points.

North Coast League Championships Walsh Jesuit scored a meager 18 points to run away with the Blue Division title as Melinda Renaurt (19:36.51) was the first runner in the chute, followed by fellow Warrior Moe Sinko, who turned in a second-place time of 19:57.20. Holy Name's Therese Thomason's time of 20:44.38 was good enough to win the White Division individual crown but it was the 2-3 finish of Leah Catania (22:38.78) and Summer Bobak (23:09.55) that earned Trinity its 25 points to edge Holy Name (30) for the team championship.

Portage Trail Conference Madison Spreitzer's first-place effort of 19:29.80 was a big reason Woodridge won the County Division team title with 29 points while Crestwood prevailed in the Metro Division with 34 points. Kaylie Murray (19:11.16) and Libby Bradford (19:38.91) placed first and second for Metro Division runner-up Kent Roosevelt, which was edged by Crestwood, 40-34.

Crestwood's top runner, Abby Soltisz, turned in a third-place clocking of 19:45.70.

Football
No. 1 St. Ignatius 56, Buffalo (N.Y.) St. Francis 0 Tailback/Ruffalo recruit Tim McVey rushed for 36 yards and two touchdowns and also caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Mike LaManna in the Wildcats' romp and third shutout of the season. LaManna finished with 105 yards passing for the defending Division I champions/top-ranked Wildcats (8-0).

No. 20 Glenville 42, John F. Kennedy 0 The Tarblooders (6-2, 5-0) recorded their fifth shutout in as many Senate Athletic League games behind Christopher Overton's 1-yard touchdown run and 66-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

John Hay 22, Rhodes 0 The Hornets (6-2, 5-0) earned their first shutout of the season behind defensive end Richard Johnson's three sacks. Latif Hughes led the offense with 102 yards on 12 carries.

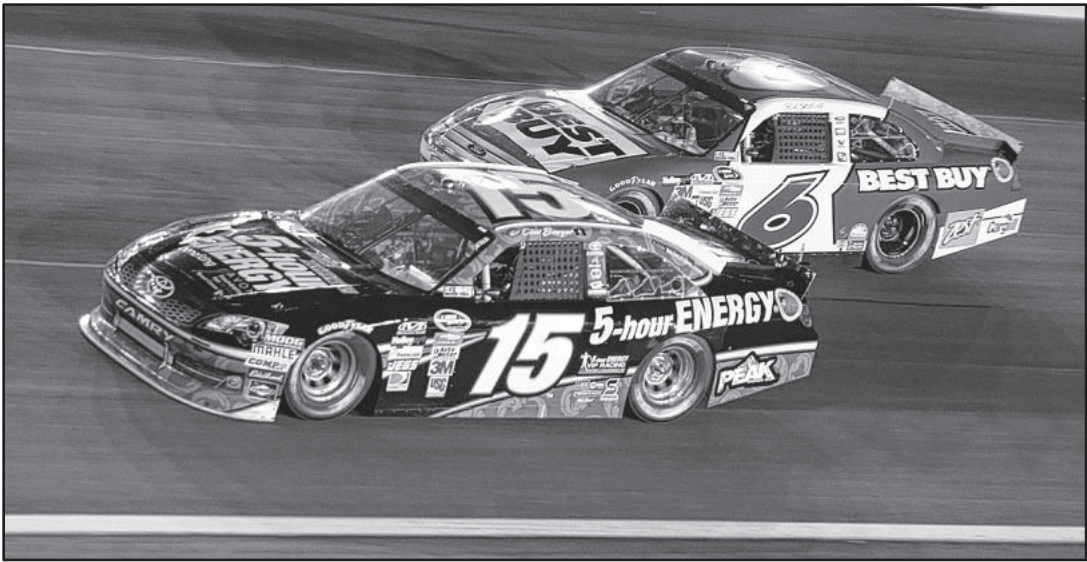
Girls tennis
Division II district at Canton Ariana Iranpour won the singles title and qualified for next week's state tournament with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Danielle Buchinsky of Laurel. Also earning a trip to Columbus were third-place winner Anna Pietsch of Beachwood, fourth-place Isabel Quinones of Rocky River and Orange's Adrian Young, who grabbed the fifth and final qualifying spot. Hawken's twosome of Sydney Green and Emily Leizman defeated Bea Konstan and Maddie Haskell of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, 6-3, 7-6 (5) for the doubles title. Rocky River's team of Lucy Grierson and Alex Riegelsberger and the Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin duo of Andreja Didovic and Mary Brigid Joyce also qualified for the state tourney by finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Boys soccer
Strongsville 1, Brunswick 0 Mike Hall's first-half corner kick gave the Mustangs (8-6-2) the Northeast Ohio Conference victory as goalie Matt Stephano's two saves earned him the shutout.

Bay 2, Westlake 1 West Shore Conference champion Bay edged Southwestern Conference champion Westlake when Adam Tepper scored a goal with 26 minutes left in the first half.

Girls soccer
Rocky River 1, Magnificat 0 **The Pirates, ranked No. 4 in Division II, got the better of their neighborhood rival on Grace Bennett's goal off an Abby Elinsky pass seven minutes into the second half. Goalie Sarah Connelly's five saves helped blank the Blue Streaks, ranked sixth in Division I.**

NASCAR



BOB JORDAN | ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clint Bowyer races past Ricky Stenhouse on Saturday night at Charlotte (N.C.) Motor Speedway. Brad Keselowski dominated most of the way, but Bowyer won the race.

Bowyer wins; Keselowski 11th

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Clint Bowyer picked up his first win in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship Saturday night, winning a fuel mileage race that ended in disaster for points leader Brad Keselowski. Keselowski dominated Saturday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway but ran out of gas with 58 laps remaining to blow his chance at the victory. He fell a lap down and finished 11th, and had his lead in the standings sliced in half over five-time champion Jimmie Johnson. Keselowski, who has a seven-point lead over Johnson at the halfway point of the 10-race Chase, immediately gave his Penske Racing team a pep talk over the radio. "Win some lose some guys, it's all good," he told them. Keselowski, who also ran out of gas Friday night in the Nationwide Series race because of a fueling error, then asked his

crew if he led the most laps Saturday night. Indeed — he led 139 of the 334 — but had little to show for his effort. "It's blackjack, you're not going to win every hand," he said. "When you got a bad deal you have to try not to have too many chips on the table." But Keselowski was able to see a silver lining in still finishing 11th. "It was the worst-case scenario," he said. "We minimized the damage as best we could." Denny Hamlin finished second and is third in the Chase, 15 points back, and Johnson finished third. Neither felt all that bad for Keselowski. "Live by the sword, die by the sword," Hamlin said. "I don't know how much it hurt him at the end of the day," Johnson said. "I've been doing this long enough, too, when you see something happen, in your mind you're like there's an opportunity and before you know it, it happens to you." Both had to play their own fuel-saving game, especially in the

closing laps. Hamlin couldn't make a run at winner Bowyer, and Johnson said he couldn't try to chase down Hamlin. "We were just being really cautious and didn't want to go out there and chase [Hamlin] and get ourselves in trouble," Johnson said. "We're getting really good at this fuel mileage stuff, it's hard to get it right." Everyone had to keep one eye on the gas gauge starting very early in the race, and it worked out in Bowyer's favor for his career-best third victory of the season. It also put him back in the title hunt as he moved one spot in the standings to fourth, and he's 28 points out as he heads next week to his home track in Kansas. It all comes in Bowyer's first season with Michael Waltrip Racing and manufacturer Toyota, a partnership that's working out far better than expected. "Who thought in a million years I'd walk into the situation I've walked into?" he asked in Victory Lane.

TODAY'S NFL MATCHUPS

Number in parentheses is team's rank in 32-team NFL.

N.Y. Giants (3-2) at San Francisco (4-1)
Kickoff: 4:25 p.m. at Candlestick Park.
Early line: 49ers by 5½.
TV: WJW Ch. 8.
Giants' offense: Overall (2), rush (12), pass (3).
Giants' defense: Overall (21), rush (16), pass (22t).
49ers' offense: Overall (6), rush (1), pass (27).
49ers' defense: Overall (2), rush (7), pass (2).
D-Man's pick: Two teams that detest each other meet in rematch of last season's NFC title game, which the Giants won. QB Alex Smith redeems himself for subpar performance in previous meeting. **49ers, 21-20.**

Green Bay (2-3) at Houston (5-0)
Kickoff: 8:20 p.m. at Reliant Stadium.
Early line: Texans by 4.
TV: WKYC Ch. 3.
Packers' offense: Overall (21), rush (20), pass (15).
Packers' defense: Overall (16), rush (17), pass (t16).
Texans' offense: Overall (14), rush (6), pass (20).
Texans' defense: Overall (3), rush (9), pass (4).
D-Man's pick: Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers has pointed the finger at himself for his team's slow start. The reality is, he's protecting teammates. Rodgers plays well, and gets enough help. **Packers, 27-24.**

Dallas (2-2) at Baltimore (4-1)
Kickoff: 1 p.m. at M&T Bank Stadium.
Early line: Ravens by 4.
Cowboys' offense: Overall (16), rush (29), pass (4).
Cowboys' defense: Overall (4), rush (15), pass (1).
Ravens' offense: Overall (8), rush (13), pass (8).
Ravens' defense: Overall (24), rush (20), pass (t22).
D-Man's pick: Ravens are going to improve to 4-0 at home — and it won't be close. LB Ray Lewis leads dismantling of the worst little NFL team in Texas. **Baltimore, 27-10.**

Detroit (1-3) at Philadelphia (3-1)
Kickoff: 1 p.m. at Lincoln Financial Field.

Early line: Eagles by 6½.
Lions' offense: Overall (3), rush (24), pass (2).
Lions' defense: Overall (9), rush (13), pass (10).
Eagles' offense: Overall (11), rush (10), pass (13).
Eagles' defense: Overall (8), rush (12), pass (9).
D-Man's pick: Lions are wobbling. They are playing the wrong team at the wrong time and place. **Eagles, 30-10.**

Indianapolis (2-2) at N.Y. Jets (2-3)
Kickoff: 1 p.m. at MetLife Stadium.
Early line: Jets by 3.
Colts' offense: Overall (10), rush (19), pass (6).
Colts' defense: Overall (19), rush (25), pass (15).
Jets' offense: Overall (28), rush (25), pass (28).
Jets' defense: Overall (20), rush (31), pass (6).
D-Man's pick: Colts quarterback Andrew Luck struggles away from dome against Rex Ryan's schemes. **Jets, 20-13.**

Kansas City (1-4) at Tampa Bay (1-3)
Kickoff: 1 p.m. at Raymond James Stadium.
Early line: Buccaneers by 3½.
Chiefs' offense: Overall (4), rush (2), pass (23).
Chiefs' defense: Overall (10), rush (22), pass (8).
Bucs' offense: Overall (30), rush (23), pass (29).
Bucs' defense: Overall (27), rush (4), pass (32).
D-Man's pick: Tampa Bay's defense flexes against a dazed and confused Kansas City offense. **Bucs, 23-6.**

Oakland (1-3) at Atlanta (5-0)
Kickoff: 1 p.m. at Georgia Dome.
Early line: Falcons by 9½.
Raiders' offense: Overall (25), rush (32), pass (12).
Raiders' defense: Overall (25), rush (24), pass (28).
Falcons' offense: Overall (12), rush (21), pass (7).
Falcons' defense: Overall (17), rush (27), pass (7).
D-Man's pick: Falcons' point differential is plus-55; Raiders' is minus-58. Atlanta QB Matt Ryan and Co. put up phone numbers. **Falcons, 35-13.**

St. Louis (3-2) at Miami (2-3)
Kickoff: 1 p.m. at Sun Life Sta-

dium.
Early line: Dolphins by 3.
Rams' offense: Overall (29), rush (22), pass (30).
Rams' defense: Overall (14), rush (18), pass (12).
Dolphins' offense: Overall (13), rush (8), pass (18).
Dolphins' defense: Overall (15), rush (1), pass (27).
D-Man's pick: Rams have had more rest, but Miami is playing at home. **Dolphins, 24-21.**

Buffalo (2-3) at Arizona (4-1)
Kickoff: 4:05 p.m. at University of Phoenix Stadium.
Early line: Cardinals by 5.
Bills' offense: Overall (17), rush (5), pass (26).
Bills' defense: Overall (31), rush (30), pass (24).
Cards' offense: Overall (31), rush (31), pass (25).
Cards' defense: Overall (t11), rush (14), pass (18).
D-Man's pick: Why Arizona isn't a two-touchdown favorite at home is a mystery. Cardinals are solid, Bills are awful. **Cardinals, 34-10.**

New England (3-2) at Seattle (3-2)
Kickoff: 4:05 p.m. at CenturyLink Field.
Early line: Patriots by 3½.
Pats' offense: Overall (1), rush (3), pass (9).
Pats' defense: Overall (22), rush (8), pass (30).
Seahawks' offense: Overall (27), rush (7), pass (31).
Seahawks' defense: Overall (1), rush (3), pass (5).
D-Man's pick: Seahawks cause problems for Bill Belichick and Tom Brady, but . . . **Patriots, 27-26.**

Minnesota (4-1) at Washington (2-3)
Kickoff: 4:25 p.m. at FedEx Field.
Early line: Off.
Vikings' offense: Overall (20), rush (9), pass (24).
Vikings' defense: Overall (7), rush (6), pass (15).
Redskins' offense: Overall (7), rush (4), pass (17).
Redskins' defense: Overall (26), rush (10), pass (31).
D-Man's pick: The key, of course, is how Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III rebounds from the bell-ringing hit he took last week. **Redskins, 24-17.**
Last week ATS: 9-5
Season ATS: 36-39-2
— From staff, wire reports

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

Boys golf
State tournament
DIVISION II
At Ohio State University (Scarlet Course)
How they finished: 1. Dayton Oakwood 320-319-639; 2. Canton Central Catholic 343-315-658; 3. Chagrin Falls 345-326-671; 4. Kettering Archbishop Alter 347-336-673; 5. St. Clairsville 352-327-679; 6. East Liverpool 340-345-685; 7. Chesapeake 354-340-694; 8. Wauseon 344-352-696; 9. Kirtland 363-343-706; 10. Bryan 364-355-719; 11. Chillicothe Unio 359-363-722; 12. Orange 359-376-735.
Champions: Cameron Willis (Eaton) 81-79-160.
Chagrin Falls individuals: Will Widman 88-77-165, Tom Lucci 82-84-166, Peter Berlin 89-82-171, Jamie Litzler 86-85-171, Adam Shoemaker 92-83-175.
Kirtland individuals: Brad Snyder 89-81-170, John Schuur 93-85-178, Adam Shiffer 98-84-182, Anthony Messner 90-93-183, Mitch Seelinger 91-94-185.
Orange individuals: Julian Weisberg 89-91-180, Adam Rukin 87-96-183, Zach Levin 92-92-184, Dane Adelman 91-98-189, Evan Wahl 92-97-189.
Other area individuals: Tim Straka (Fairview) 92-89-181; Jeff Britton (Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy) 97-85-182.

DIVISION III
At NorthStar Golf Resort
How they stand: 1. Ashland Crestview 323-323-646; 2. *Columbus Wellington School 326-325-651; 3. Gahanna Columbus Academy 327-324-651; 4. Toledo Otwa Hills 329-324-653; 5. Lima Centron Catholic 335-319-654; 6. Van Buren 337-327-664; 7. Sugarcreek Garaway 334-336-670; 8. Warren JFK 345-336-681; 9. Seven Hills 344-350-694; 10. Columbus Tree of Life Christian School 356-339-695; 11. St. Thomas Aquinas 356-360-716; 12. Cincinnati Country Day 371-348-719.
Note: Columbus Wellington School awarded state runner-up based on tie break procedure.
Champion: Andrew Biebler (Gilmour Academy) 73-71-144.

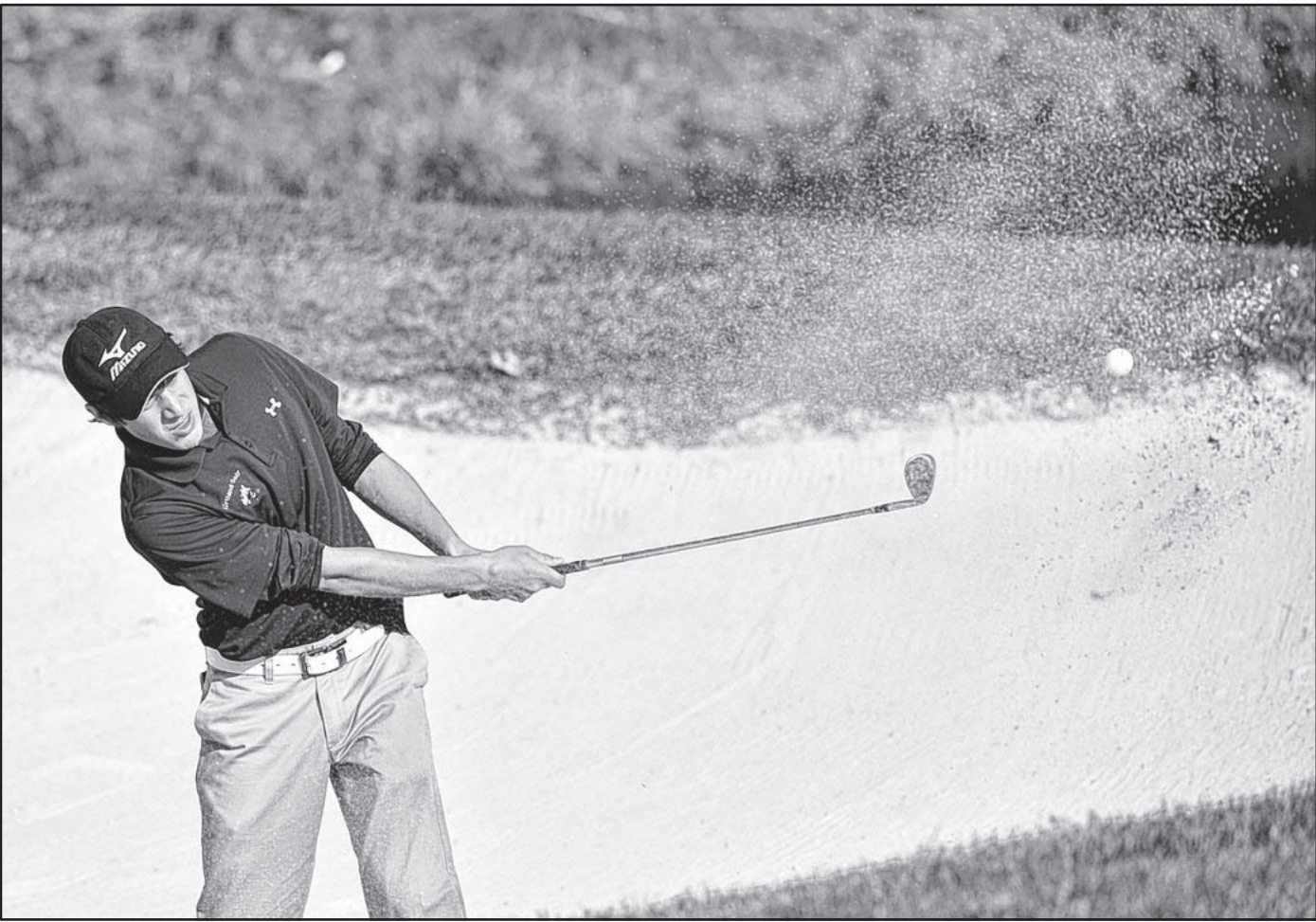
Girls golf
State tournament
DIVISION II
At Ohio State University (Gray Course)
How they finished: 1. Sandusky Perkins 348-339-687; 2. Dayton Chaminade Julianne 353-342-695; 3. Williamsport West Hills 359-356-706; 4. Hawken 367-345-712; 5. Hathaway Brown 355-361-716; 6. Laurel School 371-366-737; 7. Circleville Logan Elm 378-367-745; 8. Kettering Archbishop Alter 370-377-747; 9. Lima Central Catholic 374-379-748; 10. Milan Edison 383-374-757; 11. Uhrichsville Claymont 385-389-774; 12. Versailles 402-368-788.
Champion: Maddy Mullins (Sandusky Perkins) 72-77-149.
Hawken individuals: Meredith Cohen 90-82-172, Isabella Joseph 91-86-177, Andrea Lopez Crespo 95-88-183, Haley Newman 95-89-184, Ali Gole 91-96-187.
Hathaway Brown individuals: Ashley Yarborough 76-76-152, Katie McCarthy 89-90-179, Amanda Binghamen 90-91-181, Sydney Smith 99-98-197, Caroline Cyrlus 105-97-202.
Laurel School individuals: Katie Basch 86-83-169, Lisa Blumenthal 92-93-185, Sara Hollabaugh 99-90-189, Penelope Ganske 96-100-196, Caroline Hamilton 97-102-199.
Individual: Gina Harmon (Crestwood) 88-79-167.

Girls tennis
District tournament
DIVISION I
Note: Six singles and six doubles teams will advance to the state tournament.
Singles-Semifinals: Hill (Jackson) d. Witt (Magnificat) 6-2, 6-1; Golick (Westlake) d. Hissong (Walsh Jesuit) 6-2, 6-1.
Championship: Golick d. Hill 6-1, 6-2.
Third place: Hissong d. Witt 6-2, 6-2.
Fifth place: Pavlansky (Canfield) d. Garity (Medina) 6-2, 0-6, 6-2.
Doubles-Semifinals: Marchant/Birze (Kenston) d. Daugherty/Arnold (Hoover) 6-0, 7-5; Fukunachi/Vizelman (Mayfield) d. Na.Bourlas/Ni.Bourlas (Hoover) 6-4, 6-0.
Championship: Marchant/Birze d. Fukunachi/Vizelman 7-5, 6-2.
Third place: Daugherty/Arnold d. Na.Bourlas/Ni.Bourlas 6-4, 6-2.
Fifth place: Kurtz/Costanzo (Walsh Jesuit) d. Lu/Arcoria (Division II) 6-3, 6-4.

DIVISION II
Note: Five singles and five doubles teams will advance to the state tournament.
Singles-Semifinals: Buchinsky (Laurel) d. Quinones (Rocky River) 6-0, 6-0; Iranpour (Hathaway Brown) d. Pietsch (Beachwood) 6-3, 6-2.
Championship: Iranpour d. Buchinsky 6-2, 6-1.
Third place: Pietsch d. Quinones 6-3, 6-3.
Fifth place: Young (Orange) d. Sterling (St. Thomas Aquinas) 6-3, 6-1.
Doubles-Semifinals: Green/Leizman (Hawken) d. Cicchi/DiMonaco (Cardinal Mooney) 6-1, 6-2; Konstan/Haskell (CVCA) d. Grierson/Riegelsberger (Rocky River) 6-0, 6-4.
Championship: Green/Leizman d. Konstan/Haskell 6-3, 7-6(5).
Third place: Cicchi/DiMonaco d. Grierson/Riegelsberger 7-5, 6-0.
Fifth place: A.Diodivo/Joyce (NDCL) d. Adler/Persky (Hathaway Brown) 7-6(1), 6-1.

Football
AKRON CITY SERIES
Akron North 6
Buchtel 20
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Metrol Division
Cuyahoga Hts. 7 10 0 7-31
Beachwood 6 0 15 7-28
NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Blue Division
Walsh Jesuit 7 0 7 23-37
Benedictine 0 0 7 0-7
WJ - Caver 59 pass from Ford (Knoll kick)
B - Howell 97 run (Judy kick)
W - Russell 25 pass from Ford (Knoll kick)

WJ - Safety
WJ - DeLeone 3 run (Knoll kick)
WJ - Kordich 4 run (Knoll kick)
WJ - Kordich 15 run (Knoll kick)
White Division
Cle. Cent. Cath. 7 6 0 0-13
Holy Name 15 0 0 7-22
HN - Stepic 38 FG
CC - Paulo 1 run (B.Brown kick)
C - Webb 5 pass from Ivory (pass failed)
C - Adams 15 INT return (pass failed)
HN - Smiley 31 pass from Messina (kick failed)
CC - Paulo 10 run (run failed)
HN - Vollman 32 pass from Messina (Stepic kick)
St. Peter Chanel 0 6 6 6-18
VASJ 0 6 6 6-12
J - Ross 9 run (kick failed)
C - Ivory 1 run (kick failed)
C - Webb 5 pass from Ivory (pass failed)
C - Adams 15 INT return (pass failed)
Trinity 0 6 0 0-6
Warren JFK 3 7 13 13-36
J - Bofenkamp 36 FG
T - Iacobucci 1 run (pass failed)
J - Rossi 2 run (Bofenkamp kick)
J - Portley 37 run (kick failed)
J - Segar 7 run (Bofenkamp kick)
J - Nagles 2 run (Bofenkamp kick)
J - Segar 78 INT return (kick failed)
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lat result
River Division
Cuyahoga Falls 0 7 3 13-23
#6 N. Royalton 0 10 7 7-24
NR - Mayell 27 FG
CF - Repasky 5 run (Green kick)
NR - Lint 34 pass from Tarnowski (Mayell kick)
CF - Green 39 FG
NR - Smith 5 run (Mayell kick)
CF - Ritzinger 10 pass from Repasky (Green kick)
NR - Smith 2 run (Mayell kick)
CF - Lawrence 31 pass from Repasky (kick failed)
Corrected result
Valley Division
Brunswick 0 14 0 13-27
Strongsville 0 3 13 0-16
S - Shepherd 36 FG
B - K.Vohman 25 pass from D.Yohman (Wasil kick)
B - Roberts 1 run (Wasil kick)
S - Frank 4 run (Shepherd kick)
S - Oprea 45 from Myers (kick failed)
B - Broa 10 pass from D.Yohman (pass failed)
B - Roberts 32 run (Wasil kick)
SENIATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
#20 Glenview 20 16 0 6-42
Cleveland JFC 0 0 0 0-0
G - Walker 9 run (Robinson run)
G - Worley 8 INT return (run failed)
G - Lattimore 23 pass from Robinson (pass failed)
G - Overton 1 run (Worley from Overton)
G - Safety
G - Overton 66 kick return (kick failed)
G - Dowdell 28 from Howard (run failed)
Rhodes 0 0 0 0-0
John Hay 0 6 9 7-22
JH - Ray 7 pass from Mitchell (King kick)
JH - Safety
JH - Colvin 20 pass from Mitchell (King kick)
JH - Ray 80 INT return (King kick)
NONLEAGUE
Ask. Edgewood 7 12 8 6-33
Gilmour Acad. 3 7 7 7-24
E - Wisnyai 2 run (Heffner kick)
G - Cataneze 32 FG
E - Wisnyai 70 run (kick blocked)
G - Botek 6 INT (Cataneze kick)
E - McCalli 1 run (kick blocked)
G - Botek 4 run (Cataneze kick)
E - McCalli 4 run (Magda from Wisnyai)
E - Wisnyai 3 run (kick failed)
G - Conry 5 pass from Botek (Cataneze kick)
St. Francis (N.Y.) 0 0 0 0-0
#1 St. Ignatius 14 21 14 7-56
SI - Siragusa 41 pass from LaManna (Co-ella kick)
SI - McVey 7 run (Colella kick)
SI - McVey 25 pass from LaManna (Co-ella kick)
SI - McVey 10 run (Colella kick)
SI - Arthrell 38 INT return (Colella kick)
SI - Vitale 2 run (Colella kick)
SI - Way 1 run (Colella kick)
SI - Thomas run (Colella kick)
St. Xavier 3 6 7 0-16
#2 St. Edward 7 17 0 3-27
SX - Berry 23 FG
SE - Nichols 2 run (Marsilio kick)
SX - Milligan 10 pass from Tensing (kick failed)
SE - Aaron 40 run (Marsilio kick)
SE - Marsilio 28 FG
SE - Butler 11 blocked punt return (Marsilio kick)
SX - Kilgore 20 pass from Tensing (Berry kick)
SE - Marsilio 25 FG
WRA 0 9 0 6-15
Cleveland Knights 6 16 0 12-34
C - #82 2 run (run failed)
WR - Trau 22 FG
CK - #42 22 INT return (#11 from #8)
CK - #3 85 run (4# run)
WR - Sautier 35 pass from Petsche (kick blocked)
CK - #5 3 run (run failed)
WR - Petsche 1 run (pass failed)
CK - #35 kickoff return (run failed)
Around Ohio
Austintown Fitch 68, Marion Harding 7
Bellaire 52, Belmont Union Local 14
Bellaire St. John 14, Sherman, W.Va. 6
Birmingham Brother Rice, Mich. 30, n/a.
La Salle 29
Boysertown Conotton Valley 35, Toronto 12
Cin. McNicholas 38, St. Bernard Roger Bacon 12
Cin. Purcell Marian 21, Hamilton Badin 14
Cin. Taft 27, Day, Dunbar 20
Colts. Grandview Hts. 44, Lancaster Fisher Cath. 13
Colts. Ready 45, Montpelier 0
Edon 42, Oregon Stritch 19
Fremont St. Joseph 16, Tiffin Calvert 14
Louisville Aquinas 37, Youngs. East 6
Miami Valley Christian Academy 42, Cin. Oyer 16
Portsmouth Notre Dame 47, Franklin Fur-



Kirtland senior Anthony Messner chips out of the rough at the Division II state tournament Saturday in Columbus. As a team, Kirtland finished ninth.

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Friday's area scoreboard
Akr. Ellet 13, Akr. Firestone 7
Akr. Garfield 27, Akr. East 0
Akr. Manchester 34, Wooster Triway 31
Akr. SVM 56, Barberton 7
Aurora 41, Perry 7
Avon 49, Vermilion 20
Avon Lake 31, Brecksville-Broadview Hts. 21
Bedford 44, Warrensville Hts. 8
Canal Fulton Northwest 21, Akr. Kenmore 6
Chagrin Falls 30, Chesterland W. Geauga 16
Chagrin Falls Kenston 55, Painesville 16
Chardon NDCL 35, Akr. Hoban 17
Cle. John Adams 48, Cle. Collinwood 2
Cle. John Marshall 35, Cle. E. Tech 6
Columbia Station Columbia 49, Brooklyn 27
Cuyahoga Falls CVCA 17, Zoarville Tuscarawas Valley 16
E. Can. 49, Windham 14
E. Cle. Shaw 30, Maple Hts. 20
Elyria 49, Stow-Munroe Falls 13
Elyria Cath. 23, N. Ridgeville 13
Euclid 62, Lorain 40
Fairport Harbor Harding 35, Middlefield Cardinal 14
Fairview 41, Oberlin 0
Gates Mills Hawken 42, Richmond Hts. 14
Grafton Midway 24, Lakewood 7
Hudson 35, Mayfield 13
Hunting Valley University 24, Eastlake N. 23
Independence 63, Newbury 33
Kent Roosevelt 62, Akr. Springfield 6
Kirtland 51, Burton Berkshire 12
Lake Range Keystone 27, Wellington 14
Lorain Clearview 22, Rocky River Lutheran W. 12
Lyndhurst Brush 22, Shaker Hts. 21
Macedonia Nordonia 40, Richfield Revere 10
Medina Buckeye 35, Oberlin Firelands 14
Medina Highland 43, Green 21
Mentor 63, Medina 21
Mentor Lake Cath. 26, Parma Padua 0
Mogadore 63, Rootstown 26
Mogadore Field 23, Mantua Crestwood 21
N. Olmsted 43, Berea 16
N. Royalton 24, Cuyahoga Falls 23
Olmsted Falls 28, Amherst Steele 14
Orange 38, Wickliffe 14
Painesville Riverside 21, Chardon 13
Parma Hts. Valley Forge 27, Garfield Hts. 21
Peninsula Woodridge 52, Garrettsville Garfield 14
Ravenna 39, Norton 6
Rocky River 19, Bay Village Bay 7
Streetsboro 48, Akr. Coventry 21
Sullinsburg 16, Brunswick 7
Sullivan Black 63, Sheffield Brookside 14
Tallmadge 55, Lodi Cloverleaf 35
Thompson Ledgemont 19, Andover Pyramating Valley 13
Twinsburg 29, Solon 22
Wadsworth 28, Copley 0
Warren Harding 34, Cle. Hts. 28
Westlake 39, Middleburg Hts. Midpark 28
Willoughby 53, Ashtabula Lakeside 20

Volleyball
Berkshire 0, Chardon 25-10, 25-21, 25-20
Brookside 0, Bay 25-20, 25-22, 25-15
Brunswick 0, Buckeye 25-15, 25-7, 25-14
Lake Ridge Academy d. Cleveland Heights 25-19, 25-17, 11-25, 25-20
GILMOUR ACADEMY INVITATIONAL
Solon d. Beaumont 25-21, 23-25, 25-22
Solon d. Gilmour Academy 21-25, 27-25, 25-12
Solon d. West Geauga 25-15, 25-21
LAKE EFFECT CONF. TOURNAMENT
Berkshire 0, Chardon 25-10, 25-21, 25-20
Brookside 0, Bay 25-20, 25-22, 25-15
Brunswick 0, Buckeye 25-15, 25-7, 25-14
Lake Ridge Academy d. Cleveland Heights 25-19, 25-17, 11-25, 25-20
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Solon d. Beaumont 25-21, 23-25, 25-22
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LAKE EFFECT CONF. TOURNAMENT

Shaker Heights 2, NDCL 1
SH (4-8-3); Neary, Cheverine. NDCL (9-12-1); Evans
Goalies: SH, Shafter (6 saves); NDCL, Abele (3), Filippio (4).

Boys cross country
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONF. MEET
Chagrin Division
How they finished: 1. Kenston 26; 2. Perry 72; 3. Aurora 72; 4. Chagrin Falls 73; 5. West Geauga 8; 152; 6. Beachwood 195; 7. Wickliffe 209; 8. Harvey 213; 9. Orange 228.
Top individuals: 1. Henry (Ken) 16:49.59; 2. Norley (Ken) 17:13.55; 3. Bistriz (CF) 17:16.99; 4. Gessie (Per) 17:17.27; 5. Staphulonis (CF) 17:34.40; 6. Robbins (Ken) 17:46.41; 7. Lieberth (Aur) 17:53.36; 8. Cooper (Ken) 17:53.62; 9. Lance (Ken) 17:55.95; 10. Wyckoff (Aur) 17:56.38.
Valley Division
How they finished: 1. Independence 35; 2. Berkshire 36; 3. Cardinal 107; 4. Hawken 109; 5. Kirtland 111; 6. Newbury 141.
Top individuals: 1. Polman (Ind) 16:28.32; 2. Kuzilla (Ind) 17:12.90; 3. Dornback (Berk) 17:16.21; 4. Berry (Hawken) 17:18.42; 5. Laymon (Berk) 17:38.74.
LAKE EFFECT CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Andrews Osborne Academy 58; 2. Lawrence School 63; 3. New Day Academy 64; 4. Grand River Academy 76; 5. Horizon Science Academy 91.
Top individuals: 1. Little (HSA) 18:58.40; 2. Martinez (AOA) 19:17.54; 3. Arjani (LS) 19:27.22; 4. Luscher (GRA) 20:16.94; 5. Marsh (LS) 20:21.14.

Boys soccer
Brush 5, Beachwood 2
Br. Martin 5, Be: Kahn, Stovsky.
Goalies: Br, Buttrum (12 saves); Be, Mintz (15).
Chagrin Falls 2, Avon 1
CF (4-7-3); Dishong 2. A (5-6-3); Joyce.
Goalies: CF, Friedman (4 saves); A, Wysocki (8).
Eastlake North 2, Kenston 2
EN (4-7-5); Chlad, Taylor, K (4-7-5); Mo-ran, Molnar.
Goalies: EN, Abrams (6 saves); K, New-comb (8).
Firelands 10, Open Door 0
F (11-3-2, 7-1-1); Zurcher 3, Holowecy 3, Amanse, Jackson, Riccardi, Crawford.
Goalies: F, Willis (0) saves Dostall (0); OD, n/a.
Hathaway Brown 5, Avon Lake 3
HB (10-4-2); Roman 3, Clark, Doak. AL (2-9-4); Corrigan, Adams, Dzwonczyk.
Goalies: HB, O'Brien (1 save); AL, Crooks (3); Rogers (1).
Hudson 3, Green 0
H (8-3-4); K.Waters, Torrence, Watkins.
Goalies: H, L'Hommedieu (4 saves); G, Seman (11).
Mentor 1, North Olmsted 0
M Gabor.
Goalies: M, Pratt (2 saves); NO, n/a
Perrysburg 5, North Royalton 1
P (16-0); Williams 3, Brown, Walton. NR (4-7-5); Rohrer.
Goalies: P, Baer (2 saves), Buehler (2); NR, Humayun (6), Zeilmann (3).
Rocky River 1, Magnificat 0
RR (14-2); Barnes, M (12-2-1).
Goalies: RR, Connelly (5 saves); M, Piscionieri (8).

Shaker Heights 2, NDCL 1
SH (4-8-3); Neary, Cheverine. NDCL (9-12-1); Evans
Goalies: SH, Shafter (6 saves); NDCL, Abele (3), Filippio (4).

Boys cross country
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONF. MEET
Chagrin Division
How they finished: 1. Kenston 25; 2. Chagrin Falls 36; 3. Aurora 98; 4. Perry 127; 5. Orange 154; 6. Wickliffe 177; 7. Beachwood 179; 8. West Geauga 188.
Top individuals: 1. Riordan (Solon) 16:04.22; 2. Moeglin (Hawken) 16:11.47; 3. Blank (Solon) 16:19.99; 4. Mau (Hud-son) 16:22.35; 5. Behnke (Solon) 16:31.11.
PATRIOT ATHLETIC CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Buckeye 56; 2. Fairview 67; 3. Clearview 84; 4. Firelands 94; 5. Black River 105; 6. Brookside 125; 7. Lutheran West 131; 8. Oberlin 210.
Top individuals: 1. Gallagher (Buckeye) 16:03.27; 2. Grznicz (Buckeye) 16:22.14; 3. Jeffers (Firelands) 16:53.96; 4. Kazek (Black River) 17:01.24; 5. M. Hollingsworth (Clearview) 17:15.99; 6. Auber (Buckeye) 17:22.39; 7. Kerchenski (Fairview) 17:35.39; 8. Jensen (Brookside) 17:39.80; 9. Ma. Hollingsworth (Clearview) 17:40.04; 10. Crawford (Firelands) 17:44.33.
PORTAGE TRAIL CONF. MEET
County Division
How they finished: 1. Woodridge 17; 2. Southeast 64; 3. Rootstown 67; 4. East Canton 113; 5. Garrettsville Garfield 134; 6. Mogadore 155.
Top individuals: 1. Wojcik (Woodridge) 16:35.44; 2. Frederick (Woodridge) 16:46.87; 3. Scourfield (Woodridge) 17:05.44; 4. Morgan (Rootstown) 17:09.98; 5. Bullock (Woodridge) 17:10.43.
Metro Division
How they finished: 1. Crestwood 35; 2. Field 39; 3. Kent Roosevelt 68; 4. Norton 141; 5. Streetsboro 170; 6. Springfield 171; 7. Coventry 176; 8. Ravenna 185.
Top individuals: 1. Ziegler (Norton) 17:07.06; 2. Fitzgerald (Crestwood) 17:12.40; 3. Williams (Field) 17:16.26; 4. Salberg (Field) 17:20.59; 5. Hand (Crestwood) 17:24.40; 6. Ondash (Crestwood) 17:24.76; 7. Bookman (Field) 17:25.61; 8. Goodang (Kent Roosevelt) 17:30.57; 9. Ward (Kent Roosevelt) 17:32.43; 10. Deuley (Crestwood) 17:44.12.
SIM EARCH INVITATIONAL
DIVISION III
How they finished: 1. Maplewood 15; 2. Western Reserve Academy 40; 3. Grand Valley 84; 4. Pymatung Valley 109; 5. Columbiana 146; 6. Berlin Center Western Reserve 171.
SOUTHWESTERN CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Avon Lake 50; 2. Brecksville 79; 3. Amherst 83; 4. Midpark 97; 5. Berea 97; 6. North Olmsted 112; 7. Westlake 163; 8. Olmsted Falls 189.
Top individuals: 1. Zupan (Berea) 16:12.64; 2. Pecoraro (Avon) 16:18.46; 3. Boatman (Lakewood) 16:33.34; 4. Reynolds (Rocky River) 16:34.34; 5. Kane (Avon) 16:37.56; 6. Smith (Avon) 16:40.68; 7. Thompson (Bay) 16:41.54; 8. Amat (Elyria Catholic) 16:46.80; 9. Hautz (Bay) 17:07.12; 10. Gregory (Lakewood) 17:07.65.
WEST SHORE CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Avon 28; 2. Bay 59; 3. Lakewood 69; 4. Rocky River 85; 5. Elyria Catholic 139; 6. Vermilion 174; 7. North Ridgeville 201.
Top individuals: 1. Fasciana (Avon) 16:12.64; 2. Pecoraro (Avon) 16:18.46; 3. Boatman (Lakewood) 16:33.34; 4. Reynolds (Rocky River) 16:34.34; 5. Kane (Avon) 16:37.56; 6. Smith (Avon) 16:40.68; 7. Thompson (Bay) 16:41.54; 8. Amat (Elyria Catholic) 16:46.80; 9. Hautz (Bay) 17:07.12; 10. Gregory (Lakewood) 17:07.65.
Girls cross country
CHAGRIN VALLEY CONF. MEET
Chagrin Division
How they finished: 1. Kenston 25; 2. Chagrin Falls 36; 3. Aurora 98; 4. Perry 127; 5. Orange 154; 6. Wickliffe 177; 7. Beachwood 179; 8. West Geauga 188.
Top individuals: 1. Riordan (Solon) 16:04.22; 2. Moeglin (Hawken) 16:11.47; 3. Blank (Solon) 16:19.99; 4. Mau (Hud-son) 16:22.35; 5. Behnke (Solon) 16:31.11.
PATRIOT ATHLETIC CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Buckeye 58; 2. Key-stone 59; 3. Lutheran West 62; 4. Firelands 83; 5. Brookside 105; 6. Fairview 115.
Top individuals: 1. Wargo (Keystone) 20:09.20; 2. Bieri (Lutheran West) 20:56.06; 3. Vasiloff (Lutheran West) 21:17.76; 4. Petek (Buckeye) 21:18.05; 5. Peterson (Firelands) 21:20.17.
PORTAGE TRAIL CONF. MEET
County Division
How they finished: 1. Woodridge 29; 2. Southeast 64; 3. Garrettsville Garfield 101; 4. East Canton 101; 5. Waterloo 120; 6. Rootstown 131; 7. Mogadore 179.
Top individuals: 1. Spreitzer (Woodridge) 19:29.89; 2. McCullough (Southeast) 19:38.91; 3. Hughes (Southeast) 20:03.36; 4. Dryer (Woodridge) 20:07.64; 5. Hahn (Garrettsville Garfield) 20:10.59; 6. Luli (Waterloo) 20:20.82; 7. Moore (Woodridge) 20:32.43; 8. Zimmerman (Woodridge) 20:35.63; 9. Folk (Woodridge) 20:40.10; 10. Waigant (Woodridge) 21:03.65.
Metro Division
How they finished: 1. Crestwood 34; 2. Kent Roosevelt 40; 3. Streetsboro 84; 4. Field 87; 5. Norton 140; 6. Springfield 169.
Top individuals: 1. Murray (Kent Roosevelt) 19:11.16; 2. Bradford (Kent Roosevelt) 19:38.91; 3. Soltiz (Crestwood) 19:45.70; 4. Chinn (Ravenna) 19:56.67; 5. McCure (Kent Roosevelt) 20:03.67.
SIM EARCH INVITATIONAL
DIVISION III
How they finished: 1. Western Reserve Academy 43; 2. David Anderson 75; 3. Brookfield 100; 4. Grand Valley 115; 5. Pymatung Valley 124; 6. Badger '87 124; 7. Berlin Center Western Reserve 127; 8. Maplewood 161.
Top WRA individuals: 5. Medicus 20:12.00; 6. Warner 21:30.50.
SOUTHWESTERN CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Brecksville-Broadview Heights 50; 2. Amherst 71; 3. North Olmsted 85; 4. Avon Lake 98; 5. Westlake 107; 6. Olmsted Falls 121; 7. Berea 199; 8. Midpark 240.
Top individuals: 1. Szivan (Amherst) 19:53.3; 2. Vince (Amherst) 20:00.5; 3. Johnson (Amherst) 20:17.7; 4. Cook (Brecksville) 20:21; 5. John (North Olmsted) 20:24.7; 6. Spensley (Avon Lake) 20:24.7; 7. Raird (Brecksville) 20:36.8; 8. Fossen (Olmsted Falls) 20:41; 9. Carson (Olmsted Falls) 20:43.2; 10. Beaver (Brecksville) 20:50.3.
WEST SHORE CONF. MEET
How they finished: 1. Bay 31; 2. Avon 52; 3. Rocky River 72; 4. Lakewood 86; 5. Elyria Catholic 134; 6. Vermilion 192; 7. Midview 197.
Top individuals: 1. Britton (Bay) 18:39.94; 2. Connelly (Rocky River) 18:59.60; 3. Christel (Bay) 19:19.45; 4. Foisy (Elyria Catholic) 19:33.93; 5. Bient (Rocky River) 19:42.04; 6. Clark (Avon) 19:44.76; 7. Bechtel (Bay) 19:46.84; 8. Voiers (Bay) 19:51.46; 9. Morales (Avon) 19:54.20; 10. Laird (Avon) 19:58.86.
Field hockey

Westshore Sports

Be A Fanatic.com**Bennett goal allows Pirates to sneak past Streaks**

Story by Jim Horvath

Photos and video by Larry Bennet

Twice in the first half, Rocky River forward Grace Bennett had a breakaway opportunity in the Magnificat backfield. And both times, Blue Streak defender Alyssa Baumbick moved in to successfully stop the threat.

A similar scenario occurred in the 47th minute, but this time with a much different result.

Bennett managed to get a step ahead and went on to score the only goal of the game to give the Pirates a hard-fought 1-0 win over the Blue Streaks in a battle of state-

ranked and top-seeded tournament teams.

The Saturday night win, most of which was played in windy and rainy conditions, moved River to 14-2-0 on the season. The Pirates, ranked fourth in the state in Division II, head into tournament play as the top-seeded team in the Rocky River district.

Magnificat, ranked sixth in the Division I poll, fell to 12-2-1 and moves on to tournament play as the top seed in the Rocky River Division I district.

The win for River also took some of the sting away from a Wednesday night loss to Bay that cost the Pirates the West Shore Conference title. It was also the first time the River program had ever beaten their Wagar Road rivals.



"This win took everything away from Wednesday night," said Pirates head coach Patrick Hopkins said. "In fact, we would rather have this win than the conference. We've won the conference, but this is something we haven't done before.

"This is something that we wanted, and we did it tonight. At one

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point this team we beat tonight was ranked fourth in the country. We wanted this game, and we played very well tonight. We have a great team, and we're deserving of the No. 1 seed we received.

"What happened Wednesday night was not us. Bay won that game, and Bay was the better team on that night. But I think our girls realized the opportunity we gave away. We talked about making a statement tonight, but this win goes beyond that.

"We are a very good team. We're not over rated. We just beat one of the best teams in the state and the top seed in the Rocky River district in Division I. That shows we're deserving of where we are," he added.

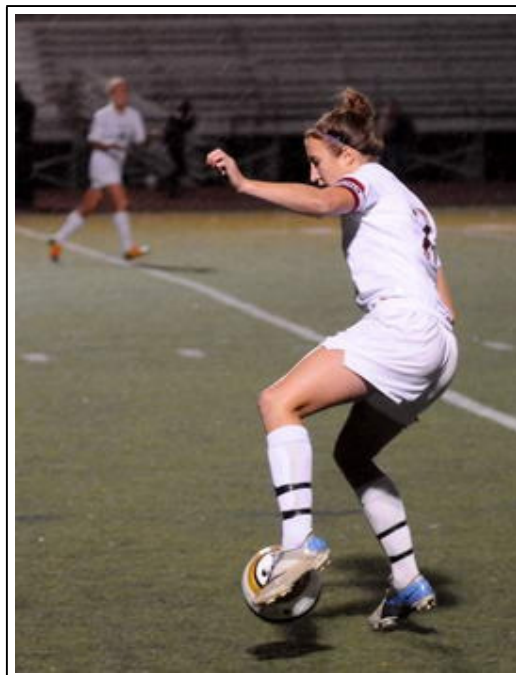
River got there with 33:12 left on the clock in the second half. That's when Bennett took a short header from fellow junior Abby Elinsky and sped up field. Baumbick was there again, but this time Bennett got the extra step and eluded the Blue Streak defender.

Bennett broke into the clear and found herself one-on-one with Magnificat keeper Kaleigh Piscioneri, who was coming out to challenge. Bennet made a move to her left and put the ball into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

"Abby and I talked at halftime," Bennett said. "We said we needed to stick to the short passes and we'd get one. I really went after that one and was able to put it in.

"This is the first time we've beaten this team. The loss to Bay really woke us up, and we went for it today," she added.

"When they were going shoulder to shoulder, she's going to lose," Hopkins said of Bennett's first-half encounters with Baumbick. "The girl covering her is a very experienced player. She's a smart player, and she knows how to use her body in that situation.



"When the contact was initiated shoulder to shoulder, Grace is going to go down. The difference on the goal was that if Grace drops her shoulder, she's going to get in front. She was able to do that and get leverage.

"That's all Grace needed was that one little step. And it's the little things that make the difference between winning the game and losing," he added.

From that point on, the River defense had it's collective hands full holding off the determined Blue Streaks. The Pirates had their share of scoring opportunities, but Magnificat put on a surge that created a lot of pressure in the River box.

The Pirates, however, were up to the task in keeping the shot attempts to a minimum. In the 78th minute, River freshman Emily Soltes knocked one ball out of bounds when the Streaks' Natalie Coury had a breakaway attempt. Pirate keeper Sara Connelly registered a big save when she stopped Jillian Grimm's free kick from just outside the box on the near side in the 79th minute.

"I don't think anybody on their team gave us any problems tonight," said Magnificat head coach John Fenix after the game.

"Bennett got on that ball and finished, but that could have happened for us in the first half," he said. "I thought we played a very good game. Obviously as a coach, you're always concerned when you play 80 minutes of soccer and you have nothing to show for it at the end of the night in terms of something on the board,



"We put a lot of pressure on them, but we weren't composed enough in the box," Fenix said. "We had several chances in the second half where I felt we should have come away with a goal or two or three. But that's something we've obviously got to live with and work on. You can't leave it to chance.

"This was a one-goal game, and we paid the price of not being able to score," he added.



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Rankings reflect matches play through Oct. 14, 2012

Top 15s

Ohio: 1. Perrysburg (16-0-0), 2. Walsh Jesuit (14-0-2), 3. Strongsville (15-1-0), 4. Pickerington North (14-0-2), 5. Dublin Coffman (13-0-4), 6. Dublin Jerome (12-1-3), 7. Holy Name (11-2-2), 8. Hilliard-Davidson (14-2-0), 9. Bay (14-1-1), 10. Rocky River (14-2-0), 11. Magnificat (12-2-1), 12. Ursuline Academy (12-2-2), 13. Troy (14-2-0), 14. Beavercreek (14-1-1), 15. Mason (14-1-1).

Top 10s

New Jersey: 1. Northern Highlands (13-0-0), 2. Eastern (15-0-0), 3. Lenape (11-3-0), 4. Montgomery (11-1-2), 5. Pennington School (7-2-0), 6. Freehold Borough (13-0-0), 7. East Brunswick (13-1-2), 8. Toms River North (12-1-0), 9. Piscataway (12-2-1), 10. Ridge (10-2-2).

Pennsylvania: 1. Cumberland Valley (15-1-1), 2. Peters Township (15-1-0), 3. Strath Haven (16-0-0), 4. Wilson West Lawn (17-0-1), 5. Neshaminy (14-1-0), 6. Red Land (13-2-1), 7. Lower Dauphin (14-1-0), 8. Bethel Park (16-1-0), 9. Whitehall (15-1-1), 10. Cedar Cliff (14-3-0).

Top 7s

New York: 1. St. Anthony's (10-1-1), 2. Niskayuna (13-0-0), 3. Washingtonville (9-0-0), 4. South

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TOP STORY: As playoff time nears, the number of undefeated teams is starting to thin out. This week, two teams — Alta (Sandy, Utah) and St. Agnes (Memphis, Tenn.) — move into the Top 10 for the stretch run. Alta will be competing in the state semifinals this week while St. Agnes starts postseason play.

BIG MOVER: Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio). After completing an undefeated regular season, Dublin Coffman moved up nine spots this week, matching rival Dublin Jerome for the greatest gain from last week's ranked teams.

NEWCOMERS: No. 38 Bay (Bay Village, Ohio), No. 42 Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio), No. 46 Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.), No. 47 Neshaminy (Langhorne, Pa.), No. 48 Green Valley (Henderson, Nev.), No. 49 St. Joseph (South Bend, Ind.) and No. 50 Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor, Wash.).

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Rankings through matches played as of Oct. 14, 2012

Rk.	School (City, State)	Record	Prev.
1	Peabody (Peabody, Mass.) A Sunday clash with Concord-Carlisle was postponed due to a drenched field at Peabody. Concord-Carlisle is ranked in the Boston Top 10. The game was planned to be made up Monday.	11-0-0	1
2	Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.)	14-0-0	2

Miranda Gonzalez and Brianna Parsons each scored a goal as Maria Carrillo edged Cardinal Newman 2-1 in a battle of league and section frontrunners.

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| 3 | Northern Highlands (Allendale, N.J.) | 13-0-0 | 3 |
| | Madison Holleran had three goals and two assists and Clare Shea added three goals and one assist as Northern Highlands won a pair of matches last week. | | |
| 4 | Perrysburg (Perrysburg, Ohio) | 16-0-0 | 4 |
| | Perrysburg starts postseason play Wednesday against Waite. | | |
| 5 | Eastern (Vorhees, N.J.) | 15-0-0 | 5 |
| | Rutgers commit Madison Tiernan had four goals and four assists last week as Eastern won three matches. | | |
| 6 | Good Counsel (Olney, Md.) | 9-0-1 | 6 |
| | Midge Purce scored four goals last week as Good Counsel posted a pair of wins. The Falcons put their undefeated record on the line this week against fellow state power and nationally ranked McDonogh. | | |
| 7 | Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) | 14-0-2 | 7 |
| | Walsh Jesuit completed a perfect run through league play with a 6-0 win over Beaumont. A few days later, Walsh Jesuit closed out an undefeated regular season with a 3-1 victory over Bishop Watterson. | | |
| 8 | Strongsville (Strongsville, Ohio) | 15-1-0 | 9 |
| | Alexis Manoa scored five goals and added an assist as Strongsville swept a pair of opponents in New Mexico — Los Alamos and Taos. Strongsville, with 12 shutouts, carries a 14-match win streak into the playoffs this week. | | |
| 9 | Alta (Sandy, Utah) | 17-0-1 | 13 |
| | Madie Lyons had two goals and three assists as Alta won a pair of playoff matches over Lehi and Fremont. The wins move Alta into this week's state semifinals. | | |
| 10 | St. Agnes (Memphis, Tenn.) | 16-0-1 | 11 |
| | St. Agnes added a pair of shutout victories to the record last week, blanking St. Benedict and Collierville. St. Agnes' final state ranking likely will be linked to Franklin's showing in the Class AAA playoffs since the teams during the regular season. | | |
| 11 | Franklin (Franklin, Tenn.) | 16-0-2 | 14 |
| | Franklin defeated Centennial 4-0 to head into the final week of regular-season play with an undefeated record. | | |
| 12 | Skyline (Sammamish, Wash.) | 11-0-2 | 15 |
| | Four players scored the goals as Skyline posted wins over Garfield and Woodinville. | | |
| 13 | Pickerington North (Pickerington, Ohio) | 14-0-2 | 16 |
| | Pickerington North closed regular-season play with a 4-0 victory over Grove City. | | |
| 14 | Cumberland Valley (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) | 15-1-1 | 10 |
| | After sustaining an upset loss to Cedar Cliff, Cumberland Valley bounced back with a 5-0 win over Carlisle. The Eagles remain ranked fairly high, in large part, because the team has a win over current No. 15 Peters Township. | | |
| 15 | Peters Township (McMurray, Pa.) | 15-1-0 | 17 |
| | Peters Township clinched the section title with a win over Upper St. Clair, then pinned a 4-0 defeat on former Top 50-ranked Bethel Park. | | |
| 16 | Strath Haven (Wallingford, Pa.) | 16-0-0 | 18 |
| | Strath Haven has allowed only four goals this season. | | |

17 Lenape (Medford, N.J.)	11-3-0	19	Lenape avenged one of its losses in a big way — routing Cherokee 7-1. Lenape's other two losses are to Top 10-ranked Eastern.
18 McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.)	11-1-0	21	McDonogh rolled up a 9-0 win over Bryn Mawr, the team's final match before this week's clash with former No. 1 Good Counsel.
19 Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn.)	17-0-1	22	Farragut rolled up 14 goals in a pair of outing last week, extending its undefeated run to 18 matches.
20 Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio)	13-0-4	29	Bailey Wilson and Haley Lehmkuhl scored the goals in Dublin Coffman's regular season-ending 2-0 win over Upper Arlington.
21 Dublin Jerome (Dublin, Ohio)	12-1-3	30	Canadian Youth National Team performer Lindsay Agnew scored five goals in the team's 8-1 win over Olentangy Liberty last week.
22 Holy Name (Parma, Ohio)	11-2-2	24	Holy Name inches a few spots higher following wins over Normandy and North Olmstead by a combined 11-3 margin.
23 St. Anthony's (Melville, N.Y.)	10-1-1	25	St. Anthony's is about to give head coach Dave Prutting his 400th career win at the Long Island private school. Prutting enters the week with 398 victories.
24 River Hill (Clarksville, Md.)	12-0-0	26	Sheridan Street and Jennifer Voyton have combined for 27 goals for this perennial state title challenger.
25 Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.)	11-0-0	27	Tori Tappero scored twice and Brie Hooks added a goal and two assists in Tahoma's 7-0 win over Mount Rainier last week.
26 Niskayuna (Niskayuna, N.Y.)	13-0-0	28	
27 Christian Academy of Knoxville (Knoxville, Tenn.)	15-0-3	23	
28 Montgomery (Skillman, N.J.)	11-1-2	31	
29 Glastonbury (Glastonbury, Conn.)	11-0-0	32	
30 Lincoln-Sudbury (Sudbury, Mass.)	11-0-0	33	
31 Washingtonville (Washingtonville, N.Y.)	9-0-0	35	
32 Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.)	9-1-2	36	
33 Issaquah (Issaquah, Wash.)	12-1-0	37	
34 Lakeville North (Lakeville, Minn.)	15-1-2	38	
35 Tualatin (Tualatin, Ore.)	8-1-1	39	
36 Hilliard-Davidson (Hilliard, Ohio)	14-2-0	40	
37 Exeter (Exeter, N.H.)	13-0-0	41	
38 Bay (Bay Village, Ohio)	14-1-0	NR	
39 Hamilton Southeastern (Fishers, Ind.)	19-2-1	44	

40	South Side (Rockville Centre, N.Y.)	9-0-1	46
41	West Lawn (Wilson, Pa.)	17-0-1	47
42	Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio)	14-2-0	NR
43	Magnificat (Rocky River, Ohio)	12-1-1	8
44	Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio)	12-2-2	45
45	Central Catholic (Lawrence, Mass.)	10-0-1	49
46	Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.)	7-2-0	NR
47	Neshaminy (Langhorne, Pa.)	14-1-0	NR
48	Green Valley (Henderson, Nev.)	10-0-1	NR
49	St. Joseph (South Bend, Ind.)	19-2-0	NR
50	Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor, Wash.)	8-0-1	NR

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OHIO SCHOLASTIC SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE POLL - 9/17/2012

Girls Division 2

1. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	5-0-1	99
2. Bay (Bay Village)	7-1-0	90
3. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	7-2-0	67
4. Holy Name (Parma Heights)	5-1-1	59
5. Archbishop Alter (Kettering)	4-3-0	46
5. Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati)	3-2-1	46
7. Canfield	5-1-0	45
8. Maumee	7-0-1	44
9. St. Ursula Academy (Toledo)	3-2-0	38
10. Clear Fork (Bellville)	8-1-0	28

Receiving votes: Bellbrook, Bishop Hartley (Columbus), Indian Hill (Cincinnati), **Rocky River**, Lake (Millbury), Poland Seminary

OHIO SCHOLASTIC SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE POLL - 9/24/2012

Girls Division 2

1. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	8-0-2	99
2. Bay (Bay Village)	8-1-1	86
3. Archbishop Alter (Kettering)	6-3-0	76
4. Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati)	6-2-2	61
4. Holy Name (Parma Heights)	6-2-2	61
6. Canfield	7-2-0	60
7. Maumee	8-0-2	50
8. Clear Fork (Bellville)	10-1-0	48
9. Rocky River	8-1-0	34
9. St. Ursula Academy (Toledo)	4-2-1	34

Receiving votes: Indian Hill (Cincinnati), West Holmes (Millersburg), Carroll (Dayton), Lake (Millbury), Tri-Valley (Dresden)

OHIO SCHOLASTIC SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE POLL - 10/01/2012

Girls Division 2

1. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	9-0-2	100
2. Bay (Bay Village)	10-1-1	89
3. Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati)	7-2-3	81
4. Alter (Kettering)	8-4-0	65
5. Rocky River	10-1-0	53
6. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	8-4-1	44
7. Maumee	9-1-2	39
8. Clear Fork (Bellville)	11-1-0	37
9. Holy Name (Parma Heights)	6-2-2	32
10. Indian Hill (Cincinnati)	5-3-1	31

Receiving votes: Bishop Hartley (Columbus), St. Ursula Academy (Toledo), Carroll (Dayton)

OHIO SCHOLASTIC SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE POLL - 10/08/2012

Girls Division 2

1. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	11-0-2	99
2. Bay (Bay Village)	13-1-1	92
3. Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati)	9-3-3	70
4. Rocky River	13-1-0	59
5. Alter (Kettering)	9-5-0	45
5. Maumee	11-1-2	45
7. Indian Hill (Cincinnati)	8-3-1	40
7. St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)	8-5-1	40
9. Canfield	11-3-0	34
10. Holy Name (Parma Heights)	9-2-2	33

Receiving votes: Clear Fork (Bellville), St. Ursula Academy (Toledo), Bellbrook, Bishop Hartley (Columbus), Carroll (Dayton), Granville

OHIO SCHOLASTIC SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE POLL - 10/17/2012 (FINAL)

Girls Division 2

1. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	14-0-2	100
2. Bay (Bay Village)	14-1-1	90
3. Archbishop McNicholas (Cincinnati)	12-1-2	76
4. Rocky River	14-2-0	58
5. Alter (Kettering)	10-5-1	51
6. Indian Hill (Cincinnati)	12-3-1	43
7. Maumee	11-2-3	40
8. Holy Name (Parma Heights)	12-2-2	30
9. Clear Fork (Bellville)	14-2-0	20
10. Granville	12-2-2	16

Receiving votes: St. Ursula Academy (Toledo), Bellbrook, St. Francis DeSales (Columbus)

Rockets top River for West Shore Conference title

BY RYAN KACZMARSKI

Girls Soccer

The Bay High School girls soccer team went into Rocky River Stadium on Oct. 10 with a chip on its shoulder.

The Rockets have gone winless at Rocky River over the past couple of seasons, but the curse has been broken as Bay shut out the Pirates 2-0 and captured the West Shore Conference title. "I told (the team) back in the summertime, that this is a team that can go far," Bay head coach Jack Griffiths said. "We really don't have a ton of superstars with egos. They played well, and we're not done."

The Rockets' defense dominated in the game, and goalkeeper Margaret Francati posted her 12th shutout of the season.

"I think that (Rocky River) is good competition," Bay defender Marcy Walter said. "I think both teams played really well. It was nice to get a shutout after they beat us twice last year."

"We've been waiting for this game for an entire year, now."

"It was a whole new atmosphere (tonight)," Francati said. "We went out there – instead of fearing the (Pirates) – we went out there knowing we were favored in the game, and with that, we worked off that positive momentum, and took it to them."

Bay senior Alex Brown scored the winning goal with 16:51 left in the first half, but there was still a lot of game yet to be played.

"When we got that first goal, it was just relief," Francati said. "We could settle it down a little bit in the back, and once we got that second goal, we knew it was 'in the bag.'"

The second goal was scored by Nicole Pohlkamp with 29:58 left in the game, effectively putting the game out of reach for the Pirates.

"This is so exciting," Brown said. "We all worked our butts off, and we all wanted this. We haven't won on this field in so long. It was so great, as a senior, to finish off the year with a win over (the Pirates), and a 2-0 win at that."

The victory gave the Rockets a record of 14-1-0, while the loss gave the Pirates a record of 13-2-1.

"You know this is tough, because that was their first shutout against us," Rocky River head coach Patrick Hopkins said. "A lot of that came down to that fact that we did-



Above: The Bay girls soccer team is the 2012 West Shore Conference champion. It is the team's sixth WSC title in the conference's eight-year existence.

Right: Bay senior forward Alex Brown, right, scored in the first half to secure the WSC championship for the Rockets. (West Life photos by Ryan Kaczmariski)

n't create enough (scoring) opportunities, and the opportunities we did create, we didn't capitalize on them.

"I feel we controlled a good portion of the game with our passing, but they just kept going after the counter," he added. "We just had two mental lapses, basically."

No. 2 seeded Bay will start the postseason tonight at home against Vermilion, while the No. 1 seeded Rocky River will play at home against Keystone. Both games are at 7 p.m.



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a two-point lead in that tiebreaker set.

Witt used that momentum to jump out

Gina Costanzo to a third set. However, they fell short in their quest for a state berth, losing 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

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State-ranked Bay Rockets, Rocky River Pirates gearing toward a rematch

By PAUL BARNEY
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When it comes to girls soccer in the West Shore Conference, Bay and Rocky River are synonymous.

Both are well-coached, both have electric offenses and both have a winning mentality.

The only difference between the two schools may be the fact that one is ranked second in the Division II Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association state poll while the other is ranked fourth.

Last week the second-ranked Rockets and fourth-ranked Pirates met in what was possibly a preview of the D-II Rocky River District final.

Bay outlasted Rocky River, 2-0, to clinch the WSC championship outright.

It was also the first time the Rockets defeated the Pirates on their own field under coach Jack Griffiths.

"I'm glad to finally get a win on that field," Griffiths said after the match.

Ironically, the Rockets' boys soccer team also clinched the WSC that night by an identical 2-0 win over the Pirates.

The boys notched the No. 1 seed in the tournament while the girls earned the No. 2 seed. The boys will host Benedictine on Saturday at 4 p.m. in the sectional finals.

The Rocket girls eliminated Vermilion in their sectional final, 8-1, and will play either Holy Name or Fairview in Monday's district semifinals.

The Pirates also won their sectional final by a considerable margin, 8-0 over Keystone. They will play either Padua or Keystone in the other district semifinal.

Should Bay and Rocky River both win they would play for the district championship Thursday.

Wouldn't that be something?

Trucking along

Last week the Norwalk girls soccer team defeated Margareta, 20-0.

Nine different players scored goals for the Truckers, including Meagan Wright and Mercedes Moser, who had four apiece.

Laurel Campbell and Quinn Walton each recorded hat tricks, Madison Myers had two goals and Courtney Pelham, Megan Casselberry, Kristin Albright and Abbie Montvilas all added a goal of their own.

Nine different players also recorded an assist, led by Montvilas' three.

"It was our senior night, so our seniors were amped up and then I had girls that don't normally get to play that were amped up," Truckers coach James Igneczi said. "To their credit Margareta never resorted to anything dirty. They were excited to be on the field to play soccer. They were just as happy at the end of the game as they were at the beginning."

All seniors that were able to play for Norwalk scored a goal (Wright, Moser, Albright, Montvilas).

Goalkeeper Amy Beier also had a successful senior night, becoming Norwalk's record holder in career shutouts with 25.

"She really wanted to do it on senior night," Igneczi said. "That night was special for her because it was the last home game she would ever play at Norwalk High School. It's quite an achievement seeing as how she was only the starting goalkeeper for three years."

The Truckers are 10-7-0 on the season after a 1-0 sectional final win Wednesday over Port Clinton in the Division II Clyde District.

Igneczi has never seen more dominating 1-0 performance in his career.

"It was one of the more satisfying wins I've had as a coach," Igneczi said. "It was just one of those nights where everything was clicking. We didn't necessarily score as many as we wanted, but we were in no danger at all of giving up a goal. Every single one of my girls was extremely on their game."

The Truckers advance to Tuesday's district semifinals against top-seeded Oak Harbor.

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A brave photographer took this shot at the Strongsville Fleet Feet Invitational last month at Strongsville High School as 191 girls cross country runners began the 5K race headed right for him. Solon senior Therese Haiss won the individual title in 18:37.12, and Hudson won the team title. (The photographer was unharmed.)

Indoors anyone? Golick prefers state tennis inside

From staff reports

It is not a fervent wish but if Westlake senior Lauren Golick had her druthers, the entire state tennis tournament would be played indoors.

Golick will make her fourth consecutive appearance in the state tournament, which begins Friday at the Ohio State Outdoor Tennis Courts with the possibility of being moved indoors if there's inclement weather.

On Saturday, the event moves to the outdoor courts at Hilliard Davidson High. Both days the Elysium Tennis facility in Plain City will serve as the rain site.

"If you play indoors, you don't have to deal with the wind and the sun," said Golick, who is 5-4 in state tournament matches and is looking to improve on last year's fourth-place finish. "But, playing outdoors can be the great equalizer. It depends on who is able to adjust to the conditions better. I guess I'd rather play indoors, but playing outdoors is more of a challenge."

By virtue of her third straight district championship clinched last week at Oberlin College, Golick received a favorable pairing for the state tournament. Placed in the upper eight of the 16-player bracket, she opens play against first-time singles qualifier Julie Brockman of Spring-

boro. Brockman, who was part of a doubles team that finished fourth in last year's state tournament, finished fourth in her district this year.

A win will put her against Magnificat's Emily Witt or Oleanthy Liberty's Sydney Power. Witt was fourth in last week's district at Oberlin and Golick defeated Power in her opening match in 2010.

Meanwhile, reigning state champion Mehvish Safdar and runner-up Sandy Niehaus are in the bottom half of the bracket and are likely to meet in the semifinals. Golick, a Cleveland State recruit, lost to Niehaus in last year's semifinals.

— Tim Rogers

Volleyball

Hornets sting Adams: John Hay won the Senate Athletic League volleyball title by beating John Adams in four sets as all-league selection Ne'Sha Hall served 24 points and Jordan Bolan came off the bench to contribute 20 service points.

It's the sixth city title for the Hornets, the first since 2000, but they will lose eight players to graduation from their 13-4, 13-1 squad, including league MVP Ogechi Onyeukwu.

Coach Mary Simpson will have to replace back-row specialist Heaven Roberts, setter Shakira

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Lewis, Raven Payne and Bolan. Next season's team will be built around Destiny Hall, a 6-0 junior outside blocker, and junior outside hitter Amber Thomas.

Bridesmaid no longer: Southeast shared the Portage Trail Conference County Division title with defending champion Waterloo, and Crestwood did likewise in the Metro Division with defending champ Kent Roosevelt.

Both Southeast and Crestwood placed second a year ago.

"We've had good senior leadership from outside hitter Mallory Czuchra, right-side hitter Mallory Lorence and libero Sally Hoffman," Red Devils coach Wanda Hoffman said.

The Red Devils' future lies in junior right-side hitter Taylor Atkins and sophomores, setter Holly Hoffman, middle hitter Hayley Zigman and Morgan Strenk.

The two Hoffmans are the coach's daughters.

Outside/middle hitter Alana Woodard, setter Tiffany Sanders

and middle hitter Alexis McPeak headline Southeast's solid senior class, while junior Brittany Butcher will bring some experience back to next year's front row.

"We don't have much height," Pirates coach Mary Tarka said. "Alana's our tallest at 5-7 but she jumps likes she's 6 feet tall."

— Bob Fortuna

Field hockey

Joining the club: It has been a season of injuries, one Hudson hasn't been able to avoid. The Explorers lost senior standout center midfielder Sarah Schroeder before their first game because of surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee. Junior center back Jackie Ulmer missed three games with a broken foot and junior forward Kiley Merrill could be lost for the season because of a knee injury.

"Kiley had an MRI done and has a doctor's appointment [today]," Explorers coach Jen Hanev said. "She was told it could be one of three things: Torn meniscus, [medial collateral ligament] sprain or slight dislocation."

Hudson will play the Ottawa Hills/Cleveland Heights winner in a district tournament game Friday.

— Bob Fortuna

Girls soccer

Good job: Cuyahoga Heights brought home its first Chagrin Valley Conference girls soccer title in 10 years as the Redskins won the Metro Division. They went 10-3-3 overall.

Senior midfielder Kate Crawford led the club with 11 goals and nine assists, with senior defender Sarah Baudo contributing five goals and 11 assists. Sophomore goalkeeper Jenna Stegmaier recorded seven shutouts, adding four goals and four assists when playing in the field. The Redskins host Open Door Christian Academy today in a Division III sectional final.

Doubling up: Independence sophomore forward Jen Wisniewski had two goals in a 2-2 tie against Firelands and had all the scores in a 3-2 win over Wickliffe. With 25 goals, she needs one more to set the school's single-season scoring mark.

She could get that today when the Blue Devils (7-7-2) host Brooklyn in a Division III sectional final.

Wisniewski also showed her prowess in running as she finished second in the Chagrin Valley Conference Valley Division cross country meet in 19:58.

— Joe Maxse

Boys soccer

Go figure: St. Ignatius and St. Edward can debate about more than their undefeated football teams.

The two-time defending Division I state champion Wildcats (13-0-3) did not get the No. 1 seed in the University Heights district, that honor going to the Eagles (11-1-4). It would give St. Edward the home field if the teams reach the district final.

The teams played to a scoreless tie at St. Edward on Sept. 19. That would suit the Eagles since they lost an overtime heartbreaker, 1-0, on the Wildcats' home turf in last year's district final.

Both teams have been gearing up for the playoffs against tough competition.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 13 in the latest National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll and No. 2 in the Ohio coaches poll, handed No. 17 Marquette (Wis.) High its only loss two weeks ago. The Eagles, unranked in both polls, suffered their lone loss last Friday in New York City against national power Martin Luther King, 3-1. They came back to defeat Francis Lewis (N.Y.), 2-1, during the East Coast trip.

— Joe Maxse

SCOREBOARD

Today's schedule

Football
Week 9
Note: Games start at 7 unless noted.

Today
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
Brush (3-5, 3-0) vs. Parma (3-5, 2-1) at Byers Field

SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
Cleveland JFK (4-4, 4-2) vs. John Adams (4-4, 4-1) at Collinwood

Friday
AKRON CITY SERIES
Akron North (2-6, 2-2) at Firestone (3-5, 2-2)
Ellet (6-2, 4-0) at Akron Garfield (4-4, 3-1)

CHAGRIN VALLEY CONFERENCE
Chagrin Division
Harvey (0-8, 0-5) at #9 Aurora (7-1, 4-1)
#22 Kenston (6-2, 5-0) at West Geauga (3-5, 2-3)
#10 Nardon (7-1, 5-0) at Highland (5-3, 3-2)
Wadsworth (5-3, 3-2) at Tallmadge (6-2, 4-1)

WEST SHORE CONFERENCE
#11 Avon (7-1, 5-0) at Rocky River (5-3, 2-1)
Bay (2-6, 0-5) at North Ridgeville (1-7, 1-4)
Elyria Catholic (5-3, 3-2) at #12 Midview (7-1, 4-1)
Vermilion (2-6, 1-4) at Lakewood (3-5, 2-3)

NONLEAGUE
Akron East (0-8) at Barborton (1-7, 0-5) at Brooklyn Athletic Complex
Hawken (7-1, 4-1) at Cardinal (5-3, 2-3)

LAKE ERIE LEAGUE
Bedford (4-4, 2-3) at Warren G. Harding (7-1, 5-0)
#13 Euclid (5-3, 4-1) at Maple Heights (4-4, 2-3)
Lorain (2-6, 2-3) at #17 Cleveland Heights (6-2, 3-2)
Shaw (4-4, 2-3) at Warrensville Heights (1-7, 0-5)

NORTH COAST LEAGUE
Blue Division
Benedictine (2-5, 0-3) at Archbishop Hoban (1-7, 1-2)
Lake Catholic (5-3, 3-0) at Walsh Jesuit (2-5, 2-1)
#23 Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (6-2, 3-0) vs. Padua (2-6, 0-3) at North Royalton

NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
Normandy (1-7, 0-3) vs. Valley Forge (2-6, 1-2) at Byers Field

River Division
#14 Elyria (6-2, 2-1) at #8 Hudson (7-1, 3-0)
Mayfield (4-4, 1-2) at Cuyahoga Falls (3-5, 0-3)
#17 North Royalton (8-0, 3-0) at Stow (2-6, 0-3)

Valley Division
Medina (2-6, 1-2) at #15 Twinsburg (5-3, 1-2)
Solon (4-4, 1-2) at #16 Brunswick (5-3, 1-2)
Strongsville (2-6, 0-3) at #3 Mentor (7-1, 3-0)

COMMITMENT

St. Ed's Abounader headed to Michigan

There has been a fairly well-established pipeline of wrestling talent among Northeast Ohio and Virginia and Virginia Tech in recent years, but St. Edward senior Domenic Abounader went in a different direction with his collegiate decision. Abounader chose Michigan after visiting both Virginia schools.

"It was the best fit for me — more homey and close to home," he said. "I got along well with everyone I met, and felt I connected pretty well with the team and I thought I could fit in."

Abounader is a two-time Division I state champion and is ranked 20th nationally in the 2013 recruiting class by Josh Lowe of InterMatWrestle.com. Abounader said he will likely compete at 182 pounds this year and 184 in college.

He is also a two-year starter at free safety on St. Edward's undefeated football team.

The Gates Mills resident is considering a major in business.

— Tim Warsinskey

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Stakes high in Redskins-Devils III

From staff reports

Cuyahoga Heights and Independence split their regular-season volleyball matches en route to sharing the Chagrin Valley Conference Metro Division title.

They will meet in the rubber match at Elyria on Tuesday but the stakes will be higher — the winner advances to the Division III district championship match.

The third-seeded Redskins (19-4) advanced to the district semifinal with a 25-17, 25-17, 25-16 win over fourth-seeded Lutheran West (11-12) as Veronica Gehring's 11 kills, Lexi D'Agostino's 16 digs and Corinne Zielinski's 27 assists led the way.

The second-seeded Blue Devils (19-4) defeated Laurel in the other sectional championship match.

Elyria 3, Avon 0 The third-seeded Pioneers (11-12) won a Division I sectional crown at Midview when Emily Mandoke and Tyra Darden finished with 12 kills each and Alexis Middlebrooks added 10 kills and seven blocks to go with four service aces. Haley Looney chipped in 40 assists and 14 digs while Megan Schaefer also had 14 digs. They will face a tough challenge against top-seeded/Southwestern Conference champion Avon Lake

in Tuesday's district semifinal. Avon Lake eliminated Midview in three sets.

Willoughby South 3, Cleveland Heights 0 Joelle Livorse's 15 assists and Krista Curtis' six kills led the top-seeded/Premier Athletic League champion Rebels (16-6) to the Division I sectional title at Euclid.

Walsh Jesuit 3, Aurora 0 The top-seeded Warriors (16-7), ranked No. 10 in the Division I state coaches poll, advanced to Tuesday's district semifinal match against Twinsburg behind Mary Grace Kelly's 22 kills and Virginia Tech recruit Kyra Counodoures' 30 assists.

Twinsburg 3, Nardon 0 Mackenzie Harrison's 21 kills, Morgan Winston's 30 assists and Alyssa Carcioppolo's 10 digs and 11 service points paced the fifth-seeded Tigers (16-8) at Stow.

Kirtland 3, Brookfield 0 Alicia Ponzani's eight kills and four blocks, along with Rachel Polak's nine kills, helped lead the Hornets to the Division III sectional title at LaBrae.

Boys soccer

Lincoln-West 5, Parma 0 Two first-half goals by Bukura Esau

and Matendo Rumunzi's three assists — along with goalie Kelvin Figueroa's five saves — were all the Wolverines needed for the Division I sectional semifinal shutout. Their reward is Saturday's sectional championship against two-time state champion St. Ignatius.

Brunswick 8, Akron Garfield 1 The Blue Devils (6-7-4) will meet Wadsworth for a Division I sectional crown after a Jake Simonelli hat trick and two goals by Alex Becka.

Mayfield 4, Euclid 1 The Wildcats are Division I sectional champs after Amari Williams scored a goal and assisted on two others.

Girls soccer

Bay 8, Vermilion 1 The West Shore Conference champion Rockets (15-1-1) got a hat trick from Alex Brown in the first half, then emptied their bench to win the Division II sectional crown.

North Olmsted 2 Avon Lake 1 With the score tied, 2-2, after the first round of penalty kicks, Erin Schloss kicked what proved to be the winner as the sixth shooter to give the Eagles a Division I sectional title over their SWC conference foe.

Brunswick District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Barborton at Medina Wooster at Highland Brunswick at Copley	Euclid District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Riverdale at Mentor Willoughby South at Eastlake North Mayfield at Madison Chardon at Cleveland Heights	Kent District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Cuyahoga Falls at Solon Kent Roosevelt at Twinsburg Brecksville at Hudson Warren Howland at Stow	Rocky River District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Olmsted Falls at Magnificat Midview at Amherst, 4	University Heights District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Lakewood at Strongsville Midpark at Normandy Valley Forge at St. Joseph Academy	DIVISION II Brunswick District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Alliance at Archbishop Hoban Canal Fulton Northwest at Coventry Marlington at Field	Kent District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Crestwood at Walsh Jesuit Orange at CVCA Ravenna at Revere SVSM at Aurora	Rocky River District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Buckeye vs. Padua at Brecksville Fairview vs. Holy Name at St. Ignatius	University Heights District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Conneaut at Hathaway Brown, 4:30 Geneva at Beaumont, 4:30 NDCI at Lake Catholic, 4:30	DIVISION III Austintown District SECTIONAL FINALS Today Youngstown Ursuline at Hanoverton	New Middletown Springfield at Waterloo Youngstown Christian at Canton Central Catholic Columbiana Crestview at St. Thomas Aquinas	Brunswick District
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Garfield Heights District SECTIONAL FINALS Chagrin falls d. Woodridge 25-21, 25-21, 25-17	Jefferson District SECTIONAL FINALS Perry vs. NDCL, 6	Parma District SECTIONAL FINALS Holy Name d. Keystone 25-21, 25-9, 25-17	Wooler Triway d. Brookside 24-26, 25-21, 18-25, 27-25, 15-12	Tallmadge District SECTIONAL FINALS St. Vincent-St. Mary d. Akron North 25-10, 25-8, 25-15	DIVISION III Elyria District SECTIONAL FINALS Independence d. Laurel 25-2, 25-13, 25-19	Cuyahoga Heights d. Lutheran West 25-17, 25-17, 25-16	Leavittsburg District SECTIONAL FINALS Gilmour Academy d. Pymatuning Valley 25-15, 25-7, 25-4	Kirtland d. Brookfield 3-0, 25-14, 25-15, 25-21	Boys soccer Sectional/District tournament	DIVISION I Austintown District SECTIONAL FINALS Uniontown Lake 7, Massillon Washington 0	Green 10, Timken 0 Boardman 7, Canton McKinley 0 Brunswick District
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SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS Brunswick & Akron Garfield 1 B (6-7-4): Simonelli 4, Becka 2, DiDonna, Miller, Foust, AG (0-16-1); #9. Goals: B, Foust (6 saves); Wasil (0); AG, Kemp (4).	Cloverleaf 4, Wooster 2 C (7-10-0, 0-7-0): Timken 2, Payerchin, Zuk; W (7-11): Faulkner, O'Donnell. Goals: C, Wardle (11 saves); W, Runyan (6), Lopez (7).	Euclid District SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS Brush & Lakeside 0 B: Lenhammar 3, Allen 2, Eisler, Burkholder, Fry. Goals: B, Fryd (1 save), Brizee (0); L, Cimorelli (8), Kingston (2).	Eastlake North 2, Madison 0 EN: Batarilo, Rohm. Goals: EN, Kumsio (5 saves); M, Dalhausser (4).	Mayfield 4, Euclid 1 M: Flowers, Bruno, Umeda, Williams. E: Toe. Goals: M, Tighe (5 saves); E, Kohler (13).	Riverside 2, Chardon 1 R (7-8-2, 4-0): Lutz 2, Kaim, Horning, Boshkos, Dick, Keeffe, Tricaso. Goals: R, Borovicka (1 save); B, Jones (6).	Kent District SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS Kent Roosevelt 1, Nardon 0 KR: Habebe. Goals: KR, Mohnacky (7 saves); N, Cercek (7).	Stow 1, Warren G. Harding 0 Walsh Jesuit & Bedford 0 WJ (7-8-2, 4-0): Lutz 2, Kaim, Horning, Boshkos, Dick, Keeffe, Tricaso. Goals: WJ, Borovicka (1 save); B, Jones (6).	Girls soccer Sectional/District tournament	DIVISION I Rocky River District SECTIONAL FINALS North Olmsted 2, Avon Lake 1 (penalty kicks)	NO: Kereky, Schloss (PK); AL: O'Connor, P Goals: NO, Patterson (3 saves); Dembie (game-winning save); AL, Crooks (11).
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The state rankings are updated each Monday throughout the fall high school season. The ESR Top 50 is released each Tuesday.

NOTES: *The fall season includes the following states: California (fall), Connecticut, D.C., Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia (private), Washington, West Virginia. The number of ranking positions for each state is based on the size and competitiveness of the state.*

Rankings reflect matches play through Oct. 21, 2012

Top 15s

Ohio: 1. Perrysburg (17-0-0), 2. Walsh Jesuit (15-0-2), 3. Strongsville (16-1-0), 4. Pickerington North (15-0-2), 5. Dublin Coffman (13-0-4), 6. Dublin Jerome (13-1-3), 7. Holy Name (12-2-2), 8. Hilliard-Davidson (15-2-0), 9. Bay (15-1-1), 10. Rocky River (15-2-0), 11. Magnificat (13-2-1), 12. Ursuline Academy (13-2-2), 13. Troy (15-2-0), 14. Beavercreek (15-1-1), 15. Mason (15-1-1).

Top 10s

New Jersey: 1. Northern Highlands (16-0-0), 2. Eastern (18-1-0), 3. Lenape (14-3-0), 4. Montgomery (14-1-2), 5. Pennington School (11-2-0), 6. Freehold Borough (14-0-0), 7. East Brunswick (15-1-2), 8. Toms River North (14-1-0), 9. Piscataway (14-2-1), 10. Ridge (12-2-3).

Pennsylvania: 1. Cumberland Valley (18-1-1), 2. Peters Township (17-1-0), 3. Strath Haven (17-0-0), 4. Neshaminy (17-1-0), 5. Wilson West Lawn (18-1-1), 6. Red Land (15-2-1), 7. Bethel Park (18-1-0), 8. Seneca Valley (17-1-0), 9. Moon (18-1-0), 10. Lower Dauphin (16-3-0).

Top 7s

New York: 1. Washingtonville (11-0-0), 2. St. Anthony's (12-2-1), 3. South Side (11-0-1), 4. West

Padua (5-5-0) 2	10/22/2012 7 p.m.	Rocky River (16-2-0) 4
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Rocky River, Rocky River, OH

Rocky River's four straight goals enough to eliminate Padua scare

Tom Hamzik, Padua Team Reporter, October 22, 2012 9:59 p.m.



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Padua's Lisa Parente (Orange Jersey) keeps possession out of the way of a Rocky River player. River won, 4-2 - (Tom Hamzik)



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Padua SR Maddie Suvak (Orange Jersey) and a Rocky River player fight to keep the ball out of bounds - (Tom Hamzik)

Rocky River, ranked 4th in the state in Division II, never dreamed they would trail in Monday night's District Semifinal.

The Pirates were looking to cruise past the visiting Padua Lady Bruins and move onto Thursday night's District Final.

When Padua Sophomore **Emily Giel** scored on a penalty kick not even twelve minutes into the game, Rocky River knew it was time to kick things into second gear.

The Lady Bruins hung tough throughout, giving River all they could handle, but the Pirates rattled off four straight goals en route to a 4-2 win.

Padua maintained the 1-0 advantage for much of the 1st Half, anchored by the tremendous goalkeeping play of Senior **Lauren Kuznik**, who recorded eight saves in the first forty minutes alone.

"Lauren was one of the most essential players we had out there today," said Padua Assistant Coach **Elizabeth Oles**, as she and **Ryan Sweeney** hold the coaching responsibilities while Head Coach **Tolga Yanmaz** is in Turkey for family reasons.

"The score easily could have been way more than 4-2. Lauren was on her line and confident, and she came out when we

needed her to."

The sharp-shooting offense of Rocky River was able to muster one shot past Kuznik in the 1st half when Junior **Abby Elinsky** headed one in off an assist from Senior **Hallie McCue**, knotting things up 1-1 at halftime.

Less than ten minutes into the 2nd Half, the Pirates struck again when McCue put one in the net to take a 2-1 lead. Not even ten minutes after that, Junior Captain **Grace Bennett** scored off a cross from Sophomore **Jillian Krebs**, and Rocky River led 3-1.

To make matters worse for Padua, Elinsky scored her second goal of the night on a penalty kick with 19:11 left, putting the Pirates up 4-1.

"I think when Rocky River got that 2nd goal, we mentally shut down for about five minutes and that's all it took," said Oles, who is the JV Head Coach at Padua. "Five minutes for us to shut down as a team, and five minutes for them to take advantage of that and keep coming at us. They caught us off guard just once and unfortunately that's all it took."

River maintained the lead for the remainder of the game, that is until Padua Senior **Katie Viehbeck** stepped up and put a shot on a penalty kick in the back of the net with no time remaining, finalizing the score at 4-2 Pirates.

Kuznik tallied twelve saves for the Lady Bruins, while Rocky River Junior **Sara Connelly** had three.

Padua loses ten seniors from this team, including Viehbeck, Kuznik, **Maddie Suvak**, **Dana Roman**, **Jenna Boyne**, **Lisa Parente**, **Ashley Haas**, **Lea Deis**, **Joanne Plescia**, and **Alaina Miller**. Oles was not the least bit hesitant to acclaim these girls for their roles this year.

"Everyone got along together on this team," said Oles. "They truly are a family. There was a bond like no other team I've coached before. The underclassmen had great role models to look up to. It's going to be hard to fill those shoes next year."

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TOP STORY: An upset loss by Peabody (Peabody, Mass.) on Saturday opens the door for Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.) to inherit the No. 1 ranking this week. This perennial California fall-season power was in the running for No. 1 the past two years. Now, if this team wins out, the Pumas will finally capture that elusive national title.

BIG MOVER: Neshaminy (Langhorne, Pa.). This District 1-AAA title threat jumped up to No. 30 from No. 47 this week, the greatest move among the ranked teams.

NEWCOMERS: No. 19 Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.), No. 28 Viewmont (Bountiful, Utah), No. 48 Freehold Borough (Freehold, N.J.), No. 49 West Islip (West Islip, N.Y.), No. 50 East Brunswick (East Brunswick, N.J.).

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Rankings through matches played as of Oct. 21, 2012

Rk.	School (City, State)	Record	Prev.
1	Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Arizona State commit Katie Mohr had three goals and two assists last week as Maria Carrillo defeated Rancho Cotate and Santa Rosa.	16-0-0	2
2	Northern Highlands (Allendale, N.J.) Clare Shea had two goals and one assist as Northern Highlands defeated Hackensack 7-0 in regular-season play before handling Glen Rock 4-0 in a county tournament match Sunday.	16-0-0	3
3	Perrysburg (Perrysburg, Ohio)	17-0-0	4

The opening playoff matches for all seven Ohio top 25-ranked teams ended up being blowouts, starting with Perrysburg's 10-0 win over Waite.

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| 4 | Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) | 15-0-2 | 7 |
| | Walsh Jesuit cruised to a 9-0 win over Crestwood in its playoff opener. | | |
| 5 | Strongsville (Strongsville, Ohio) | 16-1-0 | 8 |
| | Strongsville defeated Lakewood 6-0 last week in the team's playoff opener. | | |
| 6 | St. Agnes (Memphis, Tenn.) | 16-0-1 | 10 |
| | St. Agnes will start the Division II-AA playoffs as the top seed this week. | | |
| 7 | Skyline (Sammamish, Wash.) | 13-0-2 | 12 |
| | Skyline's current 35-match undefeated streak is tied for the third-longest active streak in the nation. | | |
| 8 | Pickerington North (Pickerington, Ohio) | 15-0-2 | 13 |
| | Pickerington North handled Groveport Madison 8-0 in a playoff opener last week. | | |
| 9 | McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.) | 14-1-0 | 18 |
| | McDonogh's opening weekend loss is a thing of the past now that the Eagles bounced former Top 50 No. 1 Good Counsel in a wild 5-4 outing last week. | | |
| 10 | Cumberland Valley (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) | 18-1-1 | 14 |
| | Jen Falconer delivered the game-winning goal as Cumberland Valley edged state-ranked Lower Dauphin 3-2 in the Mid-Penn title match. Cumberland Valley, last school year's spring champ, starts district tournament play this week. | | |
| 11 | Peters Township (McMurray, Pa.) | 17-1-0 | 15 |
| | Peters Township is averaging 6.3 goals per match this season as it aims for a third straight state title. | | |
| 12 | Strath Haven (Wallingford, Pa.) | 17-0-0 | 16 |
| | Allie Wilson scored late in the match to give Strath Haven a 1-0 win over Harriton and complete a second straight undefeated run through league play. | | |
| 13 | Good Counsel (Olney, Md.) | 10-1-2 | 6 |
| | Good Counsel, the preseason No. 1 team, was still in the running for the top spot until a loss to McDonogh last week, followed by a draw with upstart Holy Cross. | | |
| 14 | Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn.) | 19-0-1 | 19 |
| | A loss last week by Franklin, which had one of the longest undefeated runs in the country, allows Farragut to move into the top ranking among Tennessee public schools. Farragut is the last undefeated team remaining in Tennessee Class AAA. | | |
| 15 | Eastern (Vorhees, N.J.) | 18-1-0 | 5 |
| | Eastern was knocked from the ranks of the undefeated last week, but a pair of wins over No. 16-ranked and five-time defending state champion Lenape keeps this program ranked among the national elite. | | |
| 16 | Lenape (Medford, N.J.) | 14-3-0 | 17 |
| | Lenape edged Shawnee 1-0 in the South Jersey Coaches Tournament semifinals Sunday. | | |
| 17 | Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio) | 13-0-4 | 20 |
| | Seven players scored goals as Dublin Coffman cruised to a 10-0 win over Central Crossing in a playoff opener last week. | | |
| 18 | Dublin Jerome (Dublin, Ohio) | 13-1-3 | 21 |
| | Nine different players scored as Dublin Jerome opened the playoffs with a 9-0 win over Northland last week. | | |

19 Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.)	11-0-1	NR
Holy Cross has made a surprising run up the Washington Post Top 10 after a win over D.C. No. 1 and former Top 50-ranked Sidwell Friends (D.C.) and a scoreless draw with former ESR Top 50 No. 1 Good Counsel.		
20 Holy Name (Parma, Ohio)	12-2-2	22
Holy Name's 5-0 win over Fairview sets up a playoff clash with top 50-ranked Bay on Tuesday.		
21 River Hill (Clarksville, Md.)	14-0-0	24
Alex Hamer netted the lone goal as River Hill edged Atholton 1-0 to remain perfect. The Hawks have allowed only five goals in a highly competitive Howard County League.		
22 Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.)	14-0-0	25
Brie Hooks continues to roll up big offensive numbers, scoring four goals and adding four assists in Tahoma's three matches last week.		
23 Glastonbury (Glastonbury, Conn.)	12-0-0	29
Defending state champion Glastonbury ran its undefeated streak to 31 matches with a pair of wins last week.		
24 Lincoln-Sudbury (Sudbury, Mass.)	13-0-0	30
A loss by Peabody gives Lincoln-Sudbury the No. 1 ranking in Massachusetts, and it comes with an interesting twist. Peabody lost to former state power Acton-Boxboro in a non-league match last week. This week, Lincoln-Sudbury faces Acton-Boxboro for the second time in league play.		
25 Washingtonville (Washingtonville, N.Y.)	11-0-0	31
Losses last week by St. Anthony's and Niskayuna allow Washingtonville to inherit the No. 1 ranking in New York and move up in the ESR Top 50.		
26 Christian Academy of Knoxville (Knoxville, Tenn.)	18-0-3	27
27 Montgomery (Skillman, N.J.)	14-1-2	28
28 Viewmont (Bountiful, Utah)	19-1-0	NR
Season complete. Class 5A state champion.		
School Facts: Public, 1,700 students in grades 10-12.		
Notes: Ella Johnson, one of several senior starters, headed home the winning goal in overtime as Viewmont edged Alta 1-0 in the final. This was Viewmont's third straight trip to the state final, but first win during that run. The program's other titles were in 1993 and 1998. Viewmont's only loss during the season was to Lone Peak, which it avenged with a playoff victory over Lone Peak.		
Fun Fact: Viewmont is more widely known as a boys' wrestling state power in the past decade, winning seven of nine state titles between 2002-2010.		
29 Alta (Sandy, Utah)	18-1-1	9
Season complete. Class 5A state runner-up.		
School Facts: Public, 2,586 students in grades 10-12.		
Notes: Alta's bid for an eighth state title since 2001 came up short in a 1-0 loss to Viewmont, which was a rematch of last year's final. Alta figures to be among the ESR Top 50 preseason favorites next year as juniors Bizzy Phillips (22 goals), Madi Lyons (20 goals) and Sydney Fitzpatrick (14 goals) return.		
Fun Fact: Julianne Hough of "Dancing With The Stars" fame is an Alta graduate.		
30 Neshaminy (Langhorne, Pa.)	17-1-0	47
31 Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.)	10-1-2	32

32	Central Catholic (Lawrence, Mass.)	11-0-2	45
33	Peabody (Peabody, Mass.)	14-1-0	1
34	Lakeville North (Lakeville, Minn.)	16-1-2	34
35	Franklin (Franklin, Tenn.)	16-1-2	11
36	St. Anthony's (Melville, N.Y.)	12-2-1	23
37	Hilliard-Davidson (Hilliard, Ohio)	15-2-0	36
38	Exeter (Exeter, N.H.)	16-0-0	37
39	Bay (Bay Village, Ohio)	15-1-1	38
40	South Side (Rockville Centre, N.Y.)	11-0-1	40
41	Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio)	15-2-0	42
42	Magnificat (Rocky River, Ohio)	13-2-1	43
43	Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio)	13-2-2	44
44	Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.)	11-2-0	46
45	Green Valley (Henderson, Nev.)	12-0-1	48
46	St. Joseph (South Bend, Ind.)	21-2-0	49
47	Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor, Wash.)	10-0-1	50
48	Freehold Borough (Freehold, N.J.)	14-0-0	NR
49	West Islip (West Islip, N.Y.)	12-1-1	NR
50	East Brunswick (East Brunswick, N.J.)	15-1-2	NR

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HIGH SCHOOL
ROUNDUP

Holy Name in final

From staff reports

The girls soccer team at Bay, ranked No. 2 in Division II and seeded second, was hoping to get a rematch with top-seeded Rocky River in a district championship game.

However, it'll be Holy Name (14-2-2) that will play the fourth-ranked Pirates on Thursday after blanking the Rockets, 3-0, in Monday's district semifinal.

Caroline Dreher's two goals and a goal by Peyton Davis led the charge. Sarah Krause had two assists. Holy Name goalie Jax Yanak recorded the shut-out with eight saves.

Bay bows out at 15-2-1.

Rocky River 4, Padua 2 Abby Elinsky's two goals paced the Pirates (16-2) in a Division II girls soccer district semifinal.

Hawken, 1, Kirtland 0 (OT) The Hornets gave the Hawks all they could handle in a Division III girls soccer district semifinal. Katherine Zalar's extra-session goal from a Courtney Yoke pass provided the clincher. Hawken goalie Sydney Hanzlik earned the shut-out with two saves. Kirtland goalie Maddie Zuberer had 15 saves.

Gilmour Academy 1, Laurel 0 After a scoreless first half, Lancers leading scorer Michelle Krebs took a through pass from Kelly Harrington and scored 2:30 into the second half of the Division III district semifinal. Goalkeeper Bridget Potratz's two saves helped lead Gilmour, ranked fourth in the state, to its 10th shutout of the year.

Boys soccer

Highland 3, Barberton 1 The Hornets (13-2-2) prevailed in the Division I sectional final behind goals by Paul Burns, Joe Simonis and Mark Struble.

Volleyball

Gilmour Academy 3, Kirtland 0 The Lancers (18-6), ranked seventh in the coaches state poll, eliminated Kirtland in a Division III district semifinal at LaBrae. Jess Janota had seven kills, six aces and five digs, while Megan Polak finished with four kills, two aces and 24 assists.

South Range 3, Waterloo 0 The fourth-seeded Raiders easily ousted top-seeded/Portage Trail Conference County Division co-champion Southeast.

COMMITMENT

Kenston's Kosiorek chooses OU

A three-hour drive compared to an eight-hour drive sounded much more appealing to Kenston's Jaime Kosiorek, but that's not the only reason the 6-0 junior gave Ohio's volleyball program her oral commitment.

"It came down to OU and Maryland," said Kosiorek, who's averaging 4.3 kills per set for the Division I district tournament-bound Bombers. "OU was always my No. 1 choice, I'm their top recruit in next year's class, they're one of the first schools who came after me and they didn't stop."

"I feel they really want me."

Kosiorek, who is leaning toward majoring in education or sports medicine, doesn't know how much playing time she'll get as a true freshman.

"They'll have two senior outside hitters when I get there, so I probably won't play a lot that first year," said Kosiorek.

— Bob Fortuna

Hey, Tim!

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NLCS | Giants 9, Cardinals 0; Giants win series, 4-3

Refusing to fold, Giants win NL pennant

JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a post-season full of twists and turns, the San Francisco Giants are headed back to the World Series after a big comeback against the defending champs.

Hunter Pence got the Giants going with a weird double, Matt Cain pitched his second clincher of October and San Francisco closed out Game 7 of the NL Championship Series in a driving rainstorm, routing the St. Louis Cardinals, 9-0, Monday night.

San Francisco won its record-tying sixth elimination game of the postseason, completing a lopsided rally from a 3-1 deficit.

The Giants, who won it all in 2010, will play host to Justin Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and the Detroit Tigers in Game 1 on Wednesday night.

Verlander is set to pitch Wednesday's opener. Giants manager Bruce Bochy insisted before Monday's game he had not planned any further in advance.

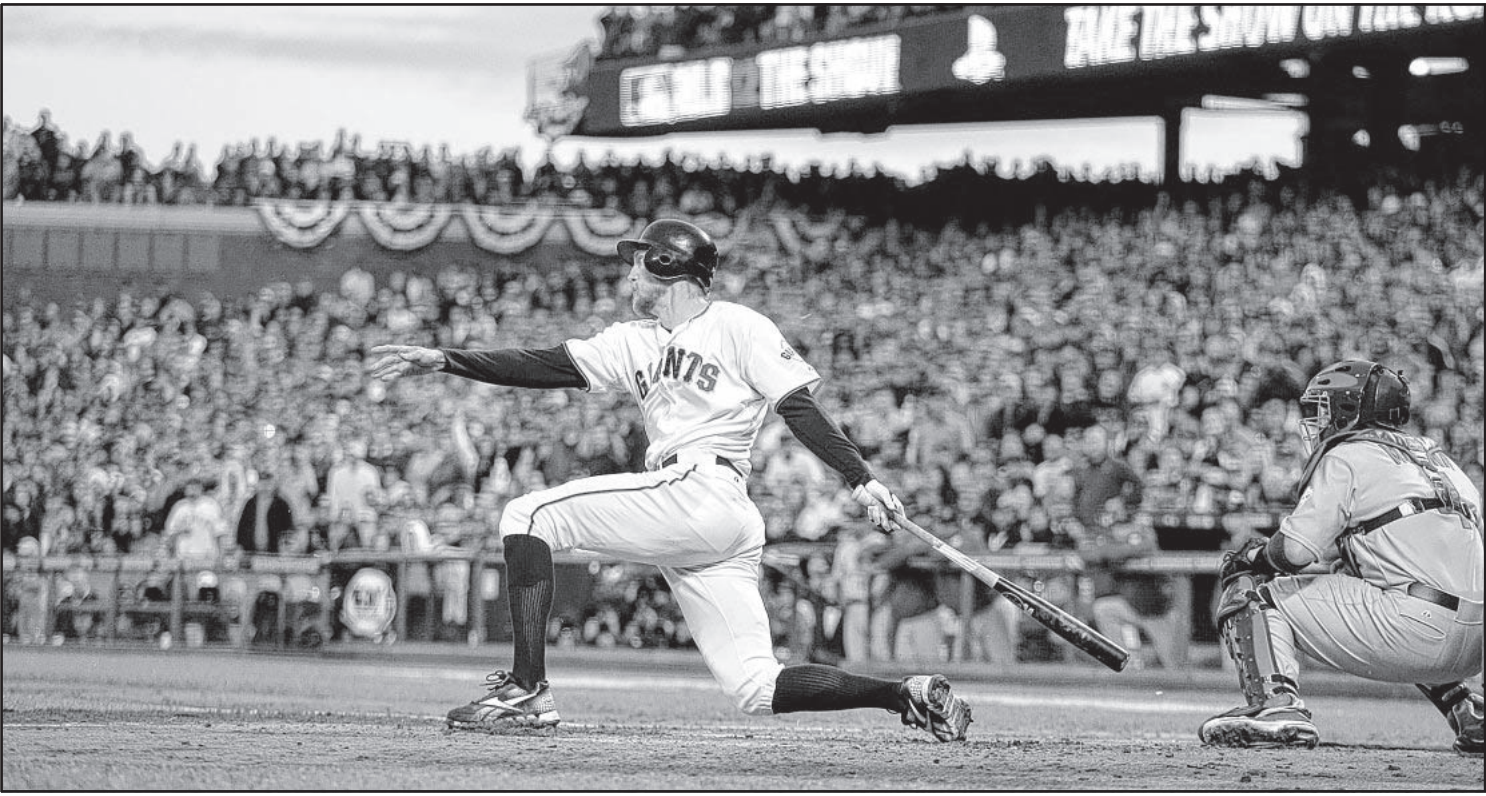
Series MVP Marco Scutaro produced his sixth multihit game of the series and matched an LCS record with 14 hits, and Pablo Sandoval drove in a run for his fifth straight game.

After falling behind, 3-1, in the series at Busch Stadium, the Giants outscored the wild-card Cardinals, 20-1, over the final three games behind stellar starting pitching from Barry Zito, Ryan Vogelsong and Cain.

They also benefited from some strange bounces.

On Pence's double that highlighted a five-run third, his bat broke at the label on impact, then the broken barrel hit the ball twice more. That put a rolling, slicing spin on the ball and caused it to change directions — leaving shortstop Pete Kozma little chance to make the play. Kozma broke to his right, figuring that's where the ball would go, but it instead curved to left-center.

Injured closer Brian Wilson, with that out-of-control bushy black beard, danced in the dug-out, and fans in the sellout crowd of 43,056 kept twirling their orange rally towels even through rain in the late innings — a



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San Francisco's Hunter Spence smacks a two-run double in the third inning Monday night at AT&T Park. A third run scored on Jon Jay's miscue in center field.

Playoffs at a glance

Wild Card									
AL: Baltimore 5, Texas 1									
NL: St. Louis 6, Atlanta 3									
Division Series									
AMERICAN LEAGUE									
Detroit def. Oakland, 3-2									
New York def. Baltimore, 3-2									
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
San Francisco def. Cincinnati, 3-2									
St. Louis def. Washington, 3-2									
League Championship Series									
Best-of-7; *if necessary									
AMERICAN LEAGUE									
All games televised by TBS									
Detroit vs. New York (Tigers win series, 4-0)									
Oct. 13: Detroit, 6-4 (12)									
Oct. 14: Detroit, 3-0									
Oct. 16: Detroit, 2-1									
Oct. 17: New York at Detroit, ppd., rain									
Oct. 18: Detroit, 8-1									
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
All games televised by WJW Ch. 8									
St. Louis vs. San Francisco (Giants win series, 4-3)									
Oct. 14: St. Louis, 6-4									
Oct. 15: San Francisco, 7-1									
Oct. 17: St. Louis, 3-1									
Oct. 18: St. Louis, 8-3									
Oct. 19: San Francisco, 6-0									
Sunday: San Francisco, 6-1									
Monday: San Francisco, 9-0									

Giants 9, Cardinals 0									
St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.		
Jay cf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.207		
Beltran rf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.300		
Holliday lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.200		
Craig 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.125		
Y.Molina c	4	0	4	0	0	0	.393		
Freese 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.192		
Descalso 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200		
T.Cruz ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000		
Motte p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Kozma ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.227		
Lohse p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
J.Kelly p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Mujica p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Chambers ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
Rosenthal p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
S.Robinson ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000		
Boggs p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Salas p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Schumaker 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
Totals	34	0	7	0	4	8	---		
San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.		
Pagan cf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.242		
Scutaro 2b	4	1	3	0	1	0	.500		
Sandoval 3b	4	1	1	1	1	0	.310		
S.Casilla p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Ja.Lopez p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Romo p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
Posey c	4	1	1	0	1	0	.154		
Pence rf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.179		
Belt 1b	5	2	2	1	0	0	.304		
G.Blanco lf	3	2	1	0	2	0	.182		
B.Crawford ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.217		
M.Cain p	3	0	1	1	0	2	.400		
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---		
A.Huff ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200		
Arias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
Totals	38	9	14	7	5	6	---		
St. Louis							000 000 000	0	7 2
San Francisco							115 000 11x	9	14 0

E: Jay (1), Kozma (2). LOB: St. Louis 12, San Francisco 10. 2B: Sandoval (2), Pence (1). HR: Belt (1), off Motte. RBIs: Pagan (2), Sandoval (6), Pence 2 (3), Belt (2), B.Crawford (5), M.Cain (1). SB: Beltran (2), Descalso (1). Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 9 (Craig 2, Lohse 2, Descalso, T.Cruz 2, Holliday 2); San Francisco 4 (Pence, Sandoval 2, Belt). RISP: St. Louis 0 for 11; San Francisco 3 for 14. Runners moved up: Beltran, Holliday, Sandoval, B.Crawford, GIDP: A.Huff. DP: St. Louis 1 (Descalso, Kozma, Craig).

St. Louis	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Lohse L, 1-1	2 1/3	6	5	5	1	1	7.04
J.Kelly	2 2/3	2	2	2	2	1	4.50
Mujica	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Rosenthal	2	1	0	0	1	4	0.00
Boggs	2 2/3	3	1	1	1	0	5.40
Salas	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	3.86
Motte	1	1	1	1	0	0	2.25
San Francisco	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
M.Cain W, 1-1	5 2/3	5	0	0	1	4	2.19
Affeldt	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
S.Casilla	2 2/3	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Ja.Lopez	1	0	0	0	2	2	0.00
Romo	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

Lohse pitched to 3 batters in the 3rd. Inherited runners-scored: J.Kelly 3-3, Mujica 3-0, Salas 2-0, Affeldt 2-0, Ja.Lopez 2-0, Romo 2-0. HBP: by M.Cain (Holliday). W/P: S.Casilla, Romo. Umpires: H-Darling, I-Guccione, 2-Miller, 3-Gilson— Right, Jerry Layne— Left, Ted Barrett. T: 3:35. A: 43,056

World Series

Best-of-7; *if necessary

All games televised by WJW Ch. 8

Wednesday: at San Francisco

Thursday: at San Francisco

Saturday: at Detroit

Sunday: at Detroit

*Monday, Oct. 29: at Detroit

*Wednesday, Oct. 31: at San Francisco

*Thursday, Nov. 1: at San Francisco

downright downpour when Sergio Romo retired Matt Holliday on a popup to Scutaro to end it.

Romo embraced catcher Buster Posey as fireworks went off over McCovey Cove beyond right field.

The NL West champion Giants won their first postseason clincher at home since the 2002 NLCS, also against the Cardinals.

These 2012 Giants have a couple of pretty talented castoffs of their own not so different from

that winning combination of 2010 “castoffs and misfits” as Bochy referred to his bunch — with Scutaro right there at the top of the list this time around.

Acquired July 27 from the division rival Colorado Rockies, Scu-

TRIBE

FROM D1

Francona's priority is finding coaches

The Indians were challenged in many areas this year, but particularly on the mound as No. 1 and No. 2 starters, Justin Masterson and Ubaldo Jimenez, lost 32 combined games. Jimenez leads the big leagues with 30 losses the past two seasons.

Ruben Niebla ended the season as the interim pitching coach. He replaced fired Scott Radinsky after opening the season at Class AAA Columbus. Niebla is a candidate for the new job.

Francona said hiring the right pitching coach is critical to help-

ing Masterson and Jimenez rebound from this season and take the pressure off young starters such as Corey Kluber, Zach McAllister, Carlos Carrasco and David Huff.

“The pitching coach has to be someone who we think can impact the staff,” he said. “It’s not necessary for him to have major-league experience.”

Former Boston right-hander Curt Schilling is not a candidate, Francona said.

The Indians officially introduced Francona on Oct. 8. Since then it’s been a blur of meetings, including a trip to the team’s spring training site in Goodyear, Ariz., with scouts and the rest of the front office.

“We’ve been assessing where we are and how do we get better going forward?” said Francona. “Those aren’t easy questions.

There are a lot of opinions.”

Besides getting attuned to the organization’s philosophical approach, Francona has been working hard to get a handle on the Tribe’s big-league and minor-league players.

“We’re not going to win a lot of games right now,” Francona said with a smile. “We don’t have a left fielder, first baseman or DH. But that will change.”

The Tigers are going to the World Series after winning the AL Central with just 88 victories. The Yankees needed 95 to win the AL East, just ahead of Baltimore, 93-69, and Tampa Bay, 90-72.

After spending eight years managing Boston in the AL East, moving to the AL Central intrigues Francona.

“Winning 88 games as opposed to having to win 98 makes a dif-

ference,” he said.

Francona said he’s excited about getting the chance to work with young players such as Carlos Santana, Jason Kipnis, Asdrubal Cabrera and Michael Brantley.

“It seemed like the longer I was in Boston, the farther I got away from the field,” he said. “I went from manager to fire putter-outer.

“There are no little stories in Boston. We’d lost veteran coaches like John Farrell and Brad Mills and there was more for me to do.”

The one and only fire Francona must contend with in Cleveland will be trying to win enough games to stay competitive despite questionable talent and a skimpy payroll.

It has proven to be a hard blaze to extinguish.

Award time: Johnny Goryl, who has worked in the Indians’ organization for 31 years, received the Mike Coolbaugh award from Minor League Baseball. The award, named after Coolbaugh, who died after getting hit in the neck by a line drive while coaching first base, is given to an individual who has shown skill in teaching and developing young players.

Goryl, 79, has worked in baseball for 62 straight years. He managed the Twins in 1980 and ’81 and has worked for the Indians in a variety of roles since 1982.

He will be presented with the award at the winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

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CAVS

FROM D1

Scott still pondering his starting lineup

“That lineup . . . has gone the last three or four days of practice together, too. I want to see how they play together. Then I’ll make my final decision of who’s going to start and all that stuff next week,” Scott said.

Asked if tonight’s game would be a gigantic factor in determining his starters and rotation, Scott said: “I don’t know if it will be a gigantic factor, but it will at least give me more information. The more information I can get is a good thing. I want to see some different guys at different spots, I want to see some different combinations and I just want to see how it looks.

“We’re so young right now, trying to get guys to really figure out how to play with each other is big. And the biggest thing for us right now on the defensive end is understanding what we have to do on that end of the floor on a night-to-night basis. I don’t think we’re fully understanding that yet, so maybe this different combination will bring us a little more energy.”

The coach said he was not concerned that he was still undecided.

Cavaliers vs. Pacers

Tipoff: 7 p.m. tonight at The Q.

Radio: WTAM AM/1100.

Notable: Cavs head into their preseason finale with a 3-3 record. . . . Pacers are 3-2 overall, 0-2 on the road. . . . Indiana is second in the league in free-throw shooting (83.3 percent) and tied for ninth in blocked shots with 5.6 per game. . . . Pacers got down to 15-man roster Monday by releasing C Luke Nevill, G Sundiata Gaines and G Blake Ahearn.

— Mary Schmitt Boyer

“In the past it’s been a lot easier to understand who I was going to have starting and in the rotation,” Scott said. “This year has been a little different because I have so many different faces. Again the competition has been good, which I like. I’ll just see how this rotation works, then Wednesday we’ll come back in and Thursday and Friday and look at it again.”

Bumps and bruises: Irving sat out the end of practice after being elbowed near his right eye by Miles, who was trying to clear some space after grabbing a rebound.

“He was standing behind me and I hit him on accident,” Miles said. “I felt it. I turned around and asked him right away if he was all right. He said, ‘Yeah.’ Next thing you know he had a little knot like 30 seconds later. I apologized. I didn’t do it on purpose. . . . It’s like football and he’s got the big red jersey on: Don’t touch him.”

Also, Luke Harangody has a sore right knee, but it is not expected to prevent him from playing against the Pacers.

Breaking away: Irving is poised for a breakout year in 2012-13, according to the annual survey of NBA general managers released Monday. Irving and San Antonio’s Kawhi Leonard each got 10 percent of the vote from the GMs, second to Golden State’s Klay Thompson, who earned 13.3 percent of the vote.

Walters received some votes for the most athletic rookie, a category won by Anthony Davis of New Orleans with 40 percent of the votes.

Varejao earned votes in two categories — makes the most of limited natural ability, won by Minnesota’s Kevin Love with 34.5 percent of

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Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

North

Baltimore	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	174	161
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.500	140	132
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	166	187

East

New England	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	4	3	0	.571	217	163
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	159	170
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	171	227

South

Houston	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	1	0	.857	216	128
Tennessee	3	4	0	.500	117	158
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	88	164

West

Denver	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	148	137
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	113	171
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	104	183

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
N.Y. Giants	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	205	137
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	103	125
Washington	3	3	0	.500	113	133
South						
Atlanta	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	0	0	1.000	171	113
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	148	136
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	106	144
North						
Chicago	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	162	78
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	167	131
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	184	155
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	133	150
West						
San Francisco	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	165	100
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	124	108
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	116	106

Week 7												
Sunday												
Pittsburgh 24, Cincinnati 17												
Monday												
Chicago 13, Detroit 7												
Week 8												
Thursday												
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:20												
Sunday, Oct. 28												
San Diego at Cleveland, 1												
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 1												
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1												
Carolina at Chicago, 1												
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1												
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1												
Seattle at Detroit, 1												
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1												
New England vs. St. Louis at London, 1												
Oakland at Kansas City, 4:05												
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:25												
New Orleans at Denver, 8:20												
Monday, Oct. 29												
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.												
Bye week: Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Houston												

Bears 13, Lions 7

Detroit												
Chicago												
First Quarter												
Chi.—Marshall 7 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 11:12.												
Chi.—FG Gould 19, 12:3.												
Third Quarter												
Chi.—FG Gould 21, 11:20.												
Fourth Quarter												
Det.—Broyles 12 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), :30.												
A—62,300.												

TEAM STATISTICS

First downs												
Total Net Yds												
Rushes-yds												
Kicking												
Punt ret.												
Kickoff ret.												
Int. ret.												
Comp. Att.-Int.												
Sacked-Yds Lost												
Fumbles-Lost												
Penalties-Yds												
Time of Poss												
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS												
RUSHING —Detroit, LeShoure 12-63, Stafford 3-23, Bell 3-13, Chicago, Forte 22-95, Bush 6-36, Cutler 3-34, Campbell 1-5.												
PASSING —Detroit, Stafford 28-46-1-261, Chicago, Cutler 16-31-0-150, Campbell 1-6-0.												
RECEIVING —Detroit, T. Young 6-81, LeShoure 6-20, Pettigrew 5-37, Broyles 3-51, Johnson 3-34, Bell 3-16, Burleson 1-61, Scheffler 1-6, Chicago, Marshall 6-18, Hester 3-38, Bennett 3-27, Forte 3-4, Davis 3-3, Bush 1-(minus 3).												
MISSED FIELD GOALS —Chicago, Gould 47 (BK).												

Canadian Football League						
	W	L	T	Pts.	PF	PA
EAST DIVISION						
x-Montreal	9	6	0	18	406	417
Toronto	7	8	0	14	339	381
Hamilton	5	10	0	10	438	481
Winnipeg	4	11	0	8	295	457
WEST DIVISION						
x-B.C.	11	4	0	22	402	288
x-Calgary	9	6	0	18	427	360
Saskatchewan	8	7	0	16	397	327
Edmonton	7	8	0	12	351	354
Note: x-clinched playoff berth						

Westshore girls soccer sectional recap

Magnificat freshman Alyssa Baumbick tallied three goals in the 7-1 sectional championship victory over Olmsted Falls. (West Life photo by Pro Photography)



BY RYAN KACZMARSKI

Girls Soccer

Division I

OLMSTED FALLS defeated North Ridgeville 5-3 in the sectional semifinals before falling to **MAGNIFICAT** 7-1 in the sectional finals.

After a first-round bye, **NORTH OLMSTED** defeated Avon Lake 2-1 in a game that went into penalty kicks. The Eagles played against Magnificat last night for the chance to play in the district championship game tomorrow night.

WESTLAKE defeated Avon 2-1 for the sectional championship. The Demons played last night against Amherst for the chance to play the winner of the game between North Olmsted and Magnificat for the district championship tomorrow night.

Division II

ROCKY RIVER beat Keystone 8-0 for the sectional title. The Pirates played Monday night against Padua for the chance to go to the district finals to be played tomorrow night.

BAY beat Vermilion 8-1 for the sectional championship. The Rockets played Holy Name on Monday night for the chance to play in the district finals tomorrow night.

FAIRVIEW defeated Oberlin 2-1 in double overtime, in the sectional semifinals, but lost to Holy Name 5-0 in the sectional finals.

Division III

LUTHERAN WEST fell to Brooklyn 1-0 in the first round of the playoffs.



Rocky River's Grace Bennett scored one of the Pirates' two hat tricks (the other by Megan Moore) in the 8-0 pounding of Keystone for the Division II sectional crown. (West Life photo by Ryan Kaczmariski)

HEY, TIM!

Q: Hey, Tim: I know it's been a long drought for Rocky River in team state championships. I was wondering which other schools in Northeast Ohio are long-suffering? — Mike Foley, Rocky River



TIM WARSINSKEY

A: Hey, Mike: Rocky River's last state title was in 1927, and that is the longest drought among schools that have won state titles, according to an Ohio High School Athletic Association database of state championships. Some schools have never won state titles, but among those that have, none has waited longer for the next one than Rocky River.

The 1920s were indeed roaring for the Pirates. They won all three of their state titles, all in boys track — in 1923, 1924 and '27.

A possible exception is Lorain, depending on how you look at it. It won one state title in 1923 (boys basketball) and no others before it closed in 1995. Admiral King and Southview, neither of which won state titles, merged into the new Lorain High in 2010.

A few other schools whose team state championship trophies are collecting dust while waiting for new hardware are Akron East (1937), John Hay (1943) and Orange (1944).

— Tim

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TWITTER BUZZ

A weekly peek into what the high school community is saying on Twitter:

"100+ plays on offense could explain why my body still feels like it got hit by a truck."
— @Jimbo_Slice76 (Jimmy Byrne, St. Ignatius football player)

"Thanks to the o line I got player of week"
— @DreamC_Aaron6 (Dwayne Aaron, St. Edward football player)

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GAME BALLS

Here are the results of the online poll to determine the top Week 9 Friday football performance. Vote each week at cleveland.com/hssports through Wednesday at noon. The winner receives a Game Balls T-shirt. See who won every Thursday in The Locker Room.

Week 9 results

Joe Simonis, Highland: 1,117 votes. Connected on career-best 45-yard field goal with two seconds remaining for a 22-20 upset win over then-No. 10 Nordonia.

Ross Douglas, Avon: 617 votes.

Nick Evans, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin: 188.

Logan Paul, Westlake: 146.

Dominick Orsini, Archbishop Hoban: 132.

Tommy Tupa, Brecksville-Broadview Heights: 37.

Jordan Connell, Elyria: 22.

Braxton Gamble, Cleveland Heights: 20.

Total votes: 2,279

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ...

Amy Longley, who coached Hathaway Brown's field hockey team to nine final four appearances and the 2002 state title?



Longley

The Northfield resident resigned after the 2007 season but not before racking up a 26-year career record of 316-148-61, proving you don't need to play the sport in order to be successful at it.

"I played tennis at [Toledo] Rogers and Bowling Green, but I went to a lot of field hockey games in college," said Longley, 60. "When I came to HB, they told me I was going to be the field hockey coach.

"I said OK and went to a lot of clinics, camps and talked to some very knowledgeable [field hockey] coaches."

Fewer than 50 high school field hockey teams compete in Ohio, but Longley knows all too well it's still not easy winning a state championship.

"We've been the No. 1 seed a number of years, which has helped, and there aren't a lot of rounds to play to get to the state tournament, but we also don't practice or play our home games on artificial turf and that's a huge disadvantage when district tournament play begins," she said. "The state tournament is played on artificial turf and that's a big disadvantage because most of the teams competing play on that kind of surface all season long."

Longley, who teaches physical education at the all-girls private school in Shaker Heights, has not disassociated herself from the sport. She coaches HB's seventh-grade field hockey team and conducts clinics.

Longley uses her free time to hike, ride her bike, travel and go birdwatching.

"I've gone to a lot of varsity [field hockey] games and I like sitting in the stands and just watching," said Longley. "There's no pressure, but I wouldn't trade any of those years in for anything."

— Bob Fortuna

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FALL SPORTS INSIDER

Cardinal girls learn to win, again

It took coach Lisa Shirkey just three seasons to get Cardinal volleyball back to the respectability it had when Shirkey played for then-Huskies coach Joyce Tudor.

"I didn't put a time frame on how long I thought it was going to take," said Shirkey, whose team finished with an 18-7 record and was runner-up in the Chagrin Valley Conference Valley Division to perennial power Berkshire. "Our development hasn't been fast enough for me, but that's the way I am.

"But the kids bought into what we expect from them and this year's seniors had one goal when I got here: They wanted to go out successful and they will."

Middle hitters Barbara Dyrce and Kourtney Kelly, defensive specialist Kelly Thurling, setter Emy Smoot and rightside hitter Eleni Timas made up that senior class.

"We're losing some very special individuals but we have some very special ones coming back," said Shirkey.

Junior Tia Matacusa is a solid middle hitter, while classmate Becca Kline has been the starting libero since her freshman campaign. And outside hitters Alyssa Shirkey and Lake Catholic transfer Katlyn Bean head a talented sophomore class.

"When I got here, I knew there was talent," added coach Shirkey. "Right now, we're right where we want to be."

Long-awaited victory: Rocky River's recent West Shore Conference win over Bay was its first victory over the Rockets in four years.

Same story, new twist: Clearview won the Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division title for the third consecutive season and mustered its first 20-win season in the program's history.

The Clippers, ranked No. 17 in the Division II coaches state poll, played top-ranked Padua's in Tuesday's Division I district semifinal game at Holy Name. Clearview began the week with a 22-2 mark.

Ellet wins title: Ellet, which split with Firestone during the regular season, won the rubber match and the City Series title, breaking the Falcons' four-year reign.

Cardinals' season ends: Brookside posted a 21-1 record season, went 16-0 for the second straight season to repeat as Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division champion and was ranked 10th in the Division II coaches state poll.

So it's easy to see why last week's five-set sectional title-match loss to unranked Wooster Triway was a bit of a surprise.

"We had our chances," said Cardinals coach Ted Whitsel, who coached his last match after 14 years. "Shelby [Kerstetter] had 29 kills but when Morgan [Brinkman] cramped up, she battled all the way to keep playing but we just never recovered."

And then there was Triway freshman Sara Skeens with 33 kills.

"[Skeens] is getting some big-time college looks now and she is very, very tough," said Whitsel. "She's a powerful, strong hitter — the best hitter we saw all year and I believe she will be better than Kate Leary and Katie Dull."

Leary was Padua's standout during its two straight Division II state titles, while Dull was Walsh Jesu-it's ace and is a former Ohio Gatorade Player of the Year. Both went on to play at Ohio State.

"We're graduating a talented group," said Whitsel, who will exit with seniors Kerstetter, Gabby Woods and his daughter, Kady Whitsel. "I'm not leaving the cupboard bare because there's four starters coming back."

— Bob Fortuna

Field hockey

Blue Streaks improve: Magnificat had its season end with Tuesday's 2-0 district tournament loss to Hathaway Brown, but it was a year that will be hard to forget.

The Blue Streaks closed with a 13-5-1 mark, their most wins ever.

"It goes to show you what hard work and dedication will do, and our seniors worked very hard to accomplish what they did," said head coach Oksana Fedorova, who has brought stability and success to the program during her five-year stint, during which she's compiled a 33-33-6 record. "They wanted to go out as winners and worked their tails off to do it."

Forward Jackie DiGeronimo, one of nine seniors on the 16-player team, scored a team-high 22 goals. Senior forward Mary Kate Hutchinson totaled 15 goals and 12 assists and sophomore midfielder Bridget Smith chipped in seven goals.

"It was the smallest team I've had but with [the] most injuries," said Fedorova. "We brought up three players from the junior varsity and we had a lot of younger players step up to take on leadership roles."

Seniors Jordan Lampke was lost earlier in the season with a broken foot, senior Joanna Kilbane Myers was recently sidelined with an ankle injury and sophomore Jane Ertle suffered a concussion.

"Considering we don't have a middle school program like a lot of the better [area] teams do, we're holding our own," added Fedorova.

— Bob Fortuna

Cross country

Going deep: How deep is St. Vincent-St. Mary's girls cross country team? The Irish's No. 7 runner, junior Shea O'Brien, last week placed 11th at the Goodyear District meet, which is almost unheard of, but that still wasn't enough to secure her spot on the team going forward.

Coach Dan Lancianese said senior Maddie Buzek will take O'Brien's spot at the Tiffin Regional on Saturday. At stake is who will get to run in the state meet.

"I'm putting the challenge to the seventh runner that they have to finish as close as possible to the sixth runner, or beat the sixth runner, if they want to run at state," Lancianese said.

"If Maddie runs equally or better in relation to our sixth runner than what Shea did, then Maddie will get the nod for [the state meet]."

Bring on the brooms: It was a Chardon-Mentor sweep at the Division I district at Lakeland Community College last week. Chardon's Nick Elswick (15:54) and Corinne Kule (19:03) were the boys and girls champs, and Mentor won both team titles.

Mentor's girls team was led by three underclassmen. Sophomore Kinsey Robinson was second, freshman Rosie Mangro fifth and sophomore Peggy Mangro seventh.

— Tim Warsinskey

Girls soccer

Once again: It's deja vu for the second straight year when Holy Name plays Rocky River tonight in a Division II district final.

A year ago, after defeating the Pirates during the regular season, the Napiers lost in the district final. Holy Name won this year's first meeting, 2-1, on Sept. 10. While they played on the St. Ignatius field a year ago at the district level, this time Holy Name will have to visit the Pirates' home turf.

"It's going to be interesting," said Holy Name coach Brian Michelson, whose club stands 14-2-2 and ranked No. 8 in the state coaches poll. "We've played an extremely hard schedule and I think that has taken some of the pressure off our girls. Now people are starting to notice us."

The Napiers were trounced by No. 1 Walsh Jesuit, 5-0, in early September and went 0-1-1 during a trip through Tennessee. They tied their season opener against Brecksville-Broadview Heights. Holy Name comes in with an eight-game winning streak paced by sophomore Caroline Dreher at 20 goals and freshman Sarah Krause with 16.

The Pirates are 16-2 and ranked No. 4. Their other loss came in the season finale to Magnificat, 1-0. Juniors Abby Elinsky (26 goals) and Grace Bennett (20) pace an offense that has scored 76 times, while allowing just 13 goals.

"They have good speed and like to play over the top," said Michelson. "We've played a lot of fast teams. We have to capitalize on any opportunities early because they are going to come out pumped up."

Game time is 7 p.m.

Big scorers: According to the Ohio State Soccer Coaches Association, Western Reserve Academy senior Nicky Waldeck tops the state scoring chart with 43 goals. Madison junior Julie Gavorski was tied for second with 42 scores.

— Joe Maxse



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Avon Lake's Nikolette Schroeder is not pleased with the result as she misses a putt on the 18th hole during the Division I state golf tournament at Ohio State University's Gray Course last weekend in Columbus.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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Dwayne Aaron

St. Edward



Sport: Football
Class: Senior
Age: 18 **Ht:** 5-7
Wt: 170

What Dwayne did last week: Running back ran for 250 yards and four touchdowns

on 36 attempts in a 48-42, come-from-behind win at Cincinnati Moeller.

About Dwayne: Also runs track. Favorites include University of Oregon teams, Derrick Rose, "The Dark Knight" movie, "Sports-Center" TV show, music by Kanye West, "NBA 2K13" video game, steak, "Uncommon" book, history class and Olive Garden restaurant. Wants to try skydiving.

Dominick Orsini

Archbishop Hoban



Sport: Football
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 6-3
Wt: 195

What Dominick did last week: Quarterback ran for 167 yards and two touchdowns

on 26 carries in a 48-21 win against Benedictine. Completed 20 of 34 passes for 369 yards and two scores, setting the school's single-season passing mark with 2,120 yards.

About Dominick: Member of student council and Christian Service. Plans to major in education. Favorites include the Philadelphia Eagles, Tim Tebow, "Friday Night Lights" movie and "Madden" video games.

Kasidy Anderson

Shaker Heights



Sport: Field hockey
Class: Sophomore
Age: 15 **Ht:** 5-10

What Kasidy did last week: Forward scored six goals in a district tournament victory against Laurel. Has totaled 20 goals and eight assists this season.

About Kasidy: Also plays ice hockey and lacrosse. Favorites include the Vancouver Canucks and goalie Roberto Luongo, steak, math class, "The Blind Side" movie, "Phineas & Ferb" TV show and "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" book. Dream vacation spot is Hawaii. Best school memory is attending sixth-grade camp.

Anna DeAngelis

Waterloo



Sport: Soccer
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 5-2

What Anna did last week: In a 1-0, double-overtime win against New Middletown Springfield, defender assisted on game-winning goal for school's first sectional title.

She anchored a defense that allowed one shot on goal in 105 minutes.

About Anna: Wants to major in pharmacy. Favorites include Mia Hamm, "The 5th Quarter" movie, "Bones" TV show, Facebook.com, "NFL 2010" video game, "A Wrinkle in Time" book and McDonald's french fries.

Amari Williams

Mayfield



Sport: Soccer
Class: Senior
Age: 17 **Ht:** 5-4
Wt: 135

What Amari did last week: Forward had a goal and two assists in a 4-1 sectional

semifinal victory against Euclid. Had three goals in a 4-2 sectional final win against Willoughby South. Has scored 21 goals this season.

About Amari: Wants to play college soccer. Eats a sub sandwich and takes a nap before games. Favorites include Barcelona soccer player Lionel Messi, "Never Back Down" movie, "Family Guy" TV show, chicken, T.G.I. Friday's restaurant and Polo clothes.

Abby Christel

Bay



Sport: Cross country
Class: Freshman
Age: 14 **Ht:** 5-5

What Abby did last week: Placed third at the Division I district meet at Lorain

County Community College with a time of 19:46, leading the Rockets to the team title.

About Abby: Her 19:19 two weeks ago ranks second all-time at Bay. Member of student council and class officer. Enjoys baking and reading. Hopes to study medicine or engineering in college. Favorites include "Titanium" song, "Harry Potter" books, "Pitch Perfect" movie and Mitchell's ice cream.

HORSE RACING
INSIDER

Milestone
for rookie
jockeys



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Young jockeys **Brittany Vandenberg** and **Francisco Diaz Lopez** will always remember the winner's circle at Thistle-down after celebrating the first victories of their short riding careers at the North Randall thoroughbred track.

Vandenberg, 22, a native of Canada, began riding in thoroughbred races last spring. She guided Lady B, a 16-1 long shot owned and trained by **Russell Polichena**, to victory Sept. 13, winding her way between horses for a 2¼-length victory. The young woman learned to ride while growing up in Woodslee, Ontario, after her mother asked her whether she would like to have a pony or play baseball.

"I took the pony, and here we are," Vandenberg told track officials. "I don't think mom expected I'd be riding racehorses."

Vandenberg was a running back and strong safety while playing football in high school, and she competed in barrel racing and bull riding. She won Canada's National Barrel Horse Association finals in 2010 aboard Chico, a quarter horse she broke and trained.

For the past couple of years, she has been racing quarter horses, teaming with veteran Thistledown trainer **Richard Rettele**, who also rides in quarter-horse races. Rettele taught her to race ride, said Vandenberg, and is still her mentor.

Diaz Lopez, 23, had ridden in quarter-horse races in his native Mexico before coming to the United States in 2007. He worked in construction in Tennessee at first, then galloped horses at Tampa Bay Downs. Diaz Lopez earned his jockey's license last month. His first win Oct. 5 was in a \$2,500 claimer aboard Lion Heart, a 10-1 shot that won its first in 11 starts this season for trainer **Pablo Cosme** and owner L and M Stable.

One more for the Captain: This year's dominant 2-year-old pacer will wrap up the season Saturday, with Captaintreacherous the 2-5, morning-line favorite in a field of 10 chasing the \$600,000 Breeders Crown championship at Toronto's Woodbine Racetrack. Owned by Brecksville's **Joe Sbrocco**, **Marvin Katz**, **Brittany Farms** and breeder White Birch Farm, Captaintreacherous has won eight in a row after kicking off his career with a second-place finish.

The talented son of Somebeachsomewhere, Captaintreacherous moved up to No. 3 on the U.S. Trotting Association's Harness Racing Top 10 list this week. He won his elimination heat in the 2-year-old pace for colts and geldings Oct. 19, an impressive 3-length victory in 1:50 with **Tim Tetrick** in the sulky. Trainer **Tony Alagna** is also on a roll, sending out both Captaintreacherous and Wake Up Peter, also an elimination-heat winner.

Rider still hot: **Walter De La Cruz** couldn't have been happy with the way the recent Best of Ohio Day began Oct. 12 at Thistledown. De La Cruz had won the opening race on six straight programs leading up to the big stakes day card. De La Cruz has 72 victories in 265 starts this meeting. **Jeffrey Skerrett** moved up to second with 40 wins, followed by **Luis Antonio Gonzalez** with 38. **Jeff Radosevich** remained in the top spot in the trainers' race with 46 winners. Rettele is second with 36 wins.

Lebanon on the move: Warren County commissioners have approved a special taxing district for a new racino to be built by Miami Valley Gaming & Racing of Buffalo, N.Y.

It will allow them to move Lebanon Raceway's harness racing from Warren County Fairgrounds in Lebanon to a 120-acre site that once was a state prison farm along Interstate 75, a few miles north of Cincinnati. Lebanon Correctional Institute is across the road from the site.

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TIM'S TAKE

God saw St. Ignatius football, and it was good

TIM WARSINSKEY
Plain Dealer Reporter

When history crosses paths, it is prudent to stop and watch.

On the eve of the 50th St. Edward-St. Ignatius football game Saturday, and as St. Ignatius coach **Chuck "Chico" Kyle** goes for his 300th career victory, we note the other football team in town recently changed owners.

I wonder what, if anything, new Browns owner **Jimmy Haslam** can learn from St. Ignatius and the most successful football coach in Cleveland history, the one with more rings than fingers?

PLUTO

FROM D1

9-0 Royalton loaded with no DI recruits

He can't believe what is happening as the Bears prepare to host No. 13 Hudson tonight in

quest of the school's first undefeated football regular season and the Northeast Ohio Conference River Division championship. The Bears, fourth in the

Division, Region 1 playoff computer poll, are also trying to lock up a home game for the first round of the postseason next week.

Surprise season

Who could have known? A year ago, the Bears were a disappointing 5-5. That was supposed to be their playoff team, not this group.

"That team had more talent," said senior quarterback **Travis Tarnowski**. "But this is a real team. I knew we had it in us. But when we scored 54 against Brecksville, I started thinking we could score 50 every game."

And they were determined to win, even if they gave up 40 or 50 points.

This style is not easy on the bullish **Ciulli**, a former nose guard at Padua and **John Carroll** who preferred a ball-control running attack for much of his coaching career.

"Some of these games have been just wild," he said. "But when you have a quarterback like **Travis**, you have to let him play his game."

Tarnowski's stats are stunning: 24 touchdowns to only two interceptions, completing 63 percent of his passes for 2,241

yards. He has also rushed for 11 touchdowns and 634 yards. He hasn't lost a fumble all season.

"There are times when he takes off with the ball and I'm yelling for him to get out of bounds," said **Ciulli**. "He's not the biggest guy out there."

Tarnowski is listed at 6-1 and 190 pounds. Optimism is a wonderful thing. He's also a 3.6 GPA student who is being recruited by everyone from Case Western Reserve to Mount Union to Ohio Northern and Ashland.

"A couple of more inches, and **Travis** would be a big-time college quarterback," said **Ciulli**. "It's not just his passing, it's him. Last year, we dropped a lot of balls for him. He never said a word until the seventh game. We were dropping the ball all over the place, and he asked, 'Coach, is it me?' I told him it wasn't. . . . He never complained to the other players."

Instead, Tarnowski talks about his offense and his receivers: "I don't think we've dropped more than two passes all year. These guys catch everything."

Together, and they mean it

One of those receivers is **Nick Krempasky**, a senior who never played high school football until this season. "I played basketball with **Travis**," he said. "He's a point guard. I'm a small forward. He's been trying to get me to go out for the team. We'd throw a football around in the summer. After basketball practice, he'd throw me passes as if I was his receiver."

The 6-3 Krempasky leads the team with six touchdown receptions. "Travis and I have the exact same birthday — Oct. 13, 1994," said Krempasky. "I used to want to play basketball in college, but now I think I prefer football."

Consider North Royalton had only three winning seasons (and

Eleven in '11? Some people believe when they see 11:11 on a digital clock, it's a sign of four angels watching over them. I prefer to think 11 in '11 was God's way of signaling, "Touch-down, Wildcats!"

Perhaps God had Chico on a short leash earlier in his career. In 1987, after an October loss to St. Edward, the Wildcats were 4-4 in what would be his fifth season without a playoff berth.

But Chico still was building his ark. He silenced the Doubting Thomases and won the last two games that year. Thus began a 39-game winning streak that encompassed two undefeated state title seasons in 1988 and '89.

So, it came to pass that the Almighty sent all the mighty young men from Strongsville, Westlake, Parma and beyond to the corner of West 30th Street and Lorain Avenue, where a few

blocks from the West Side Market's bounty was a football harvest like none other. The Wildcats won an incredible seven state titles in eight years between 1988 and '95. Their 11 titles are more than any team in Ohio, and more than Benedictine, Lake Catholic and St. Edward combined.

Prayers were answered on more than a few occasions. **John Jaeckin's** Immaculate Reception against **Euclid**? The Wall of Jericho goal-line stand against **Cincinnati Princeton**? The devilish missed extra point by **St. Edward** in triple overtime? Victory is divine.

Nonbelievers often wonder if God hears all those prayers from other teams, not just St. Ignatius.

Of course He does. He let St. Edward win a state championship, didn't He?

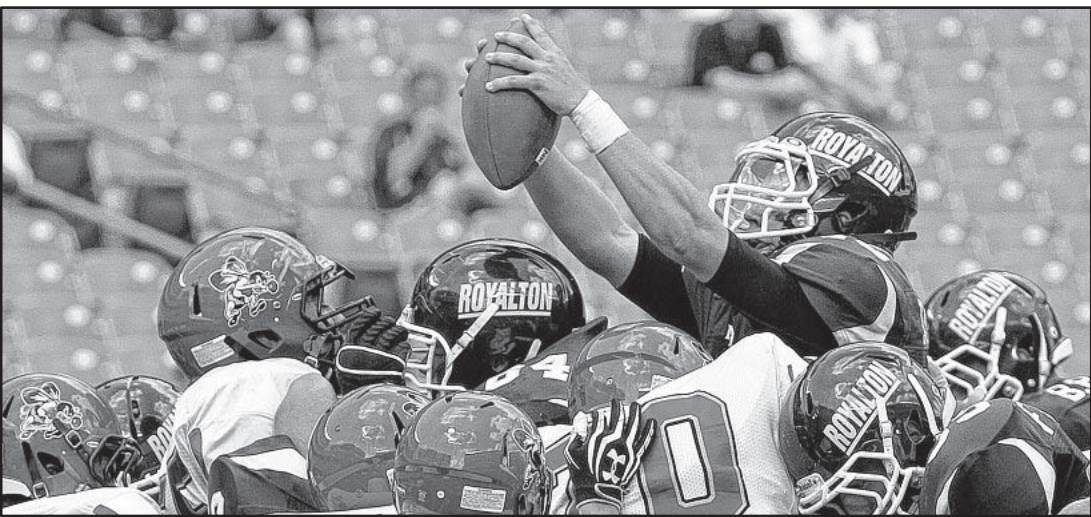
What about the faithful in

Massillon and Glenville? Look no further than the new Division II that will include the Tigers and Tarblooders in an expanded, seven-division format next season. God made them a division they can win.

Clearly, with the undefeated Wildcats perched atop The Plain Dealer and state polls this year, and coming off a state championship last year, God and Chico are working as one again. Heck, if this were Ohio State, God could joke He's worried Chico might be inclined to fire Him.

But God has more sense than that, and, I can only hope, a sense of humor.

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North Royalton quarterback **Travis Tarnowski**, seen above stretching for a touchdown against Brecksville-Broadview Heights in August, has helped lead the Bears to a 9-0 record, a playoff berth and with a victory tonight, the first 10-0 season in program history.

no better than 6-4) in the 40 years before **Ciulli** arrived in 2005.

This is the fourth time in the past six years they have at least nine victories. But they don't have a single player on the roster who has received a football scholarship offer from a Division I college. This is a neighborhood team, not a group of all-stars.

Consider running back **Austin Smith** leads the team with 13 touchdowns. The junior is listed at 5-8, 165 pounds.

It's the Little Team That Could, a team that takes its slogan — TOGETHER — very seriously. I talked to five players, and all of them mentioned that.

And if this sounds like sports cliches, so be it.

Senior **Carl Lint** leads the team in rushing (686 yards) and receiving (37 catches). He raves about how Tarnowski "just throws the ball around to all our receivers, he makes us all feel a part of it."

Something special

There's senior left tackle **John Fijalkovich**, another honors student, who also plays about 50 percent of the snaps at line-

backer. Senior starting tight end **Britain Barnes**, who has five touchdown catches, also sees a lot of time at linebacker.

"Our defense sometimes gets a bad rap because we score so fast," said **Ciulli**. "Against Highland, we had only 13 snaps on offense at halftime. They had 42. Our defense never had time to rest because we scored so fast and kept getting big plays."

The Bears won that game, 56-51.

"I've never seen anything like some of our games," said **Ciulli**.

He talked about having 23 seniors, and how about 20 play in most games.

He said they asked the players to elect three captains, but there are so many natural leaders.

"We had six guys get so many votes, I had the team vote again," he said. "The six got most of the votes again — and I said: 'OK, we'll have six captains. These guys deserve it.'"

Unity has been important to so many players.

Senior **Savtej Dhillon** never played football before. But he has so many friends on the team, he decided to try out.

"He nearly died during dou-

ble-session [practices]," said **Ciulli**. "But he stuck it out. He just wanted to be a part of this. It's great when you see a kid do that, because he knew he wasn't going to play much."

Then there's senior **Mike Hudec**, a starting receiver with a 4.0 GPA whose best sport is baseball.

Yes, this is an old-fashioned team with many being multi-sport athletes rather than single-sport specialists, and **Ciulli** said the team GPA "is well over 3.0."

"I've been playing with **Travis** since the fourth grade," said **Hudec**. "That was flag football. This has been a blast. I've had some older guys come up to me in stores and say they played [at North Royalton] and were something like 0-10. They say we're making them proud."

Then **Hudec** talked about "this team has made us friends for the rest of our lives. Our [team] picture will be on the [school] wall."

And it deserves to be there.

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SCOREBOARD

Today's schedule
Field hockey
DISTRICT FINAL
Shaker Heights vs. Hathaway Brown at Kent State University, 4

Saturday's schedule
Volleyball
DISTRICT FINALS
DIVISION I
Solon District
Kenston vs. Solon, 2:30
DIVISION IV
Medina District
Kidron Central Christian vs. VASJ, 2

Boys soccer
DISTRICT FINALS
Note: All games start at 7 unless noted.
DIVISION I
Brunswick District
Highland at Medina
Euclid District
Mayfield at Cleveland Heights
Kent District
Aurora at Hudson
Rocky River District
Westlake at Strongsville
University Heights District
St. Ignatius at St. Edward

DIVISION II
Kent District
CVCA at Revere
Rocky River District
Fairview at Bay
University Heights District
Lake Catholic at University School
DIVISION III
Austintown District
Garrettsville Garfield at Columbiana Crestview, 3
Kent District
Wickliffe at Hawken, 3
Rocky River District
Elyria Catholic at Oberlin, 3

Girls soccer
DISTRICT FINALS
Note: All games start at 3.
DIVISION I
Brunswick District
Copley at Medina
Euclid District
Chardon at Mentor
Kent District
Hudson at Solon
Rocky River District
Westlake at North Olmsted
University Heights District
North Royalton at Strongsville

Volleyball
DISTRICT FINALS
DIVISION I
Barberton District
Wadsworth d. Copley 20-25, 25-19, 27-25, 25-19
Euclid District
Willoughby South d. Riverside 25-22, 25-23, 25-22
Grafton District
Brunswick d. Avon Lake 26-24, 25-21, 25-27
Stow District
Walsh Jesuit d. Stow 25-14, 25-22, 25-23
Strongsville District

North Royalton d. Strongsville 25-18, 25-23, 25-15, 25-21

DIVISION II
Garfield Heights District
Beaumont d. Chagrin Falls 25-20, 25-12, 25-19

Jefferson District
Lake Catholic d. NDCL 25-19, 25-22, 26-24

Parma District
Padua d. Triway 25-9, 25-5, 25-13

Tallmadge District
Tallmadge d. St. Vincent-St. Mary 28-26, 25-17, 18-25, 25-14

DIVISION III
Cuyahoga Heights d. Elyria Catholic 25-21, 25-22, 25-22

DIVISION IV
Kinsman District
Ledgesmont d. Windham 25-7, 25-19, 25-17

Girls soccer
District finals
DIVISION II
Brunswick District
Archbishop Hoban 6, Norton 0
AH (14-4-1): Dean 4, Easton, Sheldon.
Goalies: AH, Beke (2 saves); N, Pereira (6).

DIVISION II
Walsh Jesuit 5, Aurora 0
WJ (17-0-2): Trickett, Yu, Stelbasky, Payne, Suglia.
Goalies: WJ, Grace (1 save), DeMarchi (1); A, Doyle (6).

Rocky River District
Rocky River 3, Holy Name 2 (20T)
SH (17-2): Elinisky 2, Bennett. HN: Krouse, Davis.
Goalies: RR, Connelly (16 saves); HN, Yanik (10).

University Heights District
Hathaway 4, Lake Catholic 1
HB (13-4-2): Roman 2, Fletcher, Vajskop. LC (9-10-1): L. Kent.
Goalies: HB, O'Brien (1 save); LC, Brannon (3), J.Kent (3).

DIVISION III
Austintown District
Waterloo 2, Canton Central Catholic 0
University Heights District
Hawken 3, Gilmour Academy 1
H: Yoke, Gialamas, Lesnick. GA: n/a.
Goalies: H, Hanzlik (3 saves); GA, n/a (7).

Football
NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE
Lake Division
Shaker Heights 10 14 15 0-39
Normandy 0 0 7 0-7
SH - Katz 25 FG
SH - Owens 28 run (Katz kick)
SH - Spencer 26 pass from Pope (Katz kick)
SH - Pope 1 run (Katz kick)
SH - Owens 45 run (Katz kick)
N - Kurak 1 run (Raimondo kick)
SH - Spencer 59 pass from Pope (Stackhouse from Pope)
PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONF.
Tuscarawas Valley 7
Indian Valley 35

MORE SCOREBOARD. D6

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Dean nets 4, lifts Hoban

From staff reports

Archbishop Hoban's **Jamie Dean** had a girls soccer game most players only dream of playing.

Dean scored four goals when the Knights (14-4-1) blanked Norton, 6-0, in a Division II district championship game on Thursday. Goalie **MacKenzie Beke** had two saves to earn the shut-out.

Hawken 3, Gilmour Academy 1 Courtney Yoke, Ainsley Gialamas and Mackenzie Lesnick scored goals in giving the Hawks a Division III district title.

Hathaway Brown 4, Lake Catholic 1 Lysette Roman had two goals and Melissa Vajskop and Libby Fletcher each had a goal and an assist as the Blazers (13-4-2) won their seventh consecutive Division II district championship.

Volleyball

Padua 3, Triway 0 The top-seeded and top-ranked Bruins (23-2), champions of the North Coast League Blue Division, reigned at the Holy Name Division II district tournament. Katie Stansbury and Jenna Veres finished with 11 kills and 12 digs, respectively, and Gina Kilner and Mary Djukic combined for 42 assists.

Ledgesmont 3, Windham 0 The unbeaten Redskins (24-0) hardly broke a sweat in their Division IV district title triumph at Badger. Along with Mikayla Erskine's 20 assists, Ledgesmont got nine kills from Tamara Heller, six digs from Emily Shantery and five blocks

from Alivia Sidley.

Willoughby South 3, Riverside 0 The No. 1-seeded Rebels (21-5) captured the Division I district crown at Euclid by tripping up the Premier Athletic Conference foe Beavers for the third time. Morgan Tippet benefited from Joelle Livorse's 23 assists with a team-best 12 kills. Nicole Nugent finished with 26 digs for the PAC champs.

Cuyahoga Heights 3, Elyria Catholic 0 The unranked Redskins (21-4) pulled one of the biggest upsets of the year with a Division III district title win over top-seeded/12th-ranked Elyria Catholic at Elyria. Veronica Gehring and Lucy Mervar had a combined 24 kills while Corinne Zielinski dished 28 assists and Tina Horvath had 25 digs.

Wadsworth 3, Copley 1 The No. 1-seeded/14th-ranked Grizzlies (23-2) won a Division I district title at Barberton. Ciera Koons (10 kills, 13 blocks) joined Peyton Booth (19 kills) to form an unstoppable front-line attack. Haley Beavers totaled 50 assists and Rachel Goodard added 27 digs.

Football

John Hay 39, East Tech 6 The Hornets (8-2, 6-0) went through their Senate Athletic League slate unbeaten and only time will tell if they have secured home-field advantage in the first round of the Division III, Region 9 postseason. Hornets tailback **Carlin Ray** gained 206 yards and two touchdowns on just eight carries.

FOOTBALL LEADERS

Rushing					
Player, school	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	
Kareem Hunt, Will. South	207	2314	11.2	38	
Dorian Williams, Streetsboro	220	1871	8.5	22	
Nick Evans, NDCL	192	1655	8.6	23	
Logan Paul, Westlake	198	1271	6.4	18	
Damon Washington, Kirtland	92	1257	13.7	25	
Jordan Nobles, Nordonia	175	1191	6.8	13	
Nate Hamilton, Beachwood	91	1135	12.5	9	
R. Golpin, St. Peter Chanel	148	1068	7.2	7	
Chris Ranc, Lutheran West	163	1064	6.5	9	
Thontay Phillips, Wickliffe	168	1050	6.3	13	
Martin Fanning, Rocky River	287	1559	18.99	7	
Brad Novak, North Olmsted	126	67	18.57	8	
Nick Lombardy, Kenston	159	956	6.0	17	

Passing					
Player, school	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	
Doug Verbofsky, Midpark	348	214	3070	34	
Tom Tupa, Brecksville	385	237	3069	31	
Austin Petsche, WRA	348	192	2722	15	
Travis Tarnowski, N. Royalton	203	128	2274	24	
Robbie Nash, NDCL	210	116	2134	22	
Dominick Orsini, Arch. Hoban	345	180	2120	17	
Drazen Markovic, Mayfield	265	130	2040	22	
Stephen Borgman, Orange	274	179	2030	17	
I. Iammarino, Chagrin Falls	176	115	1975	25	
T. Chapman, Kent Roosevelt	215	121	1972	21	
Jalen Washington, Twinsburg	287	159	1899	9	
Brad Novak, North Olmsted	126	67	1857	8	
Tyler Alders, Nordonia	201	112	1778	22	

Receiving					
Player, school	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	
Johnny Saucier, WRA	62	1082	17.5	8	
Tim Tupa, Brecksville	64	1035	16.2	13	
Tyler Tarnowski, Brecksville	61	1012	16.6	10	
Brandon Reasay, Midpark	63	1006	16.0	17	
CJ Conrad, Keystone	57	897	15.7	13	
Luke Vadas, University School	47	896	12.8	8	
Alex Alders, Nordonia	70	895	19.0	9	
Tim Hessel, NDCL	32	880	27.5	7	
Hessell, Avon Lake	52	871	16.8	11	
Jordan Connell, Elyria	50	810	16.2	7	
Jack Tersigini, Arch. Hoban	60	794	13.2	4	
Will Carter, Orange	59	790	13.4	9	
Jordan Hargrove, SVSM	51	785	15.3	10	
Rico Jones, Richmond Hts.	35	772	22.1	9	
Matt Iammarino, Chagrin Falls	37	752	20.3	9	

Scoring					
Player, school	TD	XP	Zpt	Gf	Tot
Kareem Hunt, Willoughby S.	41	0	0	2	246
Damon Washington, Kirtland	28	0	0	0	168
Nick Evans, NDCL	24	0	0	0	144
Hessell, Avon Lake	23	0	0	0	138
Dorian Williams, Streetsboro	22	0	2	0	136
Jordan Connell, Elyria	19	0	0	0	114
Logan Paul, Westlake	18	0	0	0	108
Shawn Turk, Westlake	17	0	0	0	102
Nick Lombardy, Kenston	17	0	0	0	102

Interceptions					
8: Hessell (Avon Lake), 6: Shawn Masterson (Elyria), Shaun Turk (Westlake), 5: Pappas (Avon Lake), 4: Alex Alders (Nordonia), Nathan Bischof (SVSM), Grant Cun- ningham (Brecksville), Brandon Dickey (North Olm- sted), Jordan Martin (Cuyahoga Hts.), Mark Murigliano (Hawken), Jesse Phan (Kenston), Dan Piasick (Benedic- tine), Zach Smierciak (Aurora), Dorian Williams (Streetsboro), Maurice Williams (Brush), John Zuccaro (Hudson).					

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CHAMPIONS! Elinsky's OT goal gives title to River



Story by Jim Horvath
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When opportunity knocked for Rocky River, the Pirates' Abby Elinsky couldn't get to the door fast enough.

After surviving a late Holy Name surge in the 79th minute, the Pirates battled the speedy Green Wave to a draw through the first overtime period. But with just 1:49 gone off clock in the second OT, the Pirates' persistence paid off.

That's when Elinsky's header off a Jill Krebs corner kick found the back of the net, sending Rocky River back to the regional tournament with a 3-2 win Thursday night before a large crowd at Rocky River

Stadium. The Pirates not only avenged a 2-1 regular season loss to Holy Name, but more importantly earned their second-straight Division II District Championship.

"It was an exciting game, and it was a long game," said River head coach Patrick Hopkins after his team topped Holy Name for the second straight time in a district title game.

"I told the girls that it was going to take more than one goal to win tonight," Hopkins said. "And if we could get that first goal, it would alleviate a lot of that pressure. We were really pumped, really jacked-up at the start of the game.

"When we got that first goal, we got what we wanted, But we knew we needed more," he added.



The Pirates did score the first goal and never trailed in the contest. With 9:04 left in the first half, Grace Bennett took a crossing pass from Hallie McCue and beat Green Wave keeper Jacqueline Yanak from point blank range to give River a brief 1-0 lead.

There was plenty of action from that point on, with the last 19 minutes providing enough edge-of-your-seat moments to last a season.

With the final two minutes of regulation ticking away, Holy Name's Rebecca Newhouse had a throw in

from the far side. Freshman sensation Sarah Krause sped up the sideline with the ball and crossed the ball out of the corner.



The ball eluded a River defender along the end line, with Pirate keeper Sara Connelly making a tough save in a one-on-one encounter with Kori Miller in the crease. The ball deflected out and was eventually played back to the left side. The resulting long shot attempt from sophomore Caroline Dreher forced Connelly to leap high into the air near the post.

While the Holy Name players nearest the play argued otherwise, the officials on the field ruled no goal. A shot by River's McKenna Klodnick was stopped by Yanak with 30 seconds left, and the game was headed into overtime.

River began putting pressure on the Green Wave defense in the first OT, with Bennett and Elinsky both getting chances deep in the box. Klodnick had a long shot that was struck hard, but stopped by Yanak.

River took the ball first in the second overtime, with sophomore Caroline Auzenbergs entering the lineup for the injured Megan Killeen. In the 97th minute, Auzenbergs advanced the ball up the near side and nailed a forward crossing shot that deflected off a Holy Name player and past the end line for a corner.

Krebs lined the ball up and shot a BB to the outside of the crease on the far side. Waiting there was Elinsky, who leaped high in the air for the header attempt. The scoreboard clock stopped at 13:11 as the ball zipped high over Yanak and into the back of the net for the game winner.



"I was just waiting for the opportunity," Elinsky said. "Before that corner kick, I was saying to myself 'this is it, this is my chance. I've got to hit this, or whatever happens, happens.' I don't want to go down that way.

"I love corner kicks because they're a great way to score. I was on top of it, and I knew what had to be done," she added. "This was it. I'm burying this and we're done."

On the other side of the play, Krebs recalled a brief anxious moment before her big kick.

"I go up to the line, and I'm saying to myself 'OK. So I have a good kick, someone scores it and we're done. Don't mess up,'" Krebs said. "I could tell where it was going. I could tell it was going to Abby and I knew she would finish it."

"How many times do the Pirates work on that play," she was asked.

"Often," she said with a grin.

But Elinsky's game-winner wouldn't have been possible without the play of Connelly. The Pirates' junior keeper registered 16 saves against the Green Wave's potent attack.



"It was incredible, and so crazy back there," Connelly said. "I don't even know what to say right now. I just knew I had to make the saves there or we would be done.

"There was so much pressure. Holy Name was always putting pressure on us and they never gave up. That was a great shot by Dreher. I don't even know how I got up that high. I guess the adrenalin got me up

there somehow," she added.

It was a tough loss for the Green Wave, who got goals from Krause to tie the game before the half and sophomore Peyton Davis to knot things up at 2-2 with 27:12 left in regulation. A goal by Elinsky had given River a 2-1 lead in the 47th minute.

"The soccer gods weren't in our favor tonight," said Holy Name head coach Brian Michelson, whose team concluded its season at 14-3-2.

"I really thought we played well and created a lot of chances. I thought that one shot was in and hit the side netting, but apparently the referees didn't agree. You have to play with their call, and it is what it is.

"I thought we played a great game and that the other team played well. One team had to win, and it just wasn't our night," he added.

Hopkins agreed.

"I have a great deal of respect for the Holy Name players and their coaching staff," Hopkins said. "They do a great job there. The amazing thing is at the start of this game, there were only three seniors on the field between the two teams.

"This was two good teams. They're a team that's going to be even more difficult to deal with next year, especially after what happened here tonight," he added.

Hopkins' crew will now travel to Brush Tuesday night for a Division II regional semifinal against Walsh Jesuit, a 5-0 winner over Aurora in the Kent District championship game.

"I can't put it into words," Hopkins said. "Nobody thought we were going to be here. I look forward to the next game. We'll take it one game at a time, even break it down to one half at a time.

"Our goal is to win every half. I can't say we won both halves tonight, but we were still able to win," he concluded.



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Rankings reflect matches play through Oct. 28, 2012

Top 15s

Ohio: 1. Perrysburg (19-0-0), 2. Walsh Jesuit (17-0-2), 3. Strongsville (18-1-0), 4. Pickerington North (17-0-2), 5. Dublin Coffman (15-0-4), 6. Dublin Jerome (15-1-3), 7. Hilliard-Davidson (17-2-0), 8. Rocky River (17-2-0), 9. Holy Name (13-3-2*), 10. Ursuline Academy (15-2-2), 11. Mason (17-1-1), 12. Beavercreek (16-2-1*), 13. Centerville (17-2-0), 14. Troy (16-3-0*), 15. Bay (15-2-1*).

Top 10s

New Jersey: 1. Northern Highlands (18-0-0), 2. Eastern (20-1-1), 3. Lenape (16-3-1), 4. Montgomery (17-1-2), 5. Pennington School (13-2-0), 6. East Brunswick (18-1-2), 7. Toms River North (17-1-0), 8. Freehold Borough (14-1-2), 9. Piscataway (15-3-2), 10. Montclair (15-2-2).

Pennsylvania: 1. Cumberland Valley (20-1-1), 2. Peters Township (18-1-0), 3. Strath Haven (19-0-0), 4. Neshaminy (19-1-0), 5. Wilson West Lawn (20-1-1), 6. Bethel Park (19-1-0), 7. Lower Dauphin (18-3-0), 8. Seneca Valley (18-1-0), 9. Moon (19-1-0), 10. Red Land (16-3-1).

Top 7s

New York: 1. Washingtonville (13-0-0), 2. St. Anthony's (13-2-1), 3. South Side (13-0-1), 4. West

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TOP STORY: Getting ready to watch the teams in the top 10 topple. Ohio programs occupy spots 3, 4, 5 and 6, with Pennsylvania programs at 7, 8 and 9. By season's end, only three of those teams are likely to remain in the Top 10 as they start to go head-to-head in various state playoff tournaments.

BIG MOVER: Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.). O'Connell jumps from No. 31 to No. 11 this week after beating a pair of Top 25 teams last week. The Knights took out Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.) and followed that with a win over McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.).

NEWCOMERS: No. 45 Wilson West Lawn (Wilson, Pa.), No. 46 Franklin (Franklin, Mass.), No. 47 Mason (Mason, Ohio), No. 48 Benilde-St. Margaret's (St. Louis Park, Minn.), No. 49 Sidwell Friends (Washington, D.C.) and No. 50 Toms River North (Toms River, N.J.).

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Rankings through matches played as of Oct. 28, 2012

Rk.	School (City, State)	Record	Prev.
1	Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.)	17-0-0	1
Maria Carrillo is the top seed in this week's North Coast Section tournament, and received a first-round bye into the quarterfinal round. The top four seeds in the event are all from Maria Carrillo's conference, leaving this team a strong favorite to claim a title.			
2	Northern Highlands (Allendale, N.J.)	18-0-0	2
Madison Holleran and Clare Shea delivered the goals as Northern Highlands defeated			

Immaculate Heart Academy 2-0 for the Bergen County Tournament title.

- 3 Perrysburg (Perrysburg, Ohio) 19-0-0 3**
 Perrysburg has shut out 12 of its last 14 opponent. Next up is a region semifinal clash with Anthony Wayne.
- 4 Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) 17-0-2 4**
 Walsh Jesuit sees a familiar face in the regional semifinals — nationally ranked Rocky Ridge. Walsh Jesuit defeated Rocky Ridge in the region final a year ago.
- 5 Strongsville (Strongsville, Ohio) 18-1-0 5**
 Alexis Manoa, the daughter of a former NFL player, leads Strongsville with 14 goals and 18 assists as the team heads into this week's region semifinal match against Mentor.
- 6 Pickerington North (Pickerington, Ohio) 17-0-2 8**
 Pickerington North, which has allowed only six goals this year, should be put to the test this week in a region semifinal clash with No. 17 Dublin Coffman.
- 7 Cumberland Valley (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) 20-1-1 10**
 Cumberland Valley and ESR Top 50-ranked West Lawn Wilson have a chance to meet this week in the PIAA District 3-AAA tournament. While it will be an important ranking match, it matters little in the big picture as both teams are primed to advance to the state tournament.
- 8 Peters Township (McMurray, Pa.) 18-1-0 11**
 Peters Township's 1-0 win over Hampton marked the team's 11th shutout this season.
- 9 Strath Haven (Wallingford, Pa.) 19-0-0 12**
 Strath Haven has reached the PIAA District 1 semifinals, which means it is guaranteed a spot in the PIAA Class AAA state tournament.
- 10 Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn.) 22-0-1 14**
 With defending champion Franklin out of the picture, Farragut is now a clear favorite in this week's Tennessee Class AAA state tournament.
- 11 Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.) 12-1-2 31**
 O'Connell leapfrogs league rival Good Counsel (Md.) after beating McDonogh (Md.) last week. Although Good Counsel defeated O'Connell earlier in the season, more recently McDonogh beat Good Counsel and O'Connell pinned a loss on McDonogh.
- 12 McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.) 14-2-0 9**
 McDonogh's loss to O'Connell (Va.) bumped the team from the Top 10. The Eagles remain in front of Good Counsel, which it beat two weeks ago.
- 13 Good Counsel (Olney, Md.) 13-1-2 13**
 Good Counsel won a pair of matches to secure the top seed in this week's WCAC playoffs.
- 14 Eastern (Vorhees, N.J.) 20-1-1 15**
 Eastern, which has twice defeated Lenape this year, settled for a scoreless draw with their rivals last week.
- 15 Lenape (Medford, N.J.) 16-3-1 16**
 Lenape stayed in the Top 20 following a draw last week with No. 14 Eastern.
- 16 Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.) 16-0-0 22**
 Tahoma was expected to be a title contender this year, and the team carries a perfect record into postseason play.
- 17 Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio) 15-0-4 17**
 A power-packed Region 3 features four nationally ranked teams in the semifinals, and only one will advance to next week's state tournament. Coffman clashes with Pickerington North this week.

18 Dublin Jerome (Dublin, Ohio)	15-1-3	18
Dublin Jerome puts its 18-match undefeated streak on the line against nationally ranked Hilliard Davidson this week.		
19 Glastonbury (Glastonbury, Conn.)	15-0-0	23
Glastonbury's 35-match undefeated streak now stands as the fifth-longest active streak in the nation.		
20 Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.)	12-1-1	19
Holy Cross suffered a setback to a red-hot Bishop O'Connell (Va.) squad, which has now risen to No. 11 in the ESR Top 50.		
21 River Hill (Clarksville, Md.)	14-0-0	21
River Hill was idle last week. The team has the top seed in its regional tournament and was scheduled to start postseason play later this week after the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy subsides.		
22 Washingtonville (Washingtonville, N.Y.)	13-0-0	25
Victoria DiMarco scored twice as Washingtonville defeated Warwick 5-0 in its most recent outing.		
23 Christian Academy of Knoxville (Knoxville, Tenn.)	21-0-3	26
CAK won three matches this week to remain the favorite in this week's Tennessee Class AAA state tournament.		
24 Montgomery (Skillman, N.J.)	17-1-2	27
Catrina Atanda scored the lone goal as Montgomery edged state-ranked Ridge 1-0 for the Somerset County Tournament title.		
25 Skyline (Sammamish, Wash.)	13-0-3	7
A tie with formerly ranked Issaquah last week drops Skyline in this week's ranking. The team will have a chance to move up during the playoffs.		
26 Viewmont (Bountiful, Utah)	19-1-0	28
Season complete. Class 5A state champion.		
School Facts: Public, 1,700 students in grades 10-12.		
Notes: Ella Johnson, one of several senior starters, headed home the winning goal in overtime as Viewmont edged Alta 1-0 in the final. This was Viewmont's third straight trip to the state final, but first win during that run. The program's other titles were in 1993 and 1998. Viewmont's only loss during the season was to Lone Peak, which it avenged with a playoff victory over Lone Peak.		
Fun Fact: Viewmont is more widely known as a boys' wrestling state power in the past decade, winning seven of nine state titles between 2002-2010.		
27 Alta (Sandy, Utah)	18-1-1	29
Season complete. Class 5A state runner-up.		
School Facts: Public, 2,586 students in grades 10-12.		
Notes: Alta's bid for an eighth state title since 2001 came up short in a 1-0 loss to Viewmont, which was a rematch of last year's final. Alta figures to be among the ESR Top 50 preseason favorites next year as juniors Bizzy Phillips (22 goals), Madi Lyons (20 goals) and Sydney Fitzpatrick (14 goals) return.		
Fun Fact: Julianne Hough of "Dancing With The Stars" fame is an Alta graduate.		
28 Neshaminy (Langhorne, Pa.)	19-1-0	30
29 Central Catholic (Lawrence, Mass.)	12-0-3	32
30 Lincoln-Sudbury (Sudbury, Mass.)	15-1-0	24

31	Peabody (Peabody, Mass.)	17-1-0	33
32	Lakeville North (Lakeville, Minn.)	17-1-2	34
33	Hilliard-Davidson (Hilliard, Ohio)	15-2-0	37
34	Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio)	17-2-0	41
35	Holy Name (Parma, Ohio)	13-3-2	20

Season complete. Ohio Division II district finalist.

School Facts: Private, 805 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Holy Name lost to Rocky River in the district final, reversing an earlier result between the programs. Holy Name's other losses this year are to nationally ranked Walsh Jesuit and Farragut (Tenn.). Holy Name has a win over St. Anthony's (N.Y.).

Fun Fact: When Holy Name opened in 1914, it was the first co-ed Catholic high school in Cleveland.

36	St. Anthony's (Melville, N.Y.)	13-2-1	36
37	Exeter (Exeter, N.H.)	17-0-0	38
38	South Side (Rockville Centre, N.Y.)	13-0-1	40
39	Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio)	15-2-2	43
40	Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.)	13-2-0	44
41	Green Valley (Henderson, Nev.)	14-0-1	45
42	Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor, Wash.)	12-0-1	47
43	West Islip (West Islip, N.Y.)	13-1-1	49
44	East Brunswick (East Brunswick, N.J.)	18-1-2	50
45	Wilson West Lawn (Wilson, Pa.)	20-1-1	NR
46	Franklin (Franklin, Mass.)	16-0-1	NR
47	Mason (Mason, Ohio)	17-1-1	NR
48	Benilde-St. Margaret's (St. Louis Park, Minn.)	19-0-1	NR
49	Sidwell Friends (Washington, D.C.)	13-2-0	NR
50	Toms River North (Toms River, N.J.)	17-1-0	NR

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WORLD SERIES

Fee, fie, ho-hum a Giant surprise

Sweep was unexpected against mighty Tigers

PAUL HOYNES
Plain Dealer Reporter

Did the joint get raided or what? The World Series was just playing a minute ago. The Giants were in fine voice. The Tigers hit a few sour notes, but there was no reason for them to pick up their bats and balls and go home this fast.

Hurricane Sandy may have scared them. But it probably had more to do with Hurricane Pablo and his cousin, Hurricane Marco.

The Tigers, no matter what the storm's name, were blown away in four games. After being the sweeper in a four-game romp against the Yankees in the American League Championship Series, they were the sweepie in the 108th World Series.

"I'm a little bit flabbergasted, to be honest with you," said Tigers manager Jim Leyland. "I never thought we would have swept the New York Yankees, and I never thought that the Giants would sweep us, but it happened.

"It's a freaky game . . . so be it." It's appropriate Leyland used the word freaky after the Giants eliminated his team with a 4-3 victory in 10 innings Sunday night at Detroit's frigid Comerica Park. While Hurricane Pablo, also known as Pablo Sandoval, set the tone for the sweep by proving Justin Verlander was human in Game 1 with his three-homer performance, and Hurricane Marco, also known as Marco Scutaro, finished an amazing postseason with his World Series-winning hit Sunday night, "The Freak" showed just how finely tuned the Giants were from top to bottom this October.

Tim Lincecum — nicknamed The Freak — didn't pitch well during the regular season. When the World Series began, Giants manager Bruce Bochy told the two-time Cy Young Award winner he'd be spending it in the bullpen, as the highest-paid middle reliever in postseason history. Lincecum made \$18 million this year.

Lincecum pushed back his shoulder-length black hair and pitched like he was trying to prove something. In Game 1, he bridged the gap between starter Barry Zito and a mistake-free bullpen with 2½ scoreless innings. He did the same in Game 3, grabbing the baton from Ryan Vogelsong and passing it to closer Sergio Romo after another 2½ scoreless innings.

Those kinds of things happened up and down the roster. San Francisco's best hitter, catcher Buster Posey, the National League batting champion, hit .200 (12-for-60) in the postseason. It still rallied from a 2-0 deficit against the Reds in the National League Divisional Series and a 3-1 deficit against St. Louis in the National League Championship Series.

Hunter Pence, a midseason acquisition from the Phillies, hit .219 after the trade. In the first two rounds of the postseason, the wide-eyed outfielder did little except give Pattonlike pregame speeches to his teammates. In the World Series, however, Pence hit .286 (4-for-14) and scored critical runs in Games 3 and 4.

In one of Pence's speeches, Scutaro was the subject. The 37-year-old infielder, acquired in July from Colorado, had never played in a World Series, and Pence wanted to make that happen. Scutaro did as well, hitting .344 (21-for-64) in the postseason and .500 (14-for-28) in the NLCS to be named the MVP. When he came to bat in the 10th Sunday, with two out and Ryan Theriot on second, Tigers lefty Phil Coke was cooked.

"I was waiting for that moment when he came to the plate," said Sandoval, named World Series MVP for hitting .500 (8-for-16). "He earned the right to be a World Series champ."

In the bullpen, the Giants had five pitchers register saves in the regular season after Brian Wilson underwent right elbow surgery. Romo finally



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San Francisco closer Sergio Romo kisses second baseman Marco Scutaro as champagne rains down in the visitors' locker room after the Giants' 4-3, 10-inning win to sweep the World Series.

Late Sunday Giants 4, Tigers 3 (10)

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.
Pagan cf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.125
Scutaro 2b	4	1	2	1	1	0	.250
Sandoval 3b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.500
Arias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Posey c	4	1	1	2	0	2	.267
Pence rf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.286
Belt 1b	3	0	1	1	1	1	.077
G.Blanco lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.267
Theriot dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.200
B.Crawford ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.000
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emerged from the closer-by-committee pack to win the job and dominate the postseason. He saved three straight games in the World Series, retiring all nine men he faced.

Starters Zito, Madison Bumgarner and Vogelsong registered wins in the first three games. Matt Cain, who won the clincher in the NLDS and NLCS, pitched seven strong innings Sunday, but he didn't get the decision in the Giants' first World Series sweep since 1954, when they broke Cleveland's heart.

"This team set aside their own agenda

INDIANS

Sizemore, Kotchman among players filing for free agency

PAUL HOYNES
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Tribe center fielder Grady Sizemore and first baseman Casey Kotchman were among the 137 players who filed for free agency Monday after the final game of the World Series.

Travis Hafner and Roberto Hernandez are expected to join them today as free agents since the Indians aren't expected to exercise their options for 2013. Hafner's option is worth \$13 million and Hernandez's \$6 million.

Teams must make a decision on 2013 options by Wednesday.

The Indians are expected to exercise Ubaldo Jimenez's \$5.75 million option.

The Indians signed Sizemore to a one-year, \$5 million deal in December, but he never played a single game.

Kotchman signed a one-year, \$3 million deal in February.

Hafner, on the disabled list twice, hit .228 (50-for-219), with six doubles, two

and asked, 'What's best for the club?' " Bochy said. "We put guys in different roles, and nobody ever said a word, and that's the only way this got done.

"It's amazing what a club can do when they do play as a team."

Yes, it is. The Giants are World Series champs today because they won their final seven postseason games. Their longest winning streak during the regular season was six.

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triples, 12 homers and 34 RBI.

Hernandez didn't join the Indians until mid-July. The U.S. State Department wouldn't give him a visa after he was arrested in January by authorities in his native Dominican Republic for lying about his identity and age.

Jimenez went 9-17 with a 5.40 ERA in 31 starts. He led the American League in losses and wild pitches. He finished second in walks and fifth in runs allowed.

Finally: Indians right fielder Shin-Soo Choo is a finalist for a Gold Glove. The results will be announced today at 9:30 p.m. on ESPN2. Kansas City's Jeff Francoeur and Oakland's Josh Reddick are the other finalists. ... The Indians signed **Takuya Tsuchida**, an 18-year-old Japanese outfielder, to a minor-league contract.

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OHIO STATE INSIDER

Meyer calls Miller Heisman candidate

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COLUMBUS — Several Ohio State Buckeyes were named to award lists Tuesday. None was more meaningful than the honor quarterback **Braxton Miller** earned — making coach **Urban Meyer**'s Heisman list.

Asked repeatedly this season, Meyer on Monday for the first time publicly acknowledged his QB as a Heisman Trophy contender.

"Do I believe he's a Heisman candidate? I do. I didn't say that before," Meyer said. "But I do believe Braxton is a Heisman candidate. He has to play much better. However, just from sheer production on a team that's 9-0, it puts him in that category, and that's without knowing all the other candidates."

Meyer mentioned Kansas State quarterback **Collin Klein** and West Virginia quarterback **Geno Smith** as other contenders. Smith was the early season favorite, with Klein now the front-runner in national straw polls. But Miller, at the very least, retains a shot to go to New York as a finalist.

The Heisman Pundit website Monday listed Miller behind Smith and Alabama quarterback **A.J. McCarron** as the three players with a chance to overtake Klein. But the respected Heisman analyst also wrote, "It will take a brilliant last three games for him to get to New York as a finalist."

Miller ranks 21st in the nation in total offense, while Smith is No. 5, Klein No. 30 and McCarron No. 80.

But McCarron is the No. 1-rated passer in efficiency, with Klein No. 2, Smith No. 5 and Miller No. 55.

And Miller is by far the most dangerous runner among those quarterbacks, with 1,093 rushing yards, while Klein has 634 yards, Smith 56 and McCarron minus 51.

What Meyer liked most about his quarterback in Saturday's win at Penn State had nothing to do with numbers, but it is the kind of thing that can help win awards.

"His competitive spirit is a big reason why we won that game," Meyer said. "I saw a much more confident

player." Miller also was named one of 16 national semifinalists for the Maxwell Award, another honor for the nation's best player.

Cornerback **Bradley Roby** was named one of 15 national semifinalists for the Thorpe Award, given to the nation's best defensive back.

Defensive lineman **Johnathan Hankins** was named one of 16 semifinalists for the Bednarik Award, given to the nation's best defensive player.

And on a slightly smaller scale, line-backer **Ryan Shazier** was named the Big Ten's co-defensive Player of the Week, after making eight tackles, returning an interception for a touch-down, forcing a fumble and recording two sacks against the Nittany Lions.

Griffin's play: Special-teamer **Adam Griffin** disputed the assertion that his defense on Penn State's fake punt in the third quarter Saturday was the play of the game, even though Meyer was one of the people who believed that about Griffin's pass breakup.

"It's a small play," Griffin said. "I had to just do my job. I was fortunate to make a play and help my team win."

Griffin was in a bit of a scramble mode when it happened. He was lined up at the end of the line, where he was supposed to take on a blocker to try to free up teammate **Corey Brown** to block the punt. He also had the chance to make an adjustment before the play if needed.

"To be honest with you, I actually saw the wrong thing," Griffin said. "I was supposed to get us into a check on defense. But the guy who was supposed to hit Corey just released for a pass, so I turned and ran and covered him. As soon as I saw him free release, I thought, 'Oh man, they are definitely faking this.'"

Griffin sprang into action and for the rest of the play turned into a cornerback, getting his hands up as the ball reached the intended receiver.

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There's no ban on laying a foundation

"[It's] momentum in recruiting, momentum in development of your players. You're dealing with 18-, 19-, 20-year-olds, so momentum is everything," coach Meyer said. "You don't look past this week. You never look beyond, like, 'Let's play for next year.' We're not playing for next year. We're trying to get as many wins as we can. This whole thing is about getting win No. 10.

"But making that phone call, we make a lot of our phone calls tonight to recruits, it's as much the coach's tone, the energy in the phone call. You have to make those calls when something bad happens as well, [then] I'm not really into it. I can't wait to make those phone calls tonight, and I'm really anxious to make those phone calls tonight, and say, 'Hey, this is Urban Meyer from Ohio State, and we're 9-0. The best thing about 9-0 is you have a chance to go for 10,' and the conversation usually picks up from there."

If there's any doubt that success in a coach's first season while under a post-season ban can lay a program's foundation, the proof is right in Columbus. OSU men's basketball coach Thad Matta went 20-12 in his first season in 2004-05, with a win in the last game of the regular season over No. 1 and previously unbeaten Illinois. The Buckeyes have since won or shared five of seven Big Ten titles and reached two Final

Fours.

The Buckeyes do talk about how they might stack up with the five other remaining unbeaten teams — No. 1 Alabama, No. 2 Kansas State, No. 3 Notre Dame, No. 4 Oregon and No. 10 Louisville. Special teamer Adam Griffin admitted to that chatter.

"We think if we're 12-0, we're the best team in the country," Griffin said, "because no one beat us. So who's to say we aren't?"

The Buckeyes have talked about their goal of a No. 1 finish in the AP poll. That would require a lot of losses above them. But they also have another goal that takes 2012 into 2013.

"This year's success can help us next year, because it kind of shows us what it takes to become undefeated," receiver Evan Spencer said. "Now we're 9-0, so next year, going into the season, we'll be like: 'All right, last year, we knew what we had to do to get to this point, so let's do it again or do it better this time. Or let's go out and show everybody we are the most dominant force in football.'"

Even the guys who won't be around next year, such as senior linebacker and fullback Zach Boren, know this year is important for 2013, too.

"It means everything," Boren said. "It'll get recruiting going. And with a season that doesn't necessarily count, or we're on a bowl ban, if you can run the table or whatever, it just sends a message that everyone is on board. I think this season just sets a tone for future years."

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DIVISION I

REGION I

Solon vs. Massillon Jackson

Where: Twinsburg High, 10084 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, 7 p.m. Call 330-486-2480.

Records: Solon 17-2, Jackson 11-4-3.

What to watch: The Comets, ranked No. 6 in the final state coaches poll, have come through a tough schedule, putting together a seven-match winning streak. They have outscored opponents, 78-10, knocking off Northeast Ohio Conference foe Hudson, 1-0, in the district final. The same can be said of the Polar Bears, whose losses were to ranked opponents. Caitlyn Patton has 15 goals, and the team holds a 65-14 scoring edge. The winner plays the Strongsville/Mentor winner Saturday at Rocky River at 3 p.m.

Strongsville vs. Mentor

Where: Revere High, 3420 Everett Road, Richfield, 7 p.m. Call 330-523-3204.

Records: Strongsville 18-1, Mentor 10-5-4.

What to watch: The only blemish on the defending state champ's record is an early season loss by the Mustangs to Magnifi-

cat. Ranked No. 2, they are primed to make another big run, having outscored opponents, 64-5. Alexis Manoa has 14 goals and 18 assists, and Nicolette Griesinger has 13 goals and five assists. They bested the Cardinals, 2-0, three weeks ago. The Cardinals are in the right groove at the right time. They have shut out their past four opponents, with a 12-0 scoring advantage. They will need another big effort to pull off this upset. The winner plays the Solon/Jackson winner Saturday at Rocky River at 3 p.m.

REGION 2

Westlake vs. Medina

Where: Rocky River High, 20951 Detroit Road, Rocky River, 7 p.m. Call 440-356-6803.

Records: Westlake 11-6-1, Medina 12-5-2.

What to watch: The Demons have made the most of their opportunities. They won the Southwestern Conference title and have found the winning formula in the postseason, winning at North Olmsted in the district final. They also have an early season win against Medina, 2-1. However, the Bees are not the same club that lost three of their first four because of suspensions. Ranked No. 9, they needed overtime

to get past Copley in the district final. Nicole Bennett leads the club with 12 goals. The winner plays the Whitehouse Anthony Wayne/Perrysburg winner Saturday at a time to be announced.

DIVISION II

REGION 5

Rocky River vs. Walsh Jesuit

Where: Brush High School, 4875 Glenlyn Road, Lyndhurst, 7 p.m. Call 216-691-2121.

Records: RR 17-2, Walsh 17-0-2.

What to watch: The Pirates, ranked No. 4, have been resilient all season. The avenged a regular-season loss to Holy Name by defeating the Namers in overtime in the district final, 3-2. Juniors Abby Elinsky (28 goals) and Grace Bennett (21) pace an offense that has scored 79 times, while Rocky River has allowed 15 goals. The Pirates lost in last year's regional final to Walsh, 4-0. The Warriors have been on a mission all season as the No. 1 club. They were upset in a state semifinal on a shoot-out a year ago, denying them a record sixth state title. The winner plays the Hathaway Brown/Canfield winner Saturday at Brecksville at 3 p.m.

Hathaway Brown vs. Canfield

Where: Ravenna High Stadium, 345 E. Main St., Ravenna, 7 p.m. Call 330-296-3844, Ext. 3042.

Records: HB 13-4-2, Canfield 16-3.

What to watch: The Blazers always seem to find a way to play their best match at this point. They have paid their dues against strong competition, winning their past seven. They bested Lake Catholic in the district final, 4-1. The Cardinals have pitched eight straight shutouts, outscoring tournament foes, 22-0. Paige Bidinotto (17 goals), Bailey Fischer (15) and Jen Love (14) pace an offense that has found the net 92 times. The winner plays the Rocky River/Walsh winner Saturday at Brecksville at 3 p.m.

DIVISION III

REGION 9

Elyria Catholic vs. Waterloo

Where: Brecksville-Broadview Heights High, 6380 Mill Road, Broadview Heights, 7 p.m. Call 440-740-4770.

Records: EC 13-2-4, Waterloo 11-4-4.

What to watch: The Panthers have taken their lumps at times this season but have come back to post five straight wins. They had to go to a shootout to defeat Welling-

ton, 1-0. Jenna Ellingson has 14 goals and Keely Birsic 13 for an offense that has netted 67 goals. The Vikings have been paced on offense by senior forward Emmy Jenior, who has 19 goals. Strong defense has kept them in their matches. The winner plays the Hawken/Rootstown winner Saturday at Twinsburg at 3 p.m.

Hawken vs. Rootstown

Where: Nardonina High, 8006 S. Bedford Road, Macedonia, 7 p.m. Call 330-908-6001.

Records: Hawken 11-4-2, Rootstown 12-5-3.

What to watch: The Hawks have come through a rugged schedule with losses to strong Division I programs Solon and Medina. They avenged a regular-season loss by defeating Gilmour Academy in the district final, 3-1. Balanced scoring has five players with double-digit points, with Bianca Medanic and Sydney Costantini each with eight goals. Courtney Yoke has seven goals. The Rovers ended their regular season with a 1-2-1 stretch but have not allowed a goal in four playoff wins (14-0). The winner plays the Elyria Catholic/Waterloo winner Saturday at Twinsburg at 3 p.m.

Rocky River wins district in double overtime

BY RYAN KACZMARSKI

Girls Soccer

It took the regular 80 minutes, plus a first 15-minute overtime period and almost two minutes of the second 15-minute overtime, but the Rocky River girls soccer team defeated Holy Name 3-2 for the Division II district championship.

Less than two minutes into the second overtime, Pirates' sophomore Jillian Krebs struck a near-perfect corner kick that Abby Elinsky headed past the Holy Name goalkeeper to win it for Rocky River.

"I was just waiting for the opportunity," Elinsky said. "Before the kick, I was telling myself, 'This is my chance. I have to sink this, or whatever happens, happens.' But I didn't want it to go down that way.

"Corner kicks; I love them," she added. "It's a great way to score, and I love to head the ball. I was on top of it and I knew what had to be done to get this game in our favor and to prove that we wanted it more."

"I went up to the line and I told myself, 'I have a good kick, someone scores on it and we're done. Don't mess up!'" Krebs said. "I could tell where (the ball) was going, and I was just hoping that (Elinsky) finishes it, and I knew she would."

Rocky River head coach Patrick Hopkins knew going into the game that Holy Name would not go down easy.

"It was an exciting game, but it was a long game," Hopkins said. "I told the girls before the game started, 'It's going to take more than one goal to win tonight. Everyone wants that first goal. If we get that first goal, it will alleviate a lot of the pressure.'"

Rocky River did get the first goal. It came off the foot of captain Grace Bennett (as-



The celebration began right after Abby Elinsky, No. 8, headed in a corner kick for the winning goal to defeat Holy Name in double overtime for the district title Thursday night. (West Life photo by Ryan Kaczmariski)

sisted by captain Hallie McCue) with just under 10 minutes remaining in the first half of regulation time. Four minutes later, Holy Name freshman Sarah Krause tied it up to make the score 1-1 going into the half.

The second half went much the same way as the first, with the Pirates taking the lead early, on an Elinsky goal with 33:49 left in regulation, and five minutes later, Krause got another goal past the Pirates goalkeeper,

Sara Connelly, to tie it up at 2-2.

Connelly made 16 saves in the game against a quick and relentless Green Wave attack, and was the reason that the Pirates had the chance for the victory in the second overtime period.

"(The game) was so crazy," Connelly said. "I just had to keep going, because I didn't know what else to do. I don't even know what to say right now."

Connelly made back-to-back saves on the same attack, right before the corner kick try.

"I just knew I had to save them or else we would be done," she said. "I just gave it my all and sacrificed everything."

The Pirates played last night against Walsh Jesuit, with the winner going on to play in the regional finals Saturday at Brecksville High School at 3 p.m.

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The state rankings are updated each Monday throughout the fall high school season. The ESR Top 50 is released each Tuesday.

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Rankings reflect matches play through Nov. 4, 2012

Top 15s

Ohio: 1. Perrysburg (21-0-0), 2. Walsh Jesuit (19-0-2), 3. Strongsville (20-1-0), 4. Pickerington North (19-0-2), 5. Mason (19-1-1), 6. Dublin Coffman (15-1-4*), 7. Dublin Jerome (16-2-3*), 8. Hilliard-Davidson (17-3-0*), 9. Rocky River (17-3-0*), 10. Holy Name (13-3-2*), 11. Ursuline Academy (16-3-2*), 12. Beavercreek (16-2-1*), 13. Centerville (17-3-0*), 14. Troy (16-3-0*), 15. Bay (15-2-1*).

Top 10s

New Jersey: 1. Northern Highlands (18-0-0), 2. Eastern (21-1-1), 3. Lenape (17-3-1), 4. Montgomery (17-1-2), 5. Pennington School (13-2-0), 6. East Brunswick (18-1-2), 7. Toms River North (17-1-0), 8. Freehold Borough (14-1-2), 9. Piscataway (15-3-2), 10. Montclair (15-2-2).

Pennsylvania: 1. Strath Haven (21-0-0), 2. Peters Township (20-1-0), 3. Seneca Valley (19-2-0), 4. Governor Mifflin (17-3-0), 5. Lower Dauphin (19-4-0), 6. Cumberland Valley (20-2-1), 7. Downingtown West (18-4-0), 8. Neshaminy (20-2-0), 9. Bethel Park (20-2-0), 10. Wilson West Lawn (20-2-1).

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TOP STORY: Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.) is inching closer to a first-ever national title. The Northern California power reached the section semifinals this week and need a pair of wins to secure the No. 1 ranking.

BIG MOVER: Mason (Mason, Ohio). Mason avenged its only loss of the season with a 2-1 win over Top 50-ranked Ursuline Academy, sending this program into the state semifinals. Mason moved up to No.; 17 and the three other Division I semifinalist are all ranked in the Top 10.

NEWCOMERS: No. 27 Wayzata (Plymouth, Minn.), No. 28 Brentwood (Brentwood, Tenn.), No. 42 Tates Creek (Lexington, Ky.), No. 45 Kellenberg (Uniondale, N.Y.), No. 46 Freehold Borough (Freehold, N.J.), No. 47 Seneca Valley (Harmony, Pa.), No. 48 Evansville Memorial (Evansville, Ind.) and No. 50 Northwest Catholic (West Hartford, Conn.).

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Rankings through matches played as of Nov. 4, 2012

Rk.	School (City, State)	Record	Prev.
1	Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Maria Carrillo's section semifinal contest is against Analy, a team it beat 5-1 to start the season.	18-0-0	1
2	Northern Highlands (Allendale, N.J.) Northern Highlands was idle due to Hurricane Sandy.	18-0-0	2
3	Perrysburg (Perrysburg, Ohio)	21-0-0	3

Perrysburg is the only undefeated, untied team remaining in the Ohio state playoffs. The team squares off against Strongsville in the semifinals this week.

4 Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) 19-0-2 4

After knocking off nationally ranked Rocky River 2-1 in the regional semifinal, Walsh Jesuit added a regional title to the trophy case with a 3-0 win over Canfield. The win sends Walsh Jesuit into the state semifinals this week.

5 Strongsville (Strongsville, Ohio) 20-1-0 5

Dominique Dinardo and Melissa Shoff each had a goal and one assist to help Strongsville past Solon 4-1 in the regional final. The win sends Strongsville into a state semifinal match with No. 3-ranked Perrysburg.

6 Pickerington North (Pickerington, Ohio) 19-0-2 6

Pickerington North took out a pair of Top 25 teams last week to reach this week's state semifinals. After pinning the first loss of the year on Dublin Coffman, the Panthers edged Dublin Jerome 1-0 in the regional final. Ashlynn Jones netted the winning goal. Pickerington North faces Mason in the state semifinals.

7 Strath Haven (Wallingford, Pa.) 21-0-0 9

Morgan Glassford scored three goals and Strath Haven pinned a eye-popping 6-0 defeat on Downingtown West in the district final. The result sends Strath Haven into the state tournament as the district's top seed, but an unfortunate result in District 3 leaves this program facing former top 10-ranked Cumberland Valley in the state's round of 16.

8 Peters Township (McMurray, Pa.) 20-1-0 8

Virginia commit Veronica Latsko, a junior, scored in the closing seconds of overtime to lead Peters Township to a 2-1 victory over top 50-ranked Seneca Valley for the district title. Peters Township starts state playoff action this week.

9 McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.) 16-2-0 12

The Eagles advanced to this week's IAAM final against rival Archbishop Spalding, whose longtime coach has announced he will retire at season's end.

10 Good Counsel (Olney, Md.) 16-1-2 13

Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 10-12.

Notes: The preseason No. 1 team in the nation became the first team to secure a final Top 10 ranking with a 2-0 win over Bishop O'Connell (Va.) in the WCAC final. With the match at 1-0 late in the contest, keeper Megan Hinz saved an O'Connell penalty kick. Midge Purce, who represented the U.S. at the Under-17 World Championships this past fall, scored her second goal of the match shortly thereafter to give the Falcons breathing room.

Fun Fact: While in the military, Good Counsel head coach Jim Bruno got to celebrate his 21st birthday twice. Bruno, who was a 4th Infantry Division-combat medic, turned 21 the day he left Vietnam. However, his flight heading east took him over the International Date Line, making it a day earlier. Therefore, the next day, he "turned" 21 again.

11 Eastern (Vorhees, N.J.) 21-1-1 14

Eastern was one of the few teams, along with league rival Lenape, to play matches in New Jersey last week. Most high school action was halted as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Madison Tiernan had a goal and an assist as Eastern defeated Cherry Hill West 2-0 in a Sunday match, which also marked a school-record 21st victory for the team.

12 Lenape (Medford, N.J.) 17-3-1 15

Lenape received goals from three players in a 3-0 win over Vineland in first-round playoff action.

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| 13 | Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.) | 18-0-0 | 16 |
| | Kaysha Darcie had two goals and one assist to help Tahoma to a 4-0 win over Evergreen for the Bi-District title. | | |
| 14 | Glastonbury (Glastonbury, Conn.) | 16-0-0 | 19 |
| | Glastonbury pushed its win streak to 36 matches with a 7-0 win over Wethersfield. | | |
| 15 | River Hill (Clarksville, Md.) | 16-0-0 | 21 |
| | River Hill advanced to this week's regional final, leaving this one-time state power only three wins away from regaining the title as top public school team in Maryland. | | |
| 16 | Washingtonville (Washingtonville, N.Y.) | 16-0-0 | 22 |
| | Kathleen Bidad converted the winning penalty kick as Washingtonville edged state-ranked Monroe-Woodbury 3-2 in a shootout following a 1-1 result through regulation and overtime. Washingtonville, with a new coach this season, continues its local domination as the win over Monroe-Woodbury marked the program's fourth district title in five seasons and 17th overall. | | |
| 17 | Mason (Mason, Ohio) | 19-1-1 | 47 |
| | Mason avenged its only loss of the season, beating Ursuline Academy 2-1 in the regional final. The result sends Mason up 30 spots in this week's rankings and into the state semifinals with a showdown against undefeated Pickerington North. | | |
| 18 | Montgomery (Skillman, N.J.) | 17-1-2 | 24 |
| | Montgomery was idle last week due to Hurricane Sandy. | | |
| 19 | Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.) | 14-2-2 | 11 |
| | Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference runner-up. | | |
| | School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| | Notes: Both of Bishop O'Connell's defeats were to a Good Counsel (Md.) that spent time at No. 1 in the nation this season. The most recent setback was 2-0 decision in the WCAC final. O'Connell had a chance to tie that match at one but a penalty kick attempt was saved by the Good Counsel keeper and a minute later Good Counsel added an insurance goal. This year's team was led by Virginia commit Morgan Ruether. | | |
| | Fun Fact: O'Connell is home to the annual Superdance, a 12-hour dance marathon that raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The first dance was held in 1976 and since it has raised more than \$4 million for the foundation. | | |
| 20 | Viewmont (Bountiful, Utah) | 19-1-0 | 26 |
| | Season complete. Class 5A state champion. | | |
| | School Facts: Public, 1,700 students in grades 10-12. | | |
| | Notes: Ella Johnson, one of several senior starters, headed home the winning goal in overtime as Viewmont edged Alta 1-0 in the final. This was Viewmont's third straight trip to the state final, but first win during that run. The program's other titles were in 1993 and 1998. Viewmont's only loss during the season was to Lone Peak, which it avenged with a playoff victory over Lone Peak. | | |
| | Fun Fact: Viewmont is more widely known as a boys' wrestling state power in the past decade, winning seven of nine state titles between 2002-2010. | | |
| 21 | Alta (Sandy, Utah) | 18-1-1 | 27 |
| | Season complete. Class 5A state runner-up. | | |
| | School Facts: Public, 2,586 students in grades 10-12. | | |
| | Notes: Alta's bid for an eighth state title since 2001 came up short in a 1-0 loss to Viewmont, which was a rematch of last year's final. Alta figures to be among the ESR Top 50 preseason favorites next year as juniors Bizzy Phillips (22 goals), Madi Lyons (20 goals) and Sydney Fitzpatrick (14 goals) return. | | |

Fun Fact: Julianne Hough of “Dancing With The Stars” fame is an *Alta* graduate.

22 Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio) 15-1-4 17

Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Dublin Coffman’s undefeated season ended with a playoff loss to Pickerington North in the regional semifinals. The team tied fellow Top 25-ranked Dublin Jerome and Walsh Jesuit.

Fun Fact: From the inception of the school in 1973 until 1995, the school was simply known as Dublin. The “Coffman” was added in 1995 as the city of Dublin, home to the original Wendy’s fast-food restaurant, laid plans for a second high school in the city.

23 Dublin Jerome (Dublin, Ohio) 16-2-3 18

Season complete. Ohio Division I regional finalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,250 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: During Dublin Jerome’s 19-match undefeated run, the team tied both Pickerington North and Dublin Coffman. A loss to Pickerington North in the regional final ended Jerome’s undefeated streak and season.

Fun Fact: Jerome, the newest of three Dublin high schools — opened in 2004 — is nicknamed the Celtics, and a bagpiper leads the football team onto the field for every game.

24 Central Catholic (Lawrence, Mass.) 13-0-4 29

Central Catholic pinned a 6-1 defeat on Lexington on Sunday, setting up a playoff match with perennial power Winchester this week.

25 Lincoln-Sudbury (Sudbury, Mass.) 16-1-0 30

Lincoln-Sudbury survived a shootout with Chelmsford to advance in the playoffs. Lincoln-Sudbury and Central Catholic could play this week in both win their scheduled Tuesday playoff contests.

26 Green Valley (Henderson, Nev.) 17-0-1 41

27 Wayzata (Plymouth, Minn.) 17-2-2 NR

Season complete. Minnesota Class AA state champion.

School Facts: Public, 3,400 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Wayzata used to be a fixture in the Top 50 rankings, but spent most of the 2012 season on the outside looking in until sweeping its way to a state crown. Wisconsin commit Kylie Schwarz and Ruby Stauber and scored the goals and Wayzata held White Bear Lake to one shot in a 2-0 state final victory. For Wayzata, it marked the program’s second straight state title, third in four years and seventh overall for legendary coach Tony Peszneker, who indicated he may retire after 23 years at the helm.

Fun Fact: Wayzata is not only the largest high school in Minnesota based on population, but also in school size. To put the school’s 487,000 square feet in perspective, it can easily house two, maybe even three, Super Walmarts.

28 Brentwood (Brentwood, Tenn.) 18-2-1 NR

Season complete. Tennessee Class AAA state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,425 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Meg Howard’s second-half goal carried Franklin to a 1-0 state title over Siegel, which came a day after Brentwood avenged a loss by beating favored Farragut in the state semifinals. The title marked the program’s first since 1997 and gave Brentwood a rare boys-girls double. The school’s boys’ soccer team captured the Class AAA state crown last spring.

Fun Fact: Brentwood is one of the few high schools in the country that owns and operates its own TV station. WBHS9 is carried on the Comcast cable network in the Nashville area and the station has won more than 100 awards over the past five years. The station has about 10 hours of programming every day.

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| 29 Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn.) | 23-1-1 | 10 |
| Season complete. Tennessee Class AAA state semifinalist. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Farragut's 24-match undefeated streak and season ended with a 1-0 loss to eventual state champion Brentwood in the state semifinals. Farragut defeated Brentwood during the regular season. Farragut also defeated Top 50-ranked Holy Name (Ohio) during the season. | | |
| Fun Fact: The school, which opened in 1904, is named in honor of Civil War hero David Glasgow Farragut, a Union admiral best known for saying, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." | | |
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| 30 Franklin (Franklin, Mass.) | 17-0-1 | 46 |
| 31 Exeter (Exeter, N.H.) | 19-0-0 | 37 |
| Season complete. New Hampshire Division I state champion. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,705 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Sophomore Casey Estey scored twice as Exeter cruised to a 5-1 victory over Bedford for the program's fourth straight state title. This marked the program's sixth title in seven years, but its first perfect season. Seniors Maggie Couett, Allie Day, Kanoe Eichholz and Abby Short celebrated their fourth titles in four years on the varsity team. | | |
| Fun Fact: Only months prior to becoming president, Barack Obama held a rally in the Exeter High School gymnasium. | | |
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| 32 Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.) | 13-2-1 | 20 |
| Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference semifinalist. | | |
| School Facts: Private, all-girls, 600 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: In a league dominated by Good Counsel and Bishop O'Connell (Va.), Holy Cross made a name for itself this season. The team's only losses were to Bishop O'Connell, and the team tied Top 10-ranked Good Counsel. | | |
| Fun Fact: Under the guidance of coach Bill Sheahan, the girls' basketball team at Holy Cross put together a staggering 115-game win streak during the late 1970s and early 1980s. No school in Maryland, nor the D.C. Metro area, has come close to clipping that record. | | |
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| 33 Hilliard-Davidson (Hilliard, Ohio) | 17-3-0 | 33 |
| Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,800 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Hilliard Davidson's season ended with a 2-0 loss to nationally ranked Dublin Jerome. The team's other setbacks were to Top 50-ranked Dublin Coffman and Pickerington North. | | |
| Fun Fact: Hilliard Davidson has an e-campus system, which allows students to take online classes offered by the school district. | | |
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| 34 Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio) | 17-3-0 | 34 |
| Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 860 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Rocky River's season ended with a 2-1 loss to Walsh Jesuit in the regional semifinals. The team split its matches with nationally ranked Holy Name, and defeated once-ranked Magnificat. | | |
| Fun Fact: Perhaps not a "fun" fact, it's certainly interesting to note that Rocky River has not won a state title in any sport since capturing a boys' track and field crown in 1927. | | |
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| 35 Holy Name (Parma, Ohio) | 13-3-2 | 35 |
| Season complete. Ohio Division II district finalist. | | |
| School Facts: Private, 805 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Holy Name lost to Rocky River in the district final, reversing an earlier result between the programs. Holy Name's other losses this year are to nationally ranked Walsh Jesuit and | | |

Farragut (Tenn.). Holy Name has a win over St. Anthony's (N.Y.).

Fun Fact: When Holy Name opened in 1914, it was the first co-ed Catholic high school in Cleveland.

36	St. Anthony's (Melville, N.Y.)	13-2-1	36
37	South Side (Rockville Centre, N.Y.)	13-0-1	38
38	Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.)	13-2-0	40
39	Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor, Wash.)	14-0-1	42
40	West Islip (West Islip, N.Y.)	13-1-1	43
41	East Brunswick (East Brunswick, N.J.)	18-1-2	44
42	Tates Creek (Lexington, Ky.)	23-1-4	NR

Season complete. Kentucky state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,750 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Perhaps it's fitting in a state where few public schools win state titles, Bates Creek's victory came with an unusual twist. The Commodores won in a shootout over favored Notre Dame following a 1-1 draw through regulation and two overtimes, and the decisive PK was converted by a player who didn't play during regulation — Bailey Lankster. Bates Creek became the first public school since 2006 to claim a girls' soccer state title in Kentucky.

Fun Fact: Head coach Bo Lankster won two state titles as a player at Lexington Catholic and his first state title after 21 years as a head coach came with three of his daughters on the team — defender Bailey, midfielder Aaron and goalkeeper Arly.

43	Benilde-St. Margaret's (St. Louis Park, Minn.)	21-0-1	48
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Season complete. Minnesota Class A state champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 7-12.

Notes: Kelly Pannek scored a pair of goals and Benilde-St. Margaret's avenged last year's state final loss to Blake with a 3-2 win over the team this year. Dana Buckhorn scored the other goals. Forward Maria Michels, midfielder Buckhorn, forward Pannek and defender Anne Arnason were named to the all-tournament team.

Fun Fact: Although Benilde-St. Margaret's came into existence in 1974 through the merger of a all-boys Benilde and all-girls St. Margaret's Academy, the school traces its beginning to 1907 — the opening of the girls' school.

44	Toms River North (Toms River, N.J.)	17-1-0	50
45	Kellenberg Memorial (Uniondale, N.Y.)	12-1-1	NR
46	Freehold Borough (Freehold, N.J.)	14-1-2	NR
47	Seneca Valley (Harmony, Pa.)	19-2-0	NR
48	Evansville Memorial (Evansville, Ind.)	21-3-0	NR

Season complete. Indiana Class 2A state champion.

School Facts: Private, 800 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Gracie Lachowecki had a goal and one assist to helped Memorial to a 3-1 victory over St. Joseph's in the large-school state final. Lachowecki, a senior, topped 40 goals for her career. Coupled with her brother Max, Memorial claimed three state titles (two boys and one girls) with Lachoweckis as leading scorers.

Fun Fact: Although Memorial has won 16 state titles in soccer (12 boys and four girls — including sanctioned and unsanctioned tournaments, the school's most famous athletic alum is former New York Yankee great Don Mattingly, the current manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

49	Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio)	16-3-2	39
Season complete. Ohio Division I region finalist.			
School Facts: Private, all-girls, 800 students in grades 9-12.			
Notes: Ursuline's season ended with a regional final loss to Mason, which it defeated earlier in the season.			
Fun Fact: Actress Amy Yasbeck, known for her striking red hair and being the widow to former Three's Company star Jack Ritter, is a graduate of Ursuline Academy.			

50	Northwest Catholic (West Hartford, Conn.)	15-0-1	NR
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Top 15s

Ohio: 1. Perrysburg (23-0-0*), 2. Walsh Jesuit (21-0-2*), 3. Mason (20-2-1*), 4. Strongsville (20-2-0*), 5. Pickerington North (19-1-2*), 6. Dublin Coffman (15-1-4*), 7. Dublin Jerome (16-2-3*), 8. Hilliard-Davidson (17-3-0*), 9. Rocky River (17-3-0*), 10. Holy Name (13-3-2*), 11. Ursuline Academy (16-3-2*), 12. Beavercreek (16-2-1*), 13. Centerville (17-3-0*), 14. Troy (16-3-0*), 15. Bay (15-2-1*).

Top 10s

New Jersey: 1. Northern Highlands (19-0-0), 2. Eastern (21-1-1), 3. Lenape (18-3-1), 4. Montgomery (18-1-2), 5. Pennington School (14-2-2), 6. East Brunswick (18-1-2), 7. Freehold Borough (15-1-2), 8. Piscataway (16-3-2), 9. Montclair (16-2-2), 10. Livingston (16-2-1).

Pennsylvania: 1. Peters Township (22-1-0), 2. Cumberland Valley (22-2-1), 3. Strath Haven (20-1-1*), 4. Lower Dauphin (20-5-0*), 5. West Lawn Wilson (22-2-1), 6. Seneca Valley (20-3-0*), 7. Downingtown West (18-5-0*), 8. Neshaminy (22-2-0), 9. Governor Mifflin (18-4-0*), 10. Bethel Park (20-3-0*).

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TOP STORY: After years of hanging around the No. 1 ranking, Maria Carrillo finally closed the door with a section title and a perfect season. The Pumas become the second California team to finish No. 1 in the fall rankings, joining rival Montgomery (Santa Rosa, Calif.), which pulled off the feat in 2004.

BIG MOVER: Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.). Tahoma cracks the Top 10 for the first time. The road to a Top 10 finish is not easy as a pair of Top 50-ranked teams have also made the Washington large-school state semifinals.

NEWCOMERS: No. 10 Cumberland Valley (Mechanicsburg, Pa.), No. 22 Archbishop Spalding (Severn, Md.), No. 40 Nashoba (Bolton, Mass.), No. 47 Thurston (Springfield, Ore.), No. 48 Medfield (Medfield, Mass.), No. 49 Issaquah (Issaquah, Wash.) and No. 50 Skyline (Sammamish, Wash.). Cumberland Valley, Spalding, Issaquah and Skyline are making return visits to the rankings.

NOTE: *The fall season includes the following states: California (fall), Connecticut, D.C., Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia (private), Washington, West Virginia.*

Rankings through matches played as of Nov. 11, 2012

Rk.	School (City, State)	Record	Prev.
1	Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Season complete. CIF North Coast Division I champion. School Facts: Public, 1,650 students in grades 9-12. Notes: Arizona State commit Katie Mohr assisted a pair of goals as Maria Carrillo defeated Montgomery 3-1 for the section title and an undefeated season. Montgomery struck first in the	20-0-0	1

final, marking the first time Maria Carrillo had trailed all season. Brooke Dunbar, Madison Gonzalez and Victoria Kovatch answered for Maria Carrillo, which capped the first perfect season in the NCS Division I since Montgomery accomplished the feat in 2004 — when it claimed the national title. Mohr is one of five seniors committed to college soccer programs, and the roster includes an underclassmen in the U.S. Youth National Team player pool.
Fun Fact: The school is named in honor of Maria Carrillo, the first woman to receive a land grant from the Spanish-Mexican government.

2 Northern Highlands (Allendale, N.J.) 19-0-0 2

New Jersey has struggled getting its playoffs back in order following a pair of devastating storms to the region. Northern Highlands played once last week, a 6-0 win over Mount Olive that was highlighted by three goals from Clare Shea and four assists from Jackie Reyneke.

3 Perrysburg (Perrysburg, Ohio) 23-0-0 3

Season complete. Ohio Division I state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,415 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Maddy Williams' first-half penalty kick stood as the lone score as Perrysburg edged Mason 1-0 in the state final. In the semifinals, Perrysburg topped perennial national power Strongsville.

Fun Fact: Jim Leyland, who guided the Detroit Tigers to a World Series appearance this past fall, is a graduate of Perrysburg.

4 Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) 21-0-2 4

Season complete. Ohio Division II state champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,300 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Xavier commit Maddy John scored twice while Notre Dame commit Sandra Yu, junior Alex Kithcart and Kennedy Payne added goals as Walsh Jesuit handled Columbus St. Francis de Sales 5-0 in the state final. The result marked the largest margin of victory in any boys or girls state final in Ohio and was Walsh Jesuit's sixth state crown.

Fun Fact: Walsh Jesuit, founded in 1965, may have more land than any school in the rankings with 108 acres.

5 Peters Township (McMurray, Pa.) 22-1-0 8

Peters Township took out a pair of former Top 50 teams in the first two rounds of the state playoffs: Bethel Park and Seneca Valley. Next up is Wilson with a possible rematch looming with Cumberland Valley.

6 Good Counsel (Olney, Md.) 16-1-2 10

Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 10-12.

Notes: The preseason No. 1 team in the nation became the first team to secure a final Top 10 ranking with a 2-0 win over Bishop O'Connell (Va.) in the WCAC final. With the match at 1-0 late in the contest, keeper Megan Hinz saved an O'Connell penalty kick. Midge Purce, who represented the U.S. at the Under-17 World Championships this past fall, scored her second goal of the match shortly thereafter to give the Falcons breathing room.

Fun Fact: While in the military, Good Counsel head coach Jim Bruno got to celebrate his 21st birthday twice. Bruno, who was a 4th Infantry Division-combat medic, turned 21 the day he left Vietnam. However, his flight heading east took him over the International Date Line, making it a day earlier. Therefore, the next day, he "turned" 21 again.

7 Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.) 20-0-0 13

Taylor Clarin scored both goals as Tahoma edged Curtis 2-1 to advance to this week's state semifinals.

8 Eastern (Vorhees, N.J.) 21-1-1 11

Jaylyn Thompson and Madison Tiernan scored to lead Eastern to a 2-0 playoff win over Cherry Hill West, the team's first action since Oct. 27.

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| 9 | Lenape (Medford, N.J.) | 18-3-1 | 12 |
| | Lenape netted three first-half goals in a 3-0 win over Vineland in the team's playoff contest last week. | | |
| 10 | Cumberland Valley (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) | 22-2-1 | NR |
| | Cumberland Valley, a former Top 10 team, is back in the Top 10 after defeating previously undefeated Strath Haven in the state playoffs. Tara Shipe delivered the game-winning goal in the 1-0 decision. CV then edged Lower Dauphin 1-0 in the quarterfinals to advance to this week's state semifinals. | | |
| 11 | Mason (Mason, Ohio) | 20-2-1 | 17 |
| | Season complete. Ohio Division I state runner-up. | | |
| | School Facts: Public, 3,200 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| | Notes: Despite outshooting Perrysburg by a wide margin, Mason lost the state final 1-0. On its way to the state final, Mason avenged its only loss of the season and pinned the only defeat on Pickerington North. | | |
| | Fun Fact: NBC Sports anchor Dan Patrick is a graduate of Mason. | | |
| 12 | Strongsville (Strongsville, Ohio) | 20-2-0 | 5 |
| | Season complete. Ohio Division I state semifinalist. | | |
| | School Facts: Public, 2,600 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| | Notes: Strongsville's bid for a second straight state title ended with a loss to eventual champion Perrysburg in the state semifinals. Strongsville was making its 11th state semifinal appearance since 1998. Seniors Paige Amodio and Alexis Manoa have committed to Bowling Green. Juniors Kelly Novak (Kentucky), Nicolette Griesinger (Dayton) and Lizzie Ehrnfelt (Central Michigan) also have committed to NCAA Division I programs. | | |
| | Fun Fact: In 2002, a field behind the school was converted into a 5,200-seat football stadium in just 84 days. | | |
| 13 | Strath Haven (Wallingford, Pa.) | 20-1-1 | 7 |
| | Season complete. Pennsylvania Class AAA Round of 16. | | |
| | School Facts: Public, 1,200 students 9-12. | | |
| | Notes: Strath Haven went undefeated through a challenging league schedule, won the District 1-AAA tournament, then fell to Cumberland Valley 1-0 in the state playoffs. | | |
| | Fun Fact: During the 2008 presidential election cycle, the school played host to both major party candidates: Barack Obama (for a town hall meeting in April of 2008) and John McCain (Road to Victory Rally in November). | | |
| 14 | Glastonbury (Glastonbury, Conn.) | 16-0-0 | 14 |
| | Glastonbury, the top seed, received a first-round playoff bye and starts Class LL state tournament action Tuesday against Fairfield Ludlowe. | | |
| 15 | River Hill (Clarksville, Md.) | 18-0-0 | 15 |
| | Katie Arsensmeier, Michaela Hennessy and Sheridan Street scored as River Hill defeated Huntingtown 3-0 in the state semifinals. The result sends River Hill into the state final against C.M. Wright as the Hawks will be aiming for a record eighth state crown. | | |
| 16 | Washingtonville (Washingtonville, N.Y.) | 17-0-0 | 16 |
| | Kathleen Bidad and Alanna O'Neill scored to lead Washingtonville to a 2-0 victory over Arlington to advance to this week's Class AA state quarterfinals. | | |
| 17 | Montgomery (Skillman, N.J.) | 18-1-2 | 18 |
| | Catrina Atanda and Jessica Goldman each scored three goals as Montgomery cruised to an 8-1 playoff win over West Windsor South. | | |
| 18 | Pickerington North (Pickerington, Ohio) | 19-1-2 | 6 |
| | Season complete. Ohio Division I state semifinalist. | | |
| | School Facts: Public, 1,950 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| | Notes: Pickering North lost to Mason 1-0 in overtime in the state semifinals, ending the | | |

squad's undefeated season. During the year, Pickerington North pinned the only loss on Dublin Coffman and ended Dublin Jerome's undefeated streak at 20.

Fun Fact: The Pickerington North band, with nearly 400 members, has performed at a number of nationally known events, including the Tournament of Roses Parade (2006), the Phoenix Fiesta Bowl (2007) and the Orlando Citrus Parade (2009).

19 Viewmont (Bountiful, Utah) 19-1-0 20

Season complete. Class 5A state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,700 students in grades 10-12.

Notes: Ella Johnson, one of several senior starters, headed home the winning goal in overtime as Viewmont edged Alta 1-0 in the final. This was Viewmont's third straight trip to the state final, but first win during that run. The program's other titles were in 1993 and 1998.

Viewmont's only loss during the season was to Lone Peak, which it avenged with a playoff victory over Lone Peak.

Fun Fact: Viewmont is more widely known as a boys' wrestling state power in the past decade, winning seven of nine state titles between 2002-2010.

20 Alta (Sandy, Utah) 18-1-1 21

Season complete. Class 5A state runner-up.

School Facts: Public, 2,586 students in grades 10-12.

Notes: Alta's bid for an eighth state title since 2001 came up short in a 1-0 loss to Viewmont, which was a rematch of last year's final. Alta figures to be among the ESR Top 50 preseason favorites next year as juniors Bizzy Phillips (22 goals), Madi Lyons (20 goals) and Sydney Fitzpatrick (14 goals) return.

Fun Fact: Julianne Hough of "Dancing With The Stars" fame is an Alta graduate.

21 Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.) 14-2-2 19

Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference runner-up.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Both of Bishop O'Connell's defeats were to a Good Counsel (Md.) that spent time at No. 1 in the nation this season. The most recent setback was 2-0 decision in the WCAC final. O'Connell had a chance to tie that match at one but a penalty kick attempt was saved by the Good Counsel keeper and a minute later Good Counsel added an insurance goal. This year's team was led by Virginia commit Morgan Ruether.

Fun Fact: O'Connell is home to the annual Superdance, a 12-hour dance marathon that raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The first dance was held in 1976 and since it has raised more than \$4 million for the foundation.

22 Archbishop Spalding (Severn, Md.) 15-3-3 NR

Season complete. Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland A champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,250 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: After finishing behind McDonogh in the IAAM A Conference standings, Spalding ended up winning the conference title over McDonogh in a championship match shootout. East Carolina commit Gracyn Bryant and Kelly Patterson scored goals in regulation as the match ended 2-2. Spalding won the shootout 4-2 as goalkeeper an UMass commit Cassidy Babin came up with two saves. The result sends off 11-year head coach Bob Dieterle with his fourth IAAM A crown and 173rd career win.

Fun Fact: Spalding originally opened in 1963 as Holy Trinity, an all-girls school. It moved in 1966 and took on the name Spalding, but remained an all-girls school until 1973.

23 McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.) 16-3-0 9

Season complete. Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland A runner-up.

School Facts: Private, 1,300 students in grades K-12.

Notes: McDonogh won the regular-season title but fell to Spalding for the conference championship in a shootout. The Eagles have been a perennial nationally ranked team for the

past 20 years. This year's squad handed Good Counsel its only loss. The setback to Spalding was the team's only instate loss this season.

Fun Fact: When McDonogh opened in 1873, it was a school for orphan boys who worked the McDonogh farm in exchange for studies, room and board. The first tuition students did not arrive until 1922 and the school did not go co-ed until 1975.

24 Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio) 15-1-4 22

Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Dublin Coffman's undefeated season ended with a playoff loss to Pickerington North in the regional semifinals. The team tied fellow Top 25-ranked Dublin Jerome and Walsh Jesuit.

Fun Fact: From the inception of the school in 1973 until 1995, the school was simply known as Dublin. The "Coffman" was added in 1995 as the city of Dublin, home to the original Wendy's fast-food restaurant, laid plans for a second high school in the city.

25 Dublin Jerome (Dublin, Ohio) 16-2-3 23

Season complete. Ohio Division I regional finalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,250 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: During Dublin Jerome's 19-match undefeated run, the team tied both Pickerington North and Dublin Coffman. A loss to Pickerington North in the regional final ended Jerome's undefeated streak and season.

Fun Fact: Jerome, the newest of three Dublin high schools — opened in 2004 — is nicknamed the Celtics, and a bagpiper leads the football team onto the field for every game.

26 Franklin (Franklin, Mass.) 20-0-1 30

27 Wayzata (Plymouth, Minn.) 17-2-2 27

Season complete. Minnesota Class AA state champion.

School Facts: Public, 3,400 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Wayzata used to be a fixture in the Top 50 rankings, but spent most of the 2012 season on the outside looking in until sweeping its way to a state crown. Wisconsin commit Kylie Schwarz and Ruby Stauber and scored the goals and Wayzata held White Bear Lake to one shot in a 2-0 state final victory. For Wayzata, it marked the program's second straight state title, third in four years and seventh overall for legendary coach Tony Peszneker, who indicated he may retire after 23 years at the helm.

Fun Fact: Wayzata is not only the largest high school in Minnesota based on population, but also in school size. To put the school's 487,000 square feet in perspective, it can easily house two, maybe even three, Super Walmarts.

28 Brentwood (Brentwood, Tenn.) 18-2-1 28

Season complete. Tennessee Class AAA state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,425 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Meg Howard's second-half goal carried Franklin to a 1-0 state title over Siegel, which came a day after Brentwood avenged a loss by beating favored Farragut in the state semifinals. The title marked the program's first since 1997 and gave Brentwood a rare boys-girls double. The school's boys' soccer team captured the Class AAA state crown last spring.

Fun Fact: Brentwood is one of the few high schools in the country that owns and operates its own TV station. WBHS9 is carried on the Comcast cable network in the Nashville area and the station has won more than 100 awards over the past five years. The station has about 10 hours of programming every day.

29 Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn.) 23-1-1 29

Season complete. Tennessee Class AAA state semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Farragut's 24-match undefeated streak and season ended with a 1-0 loss to eventual state champion Brentwood in the state semifinals. Farragut defeated Brentwood during the

regular season. Farragut also defeated Top 50-ranked Holy Name (Ohio) during the season.
Fun Fact: The school, which opened in 1904, is named in honor of Civil War hero David Glasgow Farragut, a Union admiral best known for saying, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

30 Exeter (Exeter, N.H.) 19-0-0 31

Season complete. New Hampshire Division I state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,705 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Sophomore Casey Estey scored twice as Exeter cruised to a 5-1 victory over Bedford for the program's fourth straight state title. This marked the program's sixth title in seven years, but its first perfect season. Seniors Maggie Couett, Allie Day, Kanoe Eichholz and Abby Short celebrated their fourth titles in four years on the varsity team.

Fun Fact: Only months prior to becoming president, Barack Obama held a rally in the Exeter High School gymnasium.

31 Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.) 13-2-1 32

Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference semifinalist.

School Facts: Private, all-girls, 600 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: In a league dominated by Good Counsel and Bishop O'Connell (Va.), Holy Cross made a name for itself this season. The team's only losses were to Bishop O'Connell, and the team tied Top 10-ranked Good Counsel.

Fun Fact: Under the guidance of coach Bill Sheahan, the girls' basketball team at Holy Cross put together a staggering 115-game win streak during the late 1970s and early 1980s. No school in Maryland, nor the D.C. Metro area, has come close to clipping that record.

32 Hilliard-Davidson (Hilliard, Ohio) 17-3-0 33

Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,800 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Hilliard Davidson's season ended with a 2-0 loss to nationally ranked Dublin Jerome. The team's other setbacks were to Top 50-ranked Dublin Coffman and Pickerington North.

Fun Fact: Hilliard Davidson has an e-campus system, which allows students to take online classes offered by the school district.

33 Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio) 17-3-0 34

Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 860 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Rocky River's season ended with a 2-1 loss to Walsh Jesuit in the regional semifinals. The team split its matches with nationally ranked Holy Name, and defeated once-ranked Magnificat.

Fun Fact: Perhaps not a "fun" fact, it's certainly interesting to note that Rocky River has not won a state title in any sport since capturing a boys' track and field crown in 1927.

34 Holy Name (Parma, Ohio) 13-3-2 35

Season complete. Ohio Division II district finalist.

School Facts: Private, 805 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Holy Name lost to Rocky River in the district final, reversing an earlier result between the programs. Holy Name's other losses this year are to nationally ranked Walsh Jesuit and Farragut (Tenn.). Holy Name has a win over St. Anthony's (N.Y.).

Fun Fact: When Holy Name opened in 1914, it was the first co-ed Catholic high school in Cleveland.

35 St. Anthony's (Melville, N.Y.) 13-2-1 36

36 South Side (Rockville Centre, N.Y.) 13-0-1 37

37 Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.) 13-2-0 38

38 East Brunswick (East Brunswick, N.J.)	18-1-2	41
39 Bates Creek (Lexington, Ky.)	23-1-4	42
Season complete. Kentucky state champion. School Facts: Public, 1,750 students in grades 9-12. Notes: Perhaps it's fitting in a state where few public schools win state titles, Bates Creek's victory came with an unusual twist. The Commodores won in a shootout over favored Notre Dame following a 1-1 draw through regulation and two overtimes, and the decisive PK was converted by a player who didn't play during regulation — Bailey Lankster. Bates Creek became the first public school since 2006 to claim a girls' soccer state title in Kentucky. Fun Fact: Head coach Bo Lankster won two state titles as a player at Lexington Catholic and his first state title after 21 years as a head coach came with three of his daughters on the team — defender Bailey, midfielder Aaron and goalkeeper Arly.		
40 Nashoba (Bolton, Mass.)	17-0-4	NR
41 Benilde-St. Margaret's (St. Louis Park, Minn.)	21-0-1	43
Season complete. Minnesota Class A state champion. School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 7-12. Notes: Kelly Pannek scored a pair of goals and Benilde-St. Margaret's avenged last year's state final loss to Blake with a 3-2 win over the team this year. Dana Buckhorn scored the other goals. Forward Maria Michels, midfielder Buckhorn, forward Pannek and defender Anne Arnason were named to the all-tournament team. Fun Fact: Although Benilde-St. Margaret's came into existence in 1974 through the merger of a all-boys Benilde and all-girls St. Margaret's Academy, the school traces its beginning to 1907 — the opening of the girls' school.		
42 Kellenberg Memorial (Uniondale, N.Y.)	12-1-1	45
43 Freehold Borough (Freehold, N.J.)	14-1-2	46
44 Evansville Memorial (Evansville, Ind.)	21-3-0	48
Season complete. Indiana Class 2A state champion. School Facts: Private, 800 students in grades 9-12. Notes: Gracie Lachowecki had a goal and one assist to helped Memorial to a 3-1 victory over St. Joseph's in the large-school state final. Lachowecki, a senior, topped 40 goals for her career. Coupled with her brother Max, Memorial claimed three state titles (two boys and one girls) with Lachoweckis as leading scorers. Fun Fact: Although Memorial has won 16 state titles in soccer (12 boys and four girls — including sanctioned and unsanctioned tournaments, the school's most famous athletic alum is former New York Yankee great Don Mattingly, the current manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.		
45 Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio)	16-3-2	49
Season complete. Ohio Division I region finalist. School Facts: Private, all-girls, 800 students in grades 9-12. Notes: Ursuline's season ended with a regional final loss to Mason, which it defeated earlier in the season. Fun Fact: Actress Amy Yasbeck, known for her striking red hair and being the widow to former Three's Company star Jack Ritter, is a graduate of Ursuline Academy.		
46 Northwest Catholic (West Hartford, Conn.)	15-0-1	50
47 Thurston (Springfield, Ore.)	15-0-1	NR
48 Medfield (Medfield, Mass.)	19-0-3	NR
49 Issaquah (Issaquah, Wash.)	18-2-1	NR
50 Skyline (Sammamish, Wash.)	15-1-3	NR

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West Shore Conference girls soccer awards

BY RYAN KACZMARSKI

Girls Soccer

Several area varsity girls soccer players were named to the All-West Shore Conference team this year.

The first team All-WSC players are Alex Brown (Bay), Margaret Francati (Bay), Marci Walter (Bay), Jordan Holmes (Bay), Taylor Prebel (Lake-wood), Grace Bennett (Rocky River) and Abby Elinsky (Rocky River).

The second team All-WSC players are Sophie Steyns (Bay), Nicole Pohlkamp (Bay), Sam Fedor (Lake-wood), Hallie McCue (Rocky River) and McKenna Klodnick (Rocky River).

The conference's two highest honors went to Bay's Alex Brown, who was named the WSC player of the year, and Bay head coach Jack Grif-fiths, who was named WSC coach of the year.



Bay senior Alex Brown is this year's West Shore Conference girls soccer player of the year. (West Life photo by Ryan Kaczmariski)

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Girls ESR Top 50: Fall Final

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TOP STORY: Around 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, the fall high school season drew to a close as Montgomery (N.J.) edged Ridge (N.J.) 1-0 for the New Jersey Group 4 state title. It marked the last high school match of the weather-interrupted fall season, which ran from Aug. 13 in the Midwest to Dec. 2 in New Jersey.

BIG MOVER: None.

NEWCOMERS: No. 50 Beavercreek (Beavercreek, Ohio)

NOTE: *The fall season includes the following states: California (fall), Connecticut, D.C., Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia (private), Washington, West Virginia.*

Rankings through matches played as of Dec. 2, 2012 – FINAL RANKINGS

Rk.	School (City, State)	Record	Prev.
1	Maria Carrillo (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Season complete. CIF North Coast Division I champion. School Facts: Public, 1,650 students in grades 9-12. Notes: Arizona State commit Katie Mohr assisted a pair of goals as Maria Carrillo defeated Montgomery 3-1 for the section title and an undefeated season. Montgomery struck first in the final, marking the first time Maria Carrillo had trailed all season. Brooke Dunbar, Madison Gonzalez and Victoria Kovatch answered for Maria Carrillo, which capped the first perfect season in the NCS Division I since Montgomery accomplished the feat in 2004 — when it claimed the national title. Mohr is one of five seniors committed to college soccer programs, and the roster includes an underclassman in the U.S. Youth National Team player pool. Fun Fact: The school is named in honor of Maria Carrillo, the first woman to receive a land grant from the Spanish-Mexican government.	20-0-0	1
2	Northern Highlands (Allendale, N.J.) Season complete. New Jersey Group 3 state champion.	24-0-0	2

School Facts: Public, 1,450 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: On a team that features junior standout scorer Clare Shea, senior midfielder Madison Holleran, 6-foot-4 senior defender Jackie Reyneke and senior keeper Brooke Holle, with 19 shutouts, it ended up being sophomore Hana Kerner who saved the season. Kerner, a standout for Match Fit Chelsea FC, scored all three goals as Northern Highlands rallied in the second half for a 3-1 win over Moorestown in the state final. Northern Highlands now owns a 48-match win streak, the longest active streak in the nation.

Fun Fact: Northern Highlands has been a force recently in one of the more obscure high school sports — girls' fencing. The program has finished first or second in the state tournament each of the last four years.

3 **Perrysburg (Perrysburg, Ohio)** **23-0-0** **3**

Season complete. Ohio Division I state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,415 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Maddy Williams' first-half penalty kick stood as the lone score as Perrysburg edged Mason 1-0 in the state final. In the semifinals, Perrysburg topped perennial national power Strongsville.

Fun Fact: Jim Leyland, who guided the Detroit Tigers to a World Series appearance this past fall, is a graduate of Perrysburg.

4 **Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio)** **21-0-2** **4**

Season complete. Ohio Division II state champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,300 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Xavier commit Maddy John scored twice while Notre Dame commit Sandra Yu, junior Alex Kithcart and Kennedy Payne added goals as Walsh Jesuit handled Columbus St. Francis de Sales 5-0 in the state final. The result marked the largest margin of victory in any boys or girls state final in Ohio and was Walsh Jesuit's sixth state crown.

Fun Fact: Walsh Jesuit, founded in 1965, may have more land than any school in the rankings with 108 acres.

5 **Peters Township (McMurray, Pa.)** **24-1-0** **5**

Season complete. Pennsylvania Class AAA state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,600 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Junior Emily Franty scored the lone goal as Peters Township avenged its only defeat of the season with a 1-0 victory over Cumberland Valley in the state final. The win makes Peters Township only the second Class AAA school to win three straight state titles in Pennsylvania, joining West Chester Henderson (1997-99).

Fun Fact: Some scenes in the 2012 film The Perks of Being a Wallflower were filmed in the Peters Township cafeteria, hallways, classrooms and at the stadium.

6 **Good Counsel (Olney, Md.)** **16-1-2** **6**

Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 10-12.

Notes: The preseason No. 1 team in the nation became the first team to secure a final Top 10 ranking with a 2-0 win over Bishop O'Connell (Va.) in the WCAC final. With the match at 1-0 late in the contest, keeper Megan Hinz saved an O'Connell penalty kick. Midge Purce, who represented the U.S. at the Under-17 World Championships this past fall, scored her second goal of the match shortly thereafter to give the Falcons breathing room.

Fun Fact: While in the military, Good Counsel head coach Jim Bruno got to celebrate his 21st birthday twice. Bruno, who was a 4th Infantry Division-combat medic, turned 21 the day he left Vietnam. However, his flight heading east took him over the International Date Line, making it a day earlier. Therefore, the next day, he "turned" 21 again.

7 **Montgomery (Skillman, N.J.)** **23-1-2** **8**

Season complete. New Jersey Group 4 state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,700 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Montgomery avenged its lone defeat with a state semifinal victory over five-time defending state champion Lenape, then closed the deal with a 1-0 victory over Ridge in the state final. Clemson commit Catrina Atanda, the team's leading scorer, netted the match-winning goal, assisted by Vanderbilt commit Colby Ciarrocca in the team's third shutout of Ridge this season. The title marked Montgomery's first outright state title. It shared the 2005 Group 3 crown with Moorestown.

Fun Fact: In 2006, Montgomery was given an excellence in AP Art History honor as all 203 students who took the AP exam that year scored 3 or higher.

8 Mason (Mason, Ohio) 20-2-1 9

Season complete. Ohio Division I state runner-up.

School Facts: Public, 3,200 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Despite outshooting Perrysburg by a wide margin, Mason lost the state final 1-0. On its way to the state final, Mason avenged its only loss of the season and pinned the only defeat on Pickerington North.

Fun Fact: NBC Sports anchor Dan Patrick is a graduate of Mason.

9 Strongsville (Strongsville, Ohio) 20-2-0 10

Season complete. Ohio Division I state semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 2,600 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Strongsville's bid for a second straight state title ended with a loss to eventual champion Perrysburg in the state semifinals. Strongsville was making its 11th state semifinal appearance since 1998. Seniors Paige Amodio and Alexis Manoa have committed to Bowling Green. Juniors Kelly Novak (Kentucky), Nicolette Griesinger (Dayton) and Lizzie Ehrnfelt (Central Michigan) also have committed to NCAA Division I programs.

Fun Fact: In 2002, a field behind the school was converted into a 5,200-seat football stadium in just 84 days.

10 Skyline (Sammamish, Wash.) 17-1-3 12

Season complete. Washington Class 4A state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,965 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Sophomore Izzy Marshall scored on an assist from sophomore Amanda Johnston as Skyline claimed a fourth state title in five years with a 1-0 victory over league rival Issaquah.

Fun Fact: Opened in 1997, Skyline received its name since the school is at the apex of the Sammamish Plateau, the highest point in the city of Sammamish.

11 Cumberland Valley (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) 23-3-1 13

Season complete. Pennsylvania Class AAA state runner-up.

School Facts: Public, 2,525 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Cumberland Valley made a seamless transition from spring high school soccer to fall soccer this school year, and was a serious title threat. Cumberland Valley handed Peters Township its only loss this season before falling to the Pittsburgh-area school 1-0 in the state final.

Fun Fact: Cassie Pecht, who was the ACC Freshmen of the Year in women's soccer, graduated from Cumberland Valley last school year. She was a pivotal player during the Eagles' 2011 spring state title run, but missed most of the 2012 spring season due to injury, although the Eagles went on to repeat as spring champs.

12 Strath Haven (Wallingford, Pa.) 20-1-1 14

Season complete. Pennsylvania Class AAA Round of 16.

School Facts: Public, 1,200 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Strath Haven went undefeated through a challenging league schedule, won the District 1-AAA tournament, then fell to Cumberland Valley 1-0 in the state playoffs.

Fun Fact: During the 2008 presidential election cycle, the school played host to both major party candidates: Barack Obama (for a town hall meeting in April of 2008) and John McCain

(Road to Victory Rally in November).

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| 13 River Hill (Clarksville, Md.) | 19-0-0 | 15 |
| Season complete. Maryland Class 3A state champion. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,600 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Callie Allen scored on a rebound in overtime to lift River Hill to a 1-0 state title victory over C.M. Wright, winning the program's eighth state title and fourth for coach Brian Song, who is in his eighth year as head coach. River Hill outscored its opponents 79-6 this season. | | |
| Fun Fact: From the opening of River Hill, a magnet school in affluent Howard County, the Hawks were an instant soccer power for boys and girls. Since 1997, the school has claimed 16 boys and girls state titles (eight each) in 20 state tournament appearances. | | |
| 14 Washingtonville (Washingtonville, N.Y.) | 20-0-0 | 16 |
| Season complete. New York Class AA state champion. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,750 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Junior Alana O'Neill converted a penalty kick in the third overtime to lift Washingtonville to a 1-0 victory over Webster Thomas in the state final. The title was the first for Washingtonville and its first-year coach Jennifer Czumak, who had guided Shenendehowa and North Rockland to state tournaments in the past. | | |
| Fun Fact: Brittany Taylor, a former US Soccer National Team player and current professional player, is a 2005 graduate of Washingtonville, where she was a three-time section player of the year. | | |
| 15 Viewmont (Bountiful, Utah) | 19-1-0 | 18 |
| Season complete. Class 5A state champion. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,700 students in grades 10-12. | | |
| Notes: Ella Johnson, one of several senior starters, headed home the winning goal in overtime as Viewmont edged Alta 1-0 in the final. This was Viewmont's third straight trip to the state final, but first win during that run. The program's other titles were in 1993 and 1998. Viewmont's only loss during the season was to Lone Peak, which it avenged with a playoff victory over Lone Peak. | | |
| Fun Fact: Viewmont is more widely known as a boys' wrestling state power in the past decade, winning seven of nine state titles between 2002-2010. | | |
| 16 Alta (Sandy, Utah) | 18-1-1 | 19 |
| Season complete. Class 5A state runner-up. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 2,586 students in grades 10-12. | | |
| Notes: Alta's bid for an eighth state title since 2001 came up short in a 1-0 loss to Viewmont, which was a rematch of last year's final. Alta figures to be among the ESR Top 50 preseason favorites next year as juniors Bizzy Phillips (22 goals), Madi Lyons (20 goals) and Sydney Fitzpatrick (14 goals) return. | | |
| Fun Fact: Julianne Hough of "Dancing With The Stars" fame is an Alta graduate. | | |
| 17 Pickerington North (Pickerington, Ohio) | 19-1-2 | 17 |
| Season complete. Ohio Division I state semifinalist. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 1,950 students in grades 9-12. | | |
| Notes: Pickerington North lost to Mason 1-0 in overtime in the state semifinals, ending the squad's undefeated season. During the year, Pickerington North pinned the only loss on Dublin Coffman and ended Dublin Jerome's undefeated streak at 20. | | |
| Fun Fact: The Pickerington North band, with nearly 400 members, has performed at a number of nationally known events, including the Tournament of Roses Parade (2006), the Phoenix Fiest Bowl (2007) and the Orlando Citrus Parade (2009). | | |
| 18 Lenape (Medford, N.J.) | 19-4-1 | 7 |
| Season complete. New Jersey Group 4 state semifinalist. | | |
| School Facts: Public, 2,100 students in grades 9-12. | | |

Notes: Lenape started its season with a win over Montgomery, then lost the rematch 1-0 in the state semifinals, ending Lenape's run of five straight state titles. Lenape twice lost to No. 19 Eastern, but defeated Eastern to win the section crown and earn a state semifinal berth.

Fun Fact: Lenape has been a dominant soccer power in recent years, but the area is also well known for women's field hockey. Recent Lenape graduate Lauren Pfeiffer is a member of the U.S. National Team and has made 49 international appearances.

19 Eastern (Voorhees, N.J.) **23-2-1** **11**

Season complete. South Jersey Group 4 runner-up.

School Facts: Public, 2,100 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Eastern was the class of the highly competitive South Jersey scene until falling to rival Lenape 1-0 in the South Jersey Group 4 final. Eastern had gone 2-0-1 against Lenape during the season. Rutgers commit and Youth National Team member Madison Tiernan led Eastern in scoring with 26 goals.

Fun Fact: Eastern's dominance in another girls fall sport has proven to be record-setting. The school's field hockey team recently won its 14th straight state title and did so with a 9-2 victory over Bridgewater-Raritan in the eighth straight year that the programs have met in the state final. During Eastern's state title run, the program established a national record with a 153-match undefeated streak from 1999 to 2005.

20 Bishop O'Connell (Arlington, Va.) **14-2-2** **20**

Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference runner-up.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Both of Bishop O'Connell's defeats were to a Good Counsel (Md.) team that spent time at No. 1 in the nation this season. The most recent setback was 2-0 decision in the WCAC final. O'Connell had a chance to tie that match at one but a penalty kick attempt was saved by the Good Counsel keeper and a minute later Good Counsel added an insurance goal. This year's team was led by Virginia commit Morgan Ruether.

Fun Fact: O'Connell is home to the annual Superdance, a 12-hour dance marathon that raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The first dance was held in 1976 and since it has raised more than \$4 million for the foundation.

21 Archbishop Spalding (Severn, Md.) **15-3-3** **21**

Season complete. Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland A champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,250 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: After finishing behind McDonogh in the IAAM A Conference standings, Spalding ended up winning the conference title over McDonogh in a championship match shootout. East Carolina commit Gracyn Bryant and Kelly Patterson scored goals in regulation as the match ended 2-2. Spalding won the shootout 4-2 as goalkeeper an UMass commit Cassidy Babin came up with two saves. The result sends off 11-year head coach Bob Dieterle with his fourth IAAM A crown and 173rd career win.

Fun Fact: Spalding originally opened in 1963 as Holy Trinity, an all-girls school. It moved in 1966 and took on the name Spalding, but remained an all-girls school until 1973.

22 McDonogh (Owings Mills, Md.) **16-3-0** **22**

Season complete. Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland A runner-up.

School Facts: Private, 1,300 students in grades K-12.

Notes: McDonogh won the regular-season title but fell to Spalding for the conference championship in a shootout. The Eagles have been a perennial nationally ranked team for the past 20 years. This year's squad handed Good Counsel its only loss. The setback to Spalding was the team's only instate loss this season.

Fun Fact: When McDonogh opened in 1873, it was a school for orphan boys who worked the McDonogh farm in exchange for studies, room and board. The first tuition students did not arrive until 1922 and the school did not go co-ed until 1975.

- 23 Dublin Coffman (Dublin, Ohio)** **15-1-4** **23**
Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.
School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Dublin Coffman's undefeated season ended with a playoff loss to Pickerington North in the regional semifinals. The team tied fellow Top 25-ranked Dublin Jerome and Walsh Jesuit.
Fun Fact: From the inception of the school in 1973 until 1995, the school was simply known as Dublin. The "Coffman" was added in 1995 as the city of Dublin, home to the original Wendy's fast-food restaurant, laid plans for a second high school in the city.
- 24 Dublin Jerome (Dublin, Ohio)** **16-2-3** **24**
Season complete. Ohio Division I regional finalist.
School Facts: Public, 1,250 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: During Dublin Jerome's 19-match undefeated run, the team tied both Pickerington North and Dublin Coffman. A loss to Pickerington North in the regional final ended Jerome's undefeated streak and season.
Fun Fact: Jerome, the newest of three Dublin high schools — opened in 2004 — is nicknamed the Celtics, and a bagpiper leads the football team onto the field for every game.
- 25 Franklin (Franklin, Mass.)** **22-0-1** **25**
Season complete. Massachusetts Division 1 state champion.
School Facts: Public, 1,600 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Kristi Kirshe, who has committed to Williams College, scored both goals as Franklin edged Nashoba 2-1 to claim its first state title. The championship and undefeated season ended up being crowning moments for coach Tom Geysen, who celebrated his first title after three decades as the program's coach, and senior Grace Conley, who has battled cancer the past two years, yet found the energy to play all 80 minutes of the final. Kirshe ended her career with 102 goals.
Fun Fact: Jennifer O'Malley-Dillon, the executive director of the Democratic National Committee, is a graduate of Franklin. Many credit her with rallying the Democrat voters that helped give President Barack Obama a second term in office with this past November's election victory.
- 26 Wayzata (Plymouth, Minn.)** **17-2-2** **26**
Season complete. Minnesota Class AA state champion.
School Facts: Public, 3,400 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Wayzata used to be a fixture in the Top 50 rankings, but spent most of the 2012 season on the outside looking in until sweeping its way to a state crown. Wisconsin commit Kylie Schwarz and Ruby Stauber scored the goals and Wayzata held White Bear Lake to one shot in a 2-0 state final victory. For Wayzata, it marked the program's second straight state title, third in four years and seventh overall for legendary coach Tony Peszneker, who indicated he may retire after 23 years at the helm.
Fun Fact: Wayzata is not only the largest high school in Minnesota based on population, but also in school size. To put the school's 487,000 square feet in perspective, it can easily house two, maybe even three, Super Walmarts.
- 27 Brentwood (Brentwood, Tenn.)** **18-2-1** **27**
Season complete. Tennessee Class AAA state champion.
School Facts: Public, 1,425 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Meg Howard's second-half goal carried Franklin to a 1-0 state title over Siegel, which came a day after Brentwood avenged a loss by beating favored Farragut in the state semifinals. The title marked the program's first since 1997 and gave Brentwood a rare boys-girls double. The school's boys' soccer team captured the Class AAA state crown last spring.
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hours of programming every day.

- 28 Farragut (Knoxville, Tenn.)** **23-1-1** **28**
Season complete. Tennessee Class AAA state semifinalist.
School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Farragut's 24-match undefeated streak and season ended with a 1-0 loss to eventual state champion Brentwood in the state semifinals. Farragut defeated Brentwood during the regular season. Farragut also defeated Top 50-ranked Holy Name (Ohio) during the season.
Fun Fact: The school, which opened in 1904, is named in honor of Civil War hero David Glasgow Farragut, a Union admiral best known for saying, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."
- 29 Exeter (Exeter, N.H.)** **19-0-0** **29**
Season complete. New Hampshire Division I state champion.
School Facts: Public, 1,705 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Sophomore Casey Estey scored twice as Exeter cruised to a 5-1 victory over Bedford for the program's fourth straight state title. This marked the program's sixth title in seven years, but its first perfect season. Seniors Maggie Couett, Allie Day, Kanoe Eichholz and Abby Short celebrated their fourth titles in four years on the varsity team.
Fun Fact: Only months prior to becoming president, Barack Obama held a rally in the Exeter High School gymnasium.
- 30 South Side (Rockville Centre, N.Y.)** **19-0-1** **30**
Season complete. New York Class A state champion.
School Facts: Public, 1,100 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Michaela Lynch and Christina Klaum each had a goal and an assist as South Side defeated Jamesville-DeWitt 2-0 in the state final. South Side has now won 17 state titles in 17 state final appearances.
Fun Fact: In an annual tradition that goes back 96 years, South Side is home to the Red and Blue revue, a mostly girls competition that was a response to the lack of girls sports at the school prior to World War I. Today, more than 300 girls annually participate in the event in which the participants are randomly assigned to either the Red or Blue team. The teams compete in a series of judged competitions over three days that are attended by thousands and televised on local cable TV.
- 31 Holy Cross (Kensington, Md.)** **13-2-1** **31**
Season complete. Washington Catholic Athletic Conference semifinalist.
School Facts: Private, all-girls, 600 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: In a league dominated by Good Counsel and Bishop O'Connell (Va.), Holy Cross made a name for itself this season. The team's only losses were to Bishop O'Connell, and the team tied Top 10-ranked Good Counsel.
Fun Fact: Under the guidance of coach Bill Sheahan, the girls' basketball team at Holy Cross put together a staggering 115-game win streak during the late 1970s and early 1980s. No school in Maryland, nor the D.C. Metro area, has come close to clipping that record.
- 32 Hilliard-Davidson (Hilliard, Ohio)** **17-3-0** **32**
Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.
School Facts: Public, 1,800 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Hilliard Davidson's season ended with a 2-0 loss to nationally ranked Dublin Jerome. The team's other setbacks were to Top 50-ranked Dublin Coffman and Pickerington North.
Fun Fact: Hilliard Davidson has an e-campus system, which allows students to take online classes offered by the school district.
- 33 Rocky River (Rocky River, Ohio)** **17-3-0** **33**
Season complete. Ohio Division I regional semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 860 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Rocky River's season ended with a 2-1 loss to Walsh Jesuit in the regional semifinals. The team split its matches with nationally ranked Holy Name, and defeated once-ranked Magnificat.

Fun Fact: Perhaps not a "fun" fact, it's certainly interesting to note that Rocky River has not won a state title in any sport since capturing a boys' track and field crown in 1927.

34 Holy Name (Parma, Ohio) 13-3-2 34

Season complete. Ohio Division II district finalist.

School Facts: Private, 805 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Holy Name lost to Rocky River in the district final, reversing an earlier result between the programs. Holy Name's other losses this year are to nationally ranked Walsh Jesuit and Farragut (Tenn.). Holy Name has a win over St. Anthony's (N.Y.).

Fun Fact: When Holy Name opened in 1914, it was the first co-ed Catholic high school in Cleveland.

35 St. Anthony's (Melville, N.Y.) 18-2-1 35

Season complete. New York Catholic state champion.

School Facts: Private, 2,400 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Maggie Bill, a national lacrosse recruit who has signed with North Carolina and intends on playing soccer, as well, started the scoring as St. Anthony's rolled to a 6-0 win over Notre Dame Academy in the state final. The title marked the program's second straight championship and 20th overall and served as a perfect tribute to retiring coach Dave Prutting, who during the season collected his 400th coaching victory. St. Anthony's split a pair of matches with state-ranked Kellenberg and lost to Holy Name (Ohio) during the season.

Fun Fact: When St. Anthony's opened in 1933, it was designed to be an all-boys boarding school that prepared its student body for entry into priesthood or religious life. The school never had more than 60 students in the early years. After a change in its mission and relocation of the school, enrollment increased. By the mid-1980s, the once all-boys school started to accept female students and now the school has more than 2,400 students.

36 Pennington School (Pennington, N.J.) 15-2-2 36

Season complete. New Jersey Prep A state champion.

School Facts: Private, 500 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Senior Erica Murphy scored a pair of goals and senior keeper Jessica Ratner recorded her 12th shutout of the season as Pennington defeated Blair Academy 4-0 for the program's 10th straight Prep A state title. After starting the season with shutout losses to Good Counsel (Md.) and Bishop O'Connell (Va.), Pennington School went undefeated in its final 17 matches. The two ties on the team's record ended up being shootout wins.

Fun Fact: Pennington School opened in 1838, the oldest of the ESR Top 50 members. There were only 26 states, none located further west than Missouri and Arkansas, when Pennington School opened.

37 Tates Creek (Lexington, Ky.) 23-1-4 37

Season complete. Kentucky state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,750 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Perhaps it's fitting in a state where few public schools win state titles, Tates Creek's victory came with an unusual twist. The Commodores won in a shootout over favored Notre Dame following a 1-1 draw through regulation and two overtimes, and the decisive PK was converted by a player who didn't play during regulation — Bailey Lankster. Tates Creek became the first public school since 2006 to claim a girls' soccer state title in Kentucky.

Fun Fact: Head coach Bo Lankster won two state titles as a player at Lexington Catholic and his first state title after 21 years as a head coach came with three of his daughters on the team — defender Bailey, midfielder Aaron and goalkeeper Arly.

38 Benilde-St. Margaret's (St. Louis Park, Minn.) 21-0-1 38

Season complete. Minnesota Class A state champion.

School Facts: Private, 1,200 students in grades 7-12.

Notes: Kelly Pannek scored a pair of goals and Benilde-St. Margaret's avenged last year's state final loss to Blake with a 3-2 win over the team this year. Dana Buckhorn scored the other goals. Forward Maria Michels, midfielder Buckhorn, forward Pannek and defender Anne Arnason were named to the all-tournament team.

Fun Fact: Although Benilde-St. Margaret's came into existence in 1974 through the merger of a all-boys Benilde and all-girls St. Margaret's Academy, the school traces its beginning to 1907 — the opening of the girls' school.

39 Medfield (Medfield, Mass.) 21-0-3 39

Season complete. Massachusetts Division 2 state champion.

School Facts: Public, 900 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Junior Cami McCurdy scored the first and third goals as Medfield completed an undefeated season with a 3-1 state final win over Belchertown.

Fun Fact: Medfield has a synthetic baseball field, which was built in 2008 thanks to funds from former Red Sox standout Curt Schilling, who lives in Medfield, and the Boston Red Sox.

40 Issaquah (Issaquah, Wash.) 19-3-1 40

Season complete. Washington Class 4A state runner-up.

School Facts: Public, 1,850 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Issaquah and league rival Skyline met in the final with Skyline emerging with a 2-0 victory.

Fun Fact: In 2003, Issaquah, named for a local American Indian tribe, changed the school's name from the Indians to the Eagles. The change was prompted by a resolution from The Church Council of Greater Seattle calling for an end to all Native American mascots in 2002. After the ruling to change the nickname, 150 students protested, asking the school board to reconsider, but the district declined.

41 Tahoma (Maple Valley, Wash.) 21-1-0 41

Season complete. Washington Class 4A state semifinalist.

School Facts: Public, 1,735 students in grades 10-12.

Notes: After losing to Skyline 2-1 in the state semifinals, Tahoma bounced back for a 1-0 win over Camas in the third-place match. Taylor Clarin scored in the semifinal loss and Tori Tappero netted the winner in the consolation match. Brie Hooks was the team's top scorer during the season.

Fun Fact: While Tahoma may sound like a Native American Indian name, the school's name is actually the result of taking the first two letters of the three schools that were merged in 1926 to create Tahoma — Taylor, Hobart and Maple Valley.

42 Evansville Memorial (Evansville, Ind.) 21-3-0 42

Season complete. Indiana Class 2A state champion.

School Facts: Private, 800 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Gracie Lachowecki had a goal and one assist to helped Memorial to a 3-1 victory over St. Joseph's in the large-school state final. Lachowecki, a senior, topped 40 goals for her career. Coupled with her brother Max, Memorial claimed three state titles (two boys and one girls) with Lachoweckis as leading scorers.

Fun Fact: Although Memorial has won 16 state titles in soccer (12 boys and four girls — including sanctioned and unsanctioned tournaments, the school's most famous athletic alum is former New York Yankee great Don Mattingly, the current manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

43 Nashoba (Bolton, Mass.) 18-1-4 43

Season complete. Massachusetts Division 1 state runner-up.

School Facts: Public, 1,000 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: After falling behind 2-0, Kim Slade scored one goal, but a second never came as Nashoba fell to Franklin in a battle of undefeated teams in the state final.

Fun Fact: Nashoba offers a Cadet EMT Program, which trains high school students and allows them to serve as EMTs on the Bolton Ambulance squad. Students in the program are allowed to carry pagers in class and are notified when there are emergencies requiring EMTs in the town's jurisdiction.

44 Ursuline Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio) 16-3-2 44

Season complete. Ohio Division I region finalist.

School Facts: Private, all-girls, 800 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Ursuline's season ended with a regional final loss to Mason, which it defeated earlier in the season.

Fun Fact: Actress Amy Yasbeck, known for her striking red hair and being the widow to former Three's Company star Jack Ritter, is a graduate of Ursuline Academy.

45 Northwest Catholic (West Hartford, Conn.) 19-0-1 45

Season complete. Connecticut Class M state champion.

School Facts: Private, 650 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Jessica Fontaine scored two goals and assisted on another as Northwest Catholic handled St. Joseph-Trumbull 4-1 in the state final. Given Northwest Catholic defeated Weston, which had a win over Class S Immaculate, which beat Class LL champ Newtown, it makes Northwest Catholic a very defendable overall No. 1 in Connecticut despite being grouped in a smaller school classification.

Fun Fact: Jack Phelan, who was part of Northwest Catholic's first class of athletic Hall of Fame inductees, was a standout basketball player and later coach the University of Hartford as it made the transition from NCAA Division II to Division I. After his playing days at St. Francis (Pa.), he was a sixth-round draft pick by the Golden State Warriors. Around the same time, he got a tryout with the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers despite not playing football since his sophomore year in high school.

46 Thurston (Springfield, Ore.) 17-0-1 46

Season complete. Oregon Class 6A state champion.

School Facts: Public, 1,585 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: Thurston became only the second school outside of the Portland area to win the large-school state title after holding off Clackamas 2-0 in the final. Aliyah Gallup and Sarah Johnson scored the team's goals, with Johnson's coming with less than three minutes to play. Between the goals, however, Thurston keeper Lindsey Mabinuori fended off Clackamas' 17-shot attack, which forced her into 11 saves.

Fun Fact: The only other non-Portland-area school to win the large school state title was Sheldon, when it pulled off the feat in back-to-back years in 2003 and 2004.

47 La Cueva (Albuquerque, N.M.) 17-4-0 48

Season complete. New Mexico Class AAAAA state champion.

School Facts: Public, 2,250 students in grades 9-12.

Notes: La Cueva defeated Volcano Vista on penalty kicks following a scoreless match in the state final. The win marked La Cueva's second straight state title and 14th since 1989. Senior Courtney Riley was named the Class AAAAA State Player of the Year while coach Amber Ashcraft collected the Coach of the Year honors. Seniors Maggie Sabik, Emily Chavez and Shayla Malecki and junior keeper Samantha Johnson were named to the Class AAAAA all-state first team along with Riley.

Fun Fact: La Cueva has won 95 team sports state titles since the school opened in 1986. The school's soccer teams, which swept the Class AAAAA boys and girls titles in 2012, have combined for 20 titles.

48 Jesuit (Portland, Ore.) 12-2-3 49

Season complete. Oregon Class 6A state semifinalist.

School Facts: Private, 1,270 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Jesuit pushed Thurston to triple overtime before falling 3-2 in the state semifinals.
Fun Fact: Although Jesuit was not established until 1956, its roots go back to 1907 when the Jesuits purchased land that was set aside for a future high school. After a few attempts to get the Jesuits to open the school — one in the 1920s and another in the early 1950s — the Jesuit Father Provincial was requested to open a school by the archbishop, which led to Jesuit High School opening in 1956.

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Bishop Kelly (Boise, Idaho)

22-0-0

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Season complete. Idaho Class 4A state champion.
School Facts: Private, 650 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Mickie Piechowski and Maddie Minnaert scored goals early as Bishop Kelly defeated Century 2-0 for the program’s third straight state title and fifth in six years. Bishop Kelly’s victory also extended the program’s undefeated run to 68 straight matches, currently the longest active streak among high school girls’ soccer programs.
Fun Fact: Bishop Kelly opened in 1964, filling a void left when St. Teresa’s Academy had closed its doors in the spring of 1964. St. Teresa’s Academy, which opened in 1890, was the first high school in Boise. Public schools did not exist in Boise until 1902.

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Beavercreek (Beavercreek, Ohio)

16-2-1

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Season complete. Ohio Division I district runner-up.
School Facts: Public, 2,450 students in grades 9-12.
Notes: Beavercreek spent most of the year in the Top 50 until losing two of its final four matches. The team’s season ended with a 1-0 playoff loss to No. 44 Ursuline Academy. Beavercreek had a tie with No. 24 Dublin Jerome and beat state-ranked Centerville and perennial state-ranked St. Ursula.
Fun Fact: Beavercreek opened in 1888 and the original school was in a log building on a farm property. Beavcreek stayed in that facilty for more than 40 years.

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The Sun News staff is doing its very best to recognize the outstanding student-athletes from the fall sports season.

Check out the 2012 All-Sun selections from volleyball, soccer, cross country, golf and girls' tennis, saluted below, then look over to the regional listing on the right and find the stand-out scholastic players who are closest to your home.

SOCCKER: BOYS

J.J. Ball , senior	North Olmsted
Misrad Curri , senior	Lakewood
Robert Daggett , senior	St. Edward
Nate Fahey , senior	St. Ignatius
Zach Fehrenbach , senior	Lakewood
Sutton Klodnick , sophomore	Rocky River
Jamie Lackner , senior	Westlake
Trent Newby , junior	Rocky River
Matt Ramser , senior	St. Edward
Tyler Sanda , senior	St. Ignatius
Will Sharer , sophomore	Avon
Niko Telidis , senior	Avon
Fredrik Troupe , senior	Avon
Nick Wertman , senior	Westlake
Jacob Wischmeier , freshman	Rocky River

SOCCKER: GIRLS

Ashley Balasko , senior	North Olmsted
Grace Bennett , junior	Rocky River
Alex Brown , senior	Bay
Alexis Carpenter , junior	Westlake
Nicole Chabot , senior	Avon
Natalie Coury , junior	Magnificat
Abby Elinsky , junior	Rocky River
Margaret Francati , senior	Bay
Lauren Hurst , junior	Westlake
Erin Langermier , sophomore	Westlake
Taylor Prebel , senior	Lakewood
Maddie Sandhu , senior	Westlake

SOCCKER: GIRLS

Most Valuable Player

Alexis Manoa
Senior Strongsville

All-Sun

Grace Bennett
Junior Rocky River

Alex Brown
Senior Bay

Alexis Carpenter
Senior Westlake

Maria Collica
Junior Solon

Caroline Dreher
Sophomore Holy Name

Natalie Greisinger
Junior Strongsville

Sydney Hanzlik
Senior Hawken

Michelle Krebs
Junior Gilmour

Lysette Roman
Senior Hathaway Brown

Maddie Sandhu
Senior Westlake

Marissa Scullin
Senior Medina

2012 HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS ALL STARS

GIRLS SOCCER



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SANDRA YU

Yu leads Walsh Jesuit back to the Division II title

JOE MAXSE
Plain Dealer Reporter

Sandra Yu knew 2012 had to be something special. After going through too much disappointment as a junior, the Walsh Jesuit senior wanted her final season of high school soccer to end as it did as a sophomore — with a state championship. That’s just how it turned out as the Warriors went 21-0-2 to win the Division II title to become the first program in any division, boys or girls, to win a sixth state championship. Playing solid throughout with 16 goals and 20 assists, the Notre Dame recruit is The Plain Dealer’s Girls Soccer Player of the Year. She was also named Ms. Soccer by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association. “We definitely used last year as a motivation,” said Yu, referring to a 1-0 shootout loss to Toledo Ursuline in a 2011 state semifinal. “Losing on penalty kicks, I didn’t want my last high school game ending like that.”

Yu also did not want physical adversity to keep her off the field. Suffering with hip and back pain through most of her junior season, she was unable to play until eight games were left in 2011. After numerous medical tests, it was determined she needed a gluten-free diet to get well. “Not being able to play last year was really tough,” she said. “It taught me to appreciate the game. There were times I thought I might not play again. The pain would keep me up all night.” Playing for one of the strongest programs in the state, Yu said there was pressure to maintain the program’s winning tradition. But it was an aspect she relished. “I don’t think I will ever play on teams that were this good,” she said. “It definitely flew by. That’s what I have tried to tell the freshmen. It goes by so fast, make sure you appreciate it.” Yu lives in Strongsville with her mother, Barbara. She has three sisters and a brother.

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Sandra Yu
School, year: Walsh Jesuit, Senior
Position: Midfielder
College: Notre Dame recruit.

Notable: She scored 16 goals, with 20 assists, for the Division II state champions. It was the second state title of her career. She finished her career with 50 goals and 52 assists and was named Ms. Soccer by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association.

GIRLS SOCCER ALL STARS

Alex Brown
School, year: Bay, Senior
Position: Forward
College: Undecided.
Notable: A four-year starter, she led the Rockets with 13 goals and 13 assists to help win the West Shore Conference and a No. 2 ranking in Division II. She finished her career with 50 goals and 41 assists and was a first-team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association pick.

Kristen Confroy
School, year: Solon, Junior
Position: Goalkeeper
College: Undecided.
Notable: She recorded 14 shutouts for the Comets (18-3), who reached the Division I regional final. She had 11 shutouts as a sophomore.

Abby Elinsky
School, year: Rocky River, Junior
Position: Forward
College: Undecided.
Notable: She tallied 28 goals and nine assists to help the Pirates (17-3) reach the Division II regional semifinals.

Nicolette Griesinger
School, year: Strongsville, Senior
Position: Midfielder
College: Dayton recruit.
Notable: She scored 14 goals, with five assists, to help the Mustangs go 19-2 and reach the Division I state semifinals. Strongsville won 18 straight before losing to eventual state champion Perrysburg. Was a second-team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association pick.

Sarah Kornick
School, year: Walsh Jesuit, Senior
Position: Defender
College: Loyola (Ill.) recruit.
Notable: A two-year starter, she anchored a defense that allowed seven goals in going 21-0-2 to win the Division II state championship.

Alexis Manoa
School, year: Strongsville, Senior
Position: Forward
College: Bowling Green recruit.
Notable: She scored 14 goals and had 18 assists to help the Mustangs reach the Division I state semifinals. Was a first-team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association selection.

Lysette Roman
School, year: Hathaway Brown, Senior
Position: Midfielder
College: Colgate recruit.
Notable: She scored 16 goals and had eight assists to help the Blazers (13-5-2) reach the Division II regional semifinals. She tallied 38 goals and 26 assists in her career and was a first-team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association pick.

Marisa Scullin
School, year: Medina, Senior
Position: Defender
College: Slippery Rock recruit.
Notable: The three-year starter anchored the middle defense to help the Bees (13-6-2) reach the Division I regional final. The captain played all four years, including the 2009 state title season. She was the lone senior on the playoff roster and was a first-team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association pick.

Sarah Sivic
School, year: Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Senior
Position: Midfielder
College: Akron recruit.
Notable: She collected 19 goals and two assists to finish her career with 44 goals and 20

Nicky Waldeck
School, year: Western Reserve Academy, Senior
Position: Midfielder
College: Michigan recruit.
Notable: She scored a single-season school record 43 goals and finished her career with 111 goals and 28 assists. She was a first-team Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association selection.

GIRLS SOCCER COACH OF THE YEAR

Dino McIntyre

School: Walsh Jesuit
Notable: The only coach for all 20 years of the program, he has a 351-38-28 record after going 21-0-2 this past season. The Warriors are the only program, boys or girls, to win six state championships. They also won Division II titles in 2001 and 2000, adding Division I championships in 2010, 2006 and 2004. The University of Akron graduate led teams to the semifinals in 2007 and 2009.

— Joe Maxse

Special Mention: Grace Bennett, Rocky River | Maria Collica, Solon | Natalie Coury, Magnificat | Chelsea Day, Beaumont | Cassie Daye, Wickliffe | Caroline Dreher, Holy Name | Ashleigh Ementt, Kirtland | Margaret Francati, Bay | Julie Gavorski, Madison | Kelly Gough, Hudson | Sydney Hanzlik, Hawken | Anna Haverchak, Copley | Kelly Johnson, Berea | Katherine Kouzelos, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy | Michelle Krebs, Gilmour Academy | Nicki Krejci, Twinsburg | Abbie Lawson, Stow |

Marissa Milazzo, Revere | Kynslie Murphy, Valley Forge | Sarah Newcomb, Kenston | Leah Rauscher, St. Vincent-St. Mary | Emily Rogers, Walsh Jesuit | Paige Rombach, Magnificat | Leah Runkle, Wadsworth | Hannah Schippers, Solon | Brianna Steward, North Royalton | Allison Stucky, Brecksville-Broadview Heights | Melissa Vajskop, Hathaway Brown | Jen Wisniewski, Independence | Lauren Wisnor, Elyria Catholic | Mykaela Zingale, Archbishop Hoban | Jessica Zurcher, Firelands.

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