

Rocky River High School 2022 Girls Soccer Season **Review & Historical Statistics**



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Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Most Notable Achievements



STATE CHAMPIONS
2013



REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
2021 2020 2013

FINAL 4

REGIONAL FINALISTS
2021 2020 2013 2011

ELITE 8

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

SWEET 16

2021 2020 2019 2013 2012 2011

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
2022 2020 2019 2018

WEST SHORE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
2014 2013 2011 2010 2008



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Rocky River High School Girls Soccer

2022 Season Results

15-2-1 Season, 6-0-0 Conference

Varsity Regular Season Schedule (14-1-1, 6-0-0 GLC)

1.	08/22 M	(H) Brunswick	W	5-2
2.	08/24 W	(A) Buckeye-Medina	W	8-0
3.	08/29 M	(H) St. Joseph Academy	W	2-0
4.	08/31 W	(H) Normandy	W	6-0
5.	09/02 F	(N) Evansville Reitz Mem (IN)*	L	0-2
6.	09/03 St	(N) Carmel (IN)*	T	2-2
7.	09/05 M	(N) Newark**	W	6-0
8.	09/07 W	(A) Lakewood GLC-East	W	3-0
9.	09/12 M	(H) Chagrin Falls	W	2-0
10.	09/14 W	(H) Elyria Catholic GLC-West	W	8-0
11.	09/19 M	(A) Clear Fork	W	3-1
12.	09/21 W	(A) Bay GLC-West	W	3-0
13.	09/28 W	(H) North Olmsted GLC-West	W	5-1
14.	10/05 W	(A) Westlake GLC-West	W	4-3
15.	10/12 W	(H) Fairview GLC-West	W	9-0
16.	10/17 M	(H) Lakewood GLC Championship	W	6-0

JV Regular Season Schedule (8-2-2, 2-1-1 GLC)

1.	08/22 M	(H) Brunswick	T	2-2
2.	08/24 W	(A) Buckeye-Medina	W	5-2
3.	08/29 M	(H) St. Joseph Academy	W	6-0
4.	09/02 F	(N) Evansville Reitz Mem (IN)*	W	1-0
5.	09/03 St	(N) Carmel (IN)*	L	0-2
6.	09/07 W	(A) Lakewood GLC-East	W	9-1
7.	09/12 M	(H) Chagrin Falls	W	3-1
8.	09/19 M	(A) Clear Fork	W	2-1
9.	09/21 W	(A) Bay GLC-West	T	1-1
10.	09/29 W	(H) Bay GLC-West	L	1-3
11.	10/01 St	(A) Olmsted Falls	W	3-0
12.	10/05 W	(A) Westlake GLC-West	W	4-0

Playoffs (Varsity) (1-1-0)

17.	10/20 THR	Sectional Final – (H) Berea-Midpark	W	8-0
18.	10/24 MON	District Semi-Final – (H) North Royalton	L	0-1

*Zionsville Lady Eagle Invitational, Zionsville, Indiana

**River View Labor Day Soccer Showcase takes place at River View Soccer Complex in Warsaw, Ohio and involves matches of some of the best teams in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Home Games are played at Rocky River High School Stadium at the corner of Detroit and Wager Road. The address of Rocky River High School is: 20951 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

2022 Great Lakes Conference Champions

2022 DI Sectional Champions

DI State Ranked #10

At the end of the 2022 season, in all of RRGs history, the 2022 RRGs team finished:

- 3rd(tied) in regular season points earned with 43 points.
- 4th in overall win percentage with 88%.
- 7th in overall points earned with 46 points.
- 6th(tied) in overall wins with 15 wins.
- 3rd(tied) in fewest losses with 2 losses.
- 6th(tied) in consecutive no-loss streak of 12 games.
- 4th(tied) in consecutive win streak of 11 games.
- 5th(tied) in shutouts with 11 shutout games.
- 4th(tied) in consecutive shutout games with 4 shutout games.
- 5th(tied) in goals scored for a season with 80 goals.
- 3rd in goals/game average with 4.44 goals/game.
- 3rd(tied) in fewest goals allowed for a season with 12 goals.
- 4th(tied) in fewest allowed goals/game average of 0.67 goals/game.
- The 2022 RRGs team finished with a 100% conference win record.

A Review of the 2022 Season

Reflecting on the 2022 Rocky River Girls Soccer (RRGS) season, what immediately comes to mind is: such a promising and successful season, just ended abruptly.

The 2022 RRGS team was 15-2-1 overall and 6-0-0 in conference play and the Great Lakes Conference Champions! When they won, RRGS won every game, 15 of them, by 2 or more goals. In the regular season, RRGS had only 1 loss and 1 draw.



The draw was 2-2 to Nationally ranked (MaxPreps, 9th) and Indiana (largest division) 3A State Runner-Up, Carmel High School (18-3-2). RRGS's only regular season loss was 0-2 to Nationally ranked (MaxPreps, 6th) and Indiana 2A State Champion, Evansville Reitz Memorial High School (22-0-1). Both matches were played away at the Zionsville Lady Eagle Invitational.



The 2nd loss for the year was playoff-ending, season-ending, shocking, and heartbreaking. RRGS lost the DI District Semi-Final match to North Royalton, 1-0. Sophia Sindelar and her 31 seasonal goals was missing from the game with an injury. RRGS had over 20 shots at the Royalton goal but none struck the back of the net. North Royalton had 1 single shot on goal for the match and the banger found the goal.

River's defense was stellar for the year. Allowing only 12 goals in 18 matches (0.67 GA average) and 11 shutout matches. The defense was predominately a Sophomore/Senior grouping starting with GK Caitlin Rose and defenders Lexi Hammermeister, Charlotte Dean, Rory Vesy, Rayna Kishna and directed by Ava Blair. For the second year in a row, Rose finished top 5 in RRGS history for a season in Winning Percentage, Fewest Goals Allowed Average, and Shutouts in a Season.

But what makes RRGS unique and dominate play is what happens in the center lead by Cara McKenna and Mackenzie Russell. The rest of the center crew: Katie Nupp, Gia Benjamin, and Mia Carney.

The forwards and wingers responsible for almost all of the 80 goals (5th most in RRGS history) were scored by Annika Mocho, Ava Patti, Maeve Kelly, Sophia Sindelar and Olivia Byall. Sindelar had a breakout season with 31 goals (5th most in RRGS history for a season) while Patti became an assist-machine and had 20 assists (4th most in RRGS history for a season).

The JV team finished 8-2-3 with an equally tough schedule and leading JV scorer and leading JV keeper were the Quaiser twins, Grace and Rylie.

Cara McKenna – 4 year Varsity Letters

Cara McKenna finishes her RRGs having earned 4 Varsity Letters, a Captainship, OSSCA All Academic Award (2022), Greater Cleveland Scholastic Soccer Honors (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), GLC Honors (2022), the Coach's Award (2020) and the John Honeyman Award (2022).

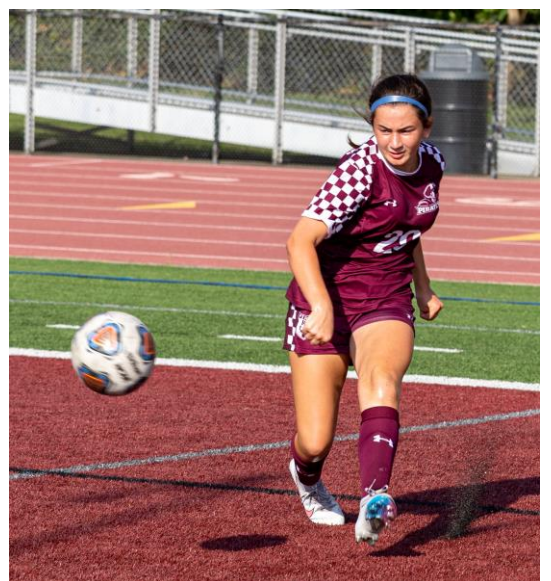
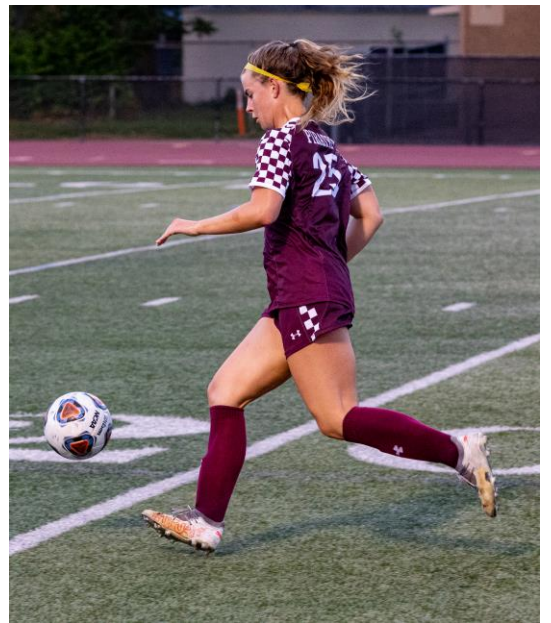
Her career statistics were 16 goals, 23 assists for 55 points which is currently 34th all-time in the 35 year RRGs history. Her RRGs teams in 4 years won the Great Lakes Conference Championship 3 times (2019, 2020, and 2022), the District Championship 3 times (2019, 2020, and 2021), and the Regional Championship 2 times (2020 and 2021). The 4-year total records of McKenna's teams were 66-12-4 Overall, 26-1-2 in Conference, and 14-4 in Playoffs.



At just over 5 feet and a few inches, Cara didn't dominate the aerial balls but, on the ground it was as if the ball was Velcro-ed to her foot. A good first touch and the ability to not get disposed, she maintained control and tempo of the middle.

RRGS has had a lot of good center-mids throughout its history, but few had this type of career.























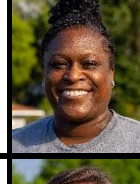


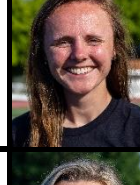





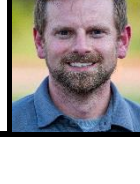

All Pictures and the Season Review and Comments by Kent Klodnick

Rocky River High School (RRHS) is a public high school consisting of grades 9-12 with an enrollment of about 900 students whereas no student lives more than 2.5 miles from the school and RRHS is surrounded by private schools: Rocky River Magnificat High School (500 yards), Rocky River Lutheran West High School (1.4 miles), Cleveland St Joseph Academy (2.9 miles), Lakewood St Edwards High School (3.9 miles) and Cleveland St Ignatius High School (8.1 miles) that filters away some of the city (21,755 per 2020 census) of Rocky River's student athlete population

2022 Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Team



Rocky River
High School
20951 Detroit Rd
Rocky River, Ohio
R = Letters Earned

	#11 Ava Patti (Jr, RRR , Capt)		#19 Mollie O'Brien (So)		#33 Mackenzie Russell (Jr, RRR , Capt)
	#12 Grace DeWitt (So)		#20 Haven Munk (Fr)		#36 Rylie Quaiser (Fr) <i>Goalkeeper</i>
	#13 Rayna Kishna (Sr, RR)		#23 Lexi Hammermeister (So, RR)		#37 Gia Benjamin (Jr, R)
	#14 Ella Hopkins (Jr, R)		#25 Maeve Kelly (Jr, RRR)		Head Coach Patrick Hopkins 17 th Year
	#15 Katie Nupp (Jr, R)		#27 Ava Blair (Sr, RRR)		Head JV Coach Christine Vacha 4 th Year
	#16 Annika Mocho (Sr, RR , Capt)		#28 Bridget Carlin (So)		Assistant Coach Lauren Heldt 3 rd Year
	#17 Sophia Sindelar (So, RR)		#29 Mia Carney (Fr, R)		Assistant Coach McKenna Sperli 3 rd Year
	#18 Grace Quaiser (Fr, R)		#30 Morgyn Cruz (Jr, R)		Athletic Trainer Curtis Friebe, MS, AT 5 th Year
					

2022 Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Team

CLASS	Jersey #	Varsity Letter or Certificate Earned
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SENIORS

Ava Blair	#27	3 rd year Varsity Letter
Rayna Kishna	#13	2 nd year Varsity Letter
Cara McKenna	#10	4 th year Varsity Letter
Annika Mocho	#16	2 nd year Varsity Letter

JUNIORS

Gia Benjamin	#37	1 st year Varsity Letter
Kylie Crane	#9	2 nd year Varsity Letter
Morgyn Cruz	#30	1 st year Varsity Letter
Ella Hopkins	#14	1 st year Varsity Letter
Maeve Kelly	#25	3 rd year Varsity Letter
Katie Nupp	#15	1 st year Varsity Letter
Ava Patti	#11	3 rd year Varsity Letter
Mackenzie Russell	#33	3 rd year Varsity Letter

SOPHOMORES

Mia Atwood	#1	JV certificate
Olivia Byall	#5	1 st year Varsity Letter
Bridget Carlin	#28	JV certificate
Charlotte Dean	#7	1 st year Varsity Letter
Grace DeWitt	#12	Varsity certificate
Lexi Hammermeister	#23	2 nd year Varsity Letter
Brigid McBride	#2	Varsity certificate
Mollie O'Brien	#19	JV certificate
Caitlin Rose	#0	2 nd year Varsity Letter
Sophia Sindelar	#17	2 nd year Varsity Letter
Rory Vesey	#8	1 st year Varsity Letter

FRESHMEN

Mia Carney	#29	1 st year Varsity Letter
Haven Munk	#20	JV certificate
Grace Quaiser	#18	1 st year Varsity Letter
Rylie Quaiser	#36	JV certificate
Eleanor Remias	#4	JV certificate
Addie Russell	#3	1 st year Varsity Letter



2022 RRGs Game by Game Results - Varsity

8/22/2022	#1	River vs. Brunswick @ Rocky River HS (5-2) [1-0-0, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(3:57)	Patti took the deflection and threaded the ball to Sindelar for the 40yd dash to goal.
Score RR 02:	(21:42)	Patti's throw-in to Sindelar was headed backwards by Sindelar to herself and the run-on for the goal.
Score RR 03:	(34:25)	After getting a chest pass from the defender, Patti bumped the ball forward to Sindelar who ran past the defense for the goal.
Score BW 01:	(33:024)	Brunswick winger went around River defender and centered ball to an unmarked Brooke Allen scoring a cross bar goal.
Score RR 04:	(50:41)	Patti with a 70 yard dribble run beating two defenders in the last 15 yards to shoot a left side panel goal.
Score BW 02:	(69:57)	Allen's shot from 38 yards out was mishandled and scored.
Score RR 05:	(35:45)	Kelly kicked the ball ahead 40 yards to Patti who made an outside foot pass to a streaking Sindelar for the put away.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (4 - 4th), Patti (1 - 1st)	
RR Assists:	Patti (4 - 4th), Kelly (1 - 1st)	
RR Saves:	Rose (3 - 3rd)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (2 - 2nd) - Season Shutouts 0	
8/24/2022	#2	River vs. Buckeye @ Buckeye HS (8-0) [2-0-0, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(9:05)	M. Russell drills in the PK from the spot.
Score RR 02:	(12:02)	Mocho with her first goal of the season off an assist from Kelly.
Score RR 03:	(18:12)	Sindelar beats the keeper with her feet off an assist from M. Russell.
Score RR 04:	(37:11)	Sindelar beats the keeper with her head off another assist from M. Russell.
Score RR 05:	(45:43)	McKenna drills in the PK from the spot.
Score RR 06:	(47:25)	M. Russell with the direct free kick goal.
Score RR 07:	(56:15)	Kelly with the assist to Sindelar.
Score RR 08:	(58:18)	Patti scores off an assist from G. Quaiser.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (3 - 7th), M. Russell (2 - 2nd), Mocho (1 - 1st), McKenna (1 - 1st), Patti (1 - 2nd)	
RR Assists:	Kelly (2 - 3rd), M. Russell (2 - 2nd), G. Quaiser (1 - 1st)	
RR Saves:	Rose (2 - 5th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 2nd) - Season Shutouts 1	
8/29/2022	#3	River vs. St Joseph Academy @ Rocky River HS (2-0) [3-0-0, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(39:18)	McKenna's corner kick is headed in by Sindelar.
Score RR 02:	(52:53)	McKenna played a short corner to M. Russell whose kick from 35 yards just bounces past everybody into the goal.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (1 - 8th), M. Russell (1 - 3rd)	
RR Assists:	McKenna (2 - 2nd)	
RR Saves:	Rose (3 - 8th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 2nd) - Season Shutouts 2	
8/31/2022	#4	River vs. Normandy @ Rocky River HS (6-0) [4-0-0, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(2:52)	Patti finds the ball in the middle of the goal box and danced around with it before firing it into the goal.
Score RR 02:	(10:41)	Patti scores the easy assist from Sindelar.
Score RR 03:	(13:27)	Sindelar puts away the nice pass from Kelly.
Score RR 04:	(16:30)	Sindelar gets a nice feed from Patti.
Score RR 05:	(19:33)	Patti with more play on the ball scores another unassisted goal for her hat trick.
Score RR 06:	(60:24)	Sindelar finishes the Patti cross for her hat trick.
RR Goals:	Patti (3 - 5th), Sindelar (3 - 11th)	
RR Assists:	Patti (2 - 6th), Sindelar (1 - 1st), Kelly (1 - 4th)	
RR Saves:	Rose (0 - 8th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 2nd) - Season Shutouts 3	
9/2/2022	#5	River vs. Evansville Reits Memorial (IN) @ Zionsville Lady Eagle Invite (0-2) [4-1-0, 0-0-0]
Score OP 01:	(37:30)	Hamner scores the PK following a take down by the GK in the box.
Score OP 02:	(49:50)	Zeller to Neighbors to Devitt for the goal.
RR Goals:	none	
RR Assists:	none	
RR Saves:	Rose (4 - 12th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (2 - 4th) - Season Shutouts 3	
9/3/2022	#6	River vs. Carmel (IN) @ Zionsville Lady Eagle Invite (2-2) [4-1-1, 0-0-0]
Score OP 01:	(2:48)	Carmel scored early from a cross - Greta Heyl from Olivia Cebalo.
Score OP 02:	(24:35)	Carmel scores again this time beating the defense. Olivia Cebalo from Addie Smith.
Score RR 01:	(~60:00)	McKenna on the assist to Patti for the goal.
Score RR 02:	(~70:00)	Sindelar with the goal.
RR Goals:	Patti (1 - 6th), Sindelar (1 - 12th)	
RR Assists:	McKenna (1 - 3rd)	
RR Saves:	Rose (4 - 16th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (2 - 6th) - Season Shutouts 3	

2022 RRGs Game by Game Results - Varsity

9/5/2022	#7	River vs. Newark @ Labor Day Showcase Riverview High School (6-0) [5-1-1, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(10:01)	M. Russell with a direct free kick from the corner of the right PA that the GK mishandles over her head.
Score RR 02:	(14:31)	McKenna to M. Russell ahead to Sindelar with the left footed one touch to the back of the net.
Score RR 03:	(16:06)	On the short corner, M. Russell with the assist to McKenna whose shot is deflected past the GK.
Score RR 04:	(20:31)	M. Russell pushed it ahead to Patti with two quick dribbles shots with her right past the Newark GK.
Score RR 05:	(59:00)	Sindelar skies high to head in the long out-wide cross from McKenna.
Score RR 06:	(66:25)	Newark defender took the 2nd kick of the goal kick and sent it straight to Patti who easily put it into the net.
RR Goals:	Patti (2 - 8th), Sindelar (2 - 14th), Russell (1 - 4th), McKenna (1 - 2nd)	
RR Assists:	McKenna (3 - 6th), Russell (3 - 5th)	
RR Saves:	Rose (1 - 17th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 6th) - Season Shutouts 4	
9/7/2022	#8	River vs. Lakewood @ Lakewood HS (3-0) [6-1-1, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(11:44)	M. Russell passed to Patti who did a love tap drop back to Sindelar who from 25 yards looped it over the GK for the goal.
Score RR 02:	(45:33)	Sindelar again with the long shot off a pass from Kelly.
Score RR 03:	(75:11)	Sindelar scored a header goal off a McKenna corner kick.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (3 - 17th)	
RR Assists:	Patti (1 - 7th), Russell (1 - 6th), Kelly (1 - 5th), McKenna (1 - 7th)	
RR Saves:	Rose (2 - 19th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 6th) - Season Shutouts 5	
9/12/2022	#9	River vs. Chagrin Falls @ Rocky River HS (2-0) [7-1-1, 0-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(36:36)	Patti with the goal from 10 yards out on an assist from M. Russell passed 15 yards.
Score RR 02:	(59:06)	Carney from the outside to M. Russell in the middle to Patti along the endline for the goal around the keeper.
RR Goals:	Patti (2 - 10th)	
RR Assists:	Russell (2 - 8th), Carney (1 - 1st)	
RR Saves:	Rose (1 - 20th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 6th) - Season Shutouts 6	
9/14/2022	#10	River vs. Elyria Catholic @ Rocky River HS (8-0) [8-1-1, 1-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(0:26)	Kelly with the quick goal on an assist from Sindelar.
Score RR 02:	(1:31)	M. Russell with the 30 yard through ball to Patti for the 15 yard run and goal.
Score RR 03:	(2:03)	Mocho scores on an assist from Sindelar.
Score RR 04:	(6:00)	Mocho throw-in to Sindelar down the right side and Sindelar beats everyone for the side net goal.
Score RR 05:	(21:17)	Byall from the right outside passes across to Carney on the outside right of the PA for the 20 yard strike and goal.
Score RR 06:	(28:24)	Hammermeister long through ball to Byall with the hard shot off the keepers hands and into the goal.
Score RR 07:	(43:16)	Kelly scores from 10 yards out on a corner kick ball that got kicked out to the middle.
Score RR 08:	(49:13)	Patti touched the ball back to McKenna who sent it through to Sindelar who beat the keeper 1v1 for the goal.
RR Goals:	Kelly (2 - 2nd), Sindelar (2 - 19th), Patti (1 - 11th), Mocho (1 - 2nd), Carney (1 - 1st), Byall (1 - 1st)	
RR Assists:	Sindelar (2 - 3rd), M. Russell (1 - 9th), McKenna (1 - 8th), Patti (1 - 8th), Mocho (1 - 1st), Byall (1 - 1st), Hammermeister (1 - 1st)	
RR Saves:	Rose (1 - 21st)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 6th) - Season Shutouts 7	
9/19/2022	#11	River vs. Clear Fork @ Clear Fork HS (3-1) [9-1-1, 1-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(46:12)	Mocho takes it from the defender and drops it backwards to Sindelar who loops the shot over the keeper and scores.
Score RR 02:	(56:15)	Defender deflects the ball to Kelly outside the top left corner of the PA and she rockets it into the back of the net. (unassisted)
Score OP 01:	(70:42)	Clear Fork's Wortman passes the ball past the keeper into the net.
Score RR 04:	(76:11)	Sindelar's shot is deflected to Kelly who drills it up from 6 yards and the keeper can't handle it for the goal.
RR Goals:	Kelly (2 - 4th), Sindelar (1 - 20th) - Maeve Kelly named Maumee Turf Center Player of the Game	
RR Assists:	Sindelar (1 - 4th), Mocho (1 - 2nd)	
RR Saves:	Rose (8 - 29th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (1 - 7th) - Season Shutouts 7	
9/21/2022	#12	River vs. Bay @ Bay HS (3-0) [10-1-1, 2-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(20:40)	M. Russell with the free kick from the top left edge of the PA that went just over the wall into the goal.
Score RR 02:	(56:44)	M. Russell passed to Patti in the middle who sent a through ball to Sindelar who beat the defense and keeper for the goal.
Score RR 03:	(76:44)	Patti sent the ball outside to an open Carney who drive the ball hard and high and the keeper couldn't handle the shot.
RR Goals:	M. Russell (1 - 5th), Sindelar (1 - 21st), Carney (1 - 2nd)	
RR Assists:	M. Russell (1 - 10th), Patti (2 - 10th)	
RR Saves:	Rose (6 - 35th)	
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 7th) - Season Shutouts 8	

2022 RRGs Game by Game Results - Varsity

9/28/2022 #13	River vs. North Olmsted @ Rocky River HS (5-1) [11-1-1, 3-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(8:11) McKenna flipped the field long to Mocho who crossed the ball across the goal and Sindelar put it into the back of the net.
Score RR 02:	(11:24) McKenna's corner kick is headed into the goal by M. Russell.
Score RR 03:	(27:52) Patti takes advantage of the confusion between the Eagles defender and keeper and steals the ball for the easy goal.
Score NO 01:	(35:00?) Eagles mid sends a through ball behind the back line and the keeper comes out early for an easy chip for the Eagle score.
Score RR 04:	(77:53) Patti grabbed the ball along the end line outside the PA and passed it to Carney on the edge who sent it a scoring rocket.
Score RR 05:	(78:51) Sindelar sent a long ball to Patti who catches up to the ball and crossed it over to Kelly for the goal.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (1 - 22nd), M. Russell (1 - 6th), Patti (1 - 12th), Carney (1 - 3rd), Kelly (1 - 5th)
RR Assists:	McKenna (2 - 10th), Mocho (1 - 3rd), Patti (2 - 12th), Sindelar (1 - 5th)
RR Saves:	Rose (1 - 36th)
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (1 - 8th) - Season Shutouts 8
10/5/2022 #14	River vs. Westlake @ Lee Burneson MS (4-3) [12-1-1, 4-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(2:19) Patti's shot comes off the crossbar to Mocho who made a nifty pass back to Sindelar for the early goal.
Score RR 02:	(12:12) McKenna's corner kick drops in front of the goal and Patti was there to score it.
Score RR 03:	(19:36) M. Russell's shot is deflected to Patti who cleaned up for the goal.
Score WL 01:	(30:24) Henton got around the outside and crossed the ball to Meno for the goal.
Score WL 02:	(37:57) Henton beats the RRGs outside defense and gets the goal.
Score RR 04:	(64:50) Byall sends the ball long down the line and Kelly makes a nifty move, gets past the defense and finds Sindelar alone for goal.
Score WL 03:	(66:39) Shreffler scored the PK.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (2 - 24th), Patti (2 - 14th)
RR Assists:	McKenna (1 - 11th), Mocho (1 - 4th), Patti (1 - 13th), M. Russell (1 - 11th), Byall (1 - 2nd), Kelly (1 - 6th)
RR Saves:	Rose (3 - 39th)
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (3 - 11th) - Season Shutouts 8
10/12/2022 #15	River vs. Fairview @ Rocky River HS (9-0) [13-1-1, 5-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(4:32) Goal kick directed to McKenna who slides it forward to Patti who sent it through to Sindelar for the goal.
Score RR 02:	(8:03) Byall throw in to a wide open Sindelar at the top of the PA who turns and shoots upper 90 for the goal.
Score RR 03:	(13:28) A give by Patti, a back by Sindelar, and a goal by Patti.
Score RR 04:	(16:32) Kelly's shot was stopped but deflected back to her and Kelly scored the put back.
Score RR 05:	(18:06) Nupp passes to a wide open McKenna who scores with the wind from 25 yards out over the keeper.
Score RR 06:	(18:26) McKenna from the middle flips the ball outwide to Vesey who one touches the ball with an outside foot strike for the goal.
Score RR 07:	(19:11) Byall playing forward sends a through ball ahead to DeWitt who slides it under the keeper.
Score RR 08:	(45:00) Patti sends a through ball from the half line ahead to Kelly down the left side as Kelly shots past the keeper.
Score RR 09:	(46:00) Sindelar outwide to Patti who sends it ahead to a streaking M. Russell that dribbles past the keeper and scores.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (2 - 26th), Patti (1 - 15th), Kelly (2 - 7th), McKenna (1 - 3rd), DeWitt (1 - 1st), Vesey (1 - 1st), M. Russell (1 - 7th)
RR Assists:	Patti (3 - 16th), McKenna (2 - 13th), Byall (2 - 4th), Sindelar (2 - 7th), Nupp (1 - 1st)
RR Saves:	Rose (0 - 39th)
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 11th) - Season Shutouts 9
10/17/2022 #16	River vs. Lakewood GLC Championship @ Rocky River HS (6-0) [14-1-1, 6-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(1:07) M. Russell from the corner to McKenna top of the PA to Sindelar with a one touch move and an upper 90 side netting goal.
Score RR 02:	(28:24) M. Russell intercepts the ball and dribbles to the PA and drops it to Patti who hits an upper 90 side netting goal.
Score RR 03:	(29:08) Carney passed to Blair streaking down the side and her strong cross is volleyed in by Sindelar.
Score RR 04:	(33:31) McKenna's corner kick is headed by Russell as it loops over the keeper's hands for a goal.
Score RR 05:	(66:30) Carney from the outside finds Patti alone in front of the goal and Patti made it look easy beating the keeper.
Score RR 06:	(76:24) G. Quaiser sends a cross in from the deep corner where DeWitt heads it home for the goal.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (2 - 28th), Patti (2 - 17th), M. Russell (1 - 8th), DeWitt (1 - 2nd)
RR Assists:	McKenna (3 - 16th), M. Russell (1 - 12th), Carney (2 - 3rd), Blair (1 - 1st), G. Quaiser (1 - 2nd)
RR Saves:	Rose (0 - 39th)
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 11th) - Season Shutouts 10
10/20/2021 #17	River vs. Berea-Midpark @ Rocky River HS (Sectional Final) (8-0) [15-1-1, 6-0-0]
Score RR 01:	(9:12) Kelly beat the defense down the left side and along the end line and found Sindelar in the middle for the one touch goal.
Score RR 02:	(15:47) Patti took the throw-in at mid field, beat 2 defenders and sent a long through ball ahead for Sindelar to run on and score.
Score RR 03:	(24:21) Mocho sent the ball to Patti who dribbled past the defender and gave it back to Mocho who touched it in for the goal.
Score RR 04:	(25:42) Patti headed a ball backwards and a misplay by the defender became Patti's for the goal down the middle.
Score RR 05:	(27:59) Russell out wide to Carney who centered it back into the middle to a wide open Patti for the goal.
Score RR 06:	(41:35) Mocho to Blair back to Mocho out wide for the center to the middle and the header goal by Kelly.
Score RR 07:	(56:22) Kelly to Patti back to Kelly who centered it to Sindelar for the outside foot one touch goal.
Score RR 08:	(76:22) A. Russell's free kick from the corner of the PA is to the back post where G. Quaiser runs on to it for the goal.
RR Goals:	Sindelar (3 - 31st), Patti (2 - 19th), Kelly (1 - 8th), Mocho (1 - 3rd), G. Quaiser (1 - 1st)
RR Assists:	Patti (4 - 20th), M. Russell (1 - 13th), Carney (1 - 4th), Kelly (2 - 8th), Blair (1 - 2nd), Mocho (1 - 5th), A. Russell (1 - 1st)
RR Saves:	Rose (0 - 39th)
RR Goals Allow:	Rose (0 - 11th) - Season Shutouts 11

2022 RRGs Game by Game Results - Varsity

10/24/2021 #18 River vs. North Royalton @ Rocky River HS (District Semi-Final) (0-1) [15-2-1, 6-0-0]

Score NR 01: (28:40) Freshman Avery Keitlen shoots a long laser from outside the PA to the back post of the goal.

RR Goals: none

RR Assists: none

RR Saves: Rose (0 - 39th)

RR Goals Allow: Rose (0 - 12th) - Season Shutouts 11

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Sindelar, Sophia	31	7	69
Patti, Ava	19	20	58
Russell, Mackenzie	8	13	29
Kelly, Maeve	8	8	24
McKenna, Cara	3	16	22
Mocho, Annika	3	5	11
Carney, Mia	3	4	10
Byall, Olivia	1	4	6
DeWitt, Grace	2	0	4
Quaiser, Grace	1	2	4
Blair, Ava	0	2	2
Vesy, Rory	1	0	2
Hammermeister, Lexi	0	1	1
Nupp, Katie	0	1	1
Russell, Addie	0	1	1
TOTALS	80	84	244
	Goals Ag	Saves	Shutouts
Rose, Caitlin	12	39	11
TOTALS	12	39	11



2022 RRGs Game by Game Results - Varsity

Game #	Date	H/A	Rocky River	RR	Opponent	OP	W/L/T	Game Type
1	8/22/2022	H	Rocky River	5	Brunswick	2	W	
2	8/24/2022	A	Rocky River	8	Buckeye	0	W	GLC-East
3	8/29/2022	H	Rocky River	2	St Joseph Academy	0	W	
4	8/31/2022	H	Rocky River	6	Normandy	0	W	GLC-East
5	9/2/2022	N	Rocky River	0	Evansville Reitz Memorial (IN)	2	L	
6	9/3/2022	N	Rocky River	2	Carmel (IN)	2	T	
7	9/5/2022	N	Rocky River	6	Newark	0	W	
8	9/7/2022	A	Rocky River	3	Lakewood	0	W	GLC-East
9	9/12/2022	H	Rocky River	2	Chagrin Falls	0	W	
10	9/14/2022	H	Rocky River	8	Elyria Catholic	0	W	GLC-West
11	9/19/2022	A	Rocky River	3	Clear Fork	1	W	
12	9/21/2022	A	Rocky River	3	Bay	0	W	GLC-West
13	9/28/2022	H	Rocky River	5	North Olmsted	1	W	GLC-West
14	10/5/2022	A	Rocky River	4	Westlake	3	W	GLC-West
15	10/12/2022	H	Rocky River	9	Fairview	0	W	GLC-West
16	10/17/2022	H	Rocky River	6	Lakewood	0	W	GLC Championship
17	10/20/2022	H	Rocky River	8	Berea-Midpark	0	W	Sectional Final
18	10/24/2022	H	Rocky River	0	North Royalton	1	L	District Semi-Final
TOTAL - 80				TOTAL - 12				
Conference:	6-0-0							
Regular Season:	14-1-1			18	= Games Played to Date			
State Playoffs:	1-1-0							
Overall:	15-2-1				Great Lakes Conference Champions 2022 Elyria 2 District Semi-Finalist #10 Ranked Ohio, Division DI - OSSCA			
Points Earned:	46 (3=win, 1=tie)							
Winning %:	88% + 1 ties							
Total Goals Scored:	80							
Avg Goals Scr / Game:	4.44							
Total Goals Allowed:	12							
Avg Goals Alw / Game:	0.67							
Consecutive Wins:	11							
Consecutive No Loss:	12			GK Wins				
Total Shutouts:	11			15	Caitlin Rose (11 shutouts, 12 goal against)			
Consecutive SOs:	4							
Consecutive Losses:	1							
Consecutive No Wins:	2							
Great Lakes Conference:	1st Place							
State Playoff Result:	District Semi-Finalist							
Coaches:	Patrick Hopkins		Captains:	Cara McKenna				
	Christine Vacha, JV Head			Annika Mocho				
	Lauren Heldt, Assistant			Ava Patti				
	McKenna (Klodnick) Sperli, Assistant			Mackenzie Russell				

2022 RRGs Game by Game Results - JV

DATE	A/H	OPPONENT	RR	OP	W/L	RR GOALS	RR ASSISTS	WIN / LOSS	SHUTOUT
8/20/2022	H	Brunswick	2	2	T	Nupp, G. Quaizer	Vesy, Byall, DeWitt		
8/24/2022	A	Buckeye	5	2	W	G. Quaizer (4), Carney	Byall (2), Benjamin	R. Quaizer	
8/29/2022	H	St. Joseph Academy	6	0	W	McBride (2), Benjamin, Byall, Carney, A. Russell	A. Russell (2), Benjamin, Carney, G. Quaizer, McBride	R. Quaizer	R. Quaizer
9/3/2022	N	Evansville Memorial (IN)	1	0	W	Crane	Hammermeister	R. Quaizer	R. Quaizer
9/4/2022	N	Carmel	0	2	L			R. Quaizer	
9/7/2022	A	Lakewood	9	1	W	DeWitt (3), Carney (2), G. Quaizer, O'Brien, Hopkins, A. Russell	G. Quaizer, Carney, A. Russell, Carlin	R. Quaizer	
9/12/2022	H	Chagrin Falls	3	1	W	Carney, G. Quaizer, Vesy	A. Russell (2), Nupp	R. Quaizer	
9/19/2022	A	Clear Fork	2	1	W	McBride, Carney	Vesy, A. Russell	Atwater	
9/21/2022	A	Bay	1	1	T	DeWitt	A. Russell		
9/29/2022	H	Bay	1	3	L	Byall	DeWitt	Atwater	
10/1/2022	A	Olmsted Falls	3	0	W	Byall, O'Brien, DeWitt	Carney, Benjamin, G. Quaizer	R. Quaizer	R. Quaizer
10/5/2022	A	Westlake	4	0	W	DeWitt (2), McBride, G. Quaizer	McBride (2), G. Quaizer	R. Quaizer	R. Quaizer
10/6/2022	A	Bay	2	2	T	A. Russell, G. Quaizer	Carney		
TOTAL GOALS			39	15		Overall Record	8 - 2 - 3		

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Quaizer, Grace	9	4	22
DeWitt, Grace	7	2	16
Carney, Mia	6	3	15
McBride, Brigid	4	3	11
Russell, Addie	3	7	13
Byall, Olivia	3	3	9
Benjamin, Gia	1	3	5
O'Brien, Mollie	2	0	4
Vesy, Rory	1	2	4
Nupp, Katie	1	1	3
Crane, Kylie	1	0	2
Hopkins, Ella	1	0	2
Carlin, Bridget	0	1	1
Hammermeister, Lexie	0	1	1
TOTALS	39	30	108



	Goal Ag	Wins	Loss	Shutouts
Atwater, Mia	7	1	1	0
Quaizer, Rylie	8	7	1	4
TOTALS	15	8	2	4



2022 Great Lakes Conference

2022 GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE DIVISION STANDINGS FOR GIRLS SOCCER

PLACE	GLC - EAST	PTS	WINS	LOSS	TIES	GOAL FOR	GOAL AGN	GOAL DIFF
1	LAKEWOOD	15	5	0	0	15	3	12
2	BUCKEYE	9	3	2	0	13	11	2
3	HOLY NAME	7	2	2	1	12	11	1
4	VALLEY FORGE	7	2	2	1	8	11	-3
5	PARMA	3	1	4	0	6	13	-7
6	NORMANDY	2	0	3	2	3	8	-5

5 Goal Differential (GD) cap in a match, example a 10-3 win is recorded as an 8-3 win for standings.

PLACE	GLC - WEST	PTS	WINS	LOSS	TIES	GOAL FOR	GOAL AGN	GOAL DIFF
1	ROCKY RIVER	15	5	0	0	22	4	18
2	BAY	12	4	1	0	23	7	16
3	WESTLAKE	9	3	2	0	16	11	5
4	NORTH OLMSTED	4	1	3	1	10	17	-7
5	ELYRIA CATHOLIC	2	0	3	2	6	19	-13
6	FAIRVIEW	1	0	4	1	6	25	-19

GLC Girls Soccer Standings after Crossovers			PTS	WINS	LOSS	TIES
1	ROCKY RIVER	RIVER 6-0	18	6	0	0
2	LAKEWOOD		15	5	1	0
3	BAY	Did Not Play	12	4	1	0
4	BUCKEYE		9	3	2	0
5	WESTLAKE	Did Not Play	9	3	2	0
6	HOLY NAME		7	2	1	1
7	VALLEY FORGE	VF 2-1	10	3	2	1
8	NORTH OLMSTED		4	1	4	1
9	PARMA	TIE 1-1	4	1	4	1
10	ELYRIA CATHOLIC		3	0	3	3
11	NORMANDY	NORM 5-4	5	1	3	2
12	FAIRVIEW		1	0	5	1



2022 OHSAA State Tournament, DI

The Rocky River Girls Soccer team was placed in Division I for the State Tournament, as the smallest school of the 173 DI girls soccer teams in Ohio. Rocky River's 2022 competitive balance females enrollment number was 328. The eventual DI state champion, Cincinnati Seton High School had a 2022 competitive balance females enrollment number of 515 and they beat Strongsville High School (698) for the title.

RRGS had earned a 3 seed and were the highest seed in the Elyria 2 District. RRGS easily got past Berea-Midpark in the opening round/sectional final match 8-0 but in winning, leading scorer Sophia Sindelar injured her eye and was unable to play in the next match.

RRGS's next match was against 8 seed, North Royalton, at home. The Pirates dominated the possession, the corner kicks (7), reasonable free kicks (5), and well over 20 shots AT the goal, or more like OVER the goal but none of them found the inside of the goal. Definitely, Sindelar's accurate strike was missed that night but the other RRGS players had the opportunities.

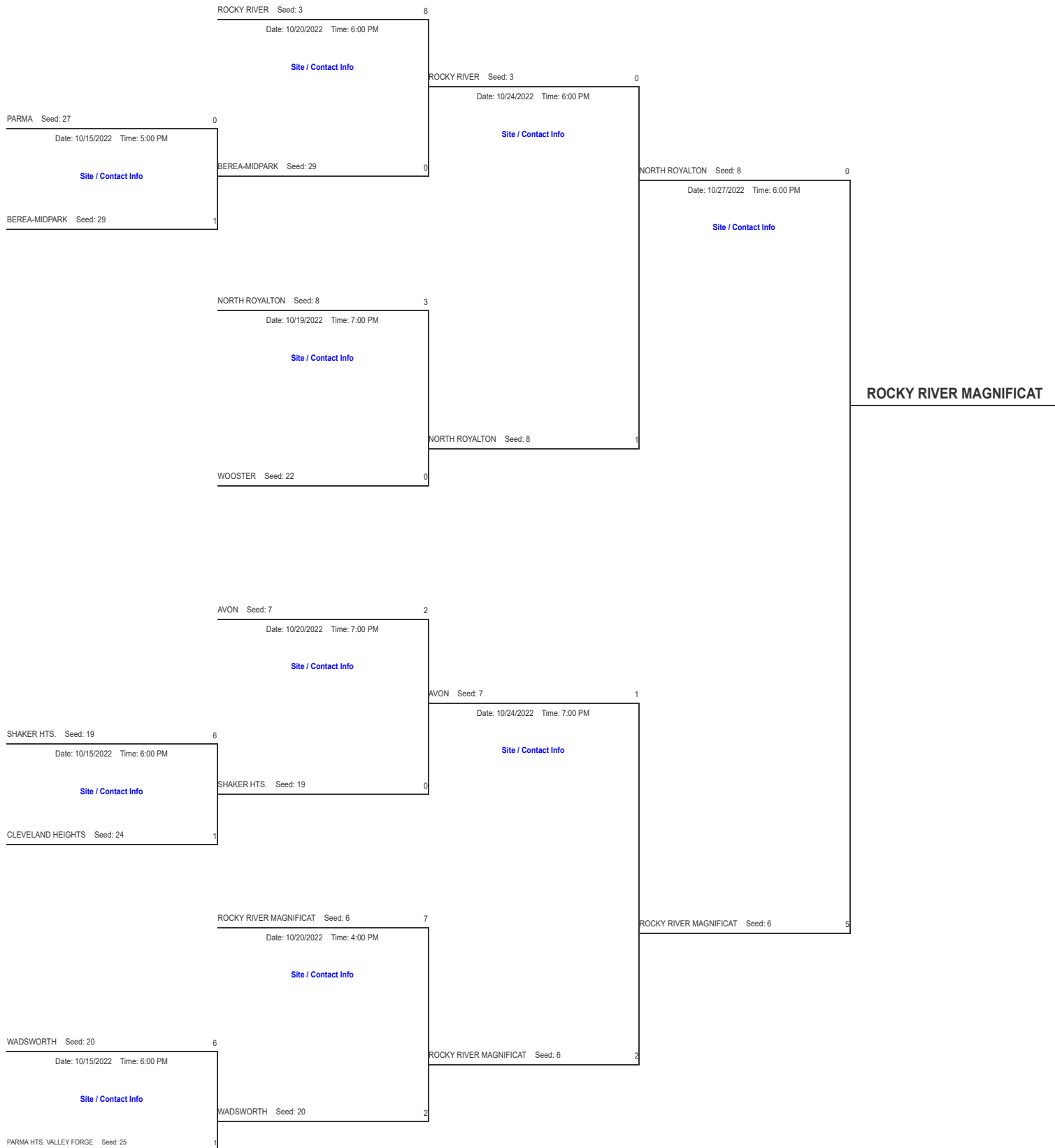
Defensively, RRGS allowed one (1) shot on goal by the Bears the entire match in the 29th minute and it was a missile into the back of the net. Goalkeeper Rose recorded no saves for the match. The loss halted an 11 game win streak and was only the 2nd time the 2022 RRGS team was held scoreless and it was only their 2nd loss of the season. The last RRGS team to exit the tournament this early was in 2016 and they were 9-10-0 with 44 goals scored and 42 goals allowed.





Elyria 2 - Sectional/District

Soccer - Girls (Division I)





Girls Soccer - 2022 - Regional/State

Soccer - Girls (Division I)

Regional Semifinal

Regional Final

State Semifinal

State Final

DUBLIN JEROME	2
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NEW ALBANY	1
Region 3	
DELAWARE OLENTANGY BERLIN	0
Date: 11/1/2022 Time: 7:00 PM	
Site / Contact Info	
LEWIS CENTER OLENTANGY ORANGE	1

DUBLIN JEROME	0
Date: 11/5/2022 Time: 4:00 PM	
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LEWIS CENTER OLENTANGY ORANGE	1
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Site / Contact Info	

LOVELAND	1
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CIN. MOUNT NOTRE DAME	2
Region 4	
MILFORD	2
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CIN. SETON	3

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MEDINA	1
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ROCKY RIVER MAGNIFICAT	2

WHITEHOUSE ANTHONY WAYNE	0
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2022 Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Team Awards and Honors

The descriptions of the Awards/Honors are for Varsity but some are also awarded to JV.

The John Honeyman Award is awarded in honor of Rocky River Community and Rocky River High School founder and coach of youth and high school soccer, John Honeyman. Coach Honeyman's efforts go as far back as the late 1960s where he was an assistant for the Boys soccer team for 27 years and was instrumental in getting Girls' soccer going in 1988. The award is presented to a Senior(s) who has demonstrated ability, leadership, sportsmanship, and dedication. This award is not necessarily the Most Valuable Senior Player ON the Team but the Most Valuable Senior Player TO the Team.

Cara McKenna

The Patrick Burke Award is awarded in honor of the first Girls soccer coach at Rocky River High School. He coached from 1988 through 2001 and still makes a trip or two to watch today's current team. The award is presented to a player(s) that exemplifies a true commitment and love for the game of soccer and has put in the extra effort and gone the extra "mile" to make the team's season more successful.

Mackenzie Russell

Team Academia/Scholar Award is presented to the Senior player with the highest GPA and/or class rank.

Cara McKenna

Triple Impact/Sportsmanship Award is presented to the player that is polite, respectful of the officials, the opponent, and the game of soccer and yet, is competitive to win.

Annika Mocho
Grace DeWitt - JV

Coach's Award is presented to the player that displays leadership, sportsmanship, team spirit and skill during the season and is recognized by the coach(es) for this.

Rayna Kishna
Katie Nupp - JV

Most Improved Award is presented to the player that develops the most from either last season to this season or improves the most during the current season.

Olivia Byall
Bridgid McBride - JV

The Anne Bonny Award is presented to a player in the spirit of the famous 1700's female Pirate that raids, conquers and battles for the team. Also known as the "Team Bad A\$\$"

Ava Patti

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The Pirate Award is presented to the player that overcomes unique challenges and obstacles in becoming a member or as a member of the team.

Gia Benjamin and Morgyn Cruz

The Goal of the Year is presented to the player the scored an important or memorable goal during the season.

The Save of the Year is presented to the goalkeeper or player the prevented an important goal or had a memorable save during the season.

No Goal of the Year or Save of the Year awarded this year

Offensive Player of the Year is awarded to the Varsity player that is most responsible for the offensive success of the team during the season.

Sophia Sindelar
Grace Quaizer - JV

Defensive Player of the Year is awarded to the Varsity player that is most responsible for the defensive success of the team during the season.

Ava Blair
Bridgid McBride - JV

Captains Award is presented to each of the team's captains for the season.

Cara McKenna, Annika Mocho, Ava Patti, and Mackenzie Russell

Great Lakes Conference Honors. Awarded based strictly on the play against conference opponents. Conference coaches vote collectively to select the Most Valuable Player and the Goalkeeper of the Year. Based upon the team's Conference finish, each team is awarded so many 1st Team, 2nd Team and honorable mention honors. The higher the team finishes, the more honors awarded.

Greater Cleveland Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (GCSSCA). Honors are voted on by the divisional member coaches of the GCSSCA. The more coaching members, the more honors that can be awarded. The arduous process of gathering statistics, documentation, making presentations and debating among the coaches can take multiple hours. Usually, multiple rounds of voting take place to determine Player of the Year, 1st Team, and 2nd Team. The 1st Team players are nominated to the OSSCA for All-Ohio awards.

Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (OSSCA). Honors are voted on by the representative coaches from each of the ten (10) OSSCA districts: Akron (CASSCA), Central (COSCA), Cleveland (GCSSCA), East (ESSCA), Miami Valley (MVSSCA), North Central (NCSSCA), Northwest (NWOSSCA), Southeast (SESSCA), Southwest (SWOSSCA), and Youngstown (YSSCA). The nominated players and coaches are voted on by Division and based upon the size of the district, awarded so many honors. The top vote winners in each Division are collectively debated and voted and forwarded to USC for All-Central Region consideration among Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio.

The top ranked player from each of the Division Players of the Year honorees is named Ms. Ohio Soccer.

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OSSCA academic honors are based on Varsity awarded senior players and their academic GPAs.

United Soccer Coaches (USC) High School Coaches. From the perspective of Rocky River, representative coaches from Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio determine the All-Central Region teams and the highest vote winners are forwarded and voted on for All-American status among the other regions totaling 17 States playing Fall soccer that season. Only 55 girls are selected for the All-American honor.



2022 Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Team Awards and Honors

2022 Varsity Team Awards

John Honeyman: Cara McKenna
Patrick Burke: Mackenzie Russell
Team Academia/Scholar: Cara McKenna
Triple Impact: Annika Mocho
Coach's Award: Rayna Kishna
Most Improved: Olivia Byall
Anne Bonny Award: Ava Patti
Pirate Award: Morgyn Cruz
Pirate Award: Gia Benjamin
Offensive Player of Year: Sophia Sindelar
Defensive Player of Year: Ava Blair

2022 JV Team Awards

JV Offensive Player of Year: Grace Quaizer
JV Defensive Player of Year: Rori Vesy
JV Triple Impact: Grace DeWitt
JV Coach's Award: Katie Nupp
JV Most Improved: Bridgit McBride

2022 Great Lakes Conference Awards

Player of the Year:	Sophia Sindelar	2 nd Team:	Ava Blair
1 st Team:	Sophia Sindelar	2 nd Team:	Cara McKenna
1 st Team:	Maeve Kelly	2 nd Team:	Annika Mocho
1 st Team:	Ava Patti	Honorable Mention:	Olivia Byall
1 st Team:	Mackenzie Russell	Honorable Mention:	Charlotte Dean
		Honorable Mention:	Lexi Hammermeister
		Honorable Mention:	Caitlin Rose

2022 Greater Cleveland Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (GCSSCA)

1 st Team GCSSCA DI:	Ava Patti
1 st Team GCSSCA DI:	Mackenzie Russell
1 st Team GCSSCA DI:	Sophia Sindelar
Honorable Mention GCSSCA DI:	Ava Blair
Honorable Mention GCSSCA DI:	Maeve Kelly
Honorable Mention GCSSCA DI:	Cara McKenna

2022 Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (OSSCA)

1 st Team All-Ohio DI:	Sophia Sindelar
2 nd Team All-Ohio DI:	Ava Patti

18 girls for 1st team (only 3 from northeast Ohio) and 38 girls for 2nd team (only 7 from northeast Ohio) in Division I

OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699):	Cara McKenna
OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699):	Ava Blair
OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699):	Rayna Kishna
OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699):	Annika Mocho
Team OSSCA All Academic Award:	Rocky River HS Girls Soccer

2022 United Soccer Coaches (USC)

Fall All-Central Region: Sophia Sindelar
92 girls selected from all divisions of Indiana (14), Minnesota (6), & Ohio (72)

2022 Media Awards

1 st Team Lorain Morning Journal:	Ava Patti
1 st Team Lorain Morning Journal:	Mackenzie Russell
1 st Team Lorain Morning Journal:	Sophia Sindelar
2 nd Team Lorain Morning Journal:	Cara McKenna
Plain Dealer-Cleveland.com Honorable Mention:	Sophia Sindelar

OHIO SCHOLASTIC SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION

OSSCA 2022 Honors and All-State Teams

November 12, 2022



2022 GIRLS DIVISION I FIRST TEAM

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	POS	CLASS
BOURBEAU	CARYS	SOUTHVIEW (SYLVANIA)	M	12
CUMMINGS	KATIE	MIAMISBURG	F	11
FRANCIS	ADELLE	PERRYSBURG	F	12
FRANSEN	CHRISTIE	WOOSTER	F	12
GRODE	ELLA	AVON LAKE	F	12
KAPSZUKIEWICZ	SOPHIA	LOVELAND	D	12
KOHL	PEYTON	MOUNT NOTRE DAME (CINCINNATI)	F	12
MANNING	ANA	MILFORD	F	11
METCALF	ALLIE	NEW ALBANY	M	12
PACHAN	HANNAH	WALSH JESUIT (CUYAHOGA FALLS)	M	10
PENNEKAMP	PRESLEY	OAK HILLS	F	10
PERFECT	KAYLA	MEDINA	F	12
ROSS	REAGAN	OLENTANGY (LEWIS CENTER)	F	11
SINDELAR	SOPHIA	ROCKY RIVER	F	10
SIPSOCK	OLIVIA	MEDINA	F	12
SUSEY	CAMERYN	OLENTANGY BERLIN (DELAWARE)	F	12
VALLEAU	KAELYN	OLENTANGY ORANGE (LEWIS CENTER)	F	12
VIDOVIC	SHEA	BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS.	F	12

2022 GIRLS DIVISION I SECOND TEAM

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SCHOOL	POS	CLASS
ALLEN	BROOKE	BRUNSWICK	M	11
ANTONIO	BELLA	NORTH RIDGEVILLE	M	12
BAIRD	MADDY	MASON	F	12
BARNETT	EMMA	BIG WALNUT (SUNBURY)	F	12
BURCHFIELD	HANNAH	GLENOAK (CANTON)	F	12
BOWDEN	AVERY	NORTH (PICKERINGTON)	M	12
BROWN	ASHLYN	PERRYSBURG	M	12
CANTER	ADDY	BEAVERCREEK	M	12
CASE	LYIDA	ST. URSULA ACADEMY (TOLEDO)	M	11
CLUXTON	MILLIE	SETON	M	11
COOK	PEYTON	MILFORD	F	12
COX	ERICA	LAKOTA EAST (LIBERTY TOWNSHIP)	F	12
DUFF	TAYLOR	COFFMAN (DUBLIN)	M	11
FAIR	LAINIE	SIDNEY	D	12
FELTON	MACY	STRONGSVILLE	D	12
GEOG	CATE	UPPER ARLINGTON	D	12
GILLENWATER	GABBY	NORTHVIEW (SYLVANIA)	M	12
HARRIS	JADYN	TWINSBURG	F	12
HARSH	KIANA	ANTHONY WAYNE (WHITEHOUSE)	M	12
HOOG	KATIE	ST. URSULA (CINCINNATI)	D	12
KARAS	ERIN	BISHOP WATTERSON (COLUMBUS)	M	12
KORCZYNSKI	ELLIE	NOTRE DAME ACADEMY (TOLEDO)	M	11
KURE	JULIA	MAGNIFICAT (ROCKY RIVER)	F	12
LARRYMORE	BROOKLYN	CENTERVILLE	D	11
LEMUS	LINDSEY	JACKSON (MASSILLON)	D	12
MATHIS	ALI	CHILLICOTHE	F	11
MILLER	JILLIAN	HIGHLAND (BERLIN)	M	11
PATTI	AVA	ROCKY RIVER	F	11
PENEGOR	SOPHIA	JEROME (DUBLIN)	M	12
PENTZ	REAGAN	WALSH JESUIT (CUYAHOGA FALLS)	M	10
PLANK	CLAIRE	ASHLAND	M	11
SCHELLHOUSE	ALY	SPRINGBORO	M	11
THOMAS	TAYLOR	OLENTANGY LIBERTY (POWELL)	K	12
TOVAR	STEPHANIE	LAKE (UNIONTOWN)	M	11
UTRUP	BREANNA	TWINSBURG	M	12
VAKOS	ARIANA	AVON	K	11
YANNUCCI	AVA	HOWLAND (WARREN)	M	10
YOUNG	CAROLYNE	NEW ALBANY	D	12

GIRLS DIVISION I

PLAYER OF THE YEAR	OLIVIA SIPSOCK	MEDINA
COACH OF THE YEAR	JOHN GARBER	TWINSBURG
ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR	RICK SHIELDS	SPRINGBORO

2022 United Soccer Coaches Fall Girls High School All-Central Region

Pos	Name	Cl.	School	City, State
K	Donna Bundy	Sr.	Taylor High School	Cleves, Ohio
K	CJ DeBra	Sr.	Cincinnati Country Day School	Cincinnati, Ohio
K	Jordan Hecht	Sr.	Rosemount High School	Rosemount, Minn.
K	Peyton Hull	Sr.	Saint Joseph High School	South Bend, Ind.
K	Isabella Neal	Sr.	Fairfield Union High School	Lancaster, Ohio
D	Kate Bartlett	Sr.	Chagrin Falls High School	Chagrin Falls, Ohio
D	Macy Felton	Jr.	Strongsville High School	Strongsville, Ohio
D	Sophia Kapszukiewicz	Sr.	Loveland High School	Loveland, Ohio
D	Brooklyn Larrymore	Jr.	Centerville High School	Centerville, Ohio
D	Lindsey Lemus	Sr.	Jackson High School	Massillon, Ohio
D	Brooklynn Miltenberger	Sr.	Monroe High School	Monroe, Ohio
D	Peyton Shoemaker	Sr.	Mariemont High School	Cincinnati, Ohio
D	Adi Turnbaugh	Sr.	Ontario High School	Ontario, Ohio
D	Clare Simmonds	Jr.	Carmel High School	Carmel, Ind.
M	Myka Aldrich	Jr.	Ottawa-Glandorf High School	Ottawa, Ohio
M	Noelle Beare	Sr.	Mansfield Christian High School	Mansfield, Ohio
M	Carys Bourbeau	Sr.	Southview High School	Sylvania, Ohio
M	Ava Bramblett	Sr.	Noblesville High School	Noblesville, Ind.
M	Mille Cluxton	Jr.	Seton High School	Cincinnati, Ohio
M	Molly Cochran	Sr.	Madeira High School	Cincinnati, Ohio
M	Sofia Divine	Jr.	Worthington Christian High School	Westerville, Ohio
M	Corinne Greenlee	Sr.	Kirtland High School	Kirtland, Ohio
M	Ella Grode	Jr.	Avon Lake High School	Avon Lake, Ohio
M	Ella Hamner	Sr.	Reitz Memorial High School	Evansville, Ind.
M	Megan Hollar	Jr.	West Liberty Salem High School	West Liberty, Ohio
M	Ella Hoover	Sr.	Granville High School	Granville, Ohio
M	Luka Johnson	Sr.	Stillwater Area High School	Oak Park Heights, Minn.
M	Elaina Lahmers	Sr.	Fairbanks High School	Milford Center, Ohio
M	Katie Mannix	Sr.	Marietta High School	Marietta, Ohio
M	Sydnee Maxwell	So.	Bishop Rosecrans High School	Zanesville, Ohio
M	Marit McLaughlin	So.	Noblesville High School	Noblesville, Ind.
M	Allie Metcalf	Jr.	New Albany High School	New Albany, Ohio
M	Hannah Montag	Sr.	Eastwood High School	Pemberville, Ohio
M	Kennedy Neighbors	Sr.	Reitz Memorial High School	Evansville, Ind.
M	Katie Norris	Jr.	Manchester High School	New Franklin, Ohio
M	Hannah Pachan	So.	Walsh Jesuit High School	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
M	Kalyn Rich	Sr.	Lynchburg-Clay High School	Lynchburg, Ohio
M	Summer Seamans	Sr.	Wayzata High School	Plymouth, Minn.
M	Natalie Shimmel	Sr.	Archbishop Hoban High School	Akron, Ohio
M	Madison Sievering	Sr.	Summit Country Day	Cincinnati, Ohio
M	Natalie Smith	Jr.	Grandview Heights High School	Columbus, Ohio
M	Emma Stransky	Sr.	Copley High School	Copley, Ohio
M	Aubrianna Thomas	Jr.	West Branch High School	Beloit, Ohio
M	Maci Toporcer	Jr.	Canfield High School	Canfield, Ohio
M	Mia Veldman	Jr.	Marian High School	Mishawaka, Ind.
M	Rose Vigran	Sr.	Indian Hill High School	Cincinnati, Ohio
M	Hattie Yugovich	Fr.	Ontario High School	Ontario, Ohio
F	Jordyn Adams	Sr.	Bloom-Carroll High School	Carroll, Ohio



Pos	Name	Cl.	School	City, State
F	Katelyn Beulke	Sr.	Mahtomedi High School	Mahtomedi, Minn.
F	Brianna Buels	Sr.	Bishop Chatard High School	Indianapolis, Ind.
F	Mackenzie Chinn	Sr.	Tippecanoe High School	Tipp City, Ohio
F	Lauryn Contini	Jr.	New Philadelphia High School	New Philadelphia, Ohio
F	Katie Cummings	Jr.	Miamisburg High School	Miamisburg, Ohio
F	Arianna Daniels	Sr.	Poland High School	Poland, Ohio
F	Delaney David	Sr.	Brooklyn High School	Brooklyn, Ohio
F	Eva Dexter	Jr.	Lehman Catholic High School	Sidney, Ohio
F	Samantha Erbach	Jr.	Waynesville High School	Waynesville, Ohio
F	Aerial Fast	Jr.	St. Marys Memorial High School	St. Marys, Ohio
F	Frankee Flesher	Sr.	West Geauga High School	Gates Mills, Ohio
F	Adelle Francis	Sr.	Perrysburg High School	Perrysburg, Ohio
F	Christie Fransen	Sr.	Wooster High School	Wooster, Ohio
F	Isabella Frick	Sr.	Saint Joseph High School	South Bend, Ind.
F	Megan Hamm	Jr.	Carmel High School	Carmel, Ind.
F	Taylor Heimerl	Sr.	Rosemount High School	Rosemount, Minn.
F	Abby Henegar	Sr.	Chippewa High School	Doylestown, Ohio
F	Taylor Johnson	Sr.	F. J. Reitz High School	Evansville, Ind.
F	Caroline Kelley	Sr.	Hamilton Southeastern High School	Fishers, Ind.
F	Ashley Kerekes	Sr.	Copley High School	Copley, Ohio
F	Tessa Knapp	So.	Bay Village High School	Bay Village, Ohio
F	Haley Knore	Sr.	Minford High School	Minford, Ohio
F	Peyton Kohls	Sr.	Mount Notre Dame High School	Cincinnati, Ohio
F	Taylor Kuhn	Jr.	Champion High School	Warren, Ohio
F	Ava Labocki	Jr.	Granville High School	Granville, Ohio
F	Ana Manning	Jr.	Milford High School	Milford, Ohio
F	Ali Mathis	Jr.	Chillicothe High School	Chillicothe, Ohio
F	Presley Pennekamp	So.	Oak Hills High School	Cincinnati, Ohio
F	Kayla Perfect	Sr.	Medina High School	Medina, Ohio
F	Sydney Polen	Sr.	Loudonville High School	Loudonville, Ohio
F	Aleyna Quinn	Jr.	Castle High School	Newburgh, Ind.
F	Kylie Recker	Sr.	Liberty-Benton High School	Findlay, Ohio
F	Reagan Ross	Jr.	Olentangy High School	Lewis Center, Ohio
F	Olivia Schrimpf	So.	Archbishop Alter High School	Kettering, Ohio
F	Makenna Siefker	So.	Ottawa-Glandorf High School	Ottawa, Ohio
F	Sophia Sindelar	So.	Rocky River High School	Rocky River, Ohio
F	Olivia Sipsock	Sr.	Medina High School	Medina, Ohio
F	Kendall Staden	Sr.	Blaine High School	Blaine, Minn.
F	Josie Studley	Jr.	Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School	Indianapolis, Ind.
F	Cameryn Susey	Sr.	Olentangy Berlin High School	Delaware, Ohio
F	Kaelyn Valleau	Sr.	Olentangy Orange High School	Lewis Center, Ohio
F	Shelby Vaugn	Jr.	Norwayne High School	Creston, Ohio
F	Shea Vidovic	Sr.	Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School	Broadview Heights, Ohio
F	Ava Yannucci	So.	Howland High School	Warren, Ohio

Ohio has 73, Indiana has 14, and Minnesota has 6 for a total of 93 players.

Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Team Crest History

When Coach Hopkins became the head coach of RRGs back in the Fall of 2006, he started a new tradition by incorporating a logo/crest which would be unique for the RRGs team.

He borrowed the crest idea from the English Premier League team, Liverpool Football Club and the Rocky River School System's logo (at the time) and merged them. This also explains why it reads "FOOTBALL" and not "SOCCER"


When the crest was established, RRGs had never won a Conference Championship or a District Final.



In its 21st year of existence, RRGs won its first Conference title as the 2008 West Shore Conference Champions. To recognize this achievement, a ★ was added to the crest much like how countries add stars to their national uniforms for each of their World Cup wins.

This was followed by more WSC Championships in 2010, 2011 and 2013.

The ultimate goal of a lifetime is a State Championship which was last accomplished by a Rocky River High School team in 1927 by the Boys Track Team.

However, if that was ever achieved, then  a would be added to the crest which would symbolize the achievement. That was finally done in 2013. In 2014 a WSC Championship star and in 2018 a GLC Championship had to be added to the logo version and again for 2019, 2020, and 2022.



Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History

1988-2022

Season	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Pts	Win%	Goals		Finish	
							Scr	Allw	Conference	Playoffs
1	1988	10	6	1	31	63%	66	32		
2	1989	11	7	1	34	61%	59	28		
3	1990	5	12	1	16	29%	21	79	8th SWC	Sectionals
4	1991	4	11	3	15	27%	18	35	8th SWC	Sectionals
5	1992	8	9	0	24	47%	33	38	8th SWC	Sectionals
6	1993	5	10	2	17	33%	27	34		Sectionals
7	1994	7	10	0	21	41%	38	39		Sectionals
8	1995	13	3	3	42	81%	82	31	3rd SWC	District Finalist
9	1996	9	5	3	30	64%	39	23	5th SWC	Sectional Finalist
10	1997	11	5	3	36	69%	36	19	3rd SWC	District Finalist
11	1998	10	7	3	33	59%	46	40	5th SWC	District Finalist
12	1999	10	7	2	32	59%	32	32		
13	2000	12	7	1	37	63%	64	26		District Finalist
14	2001	5	9	4	19	36%	21	31		
15	2002	7	4	6	27	64%	28	16		
16	2003	12	6	1	37	67%	35	25		Sectional Semi Finalist
17	2004	11	7	1	34	61%	56	26		District Semi Finalist
18	2005	13	4	1	40	76%	66	12	2nd WSC	Sectional Finalist
19	2006	11	3	4	37	79%	54	26	2nd WSC	Sectional Finalist
20	2007	6	10	1	19	38%	43	36	3rd WSC	Opening Round Sectional
21	2008	10	5	4	34	67%	44	24	1st WSC	District Semi Finalist
22	2009	8	9	0	24	47%	29	25	3rd WSC	Sectional Semi
23	2010	15	3	2	47	83%	49	10	1st WSC	District Finalist
24	2011	18	2	1	55	90%	79	23	1st WSC	Regional Finalist
25	2012	17	3	0	51	85%	80	17	2nd WSC	Regional Semi-Finalist
26	2013	22	0	1	67	100%	128	11	1st WSC	State Champions
27	2014	9	5	4	31	64%	60	22	1st WSC	District Semi Finalist
28	2015	12	5	2	38	71%	54	22	2nd GLC	District Finalist
29	2016	9	10	0	27	47%	44	42	3rd GLC	District Semi Finalist
30	2017	15	4	0	45	79%	58	15	3rd GLC	District Finalist
31	2018	10	7	2	32	59%	41	16	1st GLC	District Finalist
32	2019	13	6	1	40	68%	69	19	1st GLC	Regional Semi-Finalist
33	2020	19	1	2	59	95%	85	12	1st GLC	Regional Champions
34	2021	19	3	0	57	86%	111	16	3rd GLC	Regional Champions
35	2022	15	2	1	46	88%	80	12	1st GLC	District Semi Finalist
		391	207	61	1234		1875	914		
Total Seasons:		35		2022 Season						
Overall:		391-207-61		23-1-0						
Avg Wins / Season:		11.2		15						
Avg Loss / Season:		5.9		2						
Avg Ties / Season:		1.7		1						
Avg Points Earned:		35.3 (3=w in, 1=tie)		46						
Winning %:		65% + 61 ties		88% + 0 ties						
Avg Goals Scored / Season:		53.6		80						
Avg Goals Allowed / Season:		26.1		12						
Avg Goals Scored / Game:		2.85		4.44						
Avg Goals Allowed / Game:		1.39		0.67						

Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History 1988-2022

Season	Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches		
1	1988	Burke, Patrick			
2	1989	Burke, Patrick			
3	1990	Burke, Patrick	Florek, Monica		
4	1991	Burke, Patrick	Florek, Monica		
5	1992	Burke, Patrick	Florek, Monica	Opdycke, David	
6	1993	Burke, Patrick	Florek, Monica	Opdycke, David	
7	1994	Burke, Patrick	Patterson, Mindy	Chulik, Brian	
8	1995	Burke, Patrick	Patterson, Mindy	Chulik, Brian	
9	1996	Burke, Patrick	Patterson, Mindy	Opdycke, David	Fiala, Kevin
10	1997	Burke, Patrick	Mayle, Kelly	Opdycke, David	Fiala, Kevin
11	1998	Burke, Patrick	Mayle, Kelly	Brian Salco	Opdycke, David
12	1999	Burke, Patrick			
13	2000	Burke, Patrick			
14	2001	Burke, Patrick			
15	2002	Salco, Brian			
16	2003	Salco, Brian			
17	2004	Salco, Brian	Fiala, Katie	Ponziano, Michelle	
18	2005	Salco, Brian	DeCrane, Andy	Ponziano, Michelle	
19	2006	Hopkins, Patrick	DeCrane, Andy	Lambrinides, Nicole	Lesh, Lisa
20	2007	Hopkins, Patrick	DeCrane, Andy	Lambrinides, Nicole	Lesh, Lisa
21	2008	Hopkins, Patrick	DeCrane, Andy	Kusek (Lambrinides), Nicole	Lesh, Lisa
22	2009	Hopkins, Patrick	DeCrane, Andy	Kusek (Lambrinides), Nicole	Leininger, Greg
23	2010	Hopkins, Patrick	DeCrane, Andy	Kusek (Lambrinides), Nicole	Leininger, Greg
24	2011	Hopkins, Patrick	Farrell, Kelly	Kusek (Lambrinides), Nicole	Leininger, Greg
25	2012	Hopkins, Patrick	Farrell, Kelly	Kusek (Lambrinides), Nicole	Kaufmann, Jeff
26	2013	Hopkins, Patrick	Farrell, Kelly	Kusek (Lambrinides), Nicole	Kaufmann, Jeff
27	2014	Hopkins, Patrick	Kaufmann, Jeff	Jeff Koehler	Dana Rueter
28	2015	Hopkins, Patrick	Kaufmann, Jeff	Jeff Koehler	Callan Joseph
29	2016	Hopkins, Patrick	Shannon Evans	Claire Guerin	Noah Wardle
30	2017	Hopkins, Patrick	Shannon Rentz	Claire Guerin	Noah Wardle
31	2018	Hopkins, Patrick	Shannon Rentz	Claire Guerin	Noah Wardle
32	2019	Hopkins, Patrick	Stacie Morris	Christine Vacha	McKenna Klodnick
33	2020	Hopkins, Patrick	Lauren Heldt	Christine Vacha	Abigail Semenec
34	2021	Hopkins, Patrick	Lauren Heldt	Christine Vacha	McKenna Klodnick
35	2022	Hopkins, Patrick	Lauren Heldt	Christine Vacha	McKenna Sperli (Klodnick)

Years	Head Coach	Wins	Loss	Ties	Win%
1988-2001 (14)	Burke, Patrick	120	108	27	53%
2002-2005 (4)	Salco, Brian	43	21	9	67%
2006-2022 (17)	Hopkins, Patrick	228	78	25	75%
	TOTALS	391	207	61	65%



Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History 1988-2022

Season	Year	Captains			
1	1988	Jones, Melissa	Makar, Kerri		
2	1989	Gibbs, Julie	Patterson, Mindy		
3	1990	Covey, Kelli	Schaefer, Amber		
4	1991	Andrews, Melissa	Schaefer, Amber		
5	1992	Dickey, Sarah	Henderson, Susan		
6	1993	Liller, Kim	Mealy, Meredith		
7	1994	Janis, Heather	Kaminsky, Lindsay	Wilhelmy, Tracy	
8	1995	Kleinert, Mary	Mellot, Rachel		
9	1996	Fiala, Katie	White, Dierdre	Vogdes, Amy	
10	1997	Briggs, Jacklyn	Fiala, Katie	Vaudrin, Danielle	Warner, Lauren
11	1998	Bacon, Jess	Chew, Michaela	Hillow, Val	
12	1999	Jurak, Sarah	Winterich, Annie	Zelevnikar, Julia	
13	2000	Bracken, Jenny	Lambrinides, Nicole	Rikar, Amy	
14	2001	Andrews, Katie	Harrison, Emily	McCreary, Kathy	
15	2002	Coleman, Kate	Lambrinides, Emily	Turk, Meredith	
16	2003	Leitch, Molly	Locci, Natalie	Molnar, Allison	
17	2004	Carte, Caroline	Jaworski, Anne	Suttman, Abbey	
18	2005	Burke, Caitlin	Carte, Caroline	Leitch, Debra	Suttman, Abbey
19	2006	Gourash, Meredith	Manns, Catie	Rucker, Ashley	
20	2007	Barry, Clare	Towner, Brooke	Van Atta, Courtney	
21	2008	Beres, Justine	Mikula, Lindsey	Vitou, Olivia	
22	2009	Liva, Sophia	McFarland, Allison	McFarland, Megan	Vitou, Olivia
23	2010	McFarland, Allison	McFarland, Megan		
24	2011	Berg, Morgan	Davis, Stephanie	Leitch, Kim	Molina, Sarah
25	2012	Bennett, Grace	Klodnick, McKenna	McCue, Hallie	
26	2013	Bennett, Grace	Klodnick, McKenna		
27	2014	Hamker, Sydney	Krebs, Jillian	Schneider, Eva	
28	2015	Sophia Braun	Emily Soltes		
29	2016	Laura DeVito	Anna Jaffe	Olivia McDonald	
30	2017	Olivia McDonald	Allison Contenza		
31	2018	Allison Contenza	Alexandra Gluntz	Lizzie Hamker	Samantha Miller
32	2019	Lizzie Hamker	Samantha Miller		
33	2020	Maya Patti	Sabrina Rick		
34	2021	Taylor Byall	Addie Harris	Sophia Murray	
35	2022	Cara McKenna	Annika Mocho	Ava Patti	Mackenzie Russell



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Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History

Team Records and Statistics – 2022

Best Overall Conference Records > 85% (Winning-No Loss%)

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	Win%	Finish
1	2013	7	0	0	21	100%	WSC 1
1	2022	6	0	0	18	100%	GLC 1
1	2011	6	0	0	18	100%	WSC 1
4	2020	8	0	1	24	100%	GLC 1
5	2019	7	0	1	21	100%	GLC 1
6	2010	6	0	1	19	100%	WSC 1
7	2014	5	0	2	17	100%	WSC 1
8	2012	6	1	0	18	86%	WSC 2
8	2008	6	1	0	18	86%	WSC 1
8	2006	6	1	0	18	86%	WSC 2
8	2005	6	1	0	18	86%	WSC 2



Most Regular Season Points Earned, > 31 pts (3=win, 1=tie)

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	Win%	Finish	
1	2013	15	0	1	46	100%	WSC 1	State Champion D2
2	2020	14	0	2	44	100%	GLC 1	Region Champion D2
3	2022	14	1	1	43	93%	GLC 1	District Semi-Finalist D1
3	2011	14	1	1	43	93%	WSC 1	Regional Finalist D2
5	2021	14	2	0	42	88%	GLC 3	Region Champion D2
5	2012	14	2	0	42	88%	WSC 2	Regional Semi-Finalist D2
7	2017	13	3	0	39	81%	WSC 3	District Finalist D2
8	2010	12	2	2	38	86%	WSC 1	District Finalist D1
9	2005	12	3	1	37	80%	WSC 2	Sectional Finalist D1
10	1995	11	2	3	36	85%	SWC 3	Sectional Finalist D1
11	2006	10	2	4	34	83%	GLC 2	Sectional Finalist D1
12	2015	10	4	2	32	71%	GLC 2	District Finalist D2

Best Overall Records > 64% (Winning-No Loss%)

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	Win%	Finish
1	2013	22	0	1	67	100%	State Champion D2
2	2020	19	1	2	59	95%	Region Champion D2
3	2011	18	2	1	55	90%	Regional Finalist D2
4	2022	15	2	1	46	88%	District Semi-Finalist D1
5	2021	19	3	0	57	86%	Region Champion D2
6	2012	17	3	0	51	85%	Regional Semi-Finalist D2
7	2010	15	3	2	47	83%	District Finalist D1
8	1995	13	3	3	42	81%	District Finalist D1
9	2017	15	4	0	45	79%	District Finalist D2
9	2006	11	3	4	37	79%	Sectional Finalist D1
11	2005	13	4	1	40	76%	Sectional Finalist D1
12	2015	12	5	2	38	71%	District Finalist D2
13	1997	11	5	3	36	69%	District Finalist D1
14	2019	13	6	1	40	68%	Regional Semi-Finalist D2
15	2003	12	6	1	37	67%	Sectional Semi Finalist D1
15	2008	10	5	4	34	67%	District Semi-Finalist D1

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Most Overall Points Earned > 37 (3=win, 1=tie)

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	Win%	Finish
1	2013	22	0	1	67	100%	State Champion D2
2	2020	19	1	2	59	95%	Region Champion D2
3	2021	19	3	0	57	86%	Region Champion D2
4	2011	18	2	1	55	90%	Regional Finalist D2
5	2012	17	3	0	51	85%	Regional Semi-Finalist D2
6	2010	15	3	2	47	83%	District Finalist D1
7	2022	15	2	1	46	88%	District Semi-Finalist D1
8	2017	15	4	0	45	79%	District Finalist D2
9	1995	13	3	3	42	81%	District Finalist D1
10	2019	13	6	1	40	68%	Regional Semi-Finalist D2
10	2005	13	4	1	40	76%	Sectional Finalist D1
12	2015	12	5	2	38	71%	District Finalist D2

Most Overall Wins > 11

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	Win%
1	2013	22	0	1	67	100%
2	2021	19	3	0	57	86%
2	2020	19	1	2	59	95%
4	2011	18	2	1	55	90%
5	2012	17	3	0	51	85%
6	2022	15	2	1	46	88%
6	2017	15	4	0	45	79%
6	2010	15	3	2	47	83%
9	2019	13	6	1	40	68%
9	1995	13	3	3	42	81%
9	2005	13	4	1	40	76%
12	2015	12	5	2	38	71%
12	2003	12	6	1	37	67%
12	2000	12	7	1	37	63%

Fewest Number of Losses < 6

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Points	Win%
1	2013	22	0	1	67	100%
2	2020	19	1	2	59	95%
3	2022	15	2	1	46	88%
3	2011	18	2	1	55	90%
5	2021	19	3	0	57	86%
5	2012	17	3	0	51	85%
5	2010	15	3	2	47	83%
5	1995	13	3	3	42	81%
5	2006	11	3	4	37	79%
10	2017	15	4	0	45	79%
10	2005	13	4	1	40	76%
10	2002	7	4	6	27	64%



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Team Records and Statistics – 2022

Most Consecutive No Losses in a Season > 7

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Wins-Ties Streak
1	2013	22	0	1	23
2	2020	19	1	2	21
3	2010	15	3	2	16
4	1995	13	3	3	14
5	2011	18	2	1	13
6	2022	15	2	1	12
6	2021	19	3	0	12
8	2015	12	5	2	11
9	2012	17	3	0	8

Most Consecutive Wins in a Season > 6

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Win Streak
1	2020	19	1	2	16
1	2013	22	0	1	16
3	2021	19	3	0	12
4	2022	15	2	1	11
4	2011	18	2	1	11
4	2010	15	3	2	11
7	2012	17	3	0	8
8	2021	19	3	0	7
8	2017	15	4	0	7
8	2015	12	5	2	7
8	1995	13	3	3	7

Most Shutout Games in a Season > 7

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Goals Allow	Shutouts
1	2020	19	1	2	12	15
2	2021	19	3	0	16	14
2	2013	22	0	1	11	14
4	2010	15	3	2	10	13
5	2022	15	2	1	12	11
5	2017	15	4	0	15	11
7	2019	13	6	1	19	10
7	2008	10	5	4	24	10
9	2012	17	3	0	17	9
9	2005	13	4	1	12	9
11	2003	12	5	1	25	8
11	2002	7	4	6	16	8
11	1997	11	5	3	19	8
11	1989	11	7	1	28	8



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Longest Consecutive Game Shutout Streak > 3					Shutouts		
Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Overall	Streak	
1	2010	15	3	2	13	9	Fire, NR, Clay, CF, Avon, AL, Midv, NO, Verm
2	2021	19	3	0	14	8	Bruns, CF, NO, WstLk, FV, HN, ClrFrk, FV
2	2013	22	0	1	14	6	Bay, Mags, Beaum, Brooks, HN, Ontario
4	2022	15	2	1	12	4	Newark, Lakewood, Chagrin Falls, EC
4	2020	19	1	2	15	4	CF, Norm, Beaum, StVStM
4	2020	19	1	2	15	4	VF, Bay, EC, LKWD
4	2019	13	6	1	10	4	FV, Zanes, BCKY, VF
4	2017	15	4	0	11	4	McDow, Norm, EC, CF
4	2017	15	4	0	11	4	BishHart, StJoe, Solon, Parma
4	1997	11	5	3	8	4	Amhrst, FV, Beaum, OF

Most Goals Scored in a Season > 48					Goals		AVG/game
Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Scored	Allowed	
1	2013	22	0	1	128	11	5.57
2	2021	19	3	0	111	16	5.05
3	2020	19	1	2	85	12	3.86
4	1995	13	3	3	82	31	4.32
5	2022	15	2	1	80	12	4.44
5	2012	17	3	0	80	17	4.00
6	2011	18	2	1	79	23	3.76
7	2019	13	6	1	69	19	3.45
8	2005	13	4	1	66	12	3.67
8	1988	10	6	1	66	32	3.88
10	2000	12	7	1	64	27	3.20
11	2014	9	5	4	60	22	3.33
12	1989	11	7	1	59	28	3.11
13	2017	15	4	0	58	15	3.05
14	2004	11	7	1	56	28	2.95
15	2015	12	5	2	54	22	2.84
15	2006	11	3	4	54	26	3.00
17	2010	15	3	2	49	10	2.45

Most Goals Average/Game in a Season > 2.32					Goals		AVG/game
Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Scored	Allowed	
1	2013	22	0	1	128	11	5.57
2	2021	19	3	0	111	16	5.05
3	2022	15	2	1	80	12	4.44
4	1995	13	3	3	82	31	4.32
5	2012	17	3	0	80	17	4.00
6	1988	10	6	1	66	32	3.88
7	2020	19	1	2	85	12	3.86
8	2011	18	2	1	79	23	3.76
9	2005	13	4	1	66	12	3.67
10	2019	13	6	1	69	19	3.45
11	2014	9	5	4	60	22	3.33



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Fewest Goals Allowed in a Season < 24

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Goals		AVG/game
					Scored	Allowed	
1	2010	15	3	2	49	10	0.50
2	2013	22	0	1	128	11	0.48
3	2022	15	2	1	80	12	0.67
3	2020	19	1	2	85	12	0.55
3	2005	13	4	1	66	12	0.67
6	2017	15	4	0	58	15	0.79
7	2021	19	3	0	111	16	0.73
7	2018	10	7	2	41	16	0.84
7	2002	7	4	6	28	16	0.94
10	2012	17	3	0	80	17	0.85
11	2019	13	6	1	69	19	0.95
11	1997	11	5	3	36	19	1.00
13	2015	12	5	2	54	22	1.16
13	2014	9	5	4	60	22	1.22
15	2011	18	2	1	79	23	1.10
15	1996	9	5	3	39	23	1.35



Fewest Goals Allowed Avg/Game/Seas < 1.01

Rank	Year	Wins	Loss	Ties	Goals		AVG/game
					Scored	Allowed	
1	2013	22	0	1	128	11	0.48
2	2010	15	3	2	49	10	0.50
3	2020	19	1	2	85	12	0.55
4	2022	15	2	1	80	12	0.67
4	2005	13	4	1	66	12	0.67
6	2021	19	3	0	111	16	0.73
7	2017	15	4	0	58	15	0.79
8	2018	10	7	2	41	16	0.84
9	2012	17	3	0	80	17	0.85
10	2002	7	4	6	28	16	0.94
11	2019	13	6	1	69	19	0.95
12	1997	11	5	3	36	19	1.00



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Player Records and Statistics – **Game** – 2022

Most Goals in a Game > 3

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points	Opponent	Date
1	1989	Jones	Melissa	5	1	11	Chagrin Falls	10/10/1989
1	1989	Jones	Melissa	5	2	12	Admiral King	10/2/1989
1	1989	Jones	Melissa	5	0	10	Amherst	8/30/1989
4	2022	Sindelar	Sophia	4	0	8	Brunswick	8/22/2022
4	2020	Patti	Ava	4	0	8	St V St Mary	10/26/2020
4	2017	Gluntz	Alexandra	4	0	8	Firelands	10/18/2017
4	2014	Soltes	Emily	4	0	8	Lakewood	10/8/2014
4	2013	Bennett	Grace	4	0	8	Midview	9/4/2013
4	2013	Elinsky	Abby	4	0	8	Vermilion	8/29/2013
4	2003	Spahn	Ashley	4	1	9	Firelands	10/14/2003
4	2000	Spahn	Ashley	4	2	10	Firelands	10/21/2000
4	1997	Fiala	Katie	4	0	8	Fairview	8/30/1997
4	1995	Dobler	Kim	4	0	8	Olmsted Falls	10/24/1995
4	1995	Dobler	Kim	4	0	8	Fairview	10/17/1995
4	1995	White	Diedre	4	1	9	Villa Ang SJ	10/12/1995
4	1995	Dobler	Kim	4	1	9	Amherst	9/20/1995
4	1994	Dobler	Kim	4	1	9	Midpark	9/1/1994

Most Assists in a Game > 3

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points	Opponent	Date
1	2012	Bennett	Grace	0	5	5	Vermilion	8/29/2012
1	2000	Turk	Merideth	1	5	7	Villa Ang SJ	10/9/2000
3	2022	Patti	Ava	2	4	8	BereaMidpark	10/20/2022
3	2022	Patti	Ava	1	4	6	Brunswick	8/22/2022
3	2015	Zamarripa	Samantha	2	4	8	Parma	10/8/2015
3	2013	Klodnick	McKenna	0	4	4	Brookside	10/22/2013
3	2013	Klodnick	McKenna	0	4	4	St Ursula	8/24/2013
3	2005	Patterson	Aubrey	1	4	6	Midview	9/21/2005
3	1994	Dobler	Kim	3	4	10	Villa Ang SJ	10/1/1994



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Player Records and Statistics – **Game** – 2022

Most Points in a Game > 6

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points	Opponent	Date
1	1989	Jones	Melissa	5	2	12	Admiral King	10/2/1989
2	1989	Jones	Melissa	5	1	11	Chagrin Falls	10/10/1989
3	2000	Spahn	Ashley	4	2	10	Firelands	10/21/2000
3	1994	Dobler	Kim	3	4	10	Villa Ang SJ	10/1/1994
3	1989	Jones	Melissa	5	0	10	Amherst	8/30/1989
6	2003	Spahn	Ashley	4	1	9	Firelands	10/14/2003
6	1997	Dobler	Kim	3	3	9	Fairview	8/30/1997
6	1995	White	Diedre	4	1	9	Villa Ang SJ	10/12/1995
6	1995	Dobler	Kim	4	1	9	Amherst	9/20/1995
6	1994	Dobler	Kim	4	1	9	Midpark	9/1/1994
6	1988	Jones	Melissa	4	1	9	Willoughby S	9/9/1988
6	1988	Jones	Melissa	3	3	9	Amherst	9/7/1988
13	2022	Patti	Ava	2	4	8	BereaMidpark	10/20/2022
13	2022	Patti	Ava	3	2	8	Normandy	8/31/2022
13	2020	Patti	Ava	4	0	8	St V St Mary	10/26/2020
13	2017	Gluntz	Alexandra	4	0	8	Firelands	10/18/2017
13	2015	Zamarripa	Samantha	2	4	8	Parma	10/8/2015
13	2014	Soltes	Emily	4	0	8	Lakewood	10/8/2014
13	2013	Bennett	Grace	4	0	8	Midview	9/4/2013
13	2013	Elinsky	Abby	4	0	8	Vermilion	8/29/2013
13	2012	Elinsky	Abby	3	2	8	Elyria Cath	9/26/2012
13	2000	Turk	Merideth	3	2	8	Firelands	10/21/2000
13	2000	Turk	Merideth	3	2	8	Lutheran Wst	9/16/2000
13	1997	Fiala	Katie	4	0	8	Fairview	8/30/1997
13	1995	Dobler	Kim	4	0	8	Olmsted Falls	10/24/1995
13	1995	Dobler	Kim	4	0	8	Fairview	10/17/1995
13	1988	Jones	Melissa	3	2	8	Chagrin Falls	10/7/1988



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Most Goals in a Season > 19

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points
1	2013	Elinsky	Abby	43	19	105
2	1989	Jones	Melissa	36	7	79
3	2013	Bennett	Grace	35	23	93
4	1995	Dobler	Kim	33	13	79
5	2022	Sindelar	Sophia	31	7	69
5	2020	Patti	Ava	28	3	59
6	2012	Elinsky	Abby	27	11	65
7	2015	Soltes	Emily	21	12	54
7	2012	Bennett	Grace	21	14	56
7	2005	Rucker	Ashley	21	7	49
7	2000	Turk	Merideth	21	18	60
11	2021	Kelly	Maeve	20	10	50
11	2006	Rucker	Ashley	20	5	45

Most Assists in a Season > 15

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points
1	2013	Klodnick	McKenna	11	31	53
2	2013	Krebs	Jillian	6	28	40
3	2013	Bennett	Grace	35	23	93
4	2022	Patti	Ava	19	20	58
5	2013	Elinsky	Abby	43	19	105
6	2000	Turk	Merideth	21	18	60
6	1995	Levine	Jessica	17	18	52
8	2015	Zamarripa	Samantha	12	17	41
8	1988	Makar	Kerri	11	17	39
10	2022	McKenna	Kara	3	16	22
10	2020	Patti	Maya	7	16	30

Most Points in a Season > 49

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points
1	2013	Elinsky	Abby	43	19	105
2	2013	Bennett	Grace	35	23	93
3	1995	Dobler	Kim	33	13	79
3	1989	Jones	Melissa	36	7	79
5	1988	Jones	Melissa	32	10	74
6	2022	Sindelar	Sophia	31	7	69
7	2012	Elinsky	Abby	27	11	65
8	2000	Turk	Merideth	21	18	60
9	2020	Patti	Ava	28	3	59
10	2022	Patti	Ava	19	20	58
11	2012	Bennett	Grace	21	14	56
12	2015	Soltes	Emily	21	12	54
13	2013	Klodnick	McKenna	11	31	53
14	1995	Levine	Jessica	17	18	52
15	2021	Kelly	Maeve	20	10	50



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Most Shutouts in a Season (GOAL KEEPER) > 6

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Shutouts
1	2020	Rick	Sabrina	22	15
2	2021	Rose	Caitlin	22	14
2	2013	Connelly	Sara E	23	14
4	2010	Leitch	Kim	20	13
5	2022	Rose	Caitlin	18	11
5	2017	Avila	Gabrielle	19	11
7	2019	Rick	Sabrina	20	10
8	2012	Connelly	Sara E	20	9
8	2005	Van Atta	Courtney	18	9
8	2004	Van Atta	Courtney	19	9
11	2003	Leitch	Molly	19	8
11	2002	Leitch	Molly	17	8
11	1997	Vaudrin	Danielle	19	8
14	2014	Braun	Sophia	18	7
14	2011	Leitch	Kim	21	7
14	2004	Van Atta	Courtney	19	7
14	1996	Vaudrin	Danielle	17	7



Most Consecutive Shutouts in a Season (GOAL KEEPER) > 3

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Shutouts	Streak
1	2010	Leitch	Kim	20	13	9
2	2021	Rose	Caitlin	22	14	8
2	2013	Connelly	Sara E	23	14	6
3	2022	Rose	Caitlin	18	11	4
3	2020	Rick	Sabrina	22	15	4
3	2020	Rick	Sabrina	22	15	4
3	2019	Rick	Sabrina	20	10	4
3	2017	Avila	Gabrielle	19	11	4
3	2017	Avila	Gabrielle	19	11	4
3	1997	Vaudrin	Danielle	19	8	4

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 Bruns, CF, NO, WstLk, FV, HN, ClrFrk, FV
 Bay, Mags, Beaum, Brooks, HN, Ontario
 Newark, Lakewood, Chagrin Falls, EC
 CF, Norm, Beaum, StVStM
 VF, Bay, EC, LKWD
 FV, Zanes, BCKY, VF
 McDow, Norm, EC, CF
 BishHart, StJoe, Solon, Parma
 Amhrst, FV, Beaum, OF

Fewest Goals Allowed Average in a Season (GOAL KEEPER) < 1.00

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Allowed	Avg
1	2013	Connelly	Sara E	23	9	0.39
2	2010	Leitch	Kim	20	10	0.50
3	2020	Rick	Sabrina	22	12	0.55
4	2022	Rose	Caitlin	18	12	0.67
4	2005	Van Atta	Courtney	18	12	0.67
6	2021	Rose	Caitlin	22	16	0.73
7	2017	Avila	Gabrielle	19	15	0.79
8	2012	Connelly	Sara E	20	16	0.80
9	2018	Avila	Gabrielle	14	13	0.93
10	2002	Leitch	Molly	17	16	0.94
11	2019	Rick	Sabrina	20	19	0.95



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Best Winng Percentage in a Season (GOAL KEEPER) > 74.9%

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Wins	Loss	Tie	WIN%
1	2013	Connelly	Sara E	23	22	0	1	100%
2	2020	Rick	Sabrina	22	19	1	2	95%
3	2011	Leitch	Kim	21	18	2	1	90%
4	2022	Rose	Caitlin	18	15	2	1	88%
5	2021	Rose	Caitlin	22	19	3	0	86%
6	2012	Connelly	Sara E	20	17	3	0	85%
7	2010	Leitch	Kim	20	15	3	2	83%
8	1995	Vaudrin	Danielle	19	13	3	3	81%
9	2017	Avila	Gabrielle	19	15	4	0	79%
10	2006	Van Atta	Courtney	17	10	3	4	77%
11	2008	Davis	Lauren	9	6	2	1	75%



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Player Records and Statistics – Career – 2022

Most Goals in a Career > 25

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points
1	2011-13	Elinsky	Abby	82	33	197
1	2010-13	Bennett	Grace	82	46	210
3	1994-97	Dobler	Kim	73	40	186
4	1988-89	Jones	Melissa	68	17	153
5	2020-2022	Patti	Ava	62	33	157
6	2004-06	Rucker	Ashley	50	17	117
7	2021-2022	Sindelar	Sophia	45	14	104
8	2017-20	Patti	Maya	43	33	119
9	2014-17	McDonald	Olivia	42	19	103
10	2012-15	Soltes	Emily	39	21	99
11	2018-2021	Murray	Sophia	38	22	98
12	2000-03	Spahn	Ashley	35	16	86
13	1992-95	Levine	Jessica	33	23	89
14	2020-2022	Kelly	Maeve	30	21	81
14	1998-2001	McCreary	Kathy	30	19	79
16	1999-2002	Turk	Meredith	29	31	89
17	2018-2021	Byall	Taylor	26	17	69

Most Assists in a Career > 20

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points
1	2010-13	Klodnick	McKenna	18	60	96
2	2010-13	Bennett	Grace	82	46	210
3	2011-14	Krebs	Jillian	24	41	89
4	1994-97	Dobler	Kim	73	40	186
5	2020-2022	Russell	Mackenzie	23	34	80
5	1994-97	Fiala	Katie	19	34	72
7	2020-2022	Patti	Ava	62	33	157
7	2017-20	Patti	Maya	43	33	119
7	2011-13	Elinsky	Abby	82	33	197
10	2013-15	Zamarripa	Samantha	22	32	76
11	1999-2002	Turk	Meredith	29	31	89
12	1988-89	Makar	Kerri	23	27	73
13	2018-2021	Harris	Addie	16	26	58
14	2015-18	Contenza	Allison	11	25	47
14	2010-12	McCue	Hallie	18	25	61
16	2019-2022	McKenna	Cara	16	23	55
16	2016-19	Hamker	Lizzie	22	23	67
16	1992-95	Levine	Jessica	33	23	89
19	2018-2021	Murray	Sophia	38	22	98
19	2002-05	Patterson	Aubrey	18	22	58
21	2020-2022	Kelly	Maeve	30	21	81
21	2012-15	Soltes	Emily	39	21	99
21	2012-14	Hamker	Sydney	18	21	57
21	2010-11	Molina	Sara	16	21	53



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Player Records and Statistics – Career – 2022

Most Points in a Career > 85

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Goals	Assists	Points
1	2010-13	Bennett	Grace	82	46	210
2	2011-13	Elinsky	Abby	82	33	197
3	1994-97	Dobler	Kim	73	40	186
4	2020-2022	Patti	Ava	62	33	157
5	1988-89	Jones	Melissa	68	17	153
6	2017-20	Patti	Maya	43	33	119
7	2004-06	Rucker	Ashley	50	17	117
8	2021-2022	Sindelar	Sophia	45	14	104
9	2014-17	McDonald	Olivia	42	19	103
10	2012-15	Soltes	Emily	39	21	99
11	2018-2021	Murray	Sophia	38	22	98
12	2010-13	Klodnick	McKenna	18	60	96
13	2011-14	Krebs	Jillian	24	41	89
13	1999-2002	Turk	Meredith	29	31	89
13	1992-95	Levine	Jessica	33	23	89
16	2000-03	Spahn	Ashley	35	16	86

Most Shutouts in a Career (GOAL KEEPER) > 12

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Shutouts
1	2008-11	Leitch	Kim	68	31
2	2017-20	Rick	Sabrina	52	27
3	2021-22	Rose	Caitlin	40	25
3	2000-03	Leitch	Molly		25
5	2012-13	Connelly	Sara E	43	23
6	1994-97	Vaudrin	Danielle	72	22
7	2004-06	VanAtta	Courtney		21
8	2016-18	Avila	Gabriella	52	20
9	1990-93	Buza	Michele	60	18
10	2012-15	Braun	Sophia	36	13
10	1998-99	Jurak	Sarah		13

Fewest Goals Allowed Average in a Career (GOAL KEEPER) 2 or more seasons

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Allowed	Avg
1	2011-13	Connelly	Sara E	43	25	0.58
2	2017-20	Rick	Sabrina	52	34	0.65
3	2021-2022	Rose	Caitlin	40	28	0.70
4	2008-11	Leitch	Kim	68	72	1.06
5	2012-15	Braun	Sophia	37	43	1.16



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Most Wins in a Career (GOAL KEEPER) > 20

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Wins	Loss	Tie	WIN%
1	2008-11	Leitch	Kim	68	45	17	6	73%
2	1994-97	Vaudrin	Danielle	72	40	23	9	63%
3	2011-13	Connelly	Sara E	43	39	3	1	93%
4	2003-05	Leitch	Molly		36			
5	2018-20	Rick	Sabrina	47	35	8	4	81%
6	2021-2022	Rose	Caitlin	40	34	5	1	87%
6	2004-06	VanAtta	Courtney		34			
8	2016-18	Avila	Gabriella	52	31	20	1	61%
9	2012-15	Braun	Sophia	36	20	10	6	67%
9	1998-99	Jurak	Sarah		20			

Best Winning Percentage in a Career (GOAL KEEPER) 2 or more seasons

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Wins	Loss	Tie	WIN%
1	2011-13	Connelly	Sara E	43	39	3	1	93%
2	2021-2022	Rose	Caitlin	40	34	5	1	87%
3	2018-20	Rick	Sabrina	47	35	8	4	73%
3	2008-11	Leitch	Kim	68	45	17	6	73%
5	2012-15	Braun	Sophia	36	20	10	6	67%

Most Varsity Games Played in a Career > 79

Rank	Season	Lname	Fname	Games	Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
1	2018-21	Murray	Sophia	82	19/19	20/20	21/22	22/22
1	2011-14	Schneider	Eva	82	21/21	20/20	23/23	18/18
3	2012-15	Soltes	Emily	80	20/20	23/23	18/18	19/19
4	2017-20	Patti	Maya	79	19/19	19/19	20/20	21/22

Murray missed 1 game (Normandy) for toe

Maya missed 1 game for hamstring



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#	Fname	Lname	Class	1st Yr	Lst Yr	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	Rank
1	Grace	Bennett	2014	2010	2013	82	46	210	1
2	Abby	Elinsky	2014	2011	2013	82	33	197	2
3	Kim	Dobler	1998	1994	1997	73	40	186	3
4	Ava	Patti	2024	2020	2022	62	33	157	4
5	Melissa	Jones	1990	1988	1989	68	17	153	5
6	Maya	Patti	2021	2017	2020	43	33	119	6
7	Ashley	Rucker	2007	2004	2006	50	17	117	7
8	Sophia	Sindelar	2025	2021	2022	45	14	104	8
9	Olivia	McDonald	2018	2014	2017	42	19	103	9
10	Emily	Soltes	2016	2012	2015	39	21	99	10
11	Sophia	Murray	2022	2018	2021	38	22	98	11
12	McKenna	Klodnick	2014	2010	2013	18	60	96	12
13	Jillian	Krebs	2015	2011	2014	24	41	89	13
14	Meredith	Turk	2003	1999	2002	29	31	89	13
15	Jessica	Levine	1996	1992	1995	33	23	89	13
16	Ashley	Spahn	2004	2000	2003	35	16	86	16
17	Maeve	Kelly	2024	2020	2022	30	21	81	17
18	Mackenzie	Russell	2024	2020	2022	23	34	80	18
19	Kathy	McCreary	2002	1998	2001	30	19	79	19
20	Samantha	Zamarripa	2016	2013	2014	22	32	76	20
21	Makar	Kerri	1990	1988	1989	23	27	73	21
22	Katie	Fiala	1998	1994	1997	19	34	72	22
23	Taylor	Byall	2022	2018	2021	26	17	69	23
24	Lizzie	Hamker	2020	2016	2019	22	23	67	24
25	Samantha	Miller	2020	2016	2019	25	14	64	25
26	Jessica	Bacon	1999	1995	1998	25	14	64	25
27	Lindsay	Buckingham	1999	1995	1998	22	20	64	25
28	Deirdre	White	1997	1995	1996	23	17	63	28
29	Stephanie	Davis	2012	2008	2011	22	18	62	29
30	Hallie	McCue	2013	2009	2012	18	25	61	30
31	Addie	Harris	2022	2018	2021	16	26	58	31
32	Aubrey	Patterson	2006	2002	2005	18	22	58	31
33	Sydney	Hamker	2015	2012	2014	18	21	57	33
34	Cara	McKenna	2023	2019	2022	16	23	55	34
35	Sara	Molina	2012	2010	2011	16	21	53	35
36	Kelly	Peters	2006	2002	2005	18	17	53	35
37	Meredith	Gourash	2007	2003	2006	18	15	51	37
38	Eva	Schneider	2015	2011	2014	14	20	48	38
39	Allison	Contenza	2019	2015	2018	11	25	47	39
40	Anne	Jaworski	2005	2001	2004	18	11	47	39
41	Clare	Barry	2008	2004	2006	15	16	46	41
42	Caitlin	Burke	2006	2002	2005	16	11	43	42
43	Heather	Janis	1995	1991	1994	14	12	40	43
44	Susan	Henderson	1993	1990	1992	16	7	39	44
45	Annie	O'Toole	2019	2015	2018	12	14	38	45

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#	Fname	Lname	Class	1st Yr	Lst Yr	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	Rank
46	Megan	Killeen	2014	2010	2013	9	20	38	45
47	Jessica	Wasp	2004	2000	2003	13	12	38	45
48	Jackie	Kelly	2009	2005	2006	12	13	37	48
49	Annika	Mocho	2023	2019	2022	12	8	32	49
50	Lindsey	Mikula	2009	2006	2006	11	9	31	50
51	Jennifer	Burke	1999	1996	1998	8	14	30	51
52	Emily	Harrison	2002	1998	2001	8	12	28	52
53	Lauren	Levine	1993	1990	1992	10	8	28	52
54	Alexandra	Gluntz	2019	2015	2018	7	12	26	54
55	Kelly	Covey	1991	1988	1990	7	12	26	54
56	Debra	Leitch	2006	2002	2005	7	11	25	56
57	Grace	Gascoigne	2020	2016	2016	10	4	24	57
58	Gina	Heath	1993	1991	1992	10	4	24	57
59	Julia	Zelevnikar	2000	1997	1999	9	5	23	59
60	Keira	Vesy	2021	2017	2020	8	6	22	60
61	Erin	Kehn	2012	2008	2011	8	6	22	60
62	Rachel	Mellot	1996	1992	1995	8	6	22	60
63	Jessica	Vitou	2015	2011	2014	7	7	21	63
64	Olivia	Vitou	2010	2006	2009	9	3	21	63
65	Jenny	Bracken	2001	1998	2000	7	7	21	63
66	Amy	Natsis	1990	1988	1989	8	5	21	63
67	Mindy	Patterson	1990	1988	1989	3	15	21	63
68	Justine	Beres	2009	2005	2006	7	5	19	68
69	Hannah	McCue	2012	2008	2011	8	1	17	69
70	Eileen	O'Boyle	2001	1999	2000	7	3	17	69
71	Laura	DeVito	2017	2014	2016	3	10	16	71
72	Morgan	Berg	2012	2008	2011	6	4	16	71
73	Kasey	Killeen	2011	2007	2010	7	2	16	71
74	Kim	Liller	1994	1990	1993	6	4	16	71
75	Beth	Rankin	1990	1988	1989	5	6	16	71
76	Ann	Winterich	2000	1996	1999	5	5	15	76
77	Juliana	Lydon	2012	2009	2011	5	4	14	77
78	Meredith	Mealy	1994	1990	1993	6	2	14	77
79	Sobol	Anna	2020	2016	2019	5	3	13	79
80	Emily	McDonald	2016	2012	2015	5	3	13	79
81	Caroline	Auzenberg	2015	2011	2014	5	3	13	79
82	Laurie	Sherman	1993	1990	1992	4	5	13	79
83	Alexandra	Pike	2020	2016	2019	6	0	12	83
84	Anna	Jaffe	2017	2013	2016	4	4	12	83
85	Megan	Moore	2013	2009	2012	5	2	12	83
86	Natalie	Locci	2004	2001	2003	5	2	12	83
87	Tracy	Wilhelmy	1995	1991	1994	3	6	12	83
88	Amber	Schafer	1992	1988	1991	5	2	12	83
89	Ava	Blair	2023	2019	2022	3	5	11	89
90	Maddy	Strang	2008	2004	2006	4	3	11	89
91	Mia	Carney	2026	2022	2022	3	4	10	91

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#	Fname	Lname	Class	1st Yr	Lst Yr	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS	Rank
138	Amy	Caruso	2001	1999	2000	1	2	4	132
139	Amy	Lauer	2001	1999	2000	0	4	4	132
140	Courtney	Snyder	2001	1999	2000	1	2	4	132
141	Allison	Stretar	1995	1991	1994	2	0	4	132
142	Sherry	Hall	1990	1988	1989	2	0	4	132
143	Rayna	Kishna	2023	2019	2022	1	1	3	143
144	Bella	Hunt	2023	2019	2021	1	1	3	143
145	Marin	Richman	2023	2019	2021	1	1	3	143
146	Avery	Barnes	2019	2015	2017	1	1	3	143
147	Claudia	Stohr	2016	2012	2015	1	1	3	143
148	Maddie	Russell	2013	2009	2012	1	1	3	143
149	Maddie	Popp	2008	2004	2006	1	1	3	143
150	Sara	Perry	2004	2002	2003	1	1	3	143
151	Jackie	Kotoch	2003	2001	2002	1	1	3	143
152	Katie	Andrews	2002	1999	2001	1	1	3	143
153	Beth	Lamb	2000	1999	1999	1	1	3	143
154	Margaret	Bernard	1998	1996	1997	1	1	3	143
155	Valerie	Hillow	1998	1997	1997	1	1	3	143
156	Katie	Moran	1998	1996	1997	1	1	3	143
157	Katlyn	Shumaker	1996	1994	1995	0	3	3	143
158	Allison	Hitt	1994	1991	1993	1	1	3	143
159	Ann	Jaite	1990	1988	1989	1	1	3	143
160	Lexi	Hammermeister	2025	2021	2022	0	2	2	160
161	Rory	Vesey	2025	2021	2022	1	0	2	160
162	Maeve	McKeown	2023	2019	2020	1	0	2	160
163	Kailey	Budzar	2020	2016	2019	0	2	2	160
164	Duncan	Ellie	2020	2016	2019	1	0	2	160
165	Beth	Erml	2019	2015	2018	0	2	2	160
166	Maddy	Anderson	2018	2014	2017	0	2	2	160
167	Sophia	Braun	2016	2012	2015	1	0	2	160
168	Bella	Rizi	2017	2013	2014	0	2	2	160
169	Sara E	Connelly	2014	2010	2013	0	2	2	160
170	Liz	Adamescu	2009	2006	2006	1	0	2	160
171	Beth	Jaworski	2007	2004	2006	0	2	2	160
172	Caroline	Carte	2006	2003	2005	1	0	2	160
173	Hallie	Spooner	2002	1999	2001	1	0	2	160
174	Julie	Teater	1999	1998	1998	1	0	2	160
175	Lyndsey	Warner	2002	1998	1998	1	0	2	160
176	Kate	Skipper	1995	1991	1994	1	0	2	160
177	Michelle	Buza	1994	1990	1993	1	0	2	160
178	Jessica	Laszlo	1994	1991	1993	1	0	2	160
179	Megan	Parry	1994	1991	1993	1	0	2	160
180	Myrhea	Ganig	1993	1990	1992	1	0	2	160
181	Katie	Nupp	2024	2020	2022	0	1	1	181
182	Addie	Russell	2026	2022	2022	0	1	1	181
183	Sabrina	Rick	2021	2017	2020	0	1	1	181

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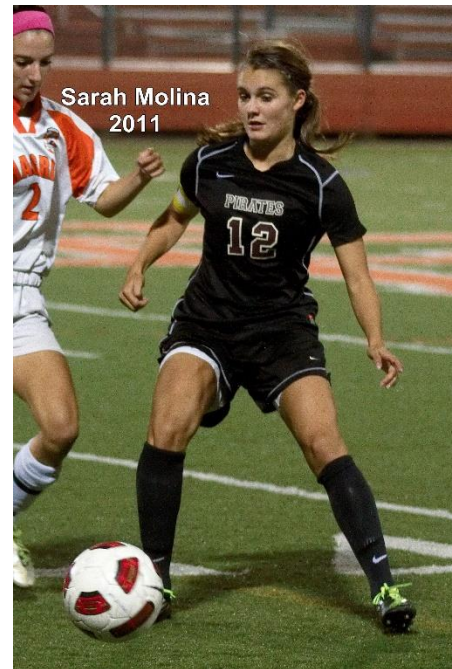
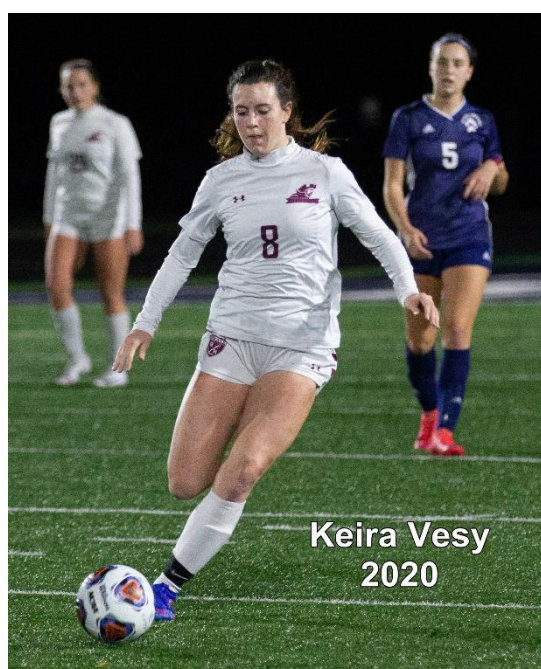
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184	Lee	Hornig	2020	2018	2019	0	1	1	181
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186	Anna	Konrad	2020	2016	2016	0	1	1	181
187	Kelly	Meese	2017	2013	2016	0	1	1	181
188	Grace	Tigue	2014	2010	2013	0	1	1	181
189	Jessica	Goepfert	2012	2008	2011	0	1	1	181
190	Haley	Jacob	2011	2008	2009	0	1	1	181
191	Emily	Maurer	2009	2006	2008	0	1	1	181
192	Courtney	Van Atta	2008	2004	2007	0	1	1	181
193	Catie	Manns	2007	2003	2006	0	1	1	181
194	Madeleine	Hoyt	2003	2002	2002	0	1	1	181
195	Carissa	Holmes	2000	1999	1999	0	1	1	181
196	Sara	Squires	1998	1995	1997	0	1	1	181
197	Stephanie	Miller	1996	1995	1995	0	1	1	181
198	Melissa	Andrews	1992	1989	1991	0	1	1	181
199	Lisa	Johansen	1992	1991	1991	0	1	1	181
200	Katie	Murphy	1991	1988	1990	0	1	1	181



Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History All-American

National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) or United Soccer Coaches (USC) Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	USC All Region Central Fall
2021	Taylor	Byall	USC All Region Central Fall
2020	Keira	Vesy	USC All American Fall
2020	Keira	Vesy	USC All Region Central Fall
2018	Allison	Contenza	USC All Region Central Fall
2015	Emily	Soltes	NSCAA All Region Central Fall
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	NSCAA All American
2013	Patrick	Hopkins	NSCAA D1 Central Region Coach of the Year
2013	Grace	Bennett	NSCAA All Region IV
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	NSCAA All Region IV
2011	Sarah	Molina	NSCAA All American
2011	Sarah	Molina	NSCAA All Region IV
2010	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award (2009 Team)
2006	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award (2005 3.44 GPA)
2005	Debra	Leitch	NSCAA All Academic Award
2005	Aubrey	Patterson	NSCAA All Academic Award
2005	Kelly	Peters	NSCAA All Academic Award
2005	Abbey	Suttman	NSCAA All Academic Award
2004	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award (2003 3.30 GPA)
2003	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award (2002 3.67 GPA)
2002	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award (2001 3.67 GPA)
2000	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award
1999	Rocky	River	NSCAA All Academic Team Award (2001 3.56 GPA)
1989	Jones	Melissa	NSCAA All American
1989	Jones	Melissa	NSCAA All Mid-East Regional All-American



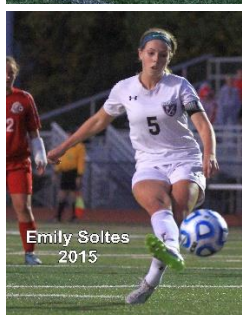
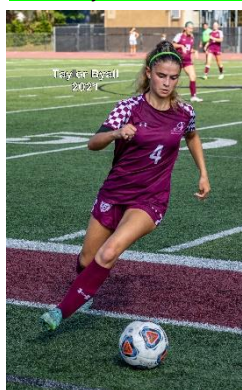
Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History

All-Ohio

Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (OSSCA) Awards and National Federation High School (NFHS) Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	1st Team All-Ohio, D1
2022	Ava	Patti	2nd Team All-Ohio, D1
2022	Ava	Blair	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2022	Rayna	Kishna	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2022	Cara	McKenna	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2022	Annika	Mocho	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2021	Taylor	Byall	2nd Team All-Ohio, D2
2021	Patrick	Hopkins	NFHS Ohio Coach of the Year Girls' Soccer
2021	Vivian	Brandt	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2021	Taylor	Byall	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2021	Chloe	Eberlein	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2021	Addie	Harris	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2021	Sophia	Murray	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2021	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2020	Keira	Vesey	1st Team All-Ohio, D2
2020	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year, D2
2020	Nicole	Contenza	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2020	Mia	Kelly	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2020	Maya	Patti	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2020	Sabrina	Rick	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2020	Keira	Vesey	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2020	Cecilia	Wischmeier	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2020	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award (3.97 GPA)
2019	Lizzie	Hamker	2nd Team All-Ohio, D2
2019	Arden	Berg	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2019	Ellie	Duncan	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2019	Lizzie	Hamker	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2019	Samantha	Miller	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2019	Alexandra	Pike	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2019	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2018	Allison	Contenza	1st Team All-Ohio, D2
2018	Lydia	Brandt	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Nastasia	Braun	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Allison	Contenza	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Beth	Erml	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Lauren	Gifford	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Alexandra	Gluntz	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Annie	O'Toole	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Chloe	Reust	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2018	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2017	Allison	Contenza	2nd Team All-Ohio, D2
2017	Maddy	Anderson	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2017	Bridget	McCue	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2017	Olivia	McDonald	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2017	Addison	Zenko	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2017	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2015	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-Ohio, D2
2014	Emily	Soltes	2nd Team All-Ohio, D2

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	Ms. Soccer - Ohio Girls Soccer Player of the Year
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	Player of the Year, D2
2013	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year, D2
2013	Grace	Bennett	1st Team All-Ohio, D2
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	1st Team All-Ohio, D2
2012	Grace	Bennett	2nd Team All-Ohio, D2
2012	Maddie	Russell	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2012	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2011	Sarah	Molina	1st Team All-Ohio, D2
2011	Stephanie	Davis	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2011	Jessica	Goepfert	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2011	Mallory	Keener	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2011	Kim	Leitch	OSSCA All Academic Award (cum GPA > 3.699)
2010	Sarah	Molina	2nd Team All-Ohio, D1
2010	Patrick	Hopkins	Kim Mahoney All-Ohio Coaches Award, D1
2006	Rucker	Ashley	3rd Team All-Ohio, D1
2006	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2005	Debra	Leitch	OSSCA All Academic Award
2005	Aubrey	Patterson	OSSCA All Academic Award
2005	Kelly	Peters	OSSCA All Academic Award
2005	Abbey	Suttman	OSSCA All Academic Award
2005	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award
2004	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award (3.28)
2003	Leitch	Molly	3rd Team All-Ohio, D2
2003	Allison	Molnar	OSSCA All Academic Award (3.73)
2003	Natalie	Locci	OSSCA All Academic Award (3.74)
2003	Jackie	Kotoch	OSSCA All Academic Award (3.80)
2003	Molly	Leitch	OSSCA All Academic Award (4.46)
2003	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award (3.58)
2002	Kate	Coleman	OSSCA All Academic Award (3.73)
2002	Emily	Lambrinides	OSSCA All Academic Award (3.74)
2002	Meredith	Turk	OSSCA All Academic Award (4.46)
2002	Rocky	River	OSSCA All Academic Team Award (3.58)
2001	Andrews	Katie	3rd Team All-Ohio, D2
2000	Turk	Meredith	3rd Team All-Ohio, D2
2000	Eileen	O'Boyle	OSSCA All Academic Award
2000	Jenny	Bracken	OSSCA All Academic Award
2000	Nicole	Lambrinides	OSSCA All Academic Award
1999	Jurak	Sarah	3rd Team All-Ohio, D2
1998	Micaela	Chew	OSSCA All Academic Award
1998	Valerie	Hillow	OSSCA All Academic Award
1998	Julie	Teater	OSSCA All Academic Award
1997	Katie	Fiala	3rd Team All-Ohio
1997	Margaret	Bernard	OSSCA All Academic Award
1997	Jaclyn	Briggs	OSSCA All Academic Award
1997	Kim	Dobler	OSSCA All Academic Award
1997	Katie	Fiala	OSSCA All Academic Award
1997	Danielle	Vaudrin	OSSCA All Academic Award
1995	Rachel	Mellott	All-Ohio
1995	Jessica	Levine	OSSCA All Academic Award
1989	Jones	Melissa	All-Ohio



Two-time All-Ohio RRGs players:

- 2010 & 2011 Sarah Molina
- 2012 & 2013 Grace Bennett
- 2014 & 2015 Emily Soltes
- 2017 & 2018 Allison Contenza

Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History Greater Cleveland Awards

Greater Cleveland Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association (GCSSCA) Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2022	Ava	Patti	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2022	Mackenzie	Russell	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2022	Ava	Blair	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2022	Maeve	Kelly	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2022	Cara	McKenna	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2021	Taylor	Byall	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Addie	Harris	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Sophia	Murray	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	McKenzie	Russell	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Ava	Patti	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Maeve	Kelly	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Cara	McKenna	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Sophia	Sindelar	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	Riley	Wasserman	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2021	McKenna	Klodnick	Assistant Coach of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Keira	Vesey	Player of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Addie	Harris	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Ava	Patti	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Maya	Patti	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Keira	Vesey	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Taylor	Byall	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Mia	Kelly	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Sophia	Murray	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Sabrina	Rick	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Cara	McKenna	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Mackenzie	Russell	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Sabrina	Rick	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2020	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Lizzie	Hamker	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Samantha	Miller	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Sophia	Murray	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Maya	Patti	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Sabrina	Rick	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Kailey	Budzar	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Taylor	Byall	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Addie	Harris	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Cara	McKenna	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2019	Christine	Yacha	Assistant Coach of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Allison	Contenza	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Lizzie	Hamker	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Samantha	Miller	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Maya	Patti	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Gabrielle	Avilia	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Alexandra	Gluntz	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Sophia	Muary	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2018	Annie	O'Toole	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Allison	Contenza	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Olivia	McDonald	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Samantha	Miller	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Maya	Patti	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Gabrielle	Avilia	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Alexandra	Gluntz	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Lizzie	Hamker	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Annie	O'Toole	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2017	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Olivia	McDonald	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Allison	Contenza	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Alexandra	Gluntz	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Samantha	Miller	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Gabrielle	Avila	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Elizabeth	Demers	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Laura	DeVito	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2016	Grace	Gascoigne	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Emily	Soltes	Player of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Samantha	Zamarripa	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Sophia	Braun	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Olivia	McDonald	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Alexandra	Gluntz	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Emily	McDonald	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Addison	Zenko	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2015	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Jillian	Krebs	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Eva	Schneider	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Sophia	Braun	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Emily	Fox	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Sydney	Hamker	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2014	Samantha	Zamarripa	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	Player of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Grace	Bennett	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	McKenna	Klodnick	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Jillian	Krebs	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Sara E.	Connelly	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Liesl	Fahrenkopf	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Megan	Killeen	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Eva	Schneider	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2013	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Grace	Bennett	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	McKenna	Klodnick	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2012	Hallie	McCue	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Emily	Soltes	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Sara E.	Connelly	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Liesl	Fahrenkopf	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Jillian	Krebs	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Eva	Schneider	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2012	Patrick	Hopkins	Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity
2012	Jeff	Kaufmann	Assistant Coach of the Year
2011	Sarah	Molina	Player of the Year, Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Kim	Leitch	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Sarah	Molina	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Grace	Bennett	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Morgan	Berg	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Stephanie	Davis	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Sydney Abby	Elinsky	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Liesl	Fahrenkopf	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Mallory	Keener	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Erin	Kehn	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	McKenna	Klodnick	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Hallie	McCue	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2011	Hannah	McCue	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2010	Sarah	Molina	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Kim	Leitch	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Morgan	Berg	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Stephanie	Davis	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Jessica	Geopfert	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Allison	McFarland	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Megan	McFarland	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2010	Patrick	Hopkins	Kim Mahoney Cleveland Coaches Award, D1
2009			NO INFORMATION for 2009
2008	Justine	Beres	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2008	Jackie	Kelly	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2008	Megan	McFarland	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2008	Lindsey	Mikula	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2008	Olivia	Vitou	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2007			NO INFORMATION for 2007
2006	Ashley	Rucker	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2006	Lindsey	Mikula	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2006	Jackie	Kelly	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2006	Clare	Berry	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2006	Sophia	Liva	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2006	Courtney	VanAtta	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Ashley	Rucker	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Aubrey	Patterson	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Caitlin	Burke	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Caroline	Carte	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Meredith	Gourash	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Debra	Leitch	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Kelly	Peters	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2005	Courtney	VanAtta	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2004	Kelly	Peters	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Anne	Jaworski	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Abbey	Suttman	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Caitlin	Burke	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Meredith	Gourash	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Debra	Leitch	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Aubrey	Patterson	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2004	Ashley	Rucker	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Molly	Leitch	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Ashley	Spahn	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Jessica	Wasp	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Kelly	Peters	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Jackie	Kotoch	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Natalie	Locci	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Allison	Molnar	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2003	Abbey	Suttman	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D2
2002	Molly	Leitch	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2002	Meredith	Turk	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2002	Kate	Coleman	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2002	Emily	Lambrinides	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2002	Ashley	Spahn	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2002	Jessica	Wasp	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland, D1
2001			NO INFORMATION for 2001
2000	Meredith	Turk	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Ashley	Spahn	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Jenny	Bracken	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Molly	Leitch	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Katie	Andrews	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Eileen	O'Boyle	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Kathy	McCreary	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
2000	Amy	Rickard	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1999			NO INFORMATION for 1999
1998	Jessica	Bacon	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Lindsay	Buckingham	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Amy	Rickard	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Jennifer	Burke	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Annie	Winterich	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Micaela	Chew	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Lindsey	Crane	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1998	Sarah	Jurak	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Patrick	Burke	Coach of the Year, All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Kim	Dobbler	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Katie	Fiala	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland

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Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History Greater Cleveland Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
1997	Danielle	Vaudrin	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Lauren	Warner	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Jessica	Bacon	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Jaclyn	Briggs	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Margaret	Bernard	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Jennifer	Burke	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1997	Sara	Squires	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Katie	Fiala	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Kim	Dobbler	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Danielle	Vaudrin	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Lauren	Warner	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Jessica	Bacon	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Jaclyn	Briggs	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1996	Sara	Squires	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1995	Kim	Dobbler	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1995	Rachel	Mellott	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1995	Jessica	Levine	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1995	Katie	Fiala	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1995	Mary	Kleinert	3rd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1995	Danielle	Vaudrin	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1994	Rachel	Mellott	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1994	Mary	Kleinert	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1993	Rachel	Mellott	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1992	Gina	Heath	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1992	Susan	Henderson	Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland
1991	Amber	Schafer	2nd Team All-Greater Cleveland
1989	Melissa	Jones	Offensive Player of the Year, All-Greater Cleveland
1989	Melissa	Jones	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland
1988	Melissa	Jones	1st Team All-Greater Cleveland

There have been five RRGs players to earn
Greater Cleveland Player of the Year awards:

- 1989 Melissa Jones
- 2011 Sarah Molina
- 2013 Sydney Abby Elinsky
- 2015 Emily Soltes
- 2020 Keira Vesly



Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History Conference Awards

Great Lakes Conference and West Shore Conference Awards

Great Lakes Conference (GLC) Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	GLC Player of the Year
2022	Maeve	Kelly	1st Team All-GLC
2022	Ava	Patti	1st Team All-GLC
2022	Mackenzie	Russell	1st Team All-GLC
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	1st Team All-GLC
2022	Ava	Blair	2nd Team All-GLC
2022	Cara	McKenna	2nd Team All-GLC
2022	Anika	Mocho	2nd Team All-GLC
2022	Olivia	Byall	Honorable Mention GLC
2022	Charlotte	Dean	Honorable Mention GLC
2022	Lexi	Hammermeister	Honorable Mention GLC
2022	Caitlin	Rose	Honorable Mention GLC
2021	Taylor	Byall	1st Team All-GLC
2021	Addie	Harris	1st Team All-GLC
2021	Sophia	Murray	1st Team All-GLC
2021	Maeve	Kelly	2nd Team All-GLC
2021	Ava	Patti	2nd Team All-GLC
2021	Mckenzie	Russell	2nd Team All-GLC
2021	Chloe	Eberlein	Honorable Mention GLC
2021	Annikka	Mocho	Honorable Mention GLC
2021	Sophia	Sindelar	Honorable Mention GLC
2020	Keira	Vesey	GLC Player of the Year
2020	Sabrina	Rick	GLC Goalkeeper of the Year
2020	Addie	Harris	1st Team All-GLC
2020	Ava	Patti	1st Team All-GLC
2020	Maya	Patti	1st Team All-GLC
2020	Sabrina	Rick	1st Team All-GLC
2020	Keira	Vesey	1st Team All-GLC
2020	Taylor	Byall	2nd Team All-GLC
2020	Mia	Kelly	2nd Team All-GLC
2020	Sophia	Murray	2nd Team All-GLC
2020	Cara	McKenna	Honorable Mention GLC
2020	Mackenzie	Russell	Honorable Mention GLC
2020	Patrick	Hopkins	GLC Coach of the Year
2019	Samantha	Miller	GLC Player of the Year
2019	Samantha	Miller	GLC Top Sr Academic
2019	Lizzie	Hamker	1st Team All-GLC
2019	Samantha	Miller	1st Team All-GLC
2019	Maya	Patti	1st Team All-GLC
2019	Sophia	Murray	1st Team All-GLC
2019	Taylor	Byall	2nd Team All-GLC
2019	Addie	Harris	2nd Team All-GLC
2019	Sabrina	Rick	2nd Team All-GLC
2019	Kailey	Budzar	Honorable Mention GLC
2019	Cara	McKenna	Honorable Mention GLC
2018	Allison	Contenza	GLC Player of the Year
2018	Allison	Contenza	1st Team All-GLC
2018	Lizzie	Hamker	1st Team All-GLC
2018	Maya	Patti	1st Team All-GLC
2018	Gabrielle	Avila	2nd Team All-GLC
2018	Alexandra	Gluntz	2nd Team All-GLC
2018	Samantha	Miller	2nd Team All-GLC
2018	Ellie	Duncan	Honorable Mention GLC
2018	Sophia	Murray	Honorable Mention GLC
2017	Allison	Contenza	1st Team All-GLC
2017	Olivia	McDonald	1st Team All-GLC
2017	Alexandra	Gluntz	2nd Team All-GLC
2017	Samantha	Miller	2nd Team All-GLC
2017	Lizzie	Hamker	Honorable Mention GLC
2017	Maya	Patti	Honorable Mention GLC
2016	Allison	Contenza	1st Team All-GLC
2016	Samantha	Miller	1st Team All-GLC
2016	Alexandra	Gluntz	2nd Team All-GLC
2016	Olivia	McDonald	2nd Team All-GLC
2016	Grace	Gascoigne	Honorable Mention GLC
2016	Anna	Jaffe	Honorable Mention GLC
2015	Sophia	Braun	Goalkeeper of the GLC
2015	Sophia	Braun	1st Team All-GLC
2015	Olivia	McDonald	1st Team All-GLC
2015	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-GLC
2015	Emily	McDonald	2nd Team All-GLC
2015	Samantha	Zamarripa	2nd Team All-GLC
2015	Elizabeth	Demers	Honorable Mention GLC
2015	Alexandra	Gluntz	Honorable Mention GLC

Schools in the GLC (joined GLC – left GLC):

<input type="checkbox"/> Bay	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Buckeye	(2019 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elyria Catholic	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairview	(2019 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Name	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakewood	(2020 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Normandy	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> North Olmsted	(2021 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Parma	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky River	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Valley Forge	(2015 - present)
<input type="checkbox"/> Westlake	(2021 - present)

West Shore Conference (WSC) Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2014	Emily	Soltes	MVP of the WSC
2014	Jillian	Krebs	1st Team All-WSC
2014	Eva	Schneider	1st Team All-WSC
2014	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-WSC
2014	Sydney	Hamker	2nd Team All-WSC
2014	Sophia	Braun	Honorable Mention WSC
2014	Emily	Fox	Honorable Mention WSC
2013	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year of the WSC
2013	Abby	Elinsky	MVP of the WSC
2013	Grace	Bennett	1st Team All-WSC
2013	Abby	Elinsky	1st Team All-WSC
2013	McKenna	Klodnick	1st Team All-WSC
2013	Emily	Soltes	1st Team All-WSC
2013	Jillian	Krebs	2nd Team All-WSC
2013	Eva	Schneider	2nd Team All-WSC
2013	Sara E	Connelly	Honorable Mention WSC
2013	Megan	Killeen	Honorable Mention WSC
2012	Grace	Bennett	1st Team All-WSC
2012	Abby	Elinsky	1st Team All-WSC
2012	McKenna	Klodnick	2nd Team All-WSC
2012	Hallie	McCue	2nd Team All-WSC
2012	Sara E.	Connelly	Honorable Mention WSC
2012	Emily	Soltes	Honorable Mention WSC
2011	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year of the WSC
2011	Sarah	Molina	MVP of the WSC
2011	Grace	Bennett	1st Team All-WSC
2011	Kim	Leitch	1st Team All-WSC
2011	Sarah	Molina	1st Team All-WSC
2011	Morgan	Berg	2nd Team All-WSC
2011	Stephanie	Davis	2nd Team All-WSC
2011	McKenna	Klodnick	2nd Team All-WSC
2011	Abby	Elinsky	Honorable Mention WSC
2011	Hallie	McCue	Honorable Mention WSC
2010	Patrick	Hopkins	Coach of the Year of the WSC
2010	Sarah	Molina	MVP of the WSC
2010	Morgan	Berg	1st Team All-WSC
2010	Kim	Leitch	1st Team All-WSC
2010	Sarah	Molina	1st Team All-WSC
2010	Stephanie	Davis	2nd Team All-WSC
2010	Allison	McFarland	2nd Team All-WSC
2010	Megan	McFarland	2nd Team All-WSC
2010	Jessica	Geopfert	Honorable Mention WSC
2010	Hannah	McCue	Honorable Mention WSC
2009	Sophia	Liva	Scholar Athlete of the WSC
2009	Olivia	Vitout	1st Team All-WSC
2009	Sophia	Liva	2nd Team All-WSC
2009	Morgan	Berg	2nd Team All-WSC
2009	Allison	McFarland	2nd Team All-WSC
2009	Kim	Leitch	2nd Team All-WSC
2009	Mary	Richards	Honorable Mention WSC
2009	Stephanie	Davis	Honorable Mention WSC
2008	Justine	Beres	Scholar Athlete of the WSC
2008	Justine	Beres	1st Team All-WSC
2008	Olivia	Vitout	1st Team All-WSC
2008	Lindsey	Mikula	2nd Team All-WSC
2008	Jackie	Kelly	2nd Team All-WSC
2008	Sophia	Liva	Honorable Mention WSC
2008	Megan	McFarland	Honorable Mention WSC
2007	NO INFORMATION FOUND for 2007		
2006	Sophia	Liva	1st Team All-WSC
2006	Lindsey	Mikula	1st Team All-WSC
2006	Ashley	Rucker	1st Team All-WSC
2006	Jackie	Kelly	2nd Team All-WSC
2006	Courtney	VanAtta	2nd Team All-WSC
2006	Clare	Berry	Honorable Mention WSC
2006	Meredith	Gourash	Honorable Mention WSC
2006	Megan	Jaworski	Scholar Athlete of the WSC
2005	Brian	Salco	Coach of the Year of the WSC
2005	Ashley	Rucker	MVP of the WSC
2005	Aubrey	Patterson	1st Team All-WSC
2005	Kelly	Peters	1st Team All-WSC
2005	Ashley	Rucker	1st Team All-WSC
2005	Caitlin	Burke	2nd Team All-WSC
2005	Debra	Leitch	2nd Team All-WSC
2005	Abbey	Suttman	2nd Team All-WSC
2005	Caroline	Carte	Honorable Mention WSC
2005	Meredith	Gourash	Honorable Mention WSC
2005	Aubrey	Patterson	Scholar Athlete of the WSC

Schools in the WSC (from 2005-2014):

<input type="checkbox"/> Avon	<input type="checkbox"/> Midview
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> North Ridgeville
<input type="checkbox"/> Elyria Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocky River
<input type="checkbox"/> Lakewood	<input type="checkbox"/> Vermilion

Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Varsity History Conference & Media Awards

Southwest Conference and Media/Other Awards

Southwest Conference (SWC) Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2004	Kelly	Peters	1st Team All-SWC
2004	Anne	Jaworski	2nd Team All-SWC
2004	Debra	Leitch	Honorable Mention SWC
2004	Abbey	Suttman	Honorable Mention SWC
2003	Molly	Leitch	1st Team All-SWC
2003	Ashley	Spahn	1st Team All-SWC
2003	Kelly	Peters	2nd Team All-SWC
2003	Jessica	Wasp	2nd Team All-SWC
2003	Natalie	Locci	Honorable Mention SWC
2003	Allison	Molnar	Honorable Mention SWC
2002	Molly	Leitch	1st Team All-SWC
2002	Meredith	Turk	1st Team All-SWC
2002	Kate	Colman	2nd Team All-SWC
2002	Emily	Lambrinides	Honorable Mention SWC
2002	Ashley	Spahn	Honorable Mention SWC
2000	Ashley	Spahn	2nd Team All-SWC
2000	Meredith	Turk	2nd Team All-SWC
2000	Jenny	Bracken	Honorable Mention SWC
2000	Molly	Leitch	Honorable Mention SWC
2000	Eileen	O'Boyle	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1998	Jessica	Bacon	1st Team All-SWC
1998	Lindsey	Buckingham	2nd Team All-SWC
1998	Micaela	Chew	Honorable Mention SWC
1998	Annie	Winterich	Honorable Mention SWC
1998	Julie	Teater	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1997	Kim	Dobler	1st Team All-SWC
1997	Katie	Fiala	1st Team All-SWC
1997	Danielle	Vaudrin	1st Team All-SWC
1997	Jacklyn	Briggs	2nd Team All-SWC
1997	Sara	Squires	Honorable Mention SWC
1997	Lauren	Warner	Honorable Mention SWC
1997	Dobler	Kim	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1996	Katie	Fiala	1st Team All-SWC
1996	Kim	Dobler	2nd Team All-SWC
1996	Lauren	Warner	Honorable Mention SWC
1996	Danielle	Vaudrin	Honorable Mention SWC
1996	Kim	Dobler	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1995	Kim	Dobler	1st Team All-SWC
1995	Rachel	Mellott	1st Team All-SWC
1995	Jessica	Levine	2nd Team All-SWC
1994	Tracy	Wilhelmy	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1994	Lindsey	Kaminski	Sportsmanship Award SWC
1994	Patrick	Burke	Coach of the Year SWC
1993	Meredith	Mealy	2nd Team All-SWC
1993	Rachel	Mellott	2nd Team All-SWC
1993	Kim	Liller	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1992	Gina	Heath	2nd Team All-SWC
1992	Susan	Henderson	2nd Team All-SWC
1992	Sarah	Dickey	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1991	Amber	Schafer	1st Team All-SWC
1990	Kelly	Covey	2nd Team All-SWC
1990	Amber	Schafer	2nd Team All-SWC
1990	Bonnie	Bokenyi	Scholar Athlete of the SWC
1989	Melissa	Jones	1st Team All-SWC
1989	Julie	Gibbs	2nd Team All-SWC
1989	Kerri	Makar	2nd Team All-SWC
1988	Melissa	Jones	1st Team All-SWC
1988	Mindy	Patterson	1st Team All-SWC
1988	Kerri	Makar	2nd Team All-SWC
1988	Dana	Marquard	2nd Team All-SWC

When Rocky River was a member of the Southwest Conference during their girls' soccer era (1988-2004), the SWC members were:

(joined SWC – left SWC)

- Amherst Steele (1986-present)
- Avon Lake (1964-present)
- Bay (1954-2005)
- Fairview (1940-2005)
- North Olmsted (1954-2021)
- Olmsted Falls (1954-present)
- Rocky River (1937-2005)
- Westlake (1954-2021)

Media/Other Awards

Year	Fname	Lname	Award
2022	Ava	Patti	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 1 st Team
2022	Mackenzie	Russell	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 1 st Team
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2022	Cara	McKenna	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – Hon Mention
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	Plain Dealer-Cleveland.com – Hon Mention
2018	Allison	Contenza	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 1 st Team
2018	Lizzie	Hamker	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2018	Maya	Patti	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2018	Samantha	Miller	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – Hon Mention
2017	Allison	Contenza	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 1 st Team
2017	Olivia	McDonald	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2017	Maya	Patti	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – Hon Mention
2016	Olivia	McDonald	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 1 st Team
2016	Allison	Contenza	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2016	Alexandra	Gluntz	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2016	Samantha	Miller	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2016	Grabelle	Avilia	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2016	Elizabeth	Demers	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2016	Laura	DeVito	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2016	Grace	Gascoigne	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2014	Emily	Soltes	Plain Dealer Soccer All Star Team – Honorable Mention
2014	Emily	Soltes	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – 2 nd Team
2014	Sophia	Braun	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – Honorable Mention
2014	Jillian	Krebs	Lorain Morning Journal All Star Team – Honorable Mention
2013	Abby	Elinsky	Gatorade Player of the Year for Ohio, Girls Soccer
2013	Abby	Elinsky	Plain Dealer Soccer All Star Team – Player of the Year
2013	Grace	Bennett	Plain Dealer Soccer All Star Team - Special Mention
2013	Sara E.	Connelly	Plain Dealer Soccer All Star Team - Special Mention
2012	Abby	Elinsky	Plain Dealer Soccer All Star Team
2012	Grace	Bennett	Plain Dealer Soccer All Star Team - Special Mention
2012	Grace	Bennett	All-Sun Newspapers Soccer Team
2012	Grace	Bennett	All-Sun West Newspaper Soccer Team
2012	Abby	Elinsky	All-Sun West Newspaper Soccer Team
2011	Sarah	Molina	ESPNHS Fall 2nd Team All-American
2011	Kim	Leitch	ESPNHS Fall 2nd Team All-American
2011	Sarah	Molina	Plain Dealer Girls Soccer All Star Team
2011	Grace	Bennett	Plain Dealer Girls Soccer Player of Week, 10/06/2011
2011	Sarah	Molina	All-Sun Newspapers Soccer Team
2011	Sarah	Molina	All-Sun West Newspaper Soccer Team
2011	Kim	Leitch	All-Sun West Newspaper Soccer Team
2010	Sarah	Molina	All-Sun Newspapers Soccer Team
2010	Sarah	Molina	All-Sun West Newspaper Soccer Team
2010	Kim	Leitch	All-Sun West Newspaper Soccer Team
2010	Stephanie	Davis	Plain Dealer Girls Soccer Player of Week, 10/29/2010
2010	Kim	Leitch	Plain Dealer Girls Soccer Player of Week, 9/29/2010
2006	Ashley	Rucker	All-Sun Northwest Newspaper Soccer Team
2006	Clare	Barry	All-Sun Northwest Newspaper Soccer Team
2006	Lindsey	Mikula	All-Sun Northwest Newspaper Soccer Team
2005	Ashley	Rucker	All-Sun Newspapers Soccer Team
2005	Ashley	Rucker	All-Sun Northwest Newspaper Soccer Team
2005	Caitlin	Burke	All-Sun Northwest Newspaper Soccer Team
2005	Courtney	Van Atta	All-Sun Northwest Newspaper Soccer Team
1995	Kim	Dobler	Plain Dealer Girls Soccer Player of Week

With the decline of media covering Rocky River High School sports, these awards are inconsistently announced.

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RRGS Team Awards

The John Honeyman Award

Is presented to a senior who has demonstrated ability, leadership, sportsmanship and dedication. This award is not necessarily the Most Valuable Player *ON* the Team but the Most Valuable Player *TO* the Team.

YEAR	Senior Player	
2022	Cara	McKenna
2021	Sophia	Murray
2020	Maya	Patti
2019	Lizzie	Hamker
2018	Allison	Contenza
2017	Olivia	McDonald
2016	Anna	Jaffe
2015	Emily	Soltes
2014	Jillian	Krebs
2013	McKenna	Klodnick
2012	Hallie	McCue
2011	Sarah	Molina
2010	Allison	McFarland
2009	Olivia	Vitou
2008	Justine	Beres
2007	Brooke	Towner
2006	Meredith	Gourash
2005	Kelly	Peters
2004	Anne	Jaworski
2003	Molly	Leitch
2002	Meredith	Turk
2001	Kathy	McCreary
2000	Jenny	Bracken
1999	Sarah	Jurak
1998	Micaela	Chew
1997	Katie	Fiala
1996	--not awarded	
1995	Jessica	Levine
1994	Tracy	Wilhelmy
1993	Kim	Liller
1993	Meredith	Mealy
1992	Sarah	Dickey
1991	Melissa	Andrews
1990	Kellie	Covey
1989	Julie	Gibb
1988	Kristen	Long

John Honeyman (1924-2011) started the Rocky River High School Boys Soccer program in 1968 and 20 years later the Girls Soccer program. He was an RRHS boys' assistant soccer coach for 17 years. Mr. Honeyman served in WWII with the Royal Navy. He played professional soccer and was a Baldwin Wallace College soccer coach.

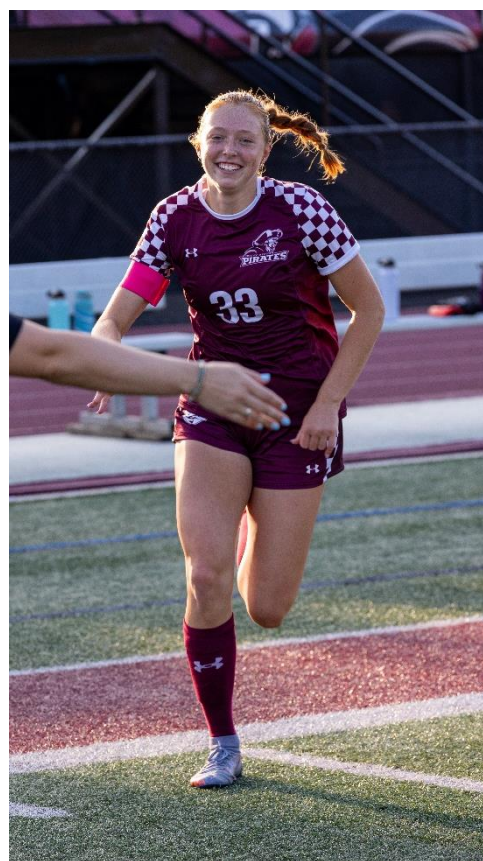


The Patrick Burke Award

Is presented to a player that exemplifies a true commitment and love for the game of soccer and has put in the extra effort and gone the extra "mile" to make the season more successful.

YEAR	Girl Soccer Player	
2022	Mackenzie	Russell
2021	Taylor	Byall
2021	Addie	Harris
2020	Mia	Kelly
2020	Sabrina	Rick
2019	Samantha	Miller
2018	Lizzie	Hamker
2017	Samantha	Miller
2016	Allison	Contenza
2015	Samantha	Zamarripa
2014	Eva	Schneider
2013	Grace	Bennett
2013	Abby	Elinsky
2012	Jillian	Krebs
2012	Eva	Schneider
2011	Morgan	Berg
2010	Megan	McFarland
2009	Sophia	Liva
2008	Lindsey	Mikula
2007	Emily	Maurer
2006	Brooke	Towner
2005	Debra	Leitch
2004	Catie	Manns
2003	Allison	Hillow
2002	Caitlyn	Briggs
2002	Jackie	Kotoch

Patrick Burke started the Rocky River High School Girls Soccer program in 1988 and coached for 14 years. He was named Coach of the Year by the South West Conference and the Greater Cleveland scholastic Soccer Coaches Association several times. His four children have all played RRHS soccer.



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Team Academia/Scholar Award is presented to the Senior player with the highest GPA and/or class rank.

Triple Impact/Sportsmanship Award is presented to the player that is polite, respectful of the officials, the opponent, and the game of soccer and yet, is competitive to win.

Most Improved Award is presented to the player that develops the most from either last season to this season or improves the most during the current season.

Coach's Award is presented to the player that displays leadership, sportsmanship, team spirit and skill during the season and is recognized by the coach(es) for this.

Offensive Player of the Year is awarded to the Varsity player that is most responsible for the offensive success of the team during the season.

Defensive Player of the Year is awarded to the Varsity player that is most responsible for the defensive success of the team during the season.

The Anne Bonny Award is presented to a player in the spirit of the famous 1700's female Pirate that raids, conquers and battles for the team.

The Pirate Award is presented to the player that overcomes unique challenges and obstacles in becoming a member or as a member of the team.

The Goal of the Year is presented to the player the scored an important or memorable goal during the season.

The Save of the Year is presented to the goalkeeper or player the prevented an important goal or had a memorable save during the season.

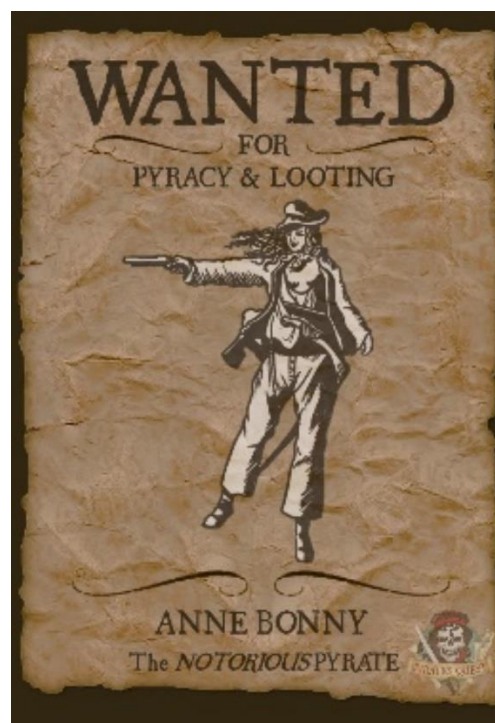
YEAR	Fname	Lname	Award
2022	Cara	McKenna	Team Academia Award
2022	Annika	Mocho	Triple Impact Award
2022	Rayna	Kishna	Coach's Award
2022	Olivia	Byall	Most Improved
2022	Ava	Patti	Anne Bonny Award
2022	Gia	Benjamin	Pirate Award
2022	Morgyn	Cruz	Pirate Award
2022	Sophia	Sindelar	Offensive Player of the Year
2022	Ava	Blair	Defensive Player of the Year
2021	Sophia	Murray	Team Academia Award
2021	Vivian	Brandt	Triple Impact Award
2021	Chloe	Eberlein	Most Improved
2021	Mackenzie	Russell	Coach's Award
2021	Ava	Patti	Anne Bonny Award
2021	Sienna	Roselli	Pirate Award
2020	Maeve	Kelly	Offensive Player of the Year
2020	Riley	Wasserman	Defensive Player of the Year
2020	Sabrina	Rick	Team Academia Award
2020	Sophia	Murray	Sportsmanship Award
2020	Mackenzie	Russell	Sportsmanship Award
2020	Cecelia	Wischmeier	Most Improved
2020	Addie	Harris	Coach's Award
2020	Cara	McKenna	Coach's Award
2020	Taylor	Byall	Anne Bonny Award
2020	Ava	Patti	Offensive Player of the Year
2020	Keira	Vesy	Defensive Player of the Year
2019	Samantha	Miller	Team Academia Award
2019	Alexandra	Pike	Sportsmanship Award
2019	Cecilia	Wischmeier	Sportsmanship Award
2019	Taylor	Byall	Most Improved
2019	Addie	Harris	Coach's Award
2019	Sophia	Murray	Anne Bonny Award
2019	Maya	Patti	Offensive Player of the Year
2019	Samantha	Miller	Defensive Player of the Year
2018	Alexandra	Gluntz	Team Academia Award
2018	Samantha	Miller	Sportsmanship Award
2018	Kailey	Budzar	Most Improved
2018	Ellie	Duncan	Most Improved
2018	Sabrina	Rick	Coach's Award
2018	Maya	Patti	Offensive Player of the Year
2018	Samantha	Miller	Defensive Player of the Year
2017	Addison	Zenko	Team Academia Award
2017	Allison	Contenza	Sportsmanship Award
2017	Chloe	Reust	Most Improved
2017	Maddy	Anderson	Coach's Award
2017	Bridget	McCue	Coach's Award
2017	Olivia	McDonald	Offensive Player of the Year
2017	Alexandra	Gluntz	Defensive Player of the Year
2017	Ellie	Duncan	Anne Bonny Award

YEAR	Fname	Lname	Award
2016	Laura	DeVito	Team Academia Award
2016	Samantha	Miller	Sportsmanship Award
2016	Chloe	Reust	Most Improved
2016	Elizabeth	Demers	Coach's Award
2016	Olivia	McDonald	Offensive Player of the Year
2016	Alexandra	Gluntz	Defensive Player of the Year
2016	Addison	Zenko	Anne Bonny Award
2015	Emily	Soltes	Team Academia Award
2015	Cathy	Eichler	Sportsmanship Award
2015	Emma	Opdycke	Sportsmanship Award
2015	Elizabeth	Demers	Most Improved
2015	Morgan	Klimack	Coach's Award
2015	Emily	Soltes	Offensive Player of the Year
2015	Emily	McDonald	Defensive Player of the Year
2015	Claudia	Stohr	Anne Bonny Award
2015	The Carney	Family	Pirate Award
2014	Emily	Fox	Team Academia Award
2014	Katie	Bobbitt	Sportsmanship Award
2014	Emily	Fox	Most Improved
2014	Sophia	Braun	Coach's Award
2014	Emily	Soltes	Offensive Player of the Year
2014	Jillian	Krebs	Defensive Player of the Year
2013	Megan	Killeen	Team Academia Award
2013	Sara E.	Connelly	Sportsmanship Award
2013	Sydney	Hamker	Most Improved
2013	Liesl	Fahrenkopf	Coach's Award
2013	Abby	Elinsky	Offensive Player of the Year
2013	Emily	Soltes	Defensive Player of the Year
2013	Eva	Schneider	Anne Boony Award
2013	Maddie	Adler	Pirate Award
2013	Samantha	Zamarripa	Pirate Award
2013	Sara E.	Connelly	Save of the Year- Granville
2013	Jillian	Krebs	Goal of the Year- Beamount
2012	Maddie	Russell	Team Academia Award
2012	Megan	Killeen	Sportsmanship Award
2012	Sara E.	Connelly	Most Improved
2012	Abby	Elinsky	Offensive Player of the Year
2012	Emily	Soltes	Defensive Player of the Year
2012	Amanda	Oster	Pirate Award
2012	Sophia	Braun	Anne Boony Award
2012	Abby	Elinsky	Goal of the Year- HolyName
2011	Kim	Leitch	Team Academia Award
2011	Mallory	Keener	Sportsmanship Award
2011	Hallie	McCue	Most Improved
2011	Grace	Bennett	Offensive Player of the Year
2011	Kim	Leitch	Defensive Player of the Year

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RRGS Team Awards

YEAR	Fname	Lname	Award (continued)
2010	Megan	McFarland	Team Academia Award
2010	Kasey	Killeen	Sportsmanship Award
2010	Hannah	McCue	Most Improved
2010	Stephanie	Davis	Offensive Player of the Year
2010	Sarah	Molina	Offensive Player of the Year
2010	Morgan	Berg	Defensive Player of the Year
2010	Sarah	Artiste	Coach's Award
2010	Kim	Leitch	Golden Boot
2010	Jessica	Geopfert	Tenacious D
2010	Grace	Bennett	Goal of the Year- HolyName
2009	Sophia	Liva	Team Academia Award
2009	Morgan	Berg	Sportsmanship Award
2009	Kim	Leitch	Most Improved
2009	Hannah	McCue	Coach's Award
2008	No Information for this season		
2007	No Information for this season		
2006	Clare	Barry	Sportsmanship Award
2006	Emily	Maurer	Most Improved
2005	Catie	Manns	Sportsmanship Award
2005	Maddie	Popp	Most Improved
2004	Beth	Jaworski	Sportsmanship Award
2004	Hannah	Cleary	Most Improved
2003	Natalie	Locci	Sportsmanship Award
2003	Jessa	Lydon	Most Improved
2002	Allison	Molnar	Most Improved
2001	No Information for this season		
2000	Nicole	Lambrinides	Sportsmanship Award
2000	Beth	Lamb	Most Improved
1998	Rachel	Pastva	Sportsmanship Award
1998	Sarah	Jurak	Most Improved
1997	Ann	Winterich	Sportsmanship Award
1997	Julia	Zeleznikar	Most Improved
1996	Kim	Dobler	Team Scholar Award
1996	Margaret	Bernard	Sportsmanship Award
1996	Sara	Squires	Most Improved
1995	Lauren	Warner	Most Improved
1995	Diedre	White	Most Improved
1995	Jessica	Levine	Team Scholar Award
1995	Stephanie	Miller	Sportsmanship Award
1994	Daniella	Vaudrin	Most Improved
1994	Tracy	Wilhelmy	Team Scholar Award
1994	Lindsey	Kaminski	Sportsmanship Award
1993	Mary	Kleinert	Most Improved
1992	Heather	Janis	Most Improved
1991	Jessica	Laszlo	Most Improved
1990	Susan	Henderson	Most Improved
1989	Kellie	Covey	Most Improved
1988	Sherry	Hall	Most Improved



Rocky River High School Girls Soccer alums, playing or played Soccer in College

Lname	Fname	River Soccer			College	College Soccer	
		1st Yr	Lst Yr	Grad		1st Yr	Lst Yr
Gibbs	Julie	1988	1989	1990	Emory University	1990	1993
Jones	Melissa	1988	1989	1990	Wright State University	1990	1993
Makar	Kerri	1988	1989	1990	Wooster College	1990	1991
Makar	Kerri	1988	1989	1990	N Carolina Wesleyan College	1992	1993
Patterson	Mindy	1988	1989	1990	Mount Union College	1990	1993
Wilhelmy	Tracy	1991	1994	1995	DePauw University	1995	1998
Mellot	Rachel	1992	1995	1996	DePauw University	1996	1999
Vaudrin	Danielle	1994	1997	1998	Notre Dame College	1998	2000
Bacon	Jessica	1995	1998	1999	College of Wooster	1999	2002
Jurak	Sarah	1998	1999	2000	Otterbein College	2000	2002
Armstrong	Maggie	2000	2001	2002	Muskingum College	2002	2002
Spahn	Ashley	2000	2003	2004	Tiffin University	2004	2004
Leitch	Molly	2000	2003	2004	University of Rochester	2004	2005
Spahn	Ashley	2000	2003	2004	Cleveland State University	2005	2005
Leitch	Debra	2002	2005	2006	Mercyhurst College	2006	2006
Rucker	Ashley	2003	2006	2007	Edinboro University	2007	2007
Rucker	Ashley	2003	2006	2007	Notre Dame College	2008	2010
Barry	Clare	2004	2007	2008	Cleveland State University	2008	2008
Towner	Brooke	2004	2007	2008	College of Wooster	2008	2011
Kelly	Jackie	2005	2008	2009	Delta State	2009	2012
Liva	Sophia	2006	2009	2010	Muskingum College	2010	2012
Mikula	Lindsey	2005	2008	2009	Baldwin Wallace College	2009	2013
McFarland	Allison	2007	2010	2011	University of Rochester	2011	2013
Berg	Morgan	2008	2011	2012	Thiel College	2012	2015
Molina	Sarah	2010	2011	2012	University of Maryland	2012	2015
Leitch	Kim	2008	2011	2012	Capital University	2013	2015
Bennett	Grace	2010	2013	2014	Elon University	2014	2017
Elinsky	Abby	2010	2013	2014	University of Illinois	2014	2014
Elinsky	Abby	2010	2013	2014	University of North Carolina	2015	2017
Klodnick	McKenna	2010	2013	2014	Marshall University	2014	2017
Hamker	Sydney	2012	2014	2015	Indiana State University	2015	2017
Hamker	Sydney	2012	2014	2015	Cleveland State University	2019	2019
Schneider	Eva	2011	2014	2015	Valparaiso University	2015	2018
Braun	Sophia	2012	2015	2016	Oakland University	2016	2019
Soltes	Emily	2012	2015	2016	Northern Kentucky University	2016	2019
Contenza	Allison	2015	2018	2019	Ohio Northern University	2019	2022*
Braun	Sophia	2012	2015	2016	Eastern Kentucky University	2020	2020
Vesy	Keira	2017	2020	2021	US Military Academy West Point	2021	2022*

*RRGS Alumni currently playing College Soccer

RRGS alumni that went on to play another sport in college:

2011 RRGS - Morgan Berg, Track (2012-2016) Thiel College
 2011 RRGS - Hannah McCue, Basketball (2012-2016) Miami University, (2016-2017) Malone University
 2012 RRGS - Katie Kocher, Lacrosse (2014-2017) Baldwin Wallace University
 2012 RRGS - Halley McCue, Swimming (2013-2017) Duquesne University
 2012 RRGS - Maddie Russell, Lacrosse (2014-2017) Baldwin Wallace University
 2016 RRGS - Laura DeVito, Track (2017-2020) Notre Dame University
 2018 RRGS – Alexandra Gluntz, Rowing (2022-present) The Ohio State University
 2021 RRGS – Sophia Murray, Basketball (2022-present) Marietta College

Four-Year History of the 2022 Senior RRGs Players

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TOTAL - 19

2020 Season (19-1-2 Overall, 8-0-1 Conference, 5-1 Playoffs)								
Game #	Date	H/A	Rocky River	RR	Opponent	OP	W/L/T	Game Type
1	8/24/2020	H	Rocky River	2	St Joseph Academy	2	T	
2	8/26/2020	H	Rocky River	2	Lake Catholic	0	W	
3	8/31/2020	H	Rocky River	9	Fairview	0	W	GLC
4	9/7/2020	A	Rocky River	1	Ashland	0	W	
5	9/9/2020	A	Rocky River	2	Buckeye	2	T	GLC
6	9/12/2020	H	Rocky River	3	Valley Forge	0	W	GLC
7	9/14/2020	A	Rocky River	2	Bay	0	W	GLC
8	9/23/2020	A	Rocky River	4	Elyria Catholic	0	W	GLC
9	9/28/2020	A	Rocky River	2	Lakewood	0	W	GLC
10	9/30/2020	A	Rocky River	2	Solon	1	W	
11	10/2/2020	H	Rocky River	6	Laurel	0	W	
12	10/3/2020	H	Rocky River	1	Bishop Watterson	0	W	
13	10/5/2020	H	Rocky River	7	Parma	0	W	GLC
14	10/7/2020	H	Rocky River	8	Holy Name	1	W	GLC
15	10/12/2020	H	Rocky River	2	Chagrin Falls	0	W	
16	10/14/2020	A	Rocky River	9	Normandy	0	W	GLC
17	10/22/2020	H	Rocky River	5	Beaumont	0	W	Sectional Final
18	10/26/2020	H	Rocky River	8	St Vincent St Mary	0	W	District Semi-Final
19	10/29/2020	H	Rocky River	2	Copley	1	W	District Final
20	11/3/2020	A	Rocky River	4	West Geauga	1	W	Regional Semi-Final
21	11/7/2020	A	Rocky River	2	Revere	0	W	Regional Final
22	11/10/2020	H	Rocky River	2	Mansfield Madison	4	L	State Semi-Final

TOTAL - 12

2021 Season (19-3-0, Overall, 5-1-0 Conference, 5-1 Playoffs)								
Game #	Date	H/A	Rocky River	RR	Opponent	OP	W/L/T	Game Type
1	8/21/2021	A	Rocky River	3	Bishop Watterson	6	L	
2	8/25/2021	H	Rocky River	7	Buckeye	1	W	GLC-East
3	8/30/2021	H	Rocky River	5	Louisville	0	W	
4	8/31/2021	A	Rocky River	9	Normandy	0	W	GLC-East
5	9/6/2021	A	Rocky River	4	Mansfield Madison	0	W	
6	9/8/2021	H	Rocky River	5	Lakewood	1	W	GLC-East
7	9/15/2021	A	Rocky River	5	Elyria Catholic	0	W	GLC-West
8	9/18/2021	H	Rocky River	4	St Joseph Academy	0	W	
9	9/22/2021	H	Rocky River	0	Bay	2	L	GLC-West
10	9/25/2021	A	Rocky River	1	Brunswick	0	W	
11	9/27/2021	A	Rocky River	2	Chagrin Falls	0	W	
12	9/29/2021	A	Rocky River	7	North Olmsted	0	W	GLC-West
13	10/6/2021	H	Rocky River	2	Westlake	0	W	GLC-West
14	10/13/2021	A	Rocky River	10	Fairview	0	W	GLC-West
15	10/14/2021	H	Rocky River	1	Clear Fork	0	W	
16	10/16/2021	A	Rocky River	6	Holy Name	0	W	GLC-East
17	10/21/2021	H	Rocky River	9	Fairview	0	W	Sectional Final
18	10/25/2021	H	Rocky River	10	Lutheran West	1	W	District Semi-Final
19	10/28/2021	NH	Rocky River	8	Gilmour Academy	1	W	District Final
20	11/2/2021	NA	Rocky River	6	Oak Harbor	0	W	Regional Semi-Final
21	11/6/2021	NA	Rocky River	5	Lima Shawnee	1	W	Regional Final
22	11/9/2021	NA	Rocky River	2	Chagrin Falls	3	L	State Semi-Final

TOTAL - 16

2022 Season (15-2-1 Overall, 6-0-0 Conference, 1-1 Playoffs)								
Game #	Date	H/A	Rocky River	RR	Opponent	OP	W/L/T	Game Type
1	8/22/2022	H	Rocky River	5	Brunswick	2	W	
2	8/24/2022	A	Rocky River	8	Buckeye	0	W	GLC-East
3	8/29/2022	H	Rocky River	2	St Joseph Academy	0	W	
4	8/31/2022	H	Rocky River	6	Normandy	0	W	GLC-East
5	9/2/2022	N	Rocky River	0	Evansville Reitz Memorial (IN)	2	L	
6	9/3/2022	N	Rocky River	2	Carmel (IN)	2	T	
7	9/5/2022	N	Rocky River	6	Newark	0	W	
8	9/7/2022	A	Rocky River	3	Lakewood	0	W	GLC-East
9	9/12/2022	H	Rocky River	2	Chagrin Falls	0	W	
10	9/14/2022	H	Rocky River	8	Elyria Catholic	0	W	GLC-West
11	9/19/2022	A	Rocky River	3	Clear Fork	1	W	
12	9/21/2022	A	Rocky River	3	Bay	0	W	GLC-West
13	9/28/2022	H	Rocky River	5	North Olmsted	1	W	GLC-West
14	10/5/2022	A	Rocky River	4	Westlake	3	W	GLC-West
15	10/12/2022	H	Rocky River	9	Fairview	0	W	GLC-West
16	10/17/2022	H	Rocky River	6	Lakewood	0	W	GLC Championship
17	10/20/2022	H	Rocky River	8	Berea-Midpark	0	W	Sectional Final
18	10/24/2022	H	Rocky River	0	North Royalton	1	L	District Semi-Final

TOTAL - 12

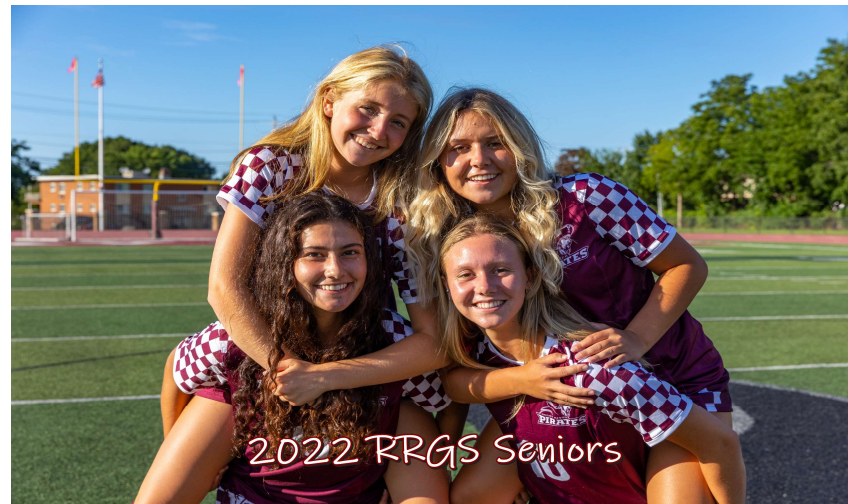
4 YEAR TOTALS (66-12-4 Overall, 26-1-2 Conference, 14-4 Playoffs)

Four-Year History of the 2022 Senior RRGs Players

Great Lakes Conference 2019 Girls Soccer	CONFERENCE			
	W	L	T	PTS
Rocky River High School	7	0	1	22
Buckeye High School	7	1	0	21
Bay High School	6	1	1	19
Holy Name High School	4	3	1	13
Valley Forge High School	4	4	0	12
Elyria Catholic High School	3	5	0	9
Fairview High School	2	6	0	6
Parma High School	1	7	0	3
Normandy High School	0	7	1	1



Great Lakes Conference 2020 Girls Soccer	CONFERENCE			
	W	L	T	PTS
Rocky River High School	8	0	1	25
Buckeye High School	8	0	1	25
Bay High School	7	2	0	21
Lakewood High School	6	3	0	18
Elyria Catholic High School	4	4	1	13
Valley Forge High School	4	4	1	13
Holy Name High School	3	6	0	9
Parma High School	2	7	0	6
Fairview High School	1	8	0	3
Normandy High School	0	9	0	0



Great Lakes Conference 2021 Girls Soccer	CONFERENCE			
	W	L	T	PTS
GLC - WEST				
Bay High School	5	0	0	15
Rocky River High School	4	1	0	12
Westlake High School	3	2	0	9
North Olmsted High School	2	3	0	6
Elyria Catholic High School	1	4	0	3
Fairview High School	0	5	0	0
GLC - EAST				
Buckeye High School	5	0	0	15
Holy Name High School	3	1	1	10
Valley Forge High School	2	2	1	7
Lakewood High School	1	2	1	4
Normandy High School	1	4	0	3
Parma High School	0	3	1	1

Great Lakes Conference 2022 Girls Soccer	CONFERENCE			
	W	L	T	PTS
GLC - WEST				
Rocky River High School	6	0	0	18
Bay High School	4	1	0	12
Westlake High School	3	2	0	9
North Olmsted High School	1	3	1	4
Elyria Catholic High School	0	3	2	2
Fairview High School	0	4	1	1
GLC - EAST				
Lakewood High School	5	1	0	15
Buckeye High School	3	2	0	9
Holy Name High School	2	2	1	7
Valley Forge High School	2	2	1	7
Parma High School	1	4	0	3
Normandy High School	0	3	2	2



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Prep Notebook: N. Ridgeville’s Donato wins AIM Grand skeet title

North Ridgeville High School senior Vanessa Donato has already proven herself as one of the best trap shooters in the state. And recently, she was able to add a national title to her resume.

Competing in the Junior Ladies Division, Donato claimed first place in skeet shooting at the Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship (AIM) Grand National Youth Trapshooting Championships, which took place from July 29-Aug. 2 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois.

Each participant took a total of 100 shots in increments of 25, and Donato hit 95 targets (24-23-24-24) to tie with Alabama native Katie Skinner and force a shoot-off to determine the champion. The shoot-off took place in doubles skeet fashion, where a pair of clay discs, or “birds” were launched from one of the eight stations on the semicircular course.

The clay pigeons were launched from Station 3 for the sudden-death round, and after Skinner missed both targets, Donato went 2-for-2 to close out the victory.

Warriors win tennis opener

Fairview’s girls tennis team kicked off its 2022 season on Friday with a trip to Vermilion and came away with a 4-1 victory.

The Warriors took control of the match by sweeping the three singles courts. In first singles, Emma McMonagle defeated Sydney Stacklin 6-0, 6-0, Annie Burgett beat Brooke Yontz 6-4, 6-1 in second singles and Emma Melda handled Kylee McCrimmon in third singles, 6-2, 6-0.

The Warriors’ second doubles pairing of Brianna Malass and Sarah Williams defeated Cora Frederick and Ava Leslie 6-1, 6-3, to add to the team’s scoring. The Sailors’ lone win came in first doubles, where McKenna Hunnell and Maddie Collins edged Gabby Davenport and Adria Geib 6-2, 7-6.

In the midst of a busy week, the Warriors travel to Veterans Memorial Park this afternoon for a GLC match against Parma at 4 p.m., then will take part in the Midview Doubles Tournament on Thursday at 10 a.m.

Streaks start hot on the links

Just over a week removed from winning the Ohio Girls Golf Foundation Showcase, the Magnificat golf team was at it again on Aug. 3 at Brookledge Golf Club in Cuyahoga Falls, placing first at the District Preview tournament.

The Blue Streaks carded a team 317, beating Medina Highland (321), Macedonia Nordonian (328), Hudson (334) and North Canton Hoover (347). Freshman Claire Liu led the team with a low round of 77, followed by junior Cara Heisterkamp’s 77. Isabella Paez (80) and Maureen O’Leary (82) rounded out the team’s scoring.

On Aug. 4, the Blue Streaks’ varsity ‘B’ team played in the Howland Tiger Invitational at Old Avalon Golf Course in Warren and took second with a 327. Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown won the tourney with a 311, while St. Joseph Academy (342), Akron Archbishop Hoban (384) and Canfield (396) occupied the rest of the top five.

Another Blue Streaks freshman, Kristina Chill, led the team with a 78, followed by sophomore Avery Paez’ 79. Ella Baird finished with an 82 and Reagan Elwell carded an 88.

SJA sophomore Gianna Reginelli earned medalist honors at the event.

At 9 a.m. on Thursday, the Blue Streaks will play in the Massillon Jackson Girls Golf Invitational at The Elms Country Club in North Lawrence.

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New offensive identity to power Bay in 2022

By JACK KOPANSKI

A new high school football season brings a new offense for the Bay Rockets.

With an abundance of rushing threats and a strong offensive line, the Rockets will run the single-wing offense this season.

“Between coaches meetings and doing some things with the kids with (the offense), it’s been exciting to be doing something a little bit different this year,” Bay coach Ron Rutt said. “We’re kind of going so old school that it’s new school. We have a number of different guys that can be potential ball carriers on any given play.”

Rutt and the Rockets got their first look at the offense during a scrimmage against Parma on Aug. 6. While there are still some learning curves that need to be overcome, the early results were promising.

“We were pleased,” Rutt said. “We took care of the football. In this offense, you have different guys receiving the snap, different guys handing to other guys and all of that was very clean.”

The hope is that Bay will be able to utilize as much talent as possible in the single wing.

“We feel like it fit our personnel that we had returning this year very well,” Rutt said. “We’ve also got athletic linemen that can move and do some things. We’re just taking advantage of the personnel we feel we have. We’re trying to make the most out of that group. This offense just seemed to be a good fit for us.”

The Rockets have 18 returning letter winners including five offensive starters and seven defensive starters. So as Bay gets adjusted into its new scheme, there will be plenty of veteran experience to lead the way.

“Just from a practice standpoint, it’s been great seeing the guys knowing some things already but also having the mindset of being ready to learn and work each day,” Rutt said. “It’s been a great group to work with. Anytime you can bring back that kind of experience, you feel pretty good about it.”

Among this year’s returning starters is a large senior group. Quarterback Tony Buttari



Photo by Chris Voloschuk

Brendan Spellman will be one of a bevy of rushers returning to a Bay football team that has made the playoffs in eight straight seasons.

returns for his final year, with running back/linebacker Patrick Lehane back as well. Tight end/defensive end Malachi Edgerly, offensive lineman/defensive end Sean Anthony and offensive and defensive lineman Nathan Dacek round out the key returning seniors.

Two juniors will also help buoy Bay this season. Running back-linebacker Brendan Spellman and wingback-cornerback Jace Knapp will be integral parts of the personnel this year.

Rutt is aware of the test ahead of his team this year. In the recently-expanded Great Lakes Conference, he acknowledged that no opponent can be taken lightly, especially in the West Division. And for a group learning a new offense, much of that knowledge and experience will likely come in-game.

“We’ve got a very competitive schedule,” Rutt said. “There are not many games you can say, ‘We feel really good about that one.’ But there are also not many games you can say, ‘We feel really bad about that one.’ It’s one of those years where I feel like every game is going to be a tight game. Our focus is one at a time. Play one game, do the best we can, then adjust and jump back in there for the next week.”

The Rockets last won the GLC in 2018. Rutt’s hope is that his team can come away with the close games he foresees this year and, hopefully, can claim another conference crown.

“We’ve got good, solid opponents and you don’t feel like there is just that one team that has more resources than everybody else,” Rutt said. “You want it to be a good balance where, each year, you’ve got some good upperclassmen and you feel like you can make a run at getting a title. That’s how I feel like it should be.”

Schedule

Aug. 19: vs. West Geauga, 7 p.m.
Aug. 26: at Lakewood, 7 p.m.
Sept. 2: vs. University School, 7 p.m.
Sept. 9: at Valley Forge, 7 p.m.
Sept. 16: vs. Westlake, 7 p.m.
Sept. 23: at Rocky River, 7 p.m.
Sept. 30: at North Olmsted, 7 p.m.
Oct. 7: vs. Fairview, 7 p.m.
Oct. 14: at Elyria Catholic, 7 p.m.
Oct. 21: GLC crossover, 7 p.m.

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New division, no worries: Pirates return deep soccer lineup

By CHRIS VOLOSCHUK

Rocky River girls soccer coach Patrick Hopkins admitted to being surprised by his team’s jump from Division II to Division I this off-season, though it’s not changing his team’s mission.

After a COVID-related hiatus, the Ohio High School Athletic Association conducted its bi-annual divisional realignment for fall and winter sports in June, and determined that Rocky River High School’s female enrollment of 328 would serve as the final cutoff between the two divisions.

It means the Pirates will face a much different – and potentially tougher – road through the playoffs come October after two straight seasons of reaching the Division II final four. At the moment, though, they’re not worried about any of that. Far from it.

With eight returning starters and many more players who saw varsity minutes a year ago, the Pirates are excited to prove themselves one more time and have a little fun along the way.

“We want to show we can be a Division I team, that we’re good enough to play in Division I,” said junior forward Ava Patti.

The Pirates have left little doubt about their place in the Division II hierarchy in recent seasons. In 2020, they went 19-1-2, set a school record for shutouts (15) and reached the final four. They followed it up last fall with a 19-3 record and a second final four trip. The pair of 19-win seasons were the best since 2013 when the program captured the state title.

As usual, they’ll play an ambitious schedule filled with top teams from Division I-II in order to prepare for the playoff grind. They’ll open their season on Aug. 20 by hosting Division I Brunswick, then welcome St. Joseph Academy on Aug. 29. An early-September trip to Zionsville, Indiana, will provide matchups against that state’s No. 1-ranked Division II team in Reitz Memorial out of Evansville, followed by a match against Division I state runner-up Carmel.

“We’ve got a challenge in front of us, and we’re ready for it,” Hopkins said.



Photo by David Cleveland

Rocky River is returning the bulk of a roster that reached a Division II state semifinal last season.

There are trips to Newark and Bellville Clearfork, as well as a home game with Chagrin Falls – the team that knocked them out of the state semifinal last year – on Sept. 12. Tough Great Lakes Conference West Division matches at defending league champion Bay (Sept. 21) and Westlake (Oct. 5) will serve as late-season tests.

“We’re super excited,” senior midfielder Cara McKenna said. “I feel like it’s been kind of left unfinished for us, getting so close so many times and then being let down (in the playoffs). We have so much left to do, and we’re really excited for that this season.”

According to Hopkins, the team’s goals haven’t changed compared to last year.

“We want to be the last team standing,” he said. “It starts with we want to be the last team on this field at Rocky River, we want to be the last team in our district, last team in our region, last in the state. The girls all buy in, and they set those expectations. They have high expectations, so I can sit there and say all I want, but it’s all them.”

“We’re not a team to overlook,” he said. “It’s just a division. We’re a good team. We’re not going to talk about divisions and we’re not going to think about divisions. We’re just going to play and have fun.”

There’s a wealth of returning talent to work with this season. Of the team’s nine double-digit point scorers in ‘21, six are back, led by a pair of juniors in Maeve Kelly (50 points, 20 goals, 10 assists) and Patti (40-15-10). Sophomore Sophia Sindelar (14 goals, 7 assists), junior Mackenzie Russell (11-10) and seniors Annika Mocho (9-3) and McKenna (4-2) will round out a potent offense.

Defensively, sophomore Caitlyn Rose will return to the goalie spot. In an uncharacteristic move highlighting the team’s depth, players and coaches nominated four captains: Mocho, McKenna, Russell and Patti.

Collectively, they want to keep the good times rolling.

“I love coming to practice every day because everyone’s always giving it 100% at practice,” Patti said. “It’s good to be out there working with my best friends.”

Schedule

Aug. 20: vs. Brunswick, 7 p.m.
Aug. 24: at Buckeye, 7 p.m.
Aug. 29: vs. St. Joseph Academy, 7 p.m.
Aug. 31: vs. Normandy, 7 p.m.
Sept. 2: at Zionsville, IN, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3: at Zionsville, IN, 1:15 p.m.
Sept. 5: vs. Newark at Coshocton, 11 a.m.
Sept. 7: at Lakewood, 7 p.m.
Sept. 12: vs. Chagrin Falls, 7 p.m.
Sept. 14: vs. Elyria Catholic, 7 p.m.
Sept. 19: at Bellville Clear Fork, 7 p.m.
Sept. 21: at Bay, 7 p.m.
Sept. 28: vs. North Olmsted, 7 p.m.
Oct. 5: at Westlake, 7 p.m.
Oct. 12: vs. Fairview, 7 p.m.
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Girls soccer preview: Defending D-II state champion Chagrin Falls tops teams to watch in 2022

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Chagrin Falls girls soccer team poses with the State Championship trophy after winning in penalty kicks in the state final last November. Jonathan Simmons, cleveland.com.



By [Robert Fenbers, special to cleveland.com](#)

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- It's that time of year once again as girls soccer programs from around the area begin their quest for another shot at the state championship in Columbus.

Chagrin Falls was the only school from Northeast Ohio to capture a state title last season. Will the Tigers repeat in D-II? Can Walsh Jesuit make a return to the title game in D-I? Which program will take that next step?

Here's a look at the teams to watch in Northeast Ohio.

Chagrin Falls

Coach: Joe Ciuni

2021 record: 19-3-2 (D-II state champion)

The rundown: The Tigers are coming off their first state title since 1996 and their second in school history. In addition to a Chagrin Valley Conference championship, they compiled a 19-3-2 season, capping it off with a thrilling finale in penalty kicks over Cincinnati Wyoming. Turnover came in more ways

than one as head coach Pamela Malone bid farewell and the team also lost first-team All-Ohio forward/goalkeeper Peyton Gellin and all-time assist leader (56) Sarah Burgess.

Joe Ciuni takes over the reins with a group that will bring back plenty of experience, having only lost three seniors last year. Kate Bartlett, Elana McGinnis and Oakley Niethammer will take over as senior captains. They'll look for growth as they battle through another brutal schedule that features seven teams that made regionals last year, and road trips to Avon and Kirtland.

The target is on the Tigers' back and they know it.

"As defending state champs, every team is going to be very motivated and up for playing us when they do, so hopefully we can mentally accept that challenge and physically accept that challenge this year," Ciuni said.

Copley

Coach: Wally Senk

2021 record: 13-3-4 (regional semifinalist)

The rundown: The Indians are determined to be the surprise team in 2022. With Ashley Kerekes, Allie Arnold and Kate Young all returning, don't be surprised if this group returns to regionals and busts a few brackets along the way.

"Going into last year, we weren't expecting to make it that far," Kerekes said. "We were still a younger team and didn't have as much experience as other teams. I think once we kept winning and it was actually working, we all realized that we had a good connection together and we were determined to make it further. I think that will help us this year because we have a lot of determination to make it further than last year."

Kirtland

Coach: Ed Bradac

2021 record: 14-4-3 (regional finalist)

The rundown: The Hornets were bounced in the regional finals by Chippewa, finishing off a 14-4-3 campaign for the D-III powerhouse. They graduated their elite star, Erika Zschuppe, to Florida Gulf Coast University. The 2021 Mrs. Soccer and D-III Player of the Year tallied 48 of the team's 79 goals last season.

It was a season unlike any other after a devastating loss in the Kirtland family last year. The Hornets will return four starters, including Corinne Greenley, who will jump from defense to midfielder. Look for a strong junior class to help boast a sixth straight district title and return to regionals.

After allowing 26 goals last year, the defense will again be a calling card for this year's group.

"We will need to defend as 11 and attack as 11," Bradac said. "Our number one goal is to defend."

West Geauga

Coach: Kori Jesenovic

2021 record: 11-4-6

The rundown: The Wolverines return nine starters, including senior forward Frankee Flesher as they look to build off a regional final appearance. West Geauga notched 53 goals last season and did not suffer a loss at home. The 2020 Chagrin Valley Conference champions will deal with another tough slate this year with back-to-back games against Kenston and D-II champion Chagrin Falls in early September. Those matchups have helped shape the Wolverines into contenders.

"A lot of people think it's a huge struggle, but to be honest with you, we would rather play those teams in our regular season to get us ready and prepared for the playoffs, instead of playing teams that we know we are going to win," senior forward Frankee Flesher said. "I think it's important to have challenges so that we are able to learn how to deal with it ... when we do beat those teams, that's a huge confidence boost."

Avon

Coach: Attila Csiszar

2021 record: 16-4

The rundown: Avon graduated All-American and first-team All-Ohio selection Mackenzie Muir, who put the team on her back at times last season in nearly every position. This year's group, which returns five starters, will rely on each other to come up with the timely goals or big plays when they need it the most. They will also look to repeat as Southwestern Conference champions behind sturdy junior goalkeeper Ariana Vaikos.

"This year is a different animal," Csiszar said. "They are ready, they are focused, and their fitness level is greater." It's a collective group, meaning we don't just have just one player that we can throw the piano on their back and they can carry it. It's a collective cast of every single one of them where they can get a share of scoring goals and assisting goals. I'm excited to see what this year brings!"

Kenston

Coach: Jonathan Kostoff

2021 record: 17-1-2 (regional semifinalist)

The rundown: The Bombers' only loss came in double OT in the regional semifinal against Chagrin Falls. Despite losing five starters (three from the back line), Kenston is poised to make a run with a stellar front line led by seniors Ramsey Smith and Paige Spicuzza. The team's success often stems from a challenging regular season schedule, and this year is no exception as they open up with Mansfield Comprehensive, Brecksville-Broadview Heights and Revere.

"I really like the group we bring back," Kostoff said. "Our front line is fantastic, some really good forwards and some really good midfielders. As the summer has worn on, it's gotten a lot better and a lot more comfortable. I really like how we are playing here."

Rocky River

Coach: Patrick Hopkins

2021 record: 19-3 (state semifinalist)

The rundown: The Pirates, who have moved back into Division I this year, were edged out by Chagrin Falls in a D-II state semifinal. It was Rocky River's second straight trip to state. They have only lost four games the last two years and will come storming out strong for a third chance to win it all behind the promising potential of the junior midfielder tandem of Ava Patti and Mackenzie Russell. Eight players that had sizable minutes last year will also return for Hopkins' bunch. A young fireball could be the most dangerous of them all as sophomore Sophia Sindelar looks to build off her 14-goal freshman season.

"It is a high-powered offense," Hopkins said. "They do have the opportunities to score goals and create more opportunities. It's only Aug. 10, and it feels like we have been together for a month and a half. It's amazing how quickly they get back together... They did a great job this summer in their tournaments, college camps and things they have done in the offseason. They sacrificed to be where they are."

Walsh Jesuit

Coach: Javier Iriart

2021 record: 21-3 (D-I state runner-up)

The rundown: The Warriors were one win away from another state title last season, falling to Cincinnati Mount Notre Dame in the D-I finale, their first since 2016's magical run. It was a sensational start for new head coach Javier Iriart, who brought loads of experience to a program in need of a fresh start after recruiting violations ended a championship era. First-team All-Ohio selection Molly Gray has graduated, but there is still a strong core that allowed just 22 goals and touted nine shutouts last season. Look out for a breakout year from Reagan Pentz, who dazzled early with 17 goals and 21 assists as a freshman.



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Sindelar nets 4, Pirates beat Brunswick 5-2



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Aug. 22, 2012) -- It was a belated opening game day, but an impressive Pirate triumph was worth the wait. After having its season opener against Brunswick postponed due to inclement weather Saturday, Rocky River dealt the Blue Devils a 5-2 defeat in Monday's lid-lifter at Rocky River Stadium.

Sophomore Sophia Sindelar scored four goals in the contest. Sindelar and the Pirates opened a 3-0 lead by the 34th minute, and Rocky River (1-0) would lead by a multi-goal margin the rest of the way.

Junior Ava Patti was in on all four Sindelar goals; her first assist on the night marked her 100th career point. Patti also registered her own goal -- on a fine dribble, drive, and shot in the 51st minute -- which lifted River to a 4-1 lead at the time.

The Pirates were able to apply some field tilt due to the fine midfield play of senior Cara McKenna and junior McKenzie Russell. Junior Maeve Kelly added an assist on River's fifth and final netfinder. Sophomore Caitlyn Rose logged three saves in the match.

The 5-2 victory marked River's first win in a season opener since 2017. The Pirates' five goals marked their most in the history of their series against the Blue Devils. Rocky River is now 5-1-1 all-time against Brunswick.

The Maroon & White are slated to play at Buckeye on Wednesday evening.

by Skip Snow

(Gr)eight start in circuit play! River blanks Buckeye 8-0



MEDINA, Ohio (Aug. 24, 2022) – Rocky River notched a shutout victory in its 2022 Great Lakes Conference West Division opener, as the Pirates defeated Buckeye 8-0 Wednesday evening.

Sophia Sindelar – who scored four goals in a Monday non-conference win over Brunswick – thrice found twine and was one of seven Buccaneers to notch a point on the night. The Pirates scored four goals in the first half and four in the second in what was a physical tussle rife with yellow cards. River managed five goals over a 21-minute span beginning with a Sindelar header that beat the Buckeye goalkeeper in the 38th minute.

The Rocky River (2-0, 1-0 GLC West) onslaught included two goals on penalty kicks, five assisted goals, and one netfinder on a direct free kick. The Maroon & White have now scored 13 goals through two matches.

On Wednesday, Sindelar scored three goals, and Mackenzie Russell had two. Cara McKenna, Ava Patti, and Annika Mocho scored one each. Maeve Kelly and Russell each logged two assists; Grace Quaizer had one (a career first for the freshman).

The Pirates allowed just two shots on goal; 'keeper Caitlyn Rose stopped both.

River will now be off until Monday when it launches a busy week with a home match against St. Joseph. The Pirates are scheduled to play four games next week and six in a 10-day period ending Sept. 7.

by Skip Snow

River

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2022 area high school girls soccer rosters



Soccer stock

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(Stats listed, if available are 2021 goals-assists-points for outfield players or goals-against average)

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

BAY

Coach: Beth English, fifth year (second stint)

Record: 12-3-2

Starters: Tessa Knapp, So., F, 40-10-90, Emery Aschenbrener, So., M, 6-4-16, Lizzie Fetterman, So., D, 0-2-2, Hannah Dixon, Sr., M, 0-2-2, Chloe Aschenbrener, Jr., D, 1-1-3, Megan Maybaum, So., F, Emma Morton, Sr., D, Brooke Anderson, Jr., D, Emi Ullom, Sr., M, 4-1-9, Lily Frey, Sr., M, 1-7-9, Ryan Marcis, Sr., GK

Reserves: Bea Ullom, So., M, Lacey Gilmore, So., M, Elise Papp, Jr., M, 1-0-2, Meredith Florez, Sr., M, Adri Pirinelli, Sr., D

NORTH OLMSTED

Coach: Daniel Walker, first year

Record: 8-10-0 (5-10-0)

Starters: Hailey Shriver, Jr., D, Lila Mack, Fr., D, Lauren Becker, So., D, Molitha Chamroeun, Fr., D, Kendall Perkins, So., M/F, Kahleigh Poduska, Jr., M/F, Morgan Cooney, Sr., M/F, Lucia Mack, Jr., M/F, Kunita Chamroeun, So., M/F, Delaney Macke, So., M/F, Khanicka Chamroeun, Sr., GK

Reserves: Olivia Bilski, Sr., D, Lilly Conway, Sr., M, Katelyn Gadetsis, Sr., GK, Lelani Davis, Sr., M, Amber Thomas, Sr., D, Caitlyn Taylor, So., D, Samantha Fisher, Fr., F, Kamea Witwer, Fr., F, Clare Kohuth, Fr., D

ROCKY RIVER

Coach: Patrick Hopkins, 17th year

Record: 19-3-0

Starters: Cara McKenna, Sr., M, 4-2-10, Mackenzie Russell, Jr., M, 11-10-32, Ava Patti, Jr., F, 15-10-40, Sophia Sindelar, So., F, 14-7-35, Maeve Kelly, Jr., F, 20-10-50, Annika Mocho, Sr., M, 9-3-21, Lexi Hammermeister, So., D, 0-1-1, Ava Blair, Sr., D, 0-1-1, Rayna Kishna, Sr., D, Charlotte Dean, So., D, Caitlin Rose, So., GK

Reserves: Olivia Byall, So., M, Katie Nupp, Jr., D, Morgyn Cruz, Jr., D, Gia Benjamin, Jr., M, Kylie Crane, Jr., M, 1-1-3, Grace DeWitt, So., F, Rori Vesey, So., D, Mia Carney, Fr., M, Addison Russell, Fr., M

WESTLAKE

Coach: Daniel O'Brien, second year

Record: 14-4-0

Starters: Jessie Meno, Jr., F, 7-4-18, Ella Henton, So., F, 9-1-19, Sydney Peer, Sr., F, 9-17-35, Ava Kontak, Jr., M, 4-5-13, Avery Shreffler, So., M, 6-6-18, Mirabella Zangales, Jr., M, Colleen Ulrich, Jr., D, 1-2-4, Sadie DeAngelo, Sr., D, Lilly Hura, Sr., D, 2-1-5, Gianna Nardo, Sr., D, Tia Nimylowycz, Jr., GK

Reserves: Katie Kruger, Sr., M, Samantha Corrigan, Sr., D, Emma Pollak, Sr., M, Gabby Pollak, Sr., D, Abbey Sadd, Sr., M

TOP OF THE CROP

Girls soccer

1: Rocky River 3-0

2: Midview 5-1

3: Bay 2-0

4: Avon 2-1-1

5: Avon Lake 2-0-1

6: Columbia 3-0

7: Firelands 3-1

8: Open Door 2-0

9: Olmsted Falls 2-1-1

10: Westlake 2-1

Watch list: North Ridgeville, Wellington, Keystone, Vermilion

Crop comments: Rocky River takes home the top spot for this week. Its move to Division I is one the smallest schools in the division after being one of the larger schools in D-II will be something to keep an eye on when the postseason rolls around for the two-time state semifinals. ... Bay, Avon and Avon Lake are picking back up where they left off, with Avon and Avon Lake set to clash this week. ... Columbia has been rolling under Frank Washburn, and Firelands has been solid so far on the young year. Open Door, Olmsted Falls and Westlake round out the Crop for this week, with a shakeup possible once the calendar flips to September.

— Sean Fitzgerald

TOP OF THE CROP

Boys soccer

1: Bay 3-1

2: North Ridgeville 4-0

3: Firelands 2-1

4: Westlake 2-0

5: Avon 1-1-2

6: Avon Lake 1-2

7: Keystone 2-2

8: Lorain 2-0

9: Open Door 3-0

10: Rocky River 1-0-2

Watch list: Elyria, Midview, Olmsted Falls, North Olmsted

Crop comments: The first edition of the Crop is always the hardest, as we learn who the teams are and get our first glimpse of these area teams. Bay has impressed early, with a close loss to St. Edward the only stain on their resume. The Rockets barely edged out undefeated North Ridgeville by a hair for the top spot. ... No. 3 through No. 6 are fairly close, with Firelands just edging out Westlake for a top-three rank, while Avon and Avon Lake play in a huge clash Aug. 31 that might help shake the rankings up. ... As for the last four teams in, there's not too much separating each team, though hopefully this week will bring further clarity.

— Sean Fitzgerald

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Big 12 changed offensive identity over years, lot new in '22

By Stephen Hawkins
The Associated Press

New TCU coach Sonny Dykes saw a drastic shift in Big 12 offenses during his first stint in the conference in the early 2000s.

Now that he's come back, he sees the times are a-changin' still.

"Man, it's changed. ... When I got in the league, it was a two-back power league. And by time I left the league, it was everybody being Air Raid," said Dykes, a Texas Tech assistant from 2000-06. "And then I think at some point there's been an adjustment that's happened since then."

The Big 12 will begin its 27th season this week with some uncertainty about what will stand out offensively since there are three new head coaches and plenty of different skill players, including at least seven new starting quarterbacks. There are also some pretty good defenses.

There are still plenty of Air Raid concepts in the Big 12, and throughout the rest of the country. The 10-team league also has power backs such as preseason AP All-American pick Bijan Robinson at Texas, dual-threat backs like Kansas State dynamo Deuce Vaughn and Iowa State still planning to utilize multiple tight ends.

"The Big 12 is not the Big 12 of five years ago," said new Texas Tech coach Joey McGuire. "You look at what



CHUCK BURTON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE
Texas running back Bijan Robinson runs with the ball during a game against Oklahoma State in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 16, 2021.

Iowa State has done running the football in 12 and 13 personnel, what Baylor did last year in 11 and 12 personnel."

Oklahoma led the Big 12 in scoring the last six seasons. When Lincoln Riley left to become Southern Cal's new coach, the Sooners hired Brent Venables, the co-defensive coordinator of their 2000 national championship team who had since been part of two national titles as the DC at Clemson.

"I think it's important that as we get into our inaugural season that we'll create a baseline and then we'll build from there," Venables said. "It's not going to be what I just left at Clemson, but it

wasn't that way when we got there in 2012 either. You develop that through a lot of work, a lot of players believing in what you're doing."

While Venables and McGuire are defensive-minded coaches, both first-time college head coaches hired offensive coordinators who led big-play, high-scoring offenses elsewhere before returning to their alma matters: Jeff Leiby at Oklahoma and Zach Kittley at Texas Tech.

Ole Miss led the Southeastern Conference in total offense the past two seasons with Leiby as offensive coordinator, after he had similar success at future Big 12

team UCF.

Kittley was OC last season at Western Kentucky, which averaged 535 yards and 44 points a game, after big numbers at Houston Baptist the previous year. He was also at Tech with Kliff Kingsbury from 2013-17, going from a student assistant to graduate assistant and then assistant QBs coach in a span that included Patrick Mahomes as the Red Raiders starter.

"It gives us a true identity on offense, and it's going to strain some people," said McGuire, who before the past five years on Baylor's staff was coach at a Texas high school that won three state championships.

High school scoreboard

BOYS GOLF

Midview 156, Columbia 194
Midview: Stone 38, Allen 38, Difranco 39, Knipper 43, Columbus: Adams 43, Palmer 49, Napoli 51, Willoughby 51.

GIRLS GOLF

Amherst 207, Elyria 237

Elyria: Koopp 45, Truxall 60, Pol 63, Jones 69.

BOYS SOCCER

Vermilion 2, Perkins 0
Halttime: Vermilion 1, Perkins 0.
Vermilion: Wern 3 goals, Panton assists

GIRLS SOCCER

Keystone 5, Shaw 0

Brooklyn 7, Oberlin 1

Halttime: Brooklyn 5, Oberlin 0.
Brooklyn: Hagerman goal, assist, Olic goal
Shaw: Keystone, Minney 3, Shaw, Ballings 16

Columbia 4, Lorain 0

Halttime: Columbia 2 goals, assist, McCall goal

Halttime: Keystone 5, Shaw 0.

Keystone: Hagerman goal, assist, Olic goal

Shaw: Keystone, Minney 3, Shaw, Ballings 16

Columbia 4, Lorain 0

Halttime: Columbia 2 goals, assist, McCall goal

Keystone 5, Shaw 0

Rangers

FROM PAGE 1

"(Barnhart) is a powerful runner," Morgan said. "His leg drive is crazy for a freshman. After contact, he is still getting three or four yards."

Barnhart is not the only option in North Ridgeville's backfield, as Evan Monter's speed can provide a nice changeup from Barnhart's power. He rushed for

91 yards and a touchdown against Valley Forge.

"Evan Monter is a great mix up for (Barnhart), because Evan (Monter) can get away from guys a little better than Zack (Barnhart) can," Morgan said. "So you can give Zack (Barnhart) that rest on those long drives."

Defensive end Jason Costello is one of the few starting seniors on the team, and he has taken notice of the tide changing for North

Ridgeville.

"I feel like we have a lot of young talent. We are excited for the future for this program here," he said. "What makes it special is our bond. We used to not win a lot. We are still nobodies, but we come out here and do what we have to do for each other."

Morgan likes to see the progression of his young team, but knows it has to keep improving for the Southwestern Conference gauntlet.

"We have to keep on getting better, because in a few weeks are heading into the Southwestern Conference," Morgan said. "That is going to be a tough (conference to compete in)."

The next hurdle will be to defeat Normandy on Sept. 2. The Rangers will host the Invaders, who are also 2-0. If the Rangers can come out with a victory, it will be the first time they started their season 3-0 since 2011. They went 8-2 that year.

Lillstrung

FROM PAGE 1

We agree high school sports has lost some of its soul as it's become more of a business — and yet more outside influences are profiting.

We agree one-sport year-round specialization may have a detrimental impact — and yet its proponents are as vocal as ever.

We agree the public vs. private debate that has dragged on for decades remains — and yet the complaints abound at the best attempt ever made to address it with competitive balance.

We agree having 16 teams make the football playoffs may not be the best path — and yet the state governing body overrides the state coaches' association when it suggests an altered path.

We agree spotlighting our best and brightest student-athletes is an obligation — and yet there are those who can't stand when the spotlight is cast on their neighbors.

We agree the system is broken in soccer as the club vs. high school tug of war intensifies — and yet the same rules are etched in stone.

We agree hockey needs two divisions for the post-season — and yet here we are with insistence from powers-that-be on one.

We agree track and field

needs to better govern seed times — and yet even when the system changes, there are coaches still manipulating it with no firm pushback.

It goes on and on. We spend so much time being loud with our stances and arguing with those who disagree that we don't take the time to actually find common ground.

It's almost as if there are those who believe, should you have a differing opinion, you're somehow not allowed that opinion.

When you have a public platform as I do, you learn a lot about human tendency.

We agree on more than we may assume or willingly share, but you also learn your opinion is not the only one, and there are likely to be others who don't share your opinion, occasionally with vehemence.

That's great. You should hear others and be willing to alter your opinion. And yes, at times, you also have to admit when you're wrong.

Unfortunately, that free exchange has become increasingly more unlikely to lead toward solution.

Last year was among my worst with nasty feedback based on opinions in this space, up to and including being forced to block future correspondence from a couple of people because the exchange was so counterproductive. I told him I preferred

ductive.

During this past winter, I had a piece on the lack of attendance for the frozen four in hockey and how it could improve. One reader shared via email how little he cared about the subject and wondered why anyone, including him, would want to read that many words about it — and obviously, fair enough and so be it. But the notion of that opinion being tailored for a hockey audience aside, the solution seemed simple: Then don't, and that's fine, too.

You learn that over time. There are going to be instances when you opine, and your audience will vary. If something doesn't interest you, by all means don't waste your time.

It's the statement of disagreement and unwillingness to budge that scares me.

In 2021 during the pandemic, a parent approached me on deck during a swim meet. He was concerned his student-athlete's swim team wasn't getting enough coverage attention from me, that it seemed coverage went to schools who were visiting this team's pool. Upon listening to his concerns, while not my intention, there was some validity to his point, and it was rectified over time.

One aspect of that conversation that struck me was the sarcasm and awkwardness to start and common ground to finish. I told him I preferred

and respected his direct approach, because after all, what good does the alternative do?

He was willing to listen to me, and I was willing to listen to him. We achieved common ground and a solution through constructive dialogue and moved on.

If only it were always that simple.

So as we begin another year of opinions in this space, of course let's agree to disagree.

There are going to be times when I opine about subjects on which you don't care or you disagree — and yes, like it or not, occasionally that will continue to include subjects that are uncomfortable and intersect with societal issues. That goes with the right of having a platform.

But let's also do a better job, for the sake of the improvable, of having productive conversations that lead toward a solution.

No heated rhetoric. No threats. No straw man.

Be willing to have an opinion and stand by it — even like that day at Harvey with "Lord of the Flies."

But also be willing to listen and leave the potential to adapt — and hopefully on that point, we can all agree.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Huskers' Frost, Whipple on same page

By Eric Olson
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, NEB. » Embattled Nebraska coach Scott Frost said Tuesday there is no tension between him and new offensive coordinator Mark Whipple following the Cornhuskers' season-opening loss to Northwestern in Ireland.

Frost, 15-30 over five seasons, said in his remarks minutes after the 31-28 loss that the Huskers need to be more creative on offense and the coaching staff must work together better.

His comments were interpreted in some quarters as criticism of Whipple, who took over the play-calling duties from Frost when he was hired away from Pittsburgh.

Asked at his weekly news conference if he and Whipple were at odds, Frost said, "No, not at all. He's really smart. Really good at what he does. We have a lot of other coaches who are really smart and good at what they do. We need to find our rhythm of putting all the best stuff together. I thought it was good on Saturday. It can be better."

Whipple is scheduled to meet with the media Wednesday. The Huskers play North Dakota this weekend.

Frost had called plays for nearly a decade, since his time as an assistant at Oregon, and he understands the singular focus the task requires.

"Simply said, if I was calling a game, I wouldn't want somebody else showing a lot of stuff down my throat," he said. "You get in the culture and you think that's the approach I took. Whip's an elite player. I think that showed up in the first two-and-a-half quarters. You see what can be done with this offense."

In the first half, the Huskers' offense was as sharp as it's been at any point in the Frost era. But it bogged down in the middle of the third quarter and never recovered, and the running game did next to nothing besides Anthony Grant's 46-yard touchdown run.

Frost has taken full blame for his ill-advised call on a play when the Huskers led Northwestern 28-17 in the third quarter. The Wildcats recovered at the Nebraska 44, seized the momentum and scored two touchdowns while the Huskers' offense went dormant.

Frost raised eyebrows with two sideline comments. First, he said, "I think we're going to have to learn as an offensive staff that you've got to be a little creative in this league."

Later, he acknowledged it was difficult for him to give up play-calling.

"I've said this, there's no one way to do things, but I think we can cooperate a little bit more," he said.

The Huskers rushed for only 110 yards, mostly on plays run between the tackles.

"In the Big Ten it's hard to just turn around and hand it to a backup and think you're going to be real consistent," he said Tuesday. "I think I was referring (in the Saturday postgame) to having a few more things in the run game that are schemed for the particular opponent."

There was one designed run for quarterback Casey Thompson, his 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter, and backup Logan Smothers entered for one play and carried for 7 yards.

TOP OF THE CROP

Volleyball

- 1: Olmsted Falls (9-0)
- 2: Amherst (5-0)
- 3: Avon Lake (4-0)
- 4: Vermilion (4-0)
- 5: Bay (4-0)
- 6: Firelands (2-1)
- 7: Avon (3-2)
- 8: Westlake (3-0)
- 9: Midview (1-3)
- 10: North Ridgeville (2-3)

Watchlist: Wellington 3-0, Elyria Catholic 2-2
Crop comments: The Southwestern Conference flexes its supremacy in the area with the top three Crop teams. Olmsted Falls has yet to lose a set this season. The Bulldogs defeated Anthony Wayne, Medina and Mayfield on Aug. 27. They also started their quest for an SWC championship with wins over North Ridgeville, Midview and Elyria. ... Amherst is also undefeated in the SWC with wins over Berea-Midpark, the Middies and Rangers. The Comets also defeated Brunswick, 2-1, and Wadsworth, 2-0. ... Avon Lake is the third undefeated team in the conference with wins over Avon (3-0), Berea-Midpark (3-1) and Midview (3-0). ... The Shoremen and the Comets will square off on Sept. 1. ... Vermilion swept Firelands and Hathaway Brown. The Sailors also pulled out a five-set win over Division IV powerhouse Monroeville on the road. The Sailors set sail into the SBC as they travel to Bellevue before playing Huron, which took them to five sets in 2021. ... The Bay Rockets blasted off to a 4-0 start. It was capped off with a five-set win over Holy Name, the Great Lake Conference runners-up. They are emerging as players to win the GLC in 2022. ... Firelands started its Lorain County League run with a sweep over defending co-champion Brookside. ... Avon is on a three-game winning streak after dropping their opening two games to Avon Lake and Northview. ... Their next week of play will be against Olmsted Falls, Brunswick, and the Division III state runner-up Independence. ... Westlake started the same way as it did in 2021, undefeated with sweeps over Midview, Normandy and Buckeye.

— Mark Perez-Krywany

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Playoffs

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Truex, who advanced to the championship finale in four of the last five years, now can't finish higher than 17th in the final standings, a playoff stalwart shut out of title contention. Racing instead for the title are first-time playoff participants Ross Chastain and Daniel Suarez, who combined for three regular-season wins for Trackhouse Racing, Chase Briscoe of Stewart-Haas Racing and rookie Austin Cindric, the Daytona 500 winner from Team Penske.

The new crop of young drivers racing for a championship was aided by NASCAR's introduction of the Next Gen car, an industry-wide project to design a spec vehi-

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

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RANDY MEYERS — FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL

Avon Lake goalkeeper Maria Copfer makes a leaping save against Avon during the first half Aug. 31. The match ended in a scoreless tie. For a recap and photo gallery, visit MorningJournal.com.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

New rules make star players millionaires

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

Glance around the parking lot of the Woody Hayes Athletic Center at The Ohio State University this fall and you might come across a \$200,000 palace on wheels, the kind of luxury ride more likely to be found in the garages of movie stars, music moguls and titans of business than on a college campus.

That's assuming Buckeyes quarterback C.J. Stroud hasn't swapped out his silver Mercedes-Benz G-Wagon for a Bentley or a Porsche, which his name, image and likeness deal with Sarchione Auto Gallery allows him to do every 45 days.

"It's definitely changed my life for the future," Stroud said of the several NIL deals to flow his way over the past year, "and I think it's a jump-start to being a businessman before you get to the NFL, if that's your path."

More than a year ago, the NCAA lifted long-standing restrictions on players profiting from their celebrity status, and in some cases it turned elite players such as Stroud and Alabama quarterback Bryce Young into instant millionaires. But the financial benefits for some athletes are being weighed against the possibility that such deals



SCOTT HECKEL — THE REPOSITORY

Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud, after he received a 2019 Mercedes G-Wagon G63 in Canton.

will divide locker rooms, create tension within programs, produce an uneven playing field across college athletics and overwhelm students stretched for time.

"As far as NIL goes in the locker room, you see stuff, but no one ever talks about it," Oklahoma wide receiver Marvin Mims admitted. "It's not like, a competition, like, 'Oh, I got this much more money than you did. I've got this deal. You couldn't get this deal.' But you do notice the NIL deals that other guys are getting."

College football has witnessed the biggest impact from NIL legislation, though athletes in all sports have tapped into the sudden cash flow. Of the estimated \$1.14 billion that will be poured into the pockets of athletes in Year

2, the NIL platform Openstore predicts nearly half of it will be spent on the gridiron.

The largest and most prominent deals are going to individual athletes who have successfully leveraged their exceptional ability, potential, influence and exposure: Young's portfolio is believed to have exceeded \$1 million before he ever took a snap for the Crimson Tide, while Alabama teammate Will Anderson signed an NIL deal that allows one of the nation's best linebackers to drive a \$120,000 Porsche Cayenne GT5.

At Texas, running back Bijan Robinson has deals with Raising Cane's restaurants, C4 Energy drinks and sports streaming platform DAZN, while also

forging a partnership with an auto dealership for the use of a Lamborghini. At Notre Dame, tight end Michael Mayer has parlayed his first-round draft stock into deals with clothing brands Levi's and Rhoback.

They are precisely the types of endorsement contracts, and cozy relationships with boosters and businesses, that once landed players on suspension and programs on probation.

"I feel bad for the older players that didn't have the opportunity to get money from this, like Braxton Miller, Cardale Jones, Justin (Fields)," Stroud said of the Ohio State quarterbacks who came before him.

"They should have made a killing," added Stroud, who also works with Value City Furniture, Designer Shoe Warehouse and the trading card company Onyx Authenticated. "It's just good that players have control now when it comes to money."

Along with deals signed by individual athletes, collectives have become a major player in the NIL landscape. Some are organized by schools and others by boosters acting on their own, but both distribute money gathered from businesses and donors for everything from endorsements to meet-and-greets and charitable work.

was Busch who turned the rival driver's name into a verb when he said he "got Chastained" after a recent crash — and suggested many veterans won't give Chastain an inch the next 10 races.

"Absolutely not, no way, no chance," Busch said. "I don't think people are paying him back yet, they're waiting for the right time."

Reigning Cup champion Kyle Larson started the playoffs in a far different position than last season. He was the top seed with five wins a year ago, then won five playoff races to win his first title.

Now he's fourth in the standings with only two wins, and three engine failures among the six races he's failed to finish.

"I think our regular season didn't go very well, to our standards, but I don't

High school scoreboard

BOYS GOLF

North Ridgeville 166, Elyria 208

North Ridgeville: Boynar 41, Ochall 41, Fortistall 42, Jelinek 42, Elyria: Chavala 46, Chavala 51, Peacock 55, Blewitt 56.

Keystone 192, Columbia 192
(Keystone wins on better fifth score)

Keystone: Senegas 45, Hartley 45, Otto 50, Boyle 52, Oula 52, **Columbia:** Palmer 46, Willoughby 46, Napoli 48, Adams 52, Henry 61.

GIRLS GOLF

Westlake 201, Columbia 210
Westlake: G. Pollak, E. Pollak, Forshey, Zim

Avon Lake 187, Amherst 230

Amherst: Huff 52, Rauch 58, Smith 60, Plein 60, **Avon Lake:** Tobin 45, Kennedy 46, Machovina 47, Quayle 49.

BOYS SOCCER

Rocky River 2, Firelands 1

Half-time: Firelands, 1-0
Firelands: Griebel 1g, Urbansky 1a
Saves: Firelands, Duke 14

GIRLS TENNIS

North Ridgeville 5, North Olmsted 0

VOLLEYBALL

Elyria Catholic 3, Lakewood 0
25-16, 25-22, 25-17
Elyria Catholic: Kilgore 16 kills, Essenschmayer 5 kills, Corcoran 15 digs, Gorski 10 digs, Griffith 14 assists, Niederer 9 blocks.

Wellington 3, Open Door 1

26-24, 18-25, 25-17, 25-21
Wellington: Yakobchuk 12 kills, 12 digs, Lawver 24 assists, Giesbrecht 10 points, 3 aces, 13 digs, Unterbrink 2 aces, 9 points, 15 digs.

Amherst 3, Berea-Midpark 0

25-21, 25-18, 25-17
Amherst (5-0): Hall 17 kills, 10 digs, Waynar 13 kills, 5 blocks, Haddix 40 assists, 10 digs, McConline 28 digs, Shinnock 10 digs.

Bay 3, Valley Forge 0

25-7, 25-11, 25-8
Bay: Thomas 18 points, Beggs 13 points, Seidewitz 12 points.

Westlake 3, Buckeye 0

25-7, 25-13, 25-15
Westlake: Morris 9 kills, Mogoryev 9 assists, 11 digs, Carman 8 aces, 13 digs, Hyland 3 aces, 9 digs.

Olmsted Falls 3, Elyria 0

25-14, 25-11, 25-15

Black River 3, Oberlin 0

High school girls soccer statistics

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Name, School	G	A	Pts
Bella Simmons, Firelands	7	5	19
Livia Penton, Vermilion	9	1	19
Tessa Knapp, Bay	8	2	18
Morgan Janick, Firelands	7	3	17
Erica Sedor, Midview	5	6	16
Sophia Sindelar, Rocky River	8	0	16
Abby Lundberg, Midview	6	1	13
North Sgro, Midview	4	1	9
Hannah Miller, Elyria	4	2	10
Halley Johnson, Olmsted Falls	4	1	9
Rachel Sheehan, Avon Lake	4	1	9
Mia Sutorius, Firelands	2	4	8
Sydney Peck, Westlake	3	2	8
Ella Grode, Avon Lake	2	4	8
Alexis Titis, Avon	4	0	8
Grace Hagaman, Keystone	2	8	8
Mackenzie Russell, Rocky River	3	2	8
Ava Patti, Rocky River	2	4	8
Rachel Anderson, Firelands	3	1	7
Ella Henton, Westlake	3	1	7
Alyssa Gimmel, North Ridgeville	1	7	7
Kyle Sutorius, Firelands	3	0	6
Jessie Mene, Westlake	3	0	6
Summer Shirley, Vermilion	3	0	6
Rachel Anderson, Firelands	3	0	6
Samantha Peabworth, Midview	2	2	6
Liana Valdes, Avon	2	2	6
Ava Williams, Elyria	3	0	6

High school boys soccer statistics

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Name, School	G	A	Pts
Chase Cuson, Keystone	6	2	14
Reggie Johnson, Lorain	7	0	14
Reed Clark, Bay	4	4	12
Ethan Jacobs, Bay	5	2	12
Zander Yoho, Keystone	4	3	11
Milo Hinton, Firelands	5	1	11
Reed Clark, Bay	4	3	11
Blake Kuback, Amherst	4	2	10
Job Pruitt, Open Door	4	1	9
Ian Eck, Open Door	3	1	7
Issac Quast, Elyria	3	1	7
Braydon Dorse, Open Door	2	0	6
Andrew McDonald, Amherst	3	0	6

really know if it did for anybody," said Larson. "Even for Chase, like I don't even know if he's a regular season was up to their standards. There was just a lot of inconsistency this year throughout the regular season."

But Larson has been strong on intermediate speedways, which make up half of the playoff schedule.

"I know we have a championship caliber team. We proved that last year and we just have to do it again," Larson said. "Even though I have favorites, I'm not confident in anything, just because of how wild and inconsistent this season has been for so many people. I think you can look at us as being one of the favorites. I think you can look at Chase, obviously; and in my opinion, Ross Chastain."



GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BLUE SOCCER · SEP 3

Girls Junior Varsity Blue Soccer beats Rocky River (Zionsville Inv) 2 – 0

AWAY		
CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL		2
HOME		
ROCKY RIVER (ZIONSVILLE INV)		0

Team	1	2
Carmel High School	0	2
Rocky River (Zionsville Inv)	0	0



The JV Blue finished their participation in the Lady Eagles Invitational with a perfect 2 win record after defeating Rocky River 2-0 in a Saturday afternoon match. Goal Scorers: Kunkle and Rohrbacher. Next game is at home against Lawrence North on Tuesday.

By Frank Dixon on Sep 3, 2022

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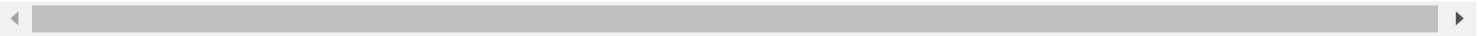


GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER · SEP 3

Girls Varsity Soccer ties Rocky River (Zionsville Inv) 2 – 2

AWAY	
CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL	2
HOME	
ROCKY RIVER (ZIONSVILLE INV)	2

Rocky River (Zionsville Inv) 0 2



The Greyhounds finished the 2022 Lady Eagles Invitational undefeated but with a disappointing tie against Ohio’s #16 ranked Rocky River.

The girls started quickly with a goal by Greta Heyl at the 2:48 mark of the first half. Heyl was assisted by Olivia Cebalo. Cebalo continued her weekend goal scoring spree with a goal at 24:35 of the first with an assist from Addie Smith. Unfortunately, that goal ended the teams new found scoring ability and Rocky River lived up to their ranking by scoring 2 goals in the second half. We believe that the girls learned some valuable lessons from this game about the importance of being prepared to focus on and play an entire 80 minute game.

Cebalo finished the weekend with 3 goals and an assist in a little over 100 minutes of play. Olivia was selected by the team as Player of the Match in both contests.

The team will enjoy time off for the rest of the Labor Day weekend and will return to Murray Stadium for a game against a former MIC opponent, Lawrence North, on Tuesday evening. The team record is now 6-1-1.

By Frank Dixon on Sep 3, 2022

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Patti, Sindelar pace Pirates in busy weekend action abroad



ZIONSVILLE, Ind. (Sept. 5, 2022) -- Rocky River built a picket fence over a long Labor Day weekend of three games -- two in the Hoosier State and one in Warsaw, Ohio. The Pirates went 1-1-1 over the trio of early-September matches.

The Pirates (5-1-1) were defeated 2-0 by Evansville Memorial on Friday. Indiana's Division 2A No. 1 (Indiana High School Soccer Coaches Association) squad held the Pirates to just six shots in that affair.

On Saturday, Rocky River fell behind 3A No. 3 Carmel 2-0 but then battled back with second-half markers by Ava Patti and Sophia Sindelar to work a 2-2 draw.

The Friday and Saturday matches were held in Zionsville, Ind., and were part of the Lady Eagle Invitational, an event hosted by Zionsville High School.

On Monday, the Maroon & White closed out their trip by dominating a rain-soaked battle against Newark at the Labor Day Showcase -- hosted by River View High School -- in Warsaw. The Pirates rifled off a 28-to-1 advantage in shots on goal and defeated the Wildcats 6-0. Patti and Sindelar each scored twice in that game; Cara McKenna and Mackenzie Russell each had three assists in what marked Rocky River's fourth shutout of the season.

The Pirates are slated to close out their busy stretch of six games in 10 days (Aug. 29-Sept. 7) with a Wednesday match at Lakewood.

by Skip Snow

River

Posted: Monday, September 5, 2022

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Girls soccer

- 1: (1) Rocky River 5-1-1
- 2: (2) Bay 3-0
- 3: (3) Avon 2-1-3
- 4: (4) Avon Lake 2-0-2
- 5: (5) Columbia 4-0
- 6: (6) Firelands 5-1
- 7: (NR) Midview 6-2
- 8: (9) Westlake 3-1
- 9: (8) Olmsted Falls 3-1-1
- 10: (7) Open Door 2-1

Watch list: North Ridgeville 1-1-2, Keystone 2-3, Vermilion 3-3, Elyria 2-3

Crop comments: The Rocky River is the No. 1 team for the second straight week, with the top-six teams remaining unchanged... Avon and Avon Lake fought to a draw last week with great goal play from Avon Lake's Maria Copfer and Avon's Ariana Vakos and Sevilla Anderson. Both teams still control their fate in the Southwestern Conference... Columbia and Firelands play Sept. 7 in a crucial game in early LC8B play, with the winner gaining a much-needed edge in an already close conference race... Midview makes a jump into the top 10, followed by Westlake, Olmsted Falls and Open Door. North Ridgeville gets nudged out to make room for Midview.

— Sean Fitzgerald

TOP OF THE CROP

Boys soccer

- 1: (2) North Ridgeville 6-0
- 2: (1) Bay 4-1-1
- 3: (3) Firelands 4-1
- 4: (NR) Midview 5-1-1
- 5: (4) Westlake 3-0
- 6: (5) Avon 3-1-2
- 7: (6) Avon Lake 2-2
- 8: (10) Rocky River 1-0-3
- 9: (9) Open Door 3-1
- 10: (7) Keystone 2-3

Watch list: Elyria 3-3, Lorain 2-2, North Olmsted 2-2, Olmsted Falls 2-3

Crop comments: North Ridgeville is off to its best start in at least the last 20 years at a perfect 6-0. They narrowly edge out Bay for the top spot, who agree a win and a tie to their ledger... Midview picked up an extra win after Brunswick had to forfeit a couple of early-season victories, powered by Ryan Runner and Co. as a dark horse in the SWC. This resulted in Westlake moving down a spot, but to no fault of its own. Even with Avon Lake's victory over Avon, the two schools are neck-and-neck and one could easily make the argument for one school over the other. Rocky River, Open Door and Keystone round out the Top 10. Elyria is knocking on the door, just missing out on bumping Keystone out. Another solid week could see the Pioneers crack the top 10.

— Sean Fitzgerald

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Powerhouse Keystone bumped down to Division III

By Mark Perez-Krywany
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For decades, Keystone had its footprint in the Division II softball scene with five state championships and 19 final four appearances to show for it.

Sept. 6, the OHSAA bumped the Wildcats' iconic program to compete in D-III, two years after winning a state championship.

The Wildcats went to the Division III final four in 2001 under former coach

Larry Shaw. They were state runners-up.

The Wildcats went 23-6 in 2022, winning the Lorain County League, but were unable to make it to the regional tournament for the first time since 2013. They fell to Norton, 5-2, in a district championship game.

Keystone will join Clearview (9-15 in 2022) and Columbia (9-9) in D-III along with Triway, the defending D-II state champion.

The Titans were also the state runners-up in 2021, the same year Keystone won its fifth state champi-

onship.

Rocky River (9-13) had the enrollment numbers to go up do D-I, but competitive balance kept them at D-II.

Former Keystone coach Jim Piazza will return to his D-II stomping grounds with Elyria Catholic (15-7) getting bumped with Brookside.

The Cardinals were two-time district finalists under different head coaches, making it to the regional tournament in 2021. In 2022, Brookside went 12-8, falling to Northwestern, 8-0.



RANDY MEYERS — FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL
Charlee Hudak (back) of Keystone congratulates Kennedy Kerr after she scores against Wellington on April 5.

Ohio high school football notebook

Staff report

The Ohio Prep Sports Writers Association compiled a list of top performers from around Ohio each week of the high school football season.

Among the top performances and noteworthy items from Week 3 include:

- Chardon knocked off Naples First Baptist Academy (Fla.), 31-24 in overtime behind a big game from returning All-Ohio defensive end Alex Kisley, who had 12 total tackles, eight TFLs and 3.5 sacks. Troy Lietzhard, another returning All-Ohio, intercepted a pass in overtime to seal the deal. Linebacker Heath Fetsch had 10 tackles and offensively had a pair of touchdown runs.
- There were some crazy offensive numbers put up in Gilmore's 41-35 win over Hawken. For Gilmore, quarterback Jake Kavac completed 11 of 20 passes for 226 yards and three touchdowns. His twin Andy Kavac carried 24 times for 204 yards and three scores. For Hawken, Dominic Johnson carried 33 times for 221 yards and three touchdowns.
- Kenston quarterback Niko Georgiou completed 21 of 30



TIM PHILLIS — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD
Chardon defenders Alex Kisley, left, and Cooper Felger celebrate a sack during the Hilltoppers' 31-24 overtime win over First Baptist Academy on Sept. 4.

- passes for 326 yards and four touchdowns in the Bombers' 31-7 win over NDCL.
- Ashland Crestview's Owen Barker had four tackles for loss and a sack to go with a nine-yard touchdown catch during the Cougars' 37-17 win over Sparta Highland in Week 3. The Cougars are 3-0-and riding a 13-game regular-season winning streak.
- The Ontario Warriors are 3-0 for the first time since 2011 af-

touchdowns of 48 and 23 yards as he also added a 25-yard touchdown catch to his busy offensive night as the Colts beat the Lexington Minutemen 38-7.

- The Lucas Cubs improved to 2-1 behind a 42-14 victory over Wynford. They racked up 343 total yards of offense with 210 on the ground behind Andrew Fanello's big night of 133 yards and two touchdowns while he also added a touchdown catch in the blowout victory.

- The Plymouth Big Red continues to see offensive explosions all over the field. They won 50-42 in overtime against Wellington where the Dukes scored 20 points in the fourth quarter forcing the Big Red to score and go for two to tie the game up and send it to overtime. They did and ended up scoring on the first possession of OT to pull off the win. Plymouth is allowing 44.3 points a game and scoring 42.3 a night.

- Elder senior Luke Flowers had 114 yards rushing and two touchdowns in a 21-20 win over Springfield.

- RJ West of Princeton was 8-for-11 for three touchdowns and 168 yards plus had 42 yards rushing and a score in a 71-0 wallowing of Lakota East.

- Riley Woods of Princeton had 129 yards rushing and two touchdown receptions for 72 yards in their 71-0 win over Lakota East.

- West Virginia commit Jordan Jackson of Fairfield ran for 237 yards and a score in a 34-7 win over Colerain.

- Fairfield junior quarterback Talon Fisher ran for 154 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-7 win over Colerain.

- Milford quarterback Austin Harden threw for 290 yards and four touchdowns in a 49-21 win over Loveland.

- Georgia Tech commit Trey Cornist ran for 127 yards and two scores in a 54-14 Winton Woods win over West Clermont.

- Anderson running back Brodey Berg had 117 yards and four touchdowns in a 44-41 win with Lebanon.

- Santos Alvarez had 13 catches for 107 yards in Anderson's 44-41 win vs Lebanon.

- CJ Hester ran for 163 yards and two scores in Wyoming's 41-0 win over Aiken.
- McNicholas quarterback Braden Bobo was 15-for-18 for 254 yards and five touchdowns as the Rockets beat Goshen, 49-13.

Lillstrung

FROM PAGE 1

Roy Johnson, the now-infamous coach of Bishop Sycamore, was alleged by an apartment manager to have taken families on a tour of a high-brow complex in the Columbus area, as if the complex was one of the perks of the program. It wasn't, and it got to a point at which Johnson had done it so often, he was alleged to have specifically been told to knock it off.

Several players alleged Bishop Sycamore didn't have a trainer on staff.

"Literally," one player recounted, "if we got hurt, it was we'll get you in the car and take you to the emergency room in the morning."

Andre Peterson, who continues to be classified as a director of Bishop Sycamore — yes, the entity seems to still exist — has a mind-blowing quote in the Awful Announcing follow.

In addition to telling the site there is potential for Bishop Sycamore to be resurrected as a prep school, Peterson said, "It's funny, because I still get messages on Twitter from kids

who, if we were functioning now, they would come here."

Again, the Awful Announcing reporting is highly recommended.

Zeroing in, though, the last point is worth pondering.

There is such a sense of desperation in some circles in trying to get to the next level student-athletes still consider what has become a national punchline a viable option.

That's where we need to start.

We have to find improved regulation of the recruiting process so this can be curtailed.

Part of that, without being mean-spirited, is to accept reality.

There are those who deserve the chance to go from high school to play in college but may not because they don't have the means to do so. They need a better system.

There are those who get the chance because of program stature or because someone knows someone.

And there are those who get the chance because, on merit, they deserve it.

But, unfortunately, not everyone can — or should — get that opportunity.

The issue there is a com-

mination of intermediaries and society's immediate circles who are naive — arguably ignorant — and make these young men believe they're all destined for the Southeastern Conference.

Such proclamations don't take into account natural talent or hard work that goes into bringing that to fruition.

Not every 5-foot-10, 170-pound wide receiver who caught 40 passes or 6-foot, 215-pound lineman who graded out at 92% is going to play on Saturdays.

And let's be clear: The college level often gets it wrong.

For every four- or five-star recruit who plays multiple years at a Power 5 school and presents themselves an NFL path, there are dozens more who didn't make it.

For every heralded signee, there are dozens of less heralded who busted their rear ends with a chip on their shoulder and earned more of a college career.

It's not an exact science, and it will never be.

But it needs to be closer to one than this.

Making game tape more readily available than having a Hud profile with a couple hundred views

mostly from friends and family would be a start.

Centralizing it to a point at which impartial observers can be fed game tape from high school coaches, evaluate it and pass it into a centralized database through which college coaches and recruiting coordinators can view it and decide for themselves might not be the worst idea in the world.

The impartial observers could be retired coaches, former players, etc., who have a vested interest in wanting to advance the sport and making recruiting a friendlier place.

At that point, it's not so much about who knows who, but who impresses in game situations that they merit a look.

That doesn't mean the best of the best across the country won't still get visits from Power 5 head coaches and assistants directly to their school. It just means those who don't be afforded a more realistic chance.

And of course, another great place to start is regulation of the system to a point at which Bishop Sycamore doesn't become Bishop Sycamore until and unless they pass intense scrutiny and stringent pre-

cautions laid out to protect young men and their families. It is behavior that can lead at times to predatory behavior in search of zeroes on a bank account.

In the Bishop Sycamore piece on Awful Announcing, it is stated the story is such a nationwide fascination there is a documentary in the works from HBO Sports, and a second doc was pitched by another outlet but scrapped.

In a trailer for the upcoming HBO doc, Johnson is shown, having agreed to be interviewed for the project. Toward the end of the trailer, Johnson turns off the camera as producers prepare for the interview and asks, "Do I look like a con artist?"

The fairest thing that can be said in response is the jury is still out — possibly in more ways than one.

But in the first place, if the need for Bishop Sycamore can be better managed, then arguably the desperation to pursue the next Bishop Sycamore won't lead student-athletes down an arduous path.

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Comets

FROM PAGE 1

Hall is a returning first-team All-District selection in 2021. Sanchez believes she is ready to take on the role of leading the team like Voss did in 2021.

"Nia (Hall) is up for the challenge of taking this team on her back, but at the same time she did it last year (in her own way)," Sanchez said. People don't recognize what she did last year. She is doing the same thing that she is doing now last year, but it was kind of under the radar. Now she is trying to prove (that) I am here... She has taken on that leadership role beautifully. It also helps that she can jump higher than anybody in the gym."

So far, Hall has seen an increase in workload along with an increase in efficiency, which paid dividends for the Comets' offense. She

averages 5.5 kills per set. Hall is one of 10 players in Division I to average more than five kills per set.

With the vertical leap and the power on the spike, Hall extended her mental approach to her placement to make for a lethal combination.

"I think that I am a little bit smarter in where I'm hitting the ball," she said. "So, when people try to stop it, I can go somewhere else."

The middle has returned junior starter Cecily Wayne, who jumped from two kills per set in 2021 to three kills per set to start the 2022 season.

Wayne is also their leading shot blocker with 14 blocks per set, which is one of the top in Division I.

Just like the 2021 team, new underclassmen are making strides to contribute that include hitters Kendal Dibbins (freshman), Ava Darmos (junior) and Mia Scanlon (fresh-

man).

The Comets returned from a trip to Perrysburg, defeating the defending district champion Yellow Jackets in two sets.

They hold a 4-0 conference record in the SWC. Amherst's most recent win was a sweep against Avon Lake (2021 district final). Their next conference match will be at Olmsted Falls, which the Comets split their regular season series with in 2021, but took home bragging rights in the postseason.

"(The players) don't realize what that journey for them did for other people," Sanchez said. "When you look at our stands, there are six (and seventh grade) volleyball girls in there, the community is filling the bleachers. They want to see them (go to the final four again), and it lit a fire in the community. We are still riding high off of that. This summer did slow down for us."

GOLF

Horschel, Rahm unhappy at LIV golfers playing at Wentworth

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, ENGLAND » Billy Horschel called them hypocrites. Jon Rahm accused them of displaying double standards.

Golfers from the Saudi-backed breakaway series faced strong criticism Sept. 6 for choosing to play the BMW PGA Championship on the European tour this week.

The main targets of the criticism were those LIV Golf players who are in the field at Wentworth base of their ranking in the top 60 and are seemingly chasing ranking points not currently available on the breakaway tour.

Horschel was even happy to name-check them

"Abraham Ancer, Talor Gooch ... You've never played this tournament, you've never supported the (European tour). Why are you here?" Horschel said. "You are here for one reason only and that's to try to get better ranking points because you don't have it."

"It's pretty hypocritical," Horschel added, "to come over here and play outside LIV when your big thing was to spend more time with family and want to play less golf."

Horschel, the defending champion at Wentworth, was less strident toward Lee Westwood and Ian Poulter, who have joined LIV Golf to ward the end of their careers after being stalwarts of the European tour.

Still, the American said: "I don't think those guys really should be here."

Rahm said he was particularly unhappy about the presence of some LIV Golf players because that meant lower-ranked members of the European tour, like his friend and fellow Spaniard Alfredo Garcia-Heredia, missed out.

"What I don't understand," Rahm, said, without naming names, "is some players that have never shown any interest in the European tour, like his friend and fellow Spaniard Alfredo Garcia-Heredia, missed out."

"What I don't understand," Rahm, said, without naming names, "is some players that have never shown any interest in playing this event, being given an opportunity just because they can get world ranking points and hopefully make majors next year."

Cross-river conquest: Pirates sink Rangers 3-0



LAKEWOOD, Ohio -- After a holiday weekend of long bus rides, Rocky River made the short trip to Lakewood for a match against the Rangers Wednesday. The Pirates made the trip a victorious one, earning a 3-0 win over Lakewood.

The Pirates (6-1-1) outshot the Rangers 30-2. The Maroon & White put 15 of those 30 shots on frame; three found twine. All three goals -- one in the first half and two in the second -- were scored by Sophia Sindelar

In the 12th minute, Mackenzie Russell and Ava Patti set up Sindelar's first of the night, a 25-yarder that eluded the Ranger goalkeeper and found the Lakewood net.

Sindelar's second goal -- again on a long shot and that time fed by Maeve

Kelly -- came early in the second half, in the 46th minute. The hat trick -- and Sindelar's 17th goal of the season -- was tallied in the 76th minute, when a Cara McKenna corner kick was nodded into nylon for the final tally of the match.

The sophomore standout has already matched her impressive 35-point 2021 season. Sindelar's 35 points this season are comprised of 17 goals and one assist.

River 'keeper Caitlin Rose made two stops to earn her sixth shutout of the season.

The Pirates are scheduled to return to action Sept. 12 when they host Chagrin Falls.

by Skip Snow

River

Posted: Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Pirates beat Jaguars in a rain-shortened affair

BY ROB DiFRANCO

Rocky River and St. Joseph Academy's Aug. 29 game started under blue skies. An hour later, the game finished in a weather delay, as lightning, thunder and rain emerged from over the lake.

Luckily for the Pirates, Junior Mackenzie Russell scored minutes before play was postponed — and eventually canceled — giving the Pirates (3-0) a 2-0 victory over the Jaguars (4-3).

"We came out in our first two games and had a lot of success early," Rocky River coach Patrick Hopkins said. "(Tonight) we came out and missed a couple of early opportunities that we couldn't put away. They started to force things a little bit, and they just needed to calm down."

Hopkins said he felt like his team started to panic once they realized things weren't going to be as easy as they were in the first two wins of the year. Soon enough, Hopkins admits he was panicking as well as he noticed the looming clouds.

"I told the girls after the game that I even started to panic a little bit," Hopkins said. "I knew that there was a storm coming and that if we got to halftime and the storm hit, that would be the end of the game."

Rocky River calmed the nerves of its coach, scoring its first goal in the closing seconds of the first half, scoring off a corner taken by senior Cara McKenna with 30 seconds left on the clock.



Photo by David Cleveland

The Pirates celebrated their 'Senior Night' by taking a 2-0 halftime lead over SJA before heavy storms canceled the second half.

McKenna placed the ball perfectly for Sophia Sindelar, who buried it for her eighth goal of the year. Sindelar's eight goals are a team-high, with a pair of hat tricks coming in Rocky River's first two games — both wins over Brunswick and Buckeye.

In 2021, Sindelar — then a freshman — scored 14 goals. Two and a half games into her second season, she's more than halfway to that number.

"This year, she's come hot out of the gates," Hopkins said. "She's a phenomenal player who is extremely dedicated to making herself better. It's not all about stats for her. She just wants to win."

St. Joseph goalkeeper, Catherine Shepherd,

put in an impressive performance despite the loss. Shepherd kept Rocky River scoreless for the first 29 minutes of the game and stopped six Pirates' shots.

Her counterpart, Caitlin Rose, recorded her second-consecutive shutout with three saves. Rose, a sophomore, has eight saves and two goals allowed in three games this season.

The Pirates travel to Indianapolis for their next two games against Evansville Memorial and Carmel. They return home for a date with Newark on Monday, Sept. 5.

St. Joseph will also take on some out-of-state opponents, hosting Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Prep, both from Pennsylvania, on Sept. 7.

Senior night

Rocky River celebrated its seniors before the game on what was the program's senior night.

The Pirates' four upperclassmen — McKenna, Annika Mocho, Ava Blair and Rayna Kishna — helped the program reach the state tournament in each of the last two seasons. But Hopkins said their reach extends more than just their accomplishments on the field.

"A lot of what it is, isn't seen," he said. "They're finding great success on the field, but it's what they do off the field for this team and this program where you see the leadership of all the seniors there. It's a really tight-knit group."

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Pirates tame Tigers 2-0



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio -- Rocky River got two goals from Ava Patti and one save from Caitlin Rose, as the Pirates shut out Chagrin Falls 2-0 Monday.

The Pirates dominated in possession time but were held off the Rocky River Stadium scoreboard until the 37th minute when Patti found twine from 10 yards out after receiving a pass from Mackenzie Russell. Patti scored again -- netting her 10th goal of the season -- in the 60th minute. That marker was assisted by

Russell and Mia Carney, and it put a lid on scoring for the match.

Over the 80-minute non-conference affair, River did not yield a corner kick, and the Tigers managed just one shot on goal. The shutout marked the Pirates' sixth of the 2022 season.

On offense, Rocky River had few misfires, but the Pirates finished with 13 shots on goal. Ava Patti has registered five goals and an assist over River's last five matches.

Rocky River (7-1-1) is scheduled to host Elyria Catholic on Wednesday (6 p.m., Rocky River Stadium). The contest will mark the Pirates' 2022 Great Lakes Conference West Division opener.

by Skip Snow



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Rocky River nets eight, wins fourth in a row



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Sept. 14, 2022) -- Rocky River tied a season-high with eight goals, as the Pirates routed the Elyria Catholic Panthers 8-0 to open Great Lakes Conference West Division play Wednesday.

The Maroon & White scored early and often in tying their output from an Aug. 24 win over Buckeye. That game -- an 8-0 victory over the

Bucks -- marked Rocky River's first shutout victory of the season. Wednesday's battle against EC marked River's seventh. The Pirates dented twine 26 seconds in, doubled their lead by the second minute, and tripled their lead by the third. Rocky River (8-1-1, 1-0 GLC West) went on to score six goals in the opening half of play and two more early in the second half.

Sophia Sindelar -- who had assists on two of River's rapid-fire first three goals -- finished the evening with two goals and two assists. Maeve Kelly clocked her first scores of the season on a two-goal evening. Kelly scored the lid-lifter in each half. Ava Patti, Annika Mocho, Mia Carney, and Olivia Byall scored one goal each. The netfinders logged by Carney and Byall marked career firsts. Byall also

registered her first career assist in the match. Mackenzie Russell, Cara McKenna, Patti, Mocho, and Lexi Hammermeister were also credited with assists.

Rocky River held Elyria Catholic to just two shots overall and one shot on goal. Caitlin Rose stopped that one Panther shot on frame.

The Pirates are 4-0-1 since suffering their lone defeat this season on Sept. 2.

CANNON FIRE ...

SISTER ACT: Ava Patti scored a goal Labor Day weekend that moved her past sister Maya Patti and Rocky River's all-time points list. Maya registered 43 goals and 33 assists, totaling 119 points from 2017-20. Ava now has 129P (54G, 21A) in her career. The Patti sisters now rank fifth-sixth on that all-time program list, which is headed by Grace Bennett (210P: 82G, 46A, 2010-13).

RUSSELL HUSTLE: Russell has now logged assists in each of River's last four matches. Her nine helpers on the season are a team-high. Her Wednesday assist marked the 30th of her career; the junior is one of just 10 Rocky River players to reach that career level.

ON DECK: Rocky River next game is scheduled for Sept. 19, when the Pirates visit Belleville Clear Fork.

by Skip Snow

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Open Door boys, Elyria Catholic girls prevail

By Joe Magill

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There were two teams that came to the 35th annual Open Door Christian Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 13 at Lorain County Community College claiming home course advantage, and both of them won.

First it was the boys from host Open Door, which rode the first-place finish of senior Michael Couture to an easy victory, scoring 35 points to 69 for runner-up Elyria Catholic. Columbia was third with 84, while Wellington finished fifth with 126 and Brookside was sixth with 157.

"We certainly want a medal in our own invitational," Open Door coach Denver Daniel said. "It certainly doesn't take a lot for me to get them excited about racing in their home town."

On the girls side, Elyria Catholic also won handily, scoring 57 points to 84 for runner-up Avon, which won a tiebreaker with Brookside. The Cardinals were led by the unprecedented 1-2 finish of sisters Madison and Emma Palmer. Columbia was fourth with 97 points, while Wellington was fifth with 140.

"Although this is Open Door's meet and we're very grateful to them for hosting us, this is where we practice every day, so in a way this is our home course," EC coach Matthew Barber said. "That was kind of the mindset that we took, we were defending our home course."

It was no surprise Couture took individual honors, as he was the defending champion, and he was All-Ohio last year after placing 20th in the Division III state meet. The senior finished with a time of 17 minutes, 20.7 seconds, breaking away from Wellington sophomore Joe Fox in the final 800 meters of the race. Fox finished in 17:22.93.

"You always want to win your own invitational," Couture said. "It's a great feeling. The race went really well, but it's not a fast course. I was just trying to get the best place possible. I wanted to win it, so whatever our strategy was for that, I just wanted to do it. It's not the greatest time, but it's a PR for me on this course."

Fox also set a PR on the challenging LCC course, although he seemed almost shocked at the result when the race was over.

"I'm beyond happy," he said. "I didn't expect to come here and get second place. I really don't know what happened. I'm just glad it did. I was expecting to be a bit back and then work my way up toward the front. I wanted to be close to the leaders, but I didn't expect to be with them. But I stuck pretty close to the front."

In fact, Fox was in the lead after the opening 800 meters, although Couture and teammate Anthony Januzzi were right on his tail. The teammates worked together for the first two miles before Januzzi dropped off, eventually finishing fourth in 18:22.94. The other scorers for the Patriots were Nolan Raack in sixth (18:39.96), Jack Mungle in 11th (19:24.06) and Nathanael Otero in 13th (19:33.34).

"We really wanted Michael and Anthony to run together for most of the race," Daniel said. "We wanted Michael's ability to set Anthony up for a successful race. I haven't had a chance to talk to Anthony yet, but it looked like he cramped up a little bit. But I was really pleased with how the two of them worked together for the first part of the race."

While it took a while for the winner of the boys race to be determined, in the girls race it happened right from the opening gun. Madison Palmer



RANDY MEYERS — FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL

Open Door's Michael Couture wins the boys portion of the Open Door Invitational held at LCCC on Sept. 13.

quickly sprinted to the lead and never gave it up. By the 800-meter mark she led by nearly 100 meters, and at the halfway point her advantage was up to almost a full minute. Palmer said she was trying to take advantage of the fact Columbia's Madeleine Finton has moved on to collegiate running.

"I was hoping to win this race," she said. "Now that Madeleine has graduated, she was always my main competition and since she graduated, I hoped to win. I kind of had the mindset right at the start that I wanted to be first right from the start. I think that mindset helped me get a strong start."

Although it didn't show in this race, Palmer, a state qualifier last year, said she

has struggled with the mental aspect of running this season and that she was helped by a recent talk she had with her father.

"He said you need to start thinking about state if you want to qualify," Palmer said. "You need to start pushing yourself like it's district and like it's regional. Mentally I kind of changed my mindset so I can stay focused and competitive during the races instead of what I had been thinking, which was, 'This hurts. I can't do this, this is hard.' It's hard not to get into that negative mindset, especially when you want to compete against these girls, who are all strong."

The strongest among the girls was Elyria Catholic, which has only one se-

nior among its top seven runners. The Panthers were led by Gracie Jones in fourth (23:00.26), followed by Audrey Fote in fifth (23:00.60), Lauren Schemmel in 11th (24:18.09), Kayley Hoge in 14th (24:23.33) and Kaleigh Connors in 26th (25:49.88).

"We're really challenged ourselves to not be intimidated by this course," Barber said. "All you can do is just say, 'Hey, this is where we run, and this is what we've got to do.' And then go out there and work. We decided we weren't going to measure PRs today by time, we were going to measure them by effort. We were looking for a PR effort from everyone, and I think the girls really came through with that."

TOP OF THE CROP

Volleyball

1: (2) Olmsted Falls 12-1

2: (1) Amherst 10-2

3: (4) Vermilion 8-1

4: (3) Avon Lake 5-3

5: (6) Westlake 10-0

6: (7) Firelands 7-1

7: (NR) Rocky River 6-0

8: (8) Avon 5-6

9: (5) Bay 8-3

10: (9) North Ridgeville 6-4

Dropped out: (10) Fairview Park 5-4

Watch list: Columbia 7-3, Wellington 6-2

Crop comments: Olmsted Falls dropped its first game of the season, but not before knocking off Amherst for Comets' first loss of the season with a four-set win at home. The Bulldogs fell to Division II powerhouse Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin in five sets. They bounced back with a sweep over Avon Lake, a team that upset Olmsted Falls to take away a share of the Western Conference title in 2021. ... Amherst also dropped its first 10-game, but to upcoming Division I powerhouse

Northview on the road in three sets. However, Amherst bounced back with a sweep over Elyria and will play SWC opponent Avon and Wooster (8-2). ... Vermilion inches into the top three with a dominant win over Clyde in their Sandusky Bay Conference battle. The Sailors continue to flex their Lake Division dominance and will take on Perkins. The Pirates were considered Vermilion's biggest contenders in 2021. They were swept twice in the regular season and in the district final. ... Westlake gets surprises Bay after sweeping the Rockets, all of which were in close sets. A rematch in Westlake will be a must-see. The Demons will take on Rocky River, who also beat Bay, but in four sets. The Pirates are undefeated, just like Westlake. They will play each other on Sept. 15.

... Without a doubt, Avon has played the toughest schedule in the area. The Eagles have faced Northview, their SWC schedule, defending Greater Cleveland Conference champions Brookside, Division III state runner-up Independence, and the defending Division I state champ Magnificat. They recently fell to the Blue Streaks in three sets and to Independence in five sets. Avon's schedule grind will continue as it will host Amherst (Sept. 15) and Avon Lake (Sept. 20)

Note: Records as of Sept. 13.

Gold Bowl

FROM PAGE 1

With the way this rivalry has played out for nearly the last decade, anything seems possible when John Carroll and Baldwin Wallace meet.

One thing, though, is certain: For the past nine seasons, the Blue Streaks have pushed all the right buttons in the end.

So it goes as another chapter of the Cuyahoga Gold Bowl is about to be played when the teams play Sept. 17 at Don Shula Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

JCU (0-1) is looking for its first win of 2022 but also a whopping 10 straight in the series. The Blue Streaks have put on a decade of dominance in the win column against BW, but it's not as if they have steamrolled through the Yellow Jackets during that time. The reason why anything seems possible when the teams play is because seemingly every type of game and scenario has played out since 2013.

There has been one true blowout — 45-7 in 2014.

There have been defensive struggles — 17-10 in 2016 is the best example, as JCU won on a defensive touchdown in the final minutes.

There have been shoot-outs — a 45-35 JCU victory in 2018 when running back Michael Canganelli of May-

BW AT JCU

When: 1:30 p.m., Sept. 17
Where: Don Shula Stadium
Records: BW 1-1, JCU 0-1
Radio: WJCU-FM 88.7

field and the offensive line went to a clinic en route to Canganelli's 270 yards and three touchdowns.

There's been a Hail Mary TD — QB Jake Floria of Mentor to Keyshawn Cole in the final seconds — that keyed a 17-10 win in 2019.

There's also been an epic comeback — Floria and Co. rallied from a 28-0 deficit with 8 minutes to play to cap an improbable 29-28 victory.

For the better part of a decade, there's been everything in this rivalry but a BW victory, which is something JCU wants to avoid on Sept. 17.

The fact the Blue Streaks have found so many different ways the past decade in beating their rivals could be good news for interim coach Drew Nystrom, who's hoping to join former coaches Tom Arth (4-0) and Rick Finotti (5-0) as undefeated against BW.

"I think our guys have never given up," said Nystrom of JCU's recent success vs. BW. "They know the importance of the rivalry, and both sides know the importance of the rivalry. It's a pretty special thing ... there are very few blowouts, and that's what makes it so exciting. Both

sides know they're going to get their best shot. Both sides want to get their hands on that trophy by the end of the game."

The nine-game winning streak in the series was the longest since BW was 5-0 against JCU from 1933 to 1937. Since then, neither team won more than four straight in the series — until the Blue Streaks' current success.

Thanks to that streak, the Blue Streaks lead the all-time series, 32-25-1. The Gold Bowl hasn't resided in Berea since the Yellow Jackets posted a come-from-behind 32-28 win in 2012.

Other stats in the series since 2013:

- JCU has outscored BW, 249-139 — an average of 27.6 to 13.9 per game.
- Total yards favor the Blue Streaks, 3,209 to 2,415 — an average of 356.5 to 273.8 per game.

- The most offensive yards by one team the last nine games was JCU's 509 in 2014. The fewest yards allowed by one team was 132 by the Blue Streaks' defense in 2016.
- The most passing yards by a QB in one game was Mark Myers' 374 in 2014. The most passing TD in a game are five by Myers in 2014 and BW's Jake Huddleston in 2018.
- The most rushing yards and TDs in game by an individual are the 270 and three by Canganelli in 2018.

High school girls soccer statistics

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SCORING

Name, School	G	APts
Tessa Knapp, Bay	28	5 45
Bella Simmons, Firelands	16	7 39
Rachel Washburn, Columbia	16	6 38
Livia Penton, Vermilion	17	5 37
Morgan Janicki, Firelands	13	10 36
Sophia Sindelar, Rocky River	17	13 35
Avia Patis, Rocky River	10	7 27
Ella Grode, Avon Lake	9	4 22
Rachel Sheehan, Avon Lake	8	2 18
Hannah Miller, Elyria	6	5 17
Mia Sutorius, Firelands	4	9 17
Erica Baldoza, Midview	5	6 16
Mackenzie Buswell, Rocky River	4	8 16
Lydia Dougan, Firelands	6	4 16
Delaney Macke, North Olmsted	6	4 16
Kendell Perkins, North Olmsted	8	0 16
Ella Henton, Westlake	7	1 15
Grace Nagerman, Keystone	3	15
Avia Williams, Elyria	7	1 15
Abby Lundberg, Midview	6	1 13
Kloraah Siga, Midview	5	1 13
Ashley Thorpe, Columbia	4	5 13
Halley Johnston, Olmsted Falls	6	1 13
Sydney Pece, Westlake	3	1 13
Cara McKenna, Rocky River	2	7 11
Alyssa Gorman, North Ridgeville	5	1 11
Colly Shreffler, Westlake	4	1 11
Gianna Scott, Avon	5	1 11
Morgan Conroy, North Olmsted	2	7 11
Arianna Floyd, Firelands	3	1 10
Olivia Pepe, Avon	3	1 10

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SCORING

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Chase Curran, Keystone	12	7 31
Zach Niles, Westlake	13	5 31
Ryan Rusem, Midview	11	6 28
Ethan Jacobs, Bay	8	8 24
Colly Shreffler, Olmsted Falls	10	3 23
Blake Kubask, Amherst	10	2 22
Gavin Heighberger, Elyria	7	2 21
Reed Clark, Bay	7	2 21
Mason Kucera, Midview	8	4 20
Milo Hignett, Bay	8	4 20
Alex Urbanski, Firelands	7	5 19
Reggie Johnson, Lorain	7	0 14
Zak Kollada, Brookside	4	0 14
Garrett Schreiner, Firelands	6	0 14
Job Pratt, Open Door	5	2 12
Landen Smith, Brookside	4	1 12
Ian Eck, Open Door	4	3 11
Andrew McDonald, Amherst	4	3 11
Ben Becker, North Olmsted	3	5 11
Tyrie Griffee, Firelands	4	3 11
Justin Schreffler, Westlake	5	1 11
Willie Smith, Firelands	5	0 10
Mat Baldwin, Keystone	2	6 10
Bradley Doreau, Open Door	4	1 9
Ethan Morris, Midview	2	5 9

High school scoreboard

VOLLEYBALL

Elyria Catholic 3, North Olmsted 1

25-17, 25-22, 25-22, 25-16
Columbus Catholic 13k, Niederst 7b,
Coracon 22d, Muzilla 16d, Griffin 16a,
Ridgedale 14a

Westlake 3, Bay 0

25-23, 25-31, 31-29
Westlake: Mogorydy 11k, 16d, Norris 24k,
Ed Carman 25d, Jans, Chang 11k, 15d

Amherst 3, Elyria 0

25-17, 25-13, 25-17
Amherst QB-20: Hall 12k, 12d, Haddix 41a,
Haddix 15d, 3a, 3c

Elyria: Zehnle 15k, 15d, 2a, 2c
Coward 12d, Williams 20a

Firelands 3, Columbia 0
25-28, 25-22, 25-21
Firelands: Mack 18k, Midpark: Calkins
Calkins: Sikorski 10a, Baker 10k, 4a, 4c,
Hirt 12d

Vermilion 3, Clyde 0
25-23, 25-14, 25-15
Vermilion: Taylor, Saxe, Starovic 9k, 20k,
Colahan 8k, 25, Garcia 24a,

Brookside 3, Oberlin 0
25-16, 25-18, 25-13

GIRLS TENNIS

Amherst 5, North Olmsted 0

Singles: Bussard del Furlo 6-3, 6-3,
Singer del Furlo 6-1, 6-0, Kaplan del
Drefen 6-0, 6-3
Doubles: Bussard/Kirpus del Almutshae
McIntyre 6-0, 6-0, Gutierrez/Atkinson del
Almutshae/Baylony 5-0, 6-0

Westlake 5, North Olmsted 0

Westlake 4, Bay 1

GIRLS GOLF

Amherst 217, Berea-Midpark 260
Amherst: Smith 50, Huff 53, Rauch
56, Midpark: Smith 58, Berea-Midpark:
Haneberg 59, Vandross 64, Roy 68,
Henderson 190

Edison 150, Vermilion 203
Edison: Smith 58, Vermilion:
Bovys 65, Nail 49, Pivinski 52

BOYS GOLF

Amherst 159, Elyria 227
Amherst: Lacy 45, Brub 48, Tran 40,
PRIT 40: Chavalla 57, Peacock 56,
Bicwell 57, Boidy 57

Avon 148, Midview 150
Avon: Smith 58, Chervosom 35, Dill
35, Hargett 37, Austin 35, Ogeest 41,
Henderson 45, Allen 25, Offranco 38,
Knipper 46, Taylor 41, Dolin 45

Huron 164, Vermilion 184
Vermilion: Walczak 45, Ellis 47, Anders 48

GIRLS SOCCER

Avon Lake 2, St. Joseph Academy 1

Northlake: Avon Lake 2, St. Joseph Academy 1
Avon Lake: Sheehan 2p, Grode 2p, Van
Euren 2a, Koski 1a, Parker 1a
St. Joseph Academy: Niehaus 1g,
Heibach 1g

Saves: Avon Lake, Cooper, 1. St. Joseph Academy, 2. St. Joseph Academy, 3. St. Joseph Academy, 4-1

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Guardians

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The win streak for Cleveland matches a season-high.

... Ramirez gets a little bit of everything and he's really tough to pitch to," Angels interim manager Phil Nevin said. "That's why I walked him two or three times in this series already, but in that situation, you

can't put the winning run on second in Rosario."

Trevor Stephan (5-4) recorded three outs for the win, and James Karinchak worked the ninth for his third win. Emmanuel Clase, who has an MLB-best 35 saves, was unavailable after the Angels' four times in the previous five days.

Luis Rengifo led off the ninth with a double for Los Angeles, but Karinchak retired the next three batters. "We're trying not to

overdo people, but the way we play, there's a lot of close games," Cleveland manager Terry Francona said. "We're trying to manage about nine different things with our pitching staff."

Mickey Moniak hit a two-run homer for the Angels, and Mike Trout had an RBI single in his fourth straight loss. Shohei Ohtani went 1 for 4 with an eighth-inning double. Moniak went deep in the third with his third home, 82-

since he was acquired in an Aug. 2 trade with Philadelphia. Moniak was selected by the Phillies with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 amateur draft.

Los Angeles opened a 3-1 lead when Moniak scored on Trout's base hit in the fifth. Cleveland got one back in the bottom half when Gimenez singled and scored on Austin Hedges' double-play ball. Gimenez singled again in the seventh and scored the tying run on



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Horse play: Double-R corrals Colts in big road win



BELLVILLE, Ohio (Sept. 19) -- Rocky River registered a big non-conference road win over Bellville Clear Fork Monday. After battling the host Colts to a scoreless 40-minute opening frame, the Pirates planted three scores to Clear Fork's one in the second. By the final ticks of the clock in the second half, the River Raiders had logged a 3-1 win, dealing the Colts just their second loss of the season.

Maeve Kelly scored her third and fourth goals of the season and was part of a Rocky River effort that yielded much control of the orb throughout. Rocky River first goal came in the seventh minute of the second stanza when Sophia Sindelar leveraged some nifty in-the-box ballhandling by Ava Patti and Annika Mocho. Sindelar lofted a perfectly-placed 21-yard wedge over the leaping Colt 'keeper and into the upper left 90 for her team-leading 20th goal of the season.

Ten minutes later the Pirates (9-1-1) doubled their lead when a well-placed Mocho cross found Sindelar who had a 25-yarder blocked. The loose change was swept up on the left flank by Kelly, who carved a 22-yard whistler under the cross bar.

No. 13 (Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, DII) Clear Fork (6-2-2) got one back when Lilly Wortman connected on a sharp-angle shot inside the post in the 71st minute.

Rocky River's insurance goal came in the 77th minute when a Sindelar effort was initially blocked by the Colts goalkeeper and then cleaned up by Kelly.

For the match, the Pirates outshot their hosts 26-12. River put 15 shots on frame to the Colts' nine and had six corners to Clear Fork's one.

Caitlin Rose made eight saves for the Pirates. She logged the same number in a 1-0 shutout over the Colts last season (Oct. 14 at Rocky River Stadium), so Clear Fork is a combined 1-for-17 against the now-sophomore 'keeper.

Rocky River is slated to play a Great Lakes Conference West Division road game at Bay Wednesday.

by Skip Snow

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Pirates enact revenge on Chagrin Falls, 3-2

BY ROB DiFRANCO

The Rocky River and Chagrin Falls girls soccer teams know each other very well.

The Pirates and Tigers played twice in 2021, splitting the season series. But the Tigers came away with the more important victory, defeating Rocky River 3-2 in a state semifinal before winning the Division II state title, defeating Cincinnati Wyoming on penalty kicks.

The Pirates got to enact a small bit of revenge on Sept. 12, defeating Chagrin Falls 2-0.

“We wanted it so bad,” Rocky River’s Ava Patt said. “We lost to them in the state semis in soccer and lacrosse. A lot of the other girls and I play on both of those teams. So definitely we wanted to come out and show them what we’ve got.”

Patti scored both goals for the Pirates, who now sit at 8-1-1 — with an unbeaten record against teams from Ohio.

Rocky River had to work for everything they got in the opening half, as Chagrin Falls played a laid-back style of defense, locking down the Pirates once they got the ball into the box. The Pirates managed 14 first-half shots, but only one went through.

“They understand the firepower that we have and did a nice job of slowing us down,” Rocky River coach Patrick Hopkins said. “It took us some time to figure it out. They’re a strong team, and we knew what we were going to see in this one.”

Patti scored with just over three minutes left in the opening half. She scored her second halfway through the second half, managing to sneak the ball past the Tigers’ keeper on a deflection.

“I was looking to cross that,” Patti said. “It just ended up being a bad touch. But it hit off the defender and curved right in. I was

shocked on that one.”

Rocky River held the Tigers to two shots in the opening half, with one coming on goal. Defensively, the Pirates were borderline perfect in the second half. Chagrin Falls was held without a shot until there were four minutes left on the clock.

“We possessed the ball really well, and we put a lot of pressure on them up top,” Hopkins said. “Even when they got the ball out — and they have a lot of speed up top — they struggled to make that connection from the middle third to their third of the field.”

The Pirates won’t get a second shot at the Tigers this year after their move from Division II to Division I this offseason, meaning at least for 2022, they’ll get the last laugh.

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TOP OF THE CROP

Girls soccer

- 1: (1) Rocky River (8-1-1)
- 2: (2) Bay (7-0)
- 3: (3) Avon Lake (7-0-2)
- 4: (4) Firelands (8-2)
- 5: (5) Avon (5-2-3)
- 6: (6) Columbia (6-1-1)
- 7: (9) Olmsted Falls (6-2-1)
- 8: (8) Westlake (5-3)
- 9: (7) Midview (6-4)
- 10: (NR) Vermilion (5-4)

Dropped out: (10) Open Door (2-1-1)

Watch list: Keystone (4-4-1), North Olmsted (4-6-1), (10) Open Door (2-1-1)

Crop comments: There may be a new No. 1 after this week, as Bay and Rocky River are set to clash head-to-head Sept. 21 at Bay. It's a game of the year candidate, with Bay star Tessa Knapp (a sophomore) with 25 goals facing off against Sophia Sindelar, who scored 19 goals prior to the Pirates' game against Bellevue. ... The majority of the remaining crop remains consistent, with Olmsted Falls jumping Westlake to No. 7 while Midview falls two spots. ... Avon Lake could be ready to pounce its way into the top two with a solid week, as its regular season undefeated stretch stretched to 27 following a Sept. 17 victory. The Shorelarks' last loss? Against Avon last September, the same Avon they held to a scoreless tie a few weeks ago. ... The only player not on the list for this week is Vermilion, which nudged out Open Door for the final slot.

Note: Records as of games played through Sept. 18.

— Sean Fitzgerald

TOP OF THE CROP

Boys soccer

- 1: (1) Bay (6-2-2)
- 2: (2) Westlake (6-0)
- 3: (3) Firelands (6-1)
- 4: (8) Olmsted Falls (7-3)
- 5: (6) Avon (4-1-4)
- 7: (7) Open Door (7-2)
- 6: (4) North Ridgeville (6-4)
- 8: (10) Avon Lake (4-4-1)
- 9: (5) Midview (5-3-3)
- 10: (9) Keystone (4-4)

Watch list: Amherst (4-3-1), Elyria (3-2-2), Vermilion (5-5)

Crop comments: Folks might wonder why a two-loss and two tie Bay is ahead of undefeated Westlake and one-loss Firelands. It's the strengths of those schools and ties to quality impressive opponents that puts them ahead. An Oct. 12 showdown with Westlake (presumably with only one or two losses) could flip the rankings based on their result and what Firelands might do. ... Olmsted Falls makes a big leap for the second straight week to the top two, while Bay takes a step to No. 4 in the rankings. The Bulldogs shoot out North Royal Sept. 17 without top scorer Cole Sigan and a talented young goalie in Cal Kaufman to extend their winning streak to six games after a 1-3 start. ... Avon has been difficult to get a read on. The Eagles do have a spot with a win and tie, followed by Open Door. ... North Ridgeville has tumbled from the top spot two weeks ago to No. 7, with Avon Lake nipping at their heels. Midview and Keystone close out the Top 10. ... Amherst is knocking on the door, nearly bagging it down at this point. A solid week will see the Comets catapult into the top 10 more than likely. Blake Kubask has been a big key to their overall success and has helped the Comets overcome a slow start.

Note: Records as of games played through Sept. 18.

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OPINION

Applying a cuff logic bey and football may be helpful



Chris Lillstrung
Columnist

With 24 boys in grades 10-12 according to Ohio High School Athletic Association enrollment figures and a competitive-total of 31, Vanue is the smallest school in the state playing 11-man football.

Out in Hancock County in Northwest Ohio, the Wildcats are an easy team for me to root from afar. I've mentioned in this space over the years, including a piece in 2016, my affinity for Vanue.

By the way, amid an 18-game losing skid and a 1-30 stretch since 2019, it appears the Wildcats have a couple decent chances to snap that streak, and best of luck in that endeavor. It was reported earlier this season in the Ohio Press that Sports-writers Association's statewide notebook they were forced to play stretches 10 vs. 11 due to injuries.

Here's to hoping improved fortune comes Vanue's way.

There are safeguards in place to protect a school as small as Vanue.

It competes against schools of a fairly similar size — of course while never being equal with that few student-athletes — for Week 11 qualification in a playoff region, while not being required beyond conference play to schedule op-

ponents with too much divisional size disparity between them.

Part of the reason the numbers are better scaled was because the OHSAA, following long-held criticism on the matter, expanded to seven divisions. It took the 72 largest football-playing schools in Ohio, the state playing 11 then distributed the rest of the Buckeye State evenly across the other six divisions.

The issue still exists — taking competitive balance additions out of it due to the unusually high numbers applied to Cincinnati St. Xavier and St. Edward, the disparity between the largest D-1 football school by enrollment, Mason, and smallest, Grove City Central Crosses, is 687.

But the issue isn't as prevalent as it once was.

So the OHSAA and its member schools took a common-sense approach to remedy a long-standing issue: the idea being there was too much enrollment margin between the top of a large-school division and the bottom.

We talk often about how football is different in Ohio. But it doesn't mean that same standards can't be applied to sports other than football if it leads to a more level competitive landscape.

The recent release of spring sports divisional cut-offs by the OHSAA elicited a thought: It seems as if the sports that are still profoundly affected the most

by divisional disparity amid competitive balance are those with four divisions.

In Ohio, that's baseball, boys and girls basketball, softball and girls volleyball.

That's not to say three-division sports such as cross country, wrestling and track and field aren't affected whatsoever. But the balance is marginally better there.

In four divisions? It's clear.

Noting again the competitive balance additions for St. X and St. Ignatius are high in D-1 for baseball, St. X is the largest D-1 school in Ohio with an adjusted enrollment of 1,445. The smallest, Garrett Morgan, has an adjusted enrollment of 353. That's a disparity between the top and bottom of 1,092. In all, all schools moved up to D-1 this year in baseball, including a pair of News-Herald coverage area teams in Chardon, which won the D-1 state title in 2022, and University. Even if you factor out St. X and St. Ignatius, the third largest is Mason (1,300), so there's still a disparity of 947.

Same for softball: The largest D-1 softball school in Ohio is Mason at 1,258 adjusted. Tied for the smallest are approximately 40 other divisions? Obviously, the cutoffs would be dictated by ties.

The disparity is 1,092 in D-1, 152 in D-II, 73 in D-III and 105 in D-IV.

With a five-division format, it would have to 867 in a new D-1, 286 in D-II, 103 in

1,087 in D-I.

And girls basketball: Mason and Midview and Cincinnati Northwest are separated by 926.

So the average across the four-division sports of disparity between top and bottom is 993.

That just doesn't sit right. Granted, it improves toward the middle, but because schools as big as Mason and those private-school powers are outliers.

But it begs the question: How much disparity is too much for a sport's division in expecting two schools at different ends of the size spectrum to compete?

It was deemed to be out of hand in football, so a solution was devised to make the dynamic better.

Why can't that same concept be applied for sports that aren't football?

Let's take baseball as a broader example. There are 119 schools in each of the four divisions in Ohio for a total of 476 baseball-playing schools across the state.

What if the 75 largest baseball-playing schools in Ohio were split out and made D-I, similar to the football model, and the other 401 schools were split into approximately four other divisions? Obviously, the cutoffs would be dictated by ties.

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With a five-division format, it would have to 867 in a new D-1, 286 in D-II, 103 in

D-III, 75 in D-IV and 98 in a new D-V.

Now I'm distributing the disparity more to the other divisions, but not unreasonably so, while not adversely affecting smaller divisions. Furthermore, schools that probably shouldn't be competing for the same divisional state championship — again, based on size — no longer are to the extent to which they're expected now.

The so-called "bridge schools" — i.e., the ones that bounce between D-I and D-II based on enrollment and competitive-balance addition from cycle to cycle regardless — will still tie that limit. The big schools will still be the big schools.

If that issue is deemed to be "unfair" in football and in need of an adjustment, though, why isn't the same standard true for other sports?

And no, "Because it's football" is not an acceptable response.

Just like Vanue in football, every school deserves a fair chance within its communities and means to compete for a state championship.

Applying the same logic to all sports with three and four divisions for cutoffs as is applied to football could help better achieve that goal.

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For those just hearing about him, he split time as a freshman between the junior varsity and varsity squads, playing behind a senior goal-keeper. Given he'll have two more years to play beyond the current campaign, it's remarkable to see the level of consistency he's already displayed.

"It's great knowing that (Cal's) a sophomore," Olmsted Falls coach Travis Bo-

sanac said. "We saw him last year and being a freshman then, we knew we had something special. We're very excited about where he's at and the continued growth that's going to be coming."

The growth was evident in the final 20 minutes when the Bears pressed the offensive attack, knowing how to move around within the box. With that last goal, Kaufman had to deal with a swarm of players closing in before sealing the deal with the block.

"You have to stay focused in those moments," Kaufman

said. "What was going through my head, I've got to save this. I can't let this ball go in. I knew the guy was going to my right, and I dove and saved it. It's pretty much as simple as that."

With Kaufman in goal during the sixth-minute win streak, he's had three clean sheets and only allowed more than two goals once. Kaufman credited the success to "a whole team effort overall."

"It's not just me," he said. "We had to score goals, especially with Cole (Sigan) out

and put some focus up top. We moved the ball through the midfield really well today and strung a lot of passes together. It's what you have to do to beat down a team like North Royalton."

Gillette noted the defense held with North Royalton's attack pressuring late, but the defense got it done.

"They started to pressure us a lot at the end," Gillette said. "We just needed to clamp down on defense and get rid of all the through balls. Shout out to Cal. He had a few great saves and a really good goal in the end to

sell the game out."

With the ability to go out and perform, with the team having faith in Kaufman and vice versa, it gives a sense of comfort to the goalkeeper.

"My team is super welcoming, so when I first started playing soccer, it was super supportive," Kaufman said. "These guys are great, my whole team. These guys are all super supportive and after the game, Sean comes over to me, gives a high-five and says, 'Great game!' Everyone came over to me. The coaches and all of the players."

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Mackenzie Russell, Sophia Sindelar and Mia Carney score for the Pirates



RR Mackenzie Russell celebrate the only goal in first half (Aimee Bielozer – For The Morning Journal)

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TOP OF THE CROP

Volleyball

1: (1) Olmsted Falls (14-1)

2: (2) Amherst (13-2)

3: (5) Westlake (12-0)

4: (3) Vermillion (10-2)

5: (10) North Ridgewille (8-5)

6: (4) Avon Lake (6-4)

7: (6) Firelands (10-2)

8: (7) Rocky River (7-1)

9: (8) Avon (5-8)

10: (9) Bay (10-3)

Watch list: Fairview (7-5), Columbia (11-4), Wellington (8-3)

Crop comments: Olmsted Falls and Amherst remain as the top two, but there's movement for the third spot. Westlake hasn't lost a regular-season game since the 2020 season. The Demons went five sets with Rocky River, but pulled out the win. They will be tested on Sept. 24, as they will take on Highland, Avon Lake and Brecksville-Broadview Heights in a quad. ... Vermillion dropped its second game of the season to North Ridgewille in four sets. However, the Sailors were without three starters, including their All-Ohio outside hitter Grace Starcovic, but kept their losing sets within five points. ... The Rangers have stepped up their game since the previous Crop, defeating Avon Lake in five sets to surpass the Shoremen. They have taken the biggest loss of any team in the Crop. Even with a four-set loss to Amherst, North Ridgewille kept the first two close to tie one set a piece. ... Avon is young and on the way up, but has struggled to finish sets in the home stretch as the Eagles have dropped six of their last eight games. Coach Julie Bendzuck acknowledged it in their five-set loss to rival Avon Lake on Sept. 21 and thinks eventually they will overcome adversity as they mature. Going wire-to-wire with the Shoremen is an improvement compared to Avon Lake's sweep in Avon Lake earlier in the season. ... Firelands continues to dominate the Lorain County League. Other than losses to Luthersan West (2-0) and Vermillion (3-0), the Falcons have yet to lose a set in the season. They will take on Brookside (8-6), looking to sweep the defending conference co-champs. ... Rocky River followed a loss to Westlake with back-to-back sweeps over North Royalton and Elyria Catholic. The Pirates will look to be at their best as they take on Bay ... The Rockets swept the Panthers and North Olmsted. They will travel to play Fairview on Sept. 22 before taking on the Pirates (Sept. 27) and will rematch against Westlake on Sept. 29.

Note: Records as of Sept. 20.

Online: Bay faced Rocky River in the girls soccer matchup of the year to date Sept. 21. See a recap and photo gallery on our website. MORNINGJOURNAL.COM.

High school scoreboard

BOYS SOCCER

Andrews Osborne 4, Lake Ridge 0
Halftime: Andrews Osborne 1, Lake Ridge 0

VASJ 9, Clearview 0
Vermillion: Peterson 10, North Olmsted 1
Amherst: Kuskasik 10, Gerard 1
Records: Amherst 4-3, North Olmsted 2-4

Avon Lake 4, Riverside 2
Halftime: Riverside 1, Avon Lake 0

Perkins 2, Vermillion 1
Halftime: Vermillion 1, Perkins 1
Vermillion: Peterson 10, North Olmsted 1
Records: Vermillion 5-6

Westlake 1, Avon 0
Halftime: Westlake 0, Avon 0

MLB

Judge ties Ruth with 60th HR

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge sent a sinker soaring into the left-field bleachers, another of his no-doubt drives, and circled the bases for the 60th time.

Modest throughout a march into history that now has him level with Babe Ruth, Judge then took a moment far more rare than one of his long balls — a curtain call.

"I really didn't want to do it, especially, we're losing, it's a solo shot," he said, recalling how his leadoff homer in the ninth inning only cut the Yankees' deficit to three runs.

Eleven minutes later, Judge and the Yankees felt free to let loose.

Giancarlo Stanton followed Judge's drive with a game-ending grand slam, completing New York's stunning five-run, ninth-inning rally to beat the Pirates, 9-6, on Sept. 20.

Players are peaking at the right time. Myles Straw, ninth in the batting order, is hitting .338 in September. He was batting .199 at the end of August. Amed Rosario has been steady all season, but he has been red hot the last seven days with a .385 batting average.

Jose Ramirez is just being J-Ram. He has a career-best 115 RBI and leads the American League with 42 doubles. Anyone that has followed Jose's career knew his new seven-year, \$140 million contract would only inspire him to play harder.

Shane Bieber is pitching like an ace again. He is 7-2 with one no-decision since giving up six earned runs in a 6-3 loss to the White Sox on July 24. In those 10 starts he allowed only one earned run, two earned runs twice, three earned



JESSIE ALCHEH — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aaron Judge watches his 60th home run of the season Sept. 20 in New York.

LATE SEPT. 20

YANKEES 9, PIRATES 6

"I kind of lost my mind," said Judge, one homer shy of matching Roger Maris' American League season record. "That's a signature Giancarlo Stanton 10-foot-high laser to the outfield. I had a good front-row seat for that one. I think the whole team lost its mind

and the stadium erupted."

Judge homered on a 3-1 pitch from Wil Crowe (5-10) to match Ruth's total from 1927, which stood as the big league record until Maris broke it 34 years later.

Judge got to 60 in Game 147 — no debate on the length of the season, like what surrounded Maris' pursuit to the point his hair fell out.

group has come together in a team dynamic — the way they play the game, the way they care for each other. We wanted to be really mindful not to disrupt that."

The Guardians were 53-50 at the trade deadline on Aug. 2. They trailed the Twins by one game in the Central Division. Antonetti stayed quiet at the deadline while the Twins made major moves to bolster their lead. Antonetti did not want to mortgage the future to land one or two players, and Francona was fine with the plan. It was as if both men were saying making a major trade and two wasn't worth it if it wasn't going to make the Guardians better than the Yankees or Astros.

"The overwhelming feeling continues to be excitement about the group of players we have here," Antonetti said during a news conference at Progressive Field after the deadline passed. "We spent a lot of time, not with the front office but the coaches, talking about the opportunities that might be available to us to bring other players into the organization."

"Oftentimes we came back to really believing in individuals we have in the clubhouse and the contributions they've made. As importantly, the way this

group has come together in a team dynamic — the way they play the game, the way they care for each other. We wanted to be really mindful not to disrupt that."

players are peaking at the right time. Myles Straw, ninth in the batting order, is hitting .338 in September. He was batting .199 at the end of August. Amed Rosario has been steady all season, but he has been red hot the last seven days with a .385 batting average.

Jose Ramirez is just being J-Ram. He has a career-best 115 RBI and leads the American League with 42 doubles. Anyone that has followed Jose's career knew his new seven-year, \$140 million contract would only inspire him to play harder.

Shane Bieber is pitching like an ace again. He is 7-2 with one no-decision since giving up six earned runs in a 6-3 loss to the White Sox on July 24. In those 10 starts he allowed only one earned run, two earned runs twice, three earned

runs once and zero earned runs once. The Guardians would face the team with the worst wild-card record in a best-of-three series, all at Progressive Field, if they take the Central Division, assuming they don't surpass the Yankees. The Yankees are 8.5 games better than the Guardians, so that is a safe assumption.

The wild-card picture could change in the next two weeks. But as of now, the Guardians would face the Mariners (81-66) in the wild-card round.

The Guardians would have to beat the Yankees in the divisional round and the Astros in the ALCS to advance to the World Series if they first win in the wild-card round and the Astros don't get knocked out in the ALDS. Very few people outside the Guardians organization would expect them to beat the two powers in the American League.

But I would not want to be the manager of a team facing the Guardians in the playoffs. The G-men are loose and having fun. They are a confident bunch, and that makes them dangerous.

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GUARDIANS 10, WHITE SOX 7 (11)

Straw got his game-winning hit off Jake Diekmann (5-4), and Steven Kwan followed with his fourth hit — an RBI single — to score Straw. Kwan scored on Jose Ramirez's sacrifice fly, and a throwing error by Chicago catcher Seby Zavala allowed Amed Rosario to score with an insurance run.

Emmanuel Clase (3-4), who allowed a game-tying single to Jose Abreu in the 10th for his fourth blown save of 40 chances, earned the win. Bryan Shaw survived a two-run home run by AJ Pollock — his 1,000th career hit — in the bottom of the 11th.

"I should have done a better job (of preparing),"

acting White Sox manager Miguel Cairo said. "I let the team down."

The Guardians took a 5-3 lead in the top of the 10th on a single by Josh Naylor and sacrifice fly by Oscar Gonzalez off Kendall Graveman. Elvis Andrus had a run-scoring driver's choice in the bottom of the inning, a solo sacrifice and scored the tying run on Abreu's single.

Aaron Civale, making his first start since Aug. 28 due to right forearm inflammation, limited the White Sox for three hits through the first five innings. But Chicago broke through in the sixth as Andrus hit a single and scored the tying run. The Guardians unsuccessfully challenged the safe call on the stolen base. Civale was pulled after walking Yoan Moncada.

High school girls soccer stats

By Sean Fitzgerald
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Name, School	G	A	Pts
Tessa Knapp, Bay	17	6	40
Janey Mackinn, Firelands	16	4	36
Sophia Sindelar, Rocky River	18	4	42
Bella Simmons, Firelands	18	4	42
Livia Penton, Vermillion	19	4	42
Rachel Washburn, Columbia	17	4	41
Ella Grode, Avon Lake	15	2	35
Avia Patti, Rocky River	11	3	30
Ella Horton, Westlake	12	2	25
Rachel Sheehan, Avon Lake	19	24	19
Erica Baldoza, Midview	8	6	22
Livia Dougan, Firelands	19	1	19
Haley Johnston, Olmsted Falls	9	1	19
Sydney Perz, Westlake	7	5	19
Kyla Sutorius, Firelands	4	10	18
Lauren Van Ewen, Avon Lake	3	4	10

High school boys soccer stats

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Name, School	G	A	Pts
Phil Pruitt, Open Door	15	8	38
Chase Chason, Keystone	14	7	35
Zander Yoak, Keystone	13	5	31
Ethan Jacobs, Bay	11	7	29
Ryan Runer, Midview	11	7	29
Eric Urbanski, Firelands	11	6	28
Ben Smith, Firelands	11	6	28
Alex Werth, Vermillion	11	3	25
Benjamin, Midview	10	3	23
Cole Sipian, Olmsted Falls	10	3	23
Milo Hignett, Bay	9	2	23
Blake Kubaski, Amherst	10	2	22

Gavin Neighberger, Elyria 8 5 22
Ian Eck, Open Door 8 5 21
Garrett Yakovovich, Firelands 8 3 19
Zak Koloda, Rocky River 8 3 19
Trey Gleason, Lorain 8 0 16
Ty Reglie, Firelands 5 15 15
Andrew McDonald, Amherst 4 10 13
Bryan Stevens, Open Door 5 4 14
Cameron Stevens, Open Door 7 0 14
Wesley Peterson, Firelands 4 12 12
Landon Goodrich, Brookside 4 4 12
Brandon Sheehan, Avon Lake 4 4 12
Alexa Hritz, Columbia 4 1 13
Justin Schaffer, North Olmsted 3 6 12
Benjamin, Midview 3 6 12
Grant Becker, Westlake 5 1 11
Matt Waldin, Keystone 2 6 10
Will Fazio, Avon Lake 5 1 11
Carmen, Vermillion 5 1 11
Matt Baldwin, Keystone 2 6 10
Sean Wilson, Avon 3 4 10
Eli Kempton, Elyria Catholic 2 6 10

High school volleyball stats

By Mark Perez-Krywany
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Name, School	Sets	Kills/avg.
Kylee Urban, Olmsted Falls	42	278
Nia Hall, Amherst	44	266
Samantha Young, Rocky River	24	122
Alanna Cardona, Brookside	29	145
Anika Norris, Westlake	36	170
Aubrey Kirk, Avon Lake	29	131
Stessia Smith, Avon Lake	31	127
Blanca Yakobchuk, O. Door	25	102
Grace Starcovic, Vermillion	38	151
Laetia Palmer, O. Falls	29	146
Maddie Stuart, North Olmsted	42	155
London Stone, Avon	40	139
Casey Wynar, Amherst	34	129
Laura Fuehrer, Bay	33	108
Rachel Serkins, Brookside	29	93
Allie Chang, Westlake	36	110
Lyli Tomashick, Midview	36	113
Laetia Maxwell, Bay	29	109
Cameron Baker, Columbia	39	116
Olivia Morgory, Westlake	35	109
Isabella Krowicki, Elyria	17	84
Morgan Lehmkuhl, Westling	28	81
Ally Tessler, North Olmsted	46	125
Rene Kuskasik, Avon	41	110
Sophia Thomas, Bay	31	83
Paige Grobelski, Brookside	29	75
Sarah Walton, N. Ridgewille	43	103
Nylissa Todd, Clearview	40	95
Allyssa, Avon Lake	29	146
Kennedy Cardant, Fairview	27	62
Alanna Cardona, Firelands	29	67
Kiera Schiley, Elyria	22	48
Ella Brooke, North Olmsted	22	48
Brooke Smith, Vermillion	29	83
Brooke Smith, Keystone	29	83
Kendall Bonides, Amherst	21	42
Lyli Tomashick, North Olmsted	42	110
Grace Giesbrecht, Open Door	25	51

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Lyli Tomashick, North Olmsted	42	110
Grace Giesbrecht, Open Door	25	51

ASSISTS

Name, School	Sets	Assists/avg.
Ava Haddix, Amherst	44	498
Allya Berman, Avon Lake	36	380
Shelby Bloor, Westlake	36	380
Kristina Lawaway, Bay	37	339
Grace Tansey, Firelands	36	379
Glee Lawner, Open Door	20	175
Alivia Diaz, Brookside	24	284
Emre Kuyper, Fairview	27	206
Alyssa Caldera, Elyria	40	283
Alycia Williams, Avon	22	151
Adriana Pruitt, Open Door	34	369
Annelique Garcia, Vermillion	41	264
Olivia Sprague, Keystone	23	229
Grace Tansey, Olmsted Falls	27	248
Taylor, Standen, Wellington	28	155
Megan Simon, Columbia	39	193
Allie Gaerretti, N. Ridgewille	44	220
Kylee Urban, Olmsted Falls	42	197
Lyli Tomashick, North Olmsted	42	197
Kylee Spies, Rocky River	24	105
Adriana Pruitt, Open Door	34	369
Kaleigh Andress, Avon	31	127
Alexis McKee, Columbia	36	145
Natalie Sikorski, Midview	19	10
Sarah Pullin, North Olmsted	47	157
Rachel Fisher, Open Door	27	150
Sarah Riley, Midview	36	114
Ryan Deverson, N. Ridgewille	29	87
Kam Davis, Avon	23	12

BLOCKS

Name, School	Sets	Blocks/avg.
Brooke Lehmkuhl, Wellington	28	41
Cecily Wanner, Amherst	37	51
Adriana Pruitt, Open Door	34	46
Anika Norris, Westlake	36	43
Brannan Gilman, N. Ridgewille	46	54
Grace Tansey, Wellington	27	48
Ella Brookman, Rocky River	22	1
Ava Dromos, Amherst	19	1
Alycia Williams, Avon	22	48
Laura Fuehrer, Bay	33	27
Kate Colman, Vermillion	42	38
Sarah McDonald, Elyria	33	27
Colette Wagner, Amherst	33	27
Isabella Gotsis, Amherst	41	27
Ally Hall, Firelands	41	27
Olivia Morgory, Westlake	35	21
Sydney Perz, Brookside	29	16
Audree Kennedy, Vermillion	38	21
Rachel Secker, Brookside	29	16
Rachel Fisher, Open Door	27	16
Sophia Goldenberg, N. Ridgewille	21	12
Morgan Lehmkuhl, Wellington	28	17
Shelby Bloor, Westlake	36	20
Jessie Gelling, Amherst	33	17
Nia Hall, Amherst	44	21
Lyli Tomashick, North Olmsted	42	17
Kathryn Kank, Westlake	19	10
Ella Horvath, Westlake	35	16
Maddie Weller, Avon	29	16
Kaylann Hannan, Brookside	29	16
Hannah Allet, Fairview	22	15
Maya Awad, Olmsted Falls	32	15
Haley Urban, Firelands	32	15
Carla Crozier, Olmsted Falls	34	15
Allie Chang, Westlake	36	15

ACES

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Brooke Lehmkuhl, Wellington	28	41
Cecily Wanner, Amherst	37	51
Adriana Pruitt, Open Door	34	46
Anika Norris, Westlake	36	43
Brannan Gilman, N. Ridgewille	46	54
Grace Tansey, Wellington	27	48
Ella Brookman, Rocky River	22	1
Ava Dromos, Amherst	19	1
Alycia Williams, Avon	22	48
Laura Fuehrer, Bay	33	27
Kate Colman, Vermillion	42	38
Sarah McDonald, Elyria	33	27
Colette Wagner, Amherst	33	27
Isabella Gotsis, Amherst	41	27
Ally Hall, Firelands	41	27
Olivia Morgory, Westlake	35	21
Sydney Perz, Brookside	29	16
Audree Kennedy, Vermillion	38	21
Rachel Secker, Brookside	29	16
Rachel Fisher, Open Door	27	16
Sophia Goldenberg, N. Ridgewille	21	12
Morgan Lehmkuhl, Wellington	28	17
Shelby Bloor, Westlake	36	20
Jessie Gelling, Amherst	33	17
Nia Hall, Amherst	44	21
Lyli Tomashick, North Olmsted	42	17
Kathryn Kank, Westlake	19	10
Ella Horvath, Westlake	35	16
Maddie Weller, Avon	29	16
Kaylann Hannan, Brookside	29	16
Hannah Allet, Fairview	22	15
Maya Awad, Olmsted Falls	32	15
Haley Urban, Firelands	32	15
Carla Crozier, Olmsted Falls	34	15
Allie Chang, Westlake	36	15

DIGS

Shelly Boud, Westlake	36	20	6
Jessy Gedding, Amherst	37	17	0.5
Nia Hall, Westlake	38	17	0.5
Lyzie Loeffler, Aon Lake	38	18	0.5
Kathryn Knaak, Westlake	39	10	0.5
Michelle Knaak, Westlake	39	10	0.5
Melinda Weller, Aon	38	19	0.5
Kaylenn Haman, Brookside	39	14	0.5
Yaela Harkness, Westlake	39	14	0.5
Maya Avard, Olmsted Falls	37	18	0.5
Alison Hurst, Firelands	38	15	0.5
Michelle Knaak, Westlake	39	15	0.5
Allie Chang, Westlake	38	16	0.5

DIGS

Name, School	Sets/digs
Alyssa Cameron, Westlake	36 237 6
Daniel McArthur, Aon Lake	37 237 6
Hayley Trumble, Brookside	38 219 5.5
Lindsay McCombe, Amherst	44 234 5.5
Hayley Miller, North Ridgeville	44 238 5.5
Alysa McGrath, Westlake	35 176 5
Maggie Pfaller, Rocky River	24 108 4.5

Livia McGrath, Westlake	36 20	6
Olivia McKee, Firelands	37 17	0.5
Michelle Knaak, Firelands	38 18	0.5
Dellayne Pelissone, Columbia	38 18	0.5
Michelle Knaak, Firelands	39 18	0.5
Mallory Allison, Fairview	39 18	0.5
The Bevan, Aon	39 18	0.5
Yaela Harkness, Open Door	39 18	0.5
Gina Loran, Open Door	39 18	0.5
Alana Stancik, Midview	39 18	0.5
Michelle Knaak, Firelands	39 18	0.5
Lyzie Loeffler, Aon Lake	39 18	0.5
Lindsay McCombe, Amherst	39 18	0.5
Nia Hall, Amherst	39 18	0.5
Melaina Zupan, Westlake	39 18	0.5
Jarimar Ruiz, Clearview	39 18	0.5
Hayley Parsons, Clearview	39 18	0.5
Gaya Bosch, North Olmsted	39 18	0.5
Gina Sediv, Bay	39 18	0.5
Andrea Shimizu, Amherst	39 18	0.5
Kiera Schibler, Elyria	39 18	0.5
Laurin Maxwell, Bay	39 18	0.5
Michelle Knaak, Columbia	39 18	0.5
Shelly Boud, Westlake	39 18	0.5
Nena Vucario, North Olmsted	39 18	0.5
Michelle Knaak, North Olmsted	39 18	0.5
Maggie Pfaller, Rocky River	39 18	0.5

Bay Girls Varsity Soccer falls to Rocky River

AWAY

ROCKY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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HOME

BAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Team	1	2
Rocky River High School	1	2
Bay High School	0	0



The girls fought a hard battle but came up on the losing end against conference rival Rocky River. Ryann Marcis had a tremendous game making 12 saves in goal. The Bay defense was stellar with Brooke Anderson, Emma Morton, and Chloe Ashchenbrener leading the way. The girls fought hard, left everything they had out on the field, but came up short! Well done Bay!

The JV team also played Rocky River to a 1-1 tie. Maya Holmes had the goal with an assist from Bella Pirinelli. Maddie Bigler had 12 saves in goal. This is the first goal she has let in all season.

All three teams will travel to Medina on Saturday September 24. Both JV teams play at 5 and Varsity plays at 7.

By Beth English on Sep 22, 2022

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Win streak hits six as Pirates beat Bay



BAY VILLAGE, Ohio (Sept. 21, 2022) -- Rocky River dealt the No. 3-ranked (Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, DII) Bay Rockets their first shutout of the 2022 season and just their third of the last two years, as the Pirates registered a 3-0 win over their shoreline neighbors to the west on Wednesday night.

Mackenzie Russell logged a goal and an assist and was part of a strong lockdown effort in front of River goalkeeper Caitlin Rose, who recorded six saves. Russell, Cara McKenna, Ava Patti and company were in on more than a handful of midfield thefts which short-circuited a vaunted Bay offense that went into the match averaging 7 goals per contest.

8-7-8-7-5-10-4. That's not an international phone number or the wireless code for 116Sports headquarters. Those are the Rockets game-by-game

goal totals heading into Wednesday's Great Lakes Conference West Division game. On Wednesday, Rocky River held those Rockets to just six shots on goal. *A Rose was pinned on each one.*

The Pirates (10-1-1, 2-0 GLC West) opened up a 1-0 lead when Russell bent a 20-yard free kick into the lower-left corner of the Bay (7-1, 1-1) goal in the 21st minute. That 1-0 lead would make its way 36 minutes further into the match before Sophia Sindelar bolted through the Rocket defense to tally her 21st goal of the season.

In a hardscrabble exchange with same-team touches rarely strung together more than a couple at a time, the contest would be comprised of just 13 shots on goal (RRHS 7, BHS 6). The game did include one more goal, an insurance marker by Mia Carney -- and assisted by Patti -- in the 77th minute.

With the 3-0 result, Rocky River: earned its sixth consecutive win ... logged its eighth shutout win of the 2022 season ... and flipped the script on a 2-0 home loss to the Rockets last fall (Sept. 22).

The win also clinched an impressive ranked-ranked double-dip away from home. The Pirates opened their week with a 3-1 win over DII No. 13 Bellville Clear Fork on Tuesday. *That's worthy of a brisk raising of the Jolly Roger as River's season rolls into autumn.*

by Skip Snow

River

Posted: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Firelands aiming to make history

Falcons looking to hand Keystone its first LC8 defeat since league started in 2019

By Mark Perez-Krywany
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Since the Lorain County League's inception in 2019, Keystone has not lost a conference game, winning 23 in a row.

Firelands (4-1) has the opportunity on Sept. 23 to be the first team to snap the Wildcats' streak, and Falcons coach Ryan O'Rourke believes his team is up for the challenge.

"We know that Keystone has been the class of (the LC8) and you have to give them that credit. Our kids know coming into this game that it's a big game," said

FIRELANDS AT KEYSTONE

What: Lorain County League game

Where: Wildcat Stadium

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Keystone 2-3, Firelands 4-1

O'Rourke. "You can throw out Keystone's record. You know that they are better than a 2-3 football team. They are a really good team. Our kids know that. They expect to play a great football game against a great opponent."

In Keystone's 0-3 start, the Wildcats struggled against the

run, giving up over 1,000 rushing yards against Northwestern (365), Cloverleaf (426) and Lutheran West (347).

The good news for the Falcons is their offense is dedicated to their ground game.

After rushing for 60 yards in a 28-7 loss to Edison, Firelands' ground attack ran for 1,268 yards en route to a four-game winning streak.

"Once we committed to our zone run with jet sweeps sprinkled in, I think it really helped us offensively. It made us a little more tougher to defend," said O'Rourke.

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Firelands, shown during a scrimmage against Fairview, has won four in a row.

BROWNS

GETTING READY



KIRK IRWIN — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Browns wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones warms up before facing the Steelers on Sept. 22 at FirstEnergy Stadium. The game was not completed in time for this edition. For a recap, commentary and photos, visit [MorningJournal.com](https://www.morningjournal.com).

MLB

Milestone balls leave fans with a choice

Some will return, others will sell if they catch HR hit by Yankees' Judge

By Noah Trister
The Associated Press

If Aaron Judge passes Roger Maris, some lucky fan might become this generation's Sal Durante.

As a 19-year-old in 1961, Durante caught Maris' record-breaking 61st home run. The story of what followed — Du-

rante sold the ball for \$5,000, and it was returned to Maris as part of the deal — sounds downright quaint by today's standards. But it's a reminder that, even six decades ago, fans who caught famous souvenirs faced a tricky choice: keep the ball, sell it, or give it back to the player who hit it?

With Judge now one away from tying Maris' American League record, anyone who comes up with one of his home run balls could end up with a similar decision to make.

"I'd give it back. Not even a second guess," said Kevin Heathwood, a 35-year-old teacher from Harlem who was at the Sept. 21 Yankees-Pirates game in New York. "It belongs to Judge and he earned every single thing that he's gotten. Just being a part of it, that's enough for me."

Many fans share Heathwood's view, feeling that if Judge wants the ball back, it wouldn't be right for the fan to keep it. After all, it's Judge's moment. Fans are there to enjoy it and share in it — but why should a spectator

insist on making a huge profit off a souvenir he or she received simply from being in the right place at the right time?

On the other hand, keeping a record-setting ball and selling it could yield a life-changing amount of money, which could mean far more to the fan than the ball does to the player. And besides, if Judge — or any other famous slugger — really wants the ball that badly, presumably he can afford to pay just about any asking price.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER



AIMEE BIELOZER — FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL

Rocky River's Sophia Sindelar and Bay's Emma Morton fight for possession Sept. 22.

Pirates showing youthful experience

Underclassmen-heavy Rocky River is unbeaten against Ohio teams

By Sean Fitzgerald
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With Rocky River's victory over Bay on Sept. 21, the Pirates set themselves up nicely to control their destiny.

This is the same team that has been a two-time running state semifinalist in the girls Division II bracket. Though this year, they're one of the smallest Division I schools for girls soccer, narrowly getting bumped up from the second Division by a handful of students.

Though there's something different about Rocky River that might catch some people's eye. Mackenzie Russell, who knocked in the goal kick for the team's first score against Bay, is a junior. Sophia Sindelar, who is second in The Morning Journal area behind Bay's super sophomore Tessa Knapp in goals scored, added another.

Sindelar is a sophomore just like Knapp.

Then in the closing minutes, it was Mia Carney, a freshman midfielder who shot the ball through the net, assisted by junior Ava Patti.

This isn't your typical 10-1-1 senior laden team.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Big games on tap for Week 6 of season

Mark Perez-Krywany previews seven games involving area teams, including the last remaining unbeaten team in the area, Columbia, facing Clearview at Lorain's George Daniel Field.

FULL STORY ON PAGE 5



TWEET TO REPEAT

What athletes and sports personalities are saying on Twitter:

"Mannn this @Browns traffic is crazy!!!"
 —@SPDAMITCHELL, DONOVAN MITCHELL

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

1971

Cavs coach Bill Fitch, after a 122-96 exhibition loss to the Royals at Kent State: "I'm not nearly as disappointed as I should be. I saw some good things, and I saw some other things where we'll need work."

—FROM STAFF REPORTS

NBA

Sources: Celtics looking into suspending coach

Two people with knowledge of the matter say Boston Celtics coach Ime Udoka is headed for a likely suspension for violating a team policy. The length of the suspension has not been determined.

FULL STORY ON PAGE 3

High school football » Week 6 games to watch

By Mark Perez-Krywany
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COLUMBIA AT CLEARVIEW

What: Lorain County League game

Where: George Daniel Field

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Columbia 5-0, Clearview 2-3

For the record: The Raiders are the only undefeated area team with their most recent victory being a 56-14 win over Brookside. They are emerging as one of the favorites in the LCB. Columbia's offense is led by Marco Cirigliano, who has 1,113 rushing yards with 19 total touchdowns. Quarterback Carter Kalamasz has played mistake-free with no interceptions. Clearview looks to bounce back after dropping three of their last four. All of their losses were decided by one possession. Quarterback Ethan Lorenzana has thrown for three touchdowns and rushed for seven. If they are able to pull off an upset, he will have to play a big role.

FIRELANDS AT KEYSTONE

What: Lorain County League game

Where: Wildcat Stadium

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Keystone 2-3, Firelands 4-1

For the record: Keystone has yet to lose a conference game since the inception of the LCB. The Wildcats' most recent wins were to Oberlin (41-12) and Wellington (33-6) after starting 0-3. Their run defense has struggled in their first three games, giving up 426 rushing yards to Cleveland, 365 to Northwestern and 347 to Lutheran West. Firelands' offensive identity is the running game, including Weston Strader, who has 688 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns. The Falcons have collectively rushed for 1,328 yards. Firelands also has a young defense.

That could go in favor of the Wildcats, whose defense is led by quarterback Konner Rodick and wide receiver Ryne Shackelford. Should be a great matchup with the results having consequences in the LCB race.

LORAIN AT MAPLE HEIGHTS

What: Lake Erie League

Where: Maple Heights Stadium

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Lorain 1-4, Maple Heights 3-2

For the record: Lorain has lost its last four games heading into Week 6. Its most recent game was against Division I, Region 1 contender Cleveland Heights, falling 55-18. The



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Vince Berardi and Columbia are the last remaining unbeaten team in the area.

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Titans are transitioning quarterback since for myer quarterback Joseph Wyatt suffered an injury on his throwing hand. Chase Davis' arm seems to have expanded the offense with John Salamon complementing the backfield and Wyatt moved to jack-of-all-trails player who can make plays with the ball. Maple Heights is fresh off a 20-14 overtime loss to Garfield Heights. They sit 1-1 in the LEL with their last matchup against Lorain going in their favor with a 36-3 win in 2021.

ELYRIA AT OLMSTED FALLS

What: Southwestern Conference game

Where: Charles A. Harding Memorial Stadium

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Elyria 2-3, Olmsted Falls 4-1

For the record: Olmsted Falls' running game is a challenge to defend. Opponents have experienced that all season, with the Bulldogs rushing for 275 yards in Rocky Ridgeville in a 42-10 win. What is just as impressive is their defense. They gave up 10 points to North Ridgeville after leading 42-3 at halftime. They also shut out Midview in the first half. Other than two-time defending Division III state champ Chardon, no team has lasted four quarters

with the Bulldogs. Elyria enters with back-to-back losses to Berea-Midpark (34-32) and to Avon (48-6). The Pioneers are also led by their running game with running back Lance Glover (719 rushing yards).

MIDVIEW AT AVON LAKE

What: Southwestern Conference game

Where: Avon Lake Memorial Stadium

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Midview 2-3, Avon Lake 4-1

For the record: The Shoremen got revenge in Week 5 against Berea-Midpark, winning, 35-21, against a team that spoiled their hopes for the SWC championship in 2021. Avon Lake is looking to do the same against Midview, which also spoiled the party at their place, winning, 24-21. After falling to Avon in Week 4, Shoremen coach Matt Kostelnik wanted his team to be conditioned enough to play four quarters. Their road win was a positive sign for that was they could to stay in contention in the conference. Midview got back in the win column after dropping its previous three. The Middles pulled off a last-minute drive against Amherst to win, 28-21.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE AT AVON

What: Southwestern Conference game

Where: Mark Wahlberg Chevrolet Stadium

When: Sept. 23 at 7 p.m.

Records: Avon 4-1, North Ridgeville 4-1

For the record: Week 5 did not go as planned for North Ridgeville with Olmsted Falls defeating the Rangers, 42-10. The Rangers have another tough task ahead against another SWC co-champ. Avon is on a two-game winning streak with its most recent win against Elyria (48-6). Eagles running back Jakorion Caffey leads them with 513 rushing yards and eight touchdowns. Rangers running back Zach Barnhart has rushed for 524 yards on the season, but was held to 56 rushing yards against the Bulldogs.

For the record: North Olmsted has the highest-scoring offense in the area, with 229 points heading into Week 6. It's led by quarterback Xavier Balson, who has 1,206 passing yards, 17 passing touchdowns with six touchdowns on the ground. Wide receiver Jarid Kelley has over 500 receiving yards with 20 total touchdowns from the air, on the ground and on special teams. The defense features returning All-Ohioan Jason Beasley, who has 10.5 sacks. Westlake started 3-1, but dropped its GLC West opener to Bay (28-21) on the road. The Demons were held to under 100 rushing yards against the Rockets.

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High school football statistics

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PASSING YARDS

Name, school	Passing yards
Xavier Balson, North Olmsted	1,206
Konner Rodick, Keystone	930
Jeremy Dziki, Avon Lake	856
Brady Cook, Elyria Catholic	832
Sam DeTillio, Avon	795
Marq Reed, Midview	733
Sam Bruchetti, Westlake	726
Jeremy Patti, Rocky River	638
Brendan Watchorn, North Ridgeville	622
Landon Wright, Wellington	599
Ryan Kitz, Elyria	591
Jimmy Aunspaw, Firelands	465
Julian Anderson, Oberlin	417
Jimmy Rosol, Olmsted Falls	378
Carter Kalamasz, Columbia	362
Tony Buttari, Bay	171

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Name, School	Passing touchdowns
Xavier Balson, North Olmsted	17
Brady Cook, Elyria Catholic	8
Konner Rodick, Keystone	8
Sam Bruchetti, Westlake	7
Jeremy Dziki, Avon Lake	6
Marq Reed, Midview	6
Brendan Watchorn, North Ridgeville	5
Sam DeTillio, Avon	5
Jimmy Aunspaw, Firelands	4
Julian Anderson, Oberlin	4
Ryan Kitz, Elyria	4
Jeremy Patti, Rocky River	4
Ethan Lorenzana, Clearview	3
Carter Kalamasz, Columbia	3
Landon Wright, Wellington	3
C.J. Polen, Wellington	3
Tony Buttari, Bay	2

RUSHING YARDS

Name, school	Carries	Yards
Marco Cirigliano, Columbia	129	1,113
Levi Ellis, Elyria Catholic	130	979
Jared Kelley, North Olmsted	63	738
Brandon Watchorn, Elyria	98	619
Weston Strader, Firelands	95	688
Zach Barnhart, N. Ridgeville	127	524
Garvin Caffey, Avon	71	513
Johnny Bebie, Rocky River	66	485
Ethan Lorenzana, Clearview	69	480
Rocco Clinton, Olmsted Falls	48	455
Wade Nelson, Avon Lake	59	402
Brendan Spellman, Bay	78	394
Marq Reed, Midview	73	351
Nathan Palfrey, Wellington	74	321
Marq Reed, Midview	70	286
Kadin Steinhilber, Keystone	32	235
Jack Pinchick, Olmsted Falls	30	235

RECEPTIONS

Name, school	Receptions	Yards
Tony Grasso, Elyria Catholic	28	319
Jared Kelley, North Olmsted	27	324
Marq Reed, Midview	26	382
Mason Kucera, Midview	24	210
Rocco Clinton, Olmsted Falls	24	267
Willard, North Olmsted	21	398
Ryne Shackelford, Keystone	19	261
Vince Berardi, Clearview	18	259
Charlie Steinmetz, N. Ridgeville	16	195
Dane West, Midview	16	144
Johnny Kirtz, Wellington	16	144
Cooper Kammell, Westlake	15	158
Kevin Steen, Oberlin	15	158
Chris Walker, Oberlin	15	151
Ethan Holbrook, Avon	9	178

SCORING

Name, school	Tot	TD	TD	TD
Jared Kelley, North Olmsted	20	180		
Marco Cirigliano, Columbia	19	114		
Avon Lake, Elyria Catholic	11	66		
Weston Strader, Firelands	11	66		
Ryne Shackelford, Keystone	10	60		
Jeremy Patti, Rocky River	9	54		
Rocco, Clinton, Olmsted Falls	9	54		
Wade Nelson, Avon Lake	9	54		
Brandon Watchorn, Elyria	8	48		
Ethan Lorenzana, Clearview	7	44		
Zach Barnhart, N. Ridgeville	8	42		
Brendan Spellman, Bay	6	24		
Xavier Balson, North Olmsted	6	36		
Garvin Caffey, Avon	5	32		
Evan Tester, Firelands	5	30		
Johnny Bebie, Rocky River	5	30		
Matthew Porcelli, Westlake	5	30		
Jack Masada, Rocky River	4	24		
Josua Nocella, Wellington	4	26		
Michael Cardow, Olmsted Falls	4	24		

Josh Kovach, Firelands	4	24
Marq Reed, Midview	4	24
Will Ostrowski, Westlake	4	24
Sam DeTillio, Avon	8	22
Johnnie Kirtz, Wellington	3	120
Jack Pinchick, Olmsted Falls	3	18
Jason Krawcheck, Avon Lake	3	18
Jacob Sanders, Columbia	3	18
Jimmy Sterner, Columbia	3	18
Tony Grasso, Elyria Catholic	3	18
Mason Kucera, Midview	3	18
Dane West, Midview	3	18
Brendan Watchorn, N. Ridgeville	3	18
Charlie Steinmetz, N. Ridgeville	2	12
Connor Costin, North Ridgeville	2	12
Charlie Rodgers, Bay	2	12
Michael Gomes, Brookside	2	12
Braden Fitzhugh, Avon	2	12
Cam Satter, Avon Lake	2	12
Kevin Steen, Oberlin	1	6
Chris Walker, Oberlin	1	6

KICKING

Name, school	XP	FG	Total
Frank Washburn, Columbia	27	1	30
Ian Walsh, Avon Lake	23	2	29
Nick Phillips, Elyria Catholic	16	1	19
Noah Minado, Olmsted Falls	18	1	18
Austin Deshaize, N. Ridgeville	14	1	17
Sean Evans, Rocky River	11	1	16
Sean Evilsizer, Westlake	11	1	14
Seth Warrick, Avon	13	1	13
Carson Madis, North Ridgeville	12	1	12
Noah Adkins, Brookside	7	7	7
Chase Medley, Bay	6	6	6

INTERCEPTIONS

Name, school	Interceptions
A.J. Stroud, Keystone	6
A. Greg O'Hern, Clearview	4
Josiah Longo, Clearview	4
Jacob Sanders, Columbia	3
Colin Sumner, Westlake	3
Clinton Willard, North Olmsted	2
Keegan Radford, Avon Lake	2
Pierden Peep, Avon Lake	2
Derek McCormac, Avon Lake	2
Casey J. Hurley, Keystone	2
Jeremy Mathers, Midview	2
Josh Mothers, Rocky River	2

SACKS

Name, school	Sacks
Garvin Bebie, North Olmsted	10.5
Travis Merrill, Elyria Catholic	7
Logan Galligan, Firelands	6.5
Carson Madis, North Ridgeville	6
Gavin Toltz, Columbia	6
Avery Miancourt, Avon Lake	5
Kaleb Wallace, North Ridgeville	4.5
Mohammed Asad, Westlake	4
Tony Grasso, Elyria Catholic	3
Isaac Thompson, Oberlin	3
Ko Painesona, Avon	3
Austin Mitchell, Keystone	3
Dillon Follies, Olmsted Falls	3
Malcolm Lane, Clearview	3
Isaiah Johnson, Elyria	3
Braydon Riase, Elyria	3
Darius Alali, Elyria	3
Brandon Knapp, Elyria Catholic	3
Graydon Rollins, Elyria Catholic	2.5
Justin Smith, Rocky River	2
Tyler, Kitzberger, Brookside	2
Nick Fouts, Avon	2
James Smith, Avon Lake	2
Caden Peters, Avon Lake	2
Shawn O'Hern, Clearview	2
Kyle Kammell, Columbia	2
Kenneth Kennedy, Elyria Catholic	2
Connor Rose, Midview	2
Hendon Valente, Vermilion	2
Mahmoud Mustafa, Westlake	2
Matthew Randt, Westlake	2

TEAM STATISTICS

School	PF	PA	DIF.
Olmsted Falls	177	47	130
Oberlin	216	90	126
Firelands	217	127	120
Avon Lake	202	91	111
North Olmsted	229	141	88
Avon	190	96	65
North Ridgeville	150	96	54
Ridgeville	141	97	44
Clearview	106	83	23
Keystone	147	67	80
Avon Lake	147	67	80
Rocky River	102	19	-87
Keystone	108	18	-90
Lorain	59	105	-166
Wellington	69	152	-113
Fairview	50	123	-123
Vermilion	40	164	-124
North Ridgeville	150	136	14
Westlake	74	212	-138
Oberlin	32	217	-185

High school scoreboard

BOYS SOCCER

Amherst 2, Avon Lake 0
Amherst: Jg, Harrell 1a, Hyton 1p, Trunzo 1a

Firelands 6, Wellington 0
Halftime: Firelands 3, Wellington 0
Firelands: Freshley 1g, Lowe 1g, 1a, Griebie 1g, Karalok 2g, Urbansky 1g, 1a, G. Yakovukh 1g, 1a, Yakovukh 1g

Westlake 11, Elyria Catholic 1
Elyria Catholic: Krupka 1p

GIRLS GOLF

Rocky River 189, Westlake 216, Fairview 255

North Olmsted 200, Fairview 200
North Olmsted: Shiley 45, Weisenber 45, Lane 53, Sorg 57

SBC Tournament

Team standings: Bellevue 431, Norwalk 412, Vermilion 627, Clyde 426, Perkins 456, Port Clinton 439, Oak Harbor 441, Columbus Tiffin 456, Sandusky 531

BOYS GOLF

Avon 157, Amherst 169
Avon: Dill 1g, McCourt 39, Austin 40, Trunzo 40

Tran 40, Yoder 41, Bray 42, Kissane 46

GIRLS SOCCER

Firelands 8, Wellington 1
Halftime: Firelands 2, Wellington 0
Firelands: Simmons 3g, 2p, 2a, Sutorius 3g, 2a, K. Sutorius 2g, Phillips 1g, Janic 2g, Weston 1a

Wellington: Gundert 1g
Saves: Firelands 2, Wellington, Kirschner 2

Records: Firelands 9-1

Columbia 4, Oberlin 2
Halftime: Columbia 3, Oberlin 1
Columbia: Washburn 1g, McCall 1g
Oberlin: Regalado Martinez 1g, Musgrave 1g

Saves: Columbia: Aniol 3, Oberlin: Streiner 4

Madison 4, Amherst 0
Halftime: Madison 3, Amherst 0
Saves: Amherst: Pheban 7

Records: Amherst 2-3-3

Avon Lake 3, Amherst 1
Halftime: Avon Lake 1, Amherst 2
Avon Lake: Grode 1g, 1a, Sheehan 1g, Parker 1g, Grode 1a

Amherst: Coleman 1g, Bena 1a
Saves: Avon Lake, Copter 3g, Amherst, Pheban 1g

Midview 1, Berea-Midpark 1
Halftime: Midview 0, Berea-Midpark 0
Midview: Coleman 1g, Bena 1a
Saves: Midview 1, Berea-Midpark 1

Westlake 4, Elyria Catholic 1
Records: Westlake 6-3-0

Keystone 4, Brookside 1
Keystone: Hagerman 3 g, 1a, Longacre 1g, Wise 1a

Saves: Keystone: Minney 3g, Brookside, Stafford 9

Records: Keystone 5-4-1

VOLLEYBALL

25-23, 25-25, 25-16, 25-18
Haddix 33-25: Hall 33k, 14d, 1b, 3ace, Haddix 55-16, Wayner 17k, 3b

GIRLS TENNIS

Avon 39, Avon Lake 34, Amherst 25, Olmsted Falls 22, Midview 15, Berea-Midpark 15, Elyria, North Ridgeville 11

Pirates

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Rocky River is a team filled with youthful experience, with the majority of their core currently set to return in 2023.

"We are such a young team, and it's great that we have such great chemistry," Russell said. "Going forward, that's going to be amazing for us. We have so many great attacking players where we like to combine and find goals."

For a back-to-back state final four team, they play with a veteran presence around them.

"Every year, we lose some vital people," Russell explained. "But every year, more people step up and we continue to grow as a team and as a program."

Sindelar echoed what Russell said about youth,

and having been around for last year's deep run, especially for what Carney has been able to do as a first-year varsity starter.

"I am so unbelievably proud of Mia," Sindelar said. "She's just this little freshman and I love her so much. She really came out tonight and proved to everyone why she's up here, working so hard to get where she is tonight."

Having a supportive team presence and culture plays into that, as Carney went into detail how it brings all of the girls together.

"I think it all starts in the locker room," Carney said. "That team in the locker room, they're just so hyped and they include everyone on the team. They just like dancing and music, and everyone is getting so hyped before the game. It definitely shows up on the field, like with goal celebrations. Everyone is so nice on the field and it really leads to our chemistry."

It also traces back to coach Pat Hopkins and the rest of the staff, helping make a freshman starter like Carney and the rest of her teammates feel ready to go each and every day.

"In the locker room before the game, they'll draw stuff up on the board and give us examples of what we need to do," Carney explained. "Even throughout the game, he's constantly keeping us engaged on the sideline

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GIRLS DIVISION I

1. Milford	10-0-0	150
2. Perrysburg	9-0-2	131
3. Strongsville	8-0-2	130
4. Olentangy Berlin (Delaware)	10-0-0	111
5. Springboro	9-0-2	99
6. Medina	8-1-1	90
7. Twinsburg	9-0-1	85
8. Mount Notre Dame (Cincinnati)	5-0-2	84
9. Centerville	7-0-3	71
10. Olentangy Orange (Lewis Center)	9-0-2	67
11. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	7-2-2	53
12. Rocky River	10-1-1	36
13. Northview (Sylvania)	5-0-4	23
14. Olentangy Liberty (Powell)	4-1-4	21
15. Anthony Wayne (Whitehouse)	6-1-4	15
GlenOak (Canton)	6-2-1	15

Receiving Votes: Seton (Cincinnati), Ashland, Jackson (Massillon)

Pirates top Eagles 5-1



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Sept. 28, 2022) -- The Pirates did not exactly have their best shooting night of the season, but Rocky River prevailed nonetheless in Wednesday's Great Lakes Conference West Division tilt against North Olmsted. The Maroon & White got three goals in the opening half and two more late in the match to close out a 5-1 victory over the visiting Eagles

First-half goals by Sophia Sindelar, Mackenzie Russell, and Ava Patti vaulted River to a 3-0 lead by the 28th minute of action. North Olmsted got a goal late in the first half to get within two (3-1).

That 3-1 score would hang for more minutes than any other combination of electric digits on the Rocky River Stadium scoreboard. Rocky River (11-1-1, 4-0 GLC West) would tidy things up with a pair of insurance goals (Mia

Carney, Maeve Kelly) in the final five minutes of play.

The Buccaneer offense did fizzle on a number of 1-on-1 looks and errant shots, but the Pirates still managed to tally 5-or-more goals in a match for a sixth time this season. River assists were notched by Cara McKenna (two), Annika Mocho, Patti (two), and Sindelar. A strong-passing Pirate squad now has 49 assists on 53 goals this season.

Rocky River has now won seven consecutive matches since tying Carmel (Ind.) on Sept. 3. The Pirates' next game is scheduled for Oct. 5 at Westlake.

by Skip Snow

River

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GIRLS DIVISION I

1. Milford	12-0-0	150
2. Strongsville	8-0-3	133
3. Perrysburg	9-0-3	113
4. Springboro	10-0-2	104
5. Medina	9-1-2	103
6. Mount Notre Dame (Cincinnati)	6-1-2	98
7. Twinsburg	10-0-2	97
8. Jerome (Dublin)	8-1-1	80
9. Centerville	9-0-3	78
10. Walsh Jesuit (Cuyahoga Falls)	8-2-2	58
11. Olentangy Berlin (Delaware)	11-1-0	56
12. Rocky River	11-1-1	36
13. Olentangy Orange (Lewis Center)	10-1-2	35
14. Northview (Sylvania)	7-0-5	29
15. Anthony Wayne (Whitehouse)	7-1-5	14

Receiving Votes: GlenOak (Canton), Miamisburg, Oak Hills (Cincinnati), Jackson (Massillon)

TOP OF THE CROP

Girls soccer

- (1) Rocky River 10-1-1
- (2) (2) Avon Lake 10-2-2
- (3) (3) Firelands 11-2
- (4) (4) Bay 10-2
- (5) (5) Avon 8-3-3
- (6) (7) Westlake 9-3
- (7) (6) Columbia 8-3-1
- (8) (8) Open Door 9-1-1
- (9) (10) Olmsted Falls 7-5-1
- (10) (9) Midview 7-5-2

Watch list: Keystone (6-5-1), North Olmsted (5-8-1), Vermilion (6-9)

Crop comments: The top five remained the same from last week. Rocky River has continued to win and came in at No. 12 in the OSSCA's Division I state poll. Beating Westlake on Oct. 5, which moved up a spot to No. 5, should clinch the GLC West if it hasn't done so already. ... Avon Lake's lone loss to Avon, the OSSCA No. 5, Bees might be the only blemish on their regular-season record when all is said and done. ... Firelands secured its first conference title and bested Columbia for the second time this season by a decent margin. It could be a dark horse threat for regional depending on what region they draw. ... Bay still is going strong, clocking in at No. 4 in the OSSCA Division II state poll. ... Columbia picked up its first two losses since its first defeat against Firelands in Sept. 7. The Raiders still have been playing good ball all season, but winning out the remainder of their schedule should provide a boost before the playoffs. ... At the bottom of the Crop, Olmsted Falls and Midview wrestled places, with no one dropping out over the past week.

Note: Records as of games played through Oct. 2.

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TOP OF THE CROP

Boys soccer

- (1) Bay 10-2-2
- (2) (2) Westlake 12-0-1
- (3) (4) Olmsted Falls 9-4
- (4) (3) Firelands 8-2
- (5) (6) Avon Lake 7-5-1
- (6) (5) Open Door 9-3-2
- (7) (7) Avon 5-3-5
- (8) (8) Midview 6-3-4
- (9) (9) North Ridgeville 7-5-2
- (10) (10) Amherst 5-5-2

Watch list: Keystone (7-7), Lorain (6-7), North Olmsted (5-5-3), Vermilion (7-7)

Crop comments: Bay remains atop the Crop as it continues piling up impressive wins, with losses and ties against equally tough opponents factored into their ranking. The Rockets came in ranked at No. 2 in the OSSCA's Oct. 3 state poll for Division II. Westlake remains undefeated with a tie and has looked impressive over the stretch run with a recent win over Olmsted Falls. It was the other end of Morning Journal coverage area school to be ranked in the OSSCA state poll, clocking in at No. 6 in D-1. The Demons still have a game against Bay that could determine the final No. 1 before the postseason. ... Speaking of Olmsted Falls, it reached a new high-water mark at No. 3, passing Firelands, after securing its third SWC title and first as a program since 2017 last week. ... Avon Lake moves up one spot in front of Open Door, while the remainder of the Crop remains the same. ... In terms of the watch list, Elyria fell off following a rough week.

Note: Records as of games played through Oct. 2.

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OPSWA statewide football notebook for Week 7

Staff report

Three more weeks.

That is all that is left in the high school football regular season as teams from all around the state have just a few more chances to make final pushes toward league titles and playoff spots.

There are plenty of players who will be instrumental for their teams in the final three weeks of the season and they also put up impressive performances in Week 7. Let's check them out with this week's OPSWA high school football notebook:

• **Avon and Olmsted Falls** combined for 15 touchdowns Friday night in the Eagles' 63-42 victory that puts them in the driver's seat for a seventh straight Southwestern Conference title. Avon also is coming off five straight state semifinal runs in Division II, but it put together an offensive performance for the record books. Senior receiver Ethan Holbrook hauled in five touchdown receptions, while just missed the Brian Canty record set in 2015 by Midview's Logan Bolin. He had six, coincidentally, against Avon in a 53-35 win. Holbrook finished with 208 yards on 10 receptions, drawing praise from coach Mike Elder in a message to college coaches. Additionally, junior running back Jakorian Caffey scored three TDs and rushed for 279 yards on 21 carries. He just missed his career high of 291 yards set earlier this year against Miami. Quarterback Sam DeFillio threw for 370 yards and six TDs on 16-of-25 passing. Meanwhile, Olmsted Falls senior Rocco Conti paced the Bulldogs with 240 yards rushing on 13 carries. He scored twice, including one in the passing game.

• **Senior Levi Ellis** of Elyria Catholic became his school's second all-time leading rusher after a 130-yard, three-TD performance in a 42-13 win against Westlake. Ellis passed Bryan Thomas (4,083 yards) and is now chasing Al McKinney (4,789) in the school record book.

• **Dominic Johnson** of Hawken rushed for 296 yards and three touchdowns in Week 7.



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Avon quarterback Sam DeFillio (hands off) running back Jakorian Caffey.

TDs on 31 carries in the Hawks' 35-27 win against Berkshire. Defensively, he added 12 tackles and an interception.

• **Sparta High** running back Dane Nauman ran for 308 yards and five touchdowns on 39 carries in a 44-20 win over Shelby. It was his third 300-plus yard game this season and fourth of 200 yards or more. He has yet to post a sub-100-yard game this year, and now has 196 carries for 1,579 yards and 20 rushing touchdowns for the season.

• **The Mansfield Senior** Tigers had just 17 passing yards in a 27-20 win over Ashland as they pulled up 290 yards on the ground and scored a defensive touchdown when Elias Owens returned an interception 43 yards for the score. Zylon Brown ran for 122 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries to help the Tigers improve to 5-2 on the year.

• **The Crestview Cougars** picked off three passes in a 37-7 win over South Central including a pick-by Caden Cunningham. The Cougars now record a safety on a sack by Owen Barker giving the defense eight touchdowns for the season and are 7-0 and the lone remaining undefeated team in Richland County. The Cougars also scored a safety on a sack by Owen Barker giving the defense eight touchdowns for the season and are 7-0 and the lone remaining undefeated team in Richland County. The Cougars also scored a safety on a sack by Owen Barker giving the defense eight touchdowns for the season and are 7-0 and the lone remaining undefeated team in Richland County.

• **The Clear Fork Colts** scored the final 28 points in a 56-21 win over Pleasant to remain undefeated in the Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference. Quarter-

back Victor Skoff threw for 233 on 17-of-17 passing with two touchdowns, both to Jay Jackson who had five catches for 138 yards. Skoff also ran for 119 yards on 12 carries and a TD. The Colts are still tied for first place in the league.

• **Badin junior** quarterback Alex Ritzle threw four first-half touchdowns and finished with 19-of-24 completions for 288 yards in leading the Division III's top-ranked Rams to a 42-7 win over the second time this season since Oct. 3, 2008, a string of 12 games as there were two teams (2010 and 2014) the Rams did not play each other.

• **Fairfield junior** quarterback Talm Fisher completed 12-of-19 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns, while also rushing for 123 yards and a score in leading the Indians to a 34-14 win over Hamilton. Fisher's three touchdown throws went to three different receivers — Michael Figgins, Juseters Fataki and Noah King.

• **For the second** straight week, Edgewood senior Tayvonne Crosby has rushed for more than 100

yards and multiple touchdowns in a game. On Friday against Northwest, Crosby totaled 19 carries for 134 yards and two touchdowns as the Cougars ran away with the victory 48-12. The week before, Crosby crossed into the end zone five times and ran for 110 yards in Edgewood's 47-18 rout of Mount Healthy. For the season, Crosby has 689 yards and 11 touchdowns for the Cougars. Junior Braden Sullivan also had a big night for Edgewood. He caught a pair of touchdowns and ran for another and had a combined 154 yards of offense in the win.

• **Senior Jaye** Warren had a monster game for Hamilton. Ross rushing for 226 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Rams to a 28-0 win over Southwest Ohio Conference rival Talawanda on Friday. The 226 yards were a career-high for Warren, whose previous high was 197 yards in a Week 1 win over Wilmington this season.

• **Monroe senior** Elijah Jackson ran for 220 yards on 23 carries and scored three touchdowns as the Hornets shutout Southwestern Buckeye League rival Franklin 35-0 on Friday. It was the second time this season that Jackson has rushed for more than 200 yards. He went for 211 on a loss to Western Brown in Week 3.

• **Running backs** Ezvazir Moody and Keegan Weiss combined for nearly 300 yards rushing and five touchdowns in leading Ansonia to a 44-7 win over National Trail on Friday. Moody had 150 yards on the ground and 188 yards and two scores while Weiss totaled 109 yards and three touchdowns.

• **Freshman quarterback** Brody Morton completed 13-of-15 passes for 330 yards and four touchdowns as Preble Shawnee knocked off Tri-County 54-13 in a Western Ohio Athletic Conference matchup on Thursday night. It was his third consecutive game with at least one touchdown caught all four touchdown passes (from 49, 35, 49 and 64 yards) and finished with seven receptions for 243 yards. He also had a rushing touchdown in the win.

The Eagles enter Week 8 in first place of the Southwestern Conference with a 6-1 (4-0 SWC) record. They will look to remain undefeated in the conference as they host Berea-Midpark on Oct. 7.

It's not a punishment. It can be an endearing trait.

I prefer to think of the practices at North and Benedictine this week as being as lively and vociferous as they've ever been, motivated to earn a win. That the practices at Euclid have a little more pep in their step after winning and losing streak that had to feel like an eternity.

In a way — provided these teams are as enthusiastic at 0-6 or 0-7 as they are at 0-0 — the 60 teams still plugging away around Ohio for win No. 1 are the best of us.

After all, that character to keep going up and not quit when things get overly adverse will mean much more over time than what a scoreboard stated one random Friday night.

So best wishes to North and Benedictine and all 60 of those teams as they pursue that breakthrough that ends three weeks of losing.

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Pirates prevail, exercise Demons 4-3



WESTLAKE, Ohio (Oct. 5, 2022) – Rocky River grabbed a 3-0 lead over the first 20 minutes of play and held on for a 4-3 victory, as the Pirates defeated the Westlake Demons in a Wednesday night Great Lakes Conference West Division match at Read Stadium.

The River Raiders got two goals each from Ava Patti and Sophia Sindelar as they won their eighth consecutive game this season and their second in as many years against a Westlake program that has dominated the all-time series between the west-side suburban neighbors.

Some Pirate pinball helped the visitors net the first goal of the contest two minutes-and-19 seconds in when a Patti shot banged off the crossbar and found Annika Mocho who deftly passed back to Sindelar who found twine. A Patti goal – assisted by Cara McKenna – in the 13th minute lifted No. 12

(Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, DI) Rocky River to an early 2-0 lead.

The Maroon & White made it 3-0 in the 20th minute when a Mackenzie Russell attempt was deflected to Patti, who tidied up with her second of the match. The Demons (9-4, 3-1 GLC West) was able to get some deep pressure on River late in the opening half. That pressure yielded two scores, one by Jessie Meno in the 31st minute and one by Ella Henton in the 38th, and the Pirates (12-1-1, 4-0) went into halftime leading 3-2.

Sindelar's second of the night – a goal set up by a long Olivia Byall pass and a nifty middle play by Maeve Kelly – vaulted the Rocky River lead back to two (4-2) in the 65th minute. Time to enjoy that cushion was short: Westlake filed a third goal in the 67th minute when Avery Shreffler scored on a penalty kick after a foul in the box.

The Shreffler goal marked the most River had yielded in a match this season, but the Pirates would yield no more in a pressure-packed final 13 minutes of action.

For the match, Rocky River had 10 corner kicks to Westlake's one.

Caitlin Rose made three saves for the Pirates, who won for just the fourth time in 32 all-time matches against the Demons (Westlake is now 25-4-3 in the series).

With her twin twine-finders Sindelar has now scored a goal in five straight games. Her 24 goals on the season are tops on the team.

CANNON FIRE ...

SOPHIA SO GOOD: Sophomore Sophia Sindelar's second goal Wednesday marked the 38th of her career. That ties her with Sophia Murray (2018-21) for 10th place on Rocky River's all-time scorer's list. Sindelar's 24 goals this season mark the second-most (Patti: 28 in 2020) by a River player in the last decade. The sophomore standout now has 53 points on the season; she is the 14th player in Pirate history to log 50-or-more in a single season.

MISS ASSIST: With her 13th assist on the season, Ava Patti now has 26 in her career. That ties her with Addie Harris (2018-21) for 11th place in program history. ... Rocky River has been credited with 55 assists on 57 goals this season.

ON DECK: Rocky River's next match will be a home-field affair against Fairview on Oct. 12 (7 p.m.).

by Skip Snow

River

Posted: Wednesday, October 5, 2022

TOP OF THE CROP

Girls soccer

- 1: (1) Rocky River 12-1-1
- 2: (2) Avon Lake 11-1-3
- 3: (3) Firelands 12-2
- 4: (4) Bay 11-3
- 5: (5) Avon 9-3-4
- 6: (6) Westlake 9-5
- 7: (7) Columbia 9-3-1
- 8: (8) Open Door 10-1-2
- 9: (9) Olmsted Falls 7-5-2
- 10: (NR) Keystone 7-5-2

Dropped out: Midview

Watch list: Midview (7-6-3), North Olmsted (5-9-1), Vermilion (7-9)

Crop comments: Outside of Keystone moving into the 10th spot to replace Midview, the rest of the Crop remains the same. ... Rocky River is cruising toward a GLC West Title game with a tiebreaker over Bay. ... Avon Lake and Avon can clinch a share of the SWC crown. Due to their early-season ties and both teams tying Oct. 5, both teams will share the crown if they each win or lose, and if one wins and the other loses or ties, that team will win the conference title. ... Bay remains steady at No. 4, as Avon has hit its stride late. ... Westlake lost two heartbreakers to Rocky River and Mayfield by 4-3 scores. That effort against two good teams, including the area's No. 1, barely keeps them ahead of Columbia at No. 6. ... Open Door and Olmsted Falls hold steady at No. 8 and No. 9.

Note: Records as of games played through Oct. 9.

—Sean Fitzgerald

TOP OF THE CROP

Boys soccer

- 1: (1) Bay 11-2-2
- 2: (2) Westlake 13-0-1
- 3: (5) Avon Lake 9-5-1
- 4: (3) Olmsted Falls 10-5
- 5: (4) Firelands 9-4
- 6: (7) Avon 6-3-5
- 7: (6) Open Door 9-4-2
- 8: (NR) Keystone 9-7
- 9: (9) North Ridgeville 9-5-2
- 10: (8) Midview 6-5-4

Dropped out: Amherst

Watch list: Amherst (5-6-2), Elyria (6-7-2), North Olmsted (5-6-3), Vermilion (7-7)

Crop comments: Bay and Westlake come into their matchup Oct. 12 with the GLC West divisional crown on the line. Bay has been No. 1 in the Crop every week except once (a brief stay by now No. 9 North Ridgeville). The undefeated Westlake Demons may be their biggest test before heading into the postseason or a conference title match. Both teams have been ranked in the OSSCA state poll, making this a must-see matchup for Northeast Ohio area soccer fans. ... Avon Lake hits a new high-water mark at No. 3 after beating SWC conference Champion Olmsted Falls by a spot. ... Firelands dropped for the second straight week after being a near constant in the No. 3 spot, now sitting at No. 5 ahead of a surging Avon and a solid Open Door. ... Keystone jumped back into the top 10 with a dominating week, led by juniors Chase Cuson and Zander Yoho, among the area's scoring leaders. ... Midview rounds out the top 10, with Amherst dropping to the watch list.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

FirstEnergy Stadium set to host district action in 2023

By Chris Lillstrung
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High school hockey players in Greater Cleveland are used to heading to Kent State and Brooklyn with aspirations for the frozen four. They're getting a huge change of scenery this winter, though.

Haslam Sports Group announced in a release Oct. 11, in conjunction with events surrounding the "Faceoff on the Lake" between Ohio State and Michigan at FirstEnergy Stadium in February, the outdoor rink will also host advanced stages of the high school hockey state tournament.

According to the statement, FirstEnergy Stadium will host "select" sweet 16 games, which in the tournament structure are district semifinals, on Feb. 25

and 26. "Four high school programs reaching the Elite 8 will play on Friday, March 3 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.," the release noted.

The "Elite 8," in this instance, would be the district finals traditionally staged at Kent State and Brooklyn. "When discussing Faceoff on the Lake, we recognized there were multiple opportunities to engage sports teams and fans from all levels of competition, as well as our entire community," Haslam Sports Group Chief Commercial Officer Eric Closs said.

"In addition to hosting high school, college and professional hockey games, we have created several weeks of programming that will provide ways for everyone in Northeast Ohio to enjoy the special atmosphere at FirstEnergy Stadium, including through community activations."

That programming will include OSU-Michigan on Feb. 18, 2023, as well as a Monsters' game against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on March 4, which is being dubbed the "Cleveland Monsters Outdoor Classic."

It will be the first outdoor pro hockey game staged in Cleveland. Both games are on Saturdays.

Haslam Sports Group also announced its intention to hold local hockey team practices, family and corporate gatherings and open skating while the rink is open at FirstEnergy Stadium.

Tickets for "Faceoff on the Lake" have already gone on sale via Ticketmaster, and tickets to the Monsters' game will go on sale to the public Oct. 12 by visit-

ing clevelandmonsters.com/outdoorclassic.

Information for other ticketed events, including the high school games, and reserving rink time will be announced at a later date.

The last time high school teams played downtown and outdoors was in 2012 at Progressive Field, also in conjunction with an OSU-Michigan clash.

This will mark the first time since the inception of a high school state tournament in Ohio in 1978 that a district final will not be staged at Brooklyn. Brooklyn hosted all Cleveland teams for district competition until 2003, when the Kent District was established in addition.

Brooklyn hosted both districts in 2021 due to the novel coronavirus pandemic and with Kent's rink closed in turn.

NFL

NFL keeping watch on return of HBCUs to prominence

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — During their original heyday in the 1960s, when much of the nation was still coming to grips with the end of Jim Crow, the Chiefs and their visionary coach, Hank Stram, realized more quickly than perhaps any team in the AFL or NFL that players from historically Black colleges and universities were good.

Really good. They were fast and strong and talented, just like the players produced by Bud Wilkinson at Oklahoma or Bear Bryant at Alabama. So the Chiefs drafted them, and Buck Buchanan and Willie Lanier and Otis Taylor went on to form the backbone of powerful teams that reached two Super Bowls and beat the Vikings for their first championship.

So it made poetic sense in April when the Chiefs, on the clock in the fourth round of the draft and trying to revamp their aging secondary, turned in a card with Joshua Williams' name on it. The cornerback from Fayetteville State was the first of four HBCU players chosen this year after none were selected in 2021 and just one went off the board in 2020.

"I'm very proud of where I came from," said Williams, who went seven spots before the Los Angeles Rams picked South Carolina State defensive back Decobie Durant. "It just speaks to the exposure we've been getting and also to the hard work I've been putting in. I'm glad it all paid off. I'm glad all of these things are coming to fruition."

It might not be a one-year fluke, either. The talent level at HBCUs has improved recently, one of many byproducts of widespread societal changes. There is more exposure through television and streaming services. New bowls and showcase games are giving HBCU players an opportunity to earn coveted invitations to the scouting combine.

As a result, NFL teams are once more mining those small colleges for hidden gems. When training camps opened this fall, 33 players from HBCUs were on rosters for 17 teams.

"Having opportunities to go to bowl games, the (NFL) combine — now you're getting kids motivated," Prairie View A&M coach Bubba McDowell said.

"They're seeing kids prior to them leaving and going to the combine and all the all-star games, now you're just increasing their ability (to say), 'It can really happen in the SWAC.'"



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 Chiefs cornerback Joshua Williams smiles after a preseason game against the Bears on Aug. 13 in Chicago.

There are 33 players from HBCUs in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, but many of the biggest stars played during the 1960s and '70s. That's when Eddie Robinson's Grambling State Juggernaut produced future NFL star Jackie Slater. But by the mid-1980s, HBCUs were producing fewer than 20 draft picks in an average year, a third of the total a decade earlier.

Every once in a while, generational talents would capture NFL attention, such as Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State) and Michael Strahan (Texas Southern). But for the most part, HBCUs became an afterthought for professional scouts.

Until recently, that is. The Black Lives Matter movement coupled with a national reckoning in terms of social justice largely led by young people, appears to have sparked renewed interest in HBCUs, just like the Civil Rights Movement a generation earlier.

And when it came to the gridiron, the decision by Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders to coach Jackson State in the fall of 2020 gave the longtime SWAC powerhouse — and other HBCU programs — a certain "cool factor" among recruits. That was evident last December, when five-star prospect Travis Hunter switched his commitment from mighty Florida State to the Tigers; other talented Division I prospects have followed suit and signed with HBCUs.

"He's changing the landscape of not only SWAC football but FCS football," Florida A&M coach Willie Simmons said.

That includes the MEAC, the other HBCU conference in the Football Championship Subdivision, but also smaller leagues such as the CIAA. That's the Division II conference where Fayette-

ville State plays, and where Williams — the Chiefs' draft pick this past April — did enough to warrant an invitation to the Senior Bowl.

It was there that Williams shined against players from powerhouses such as Texas A&M and Michigan, putting him on NFL radars and earning him a spot at the draft combine, where his workout sent him climbing up draft boards.

Including the one in Kansas City, where players from HBCUs flourished decades ago.

"We're just looking for football players, and it doesn't matter where you come from, what your story is," Chiefs general manager Brett Veach said. "If you can help us win games, and be a positive influence in the community, you know, we're going to find a way to make you a part of this roster. Josh was the same. He falls into that category."

Williams and Durant were joined by fellow draft picks James Houston, the Jackson State linebacker who went in the sixth round to Detroit, and Southern offensive lineman Ja'Tyre Carter, who went in the seventh to Chicago.

"I see the burst and the acceleration, I see the change in direction, that translates if you're at Alabama or if you're at Fayetteville State," explained David Hinson, the Chiefs' co-director of college scouting. "If he's got quick feet, if he has good hips and can change direction, if he can track the ball, that doesn't change no matter the field you're playing on."

Turns out there's quite a few draft prospects playing on HBCU fields this season.

Florida A&M pass rusher Isaiah Land is a potential Day 2 pick. Wide receiver Shaquan Davis could be the next star out of South Carolina State, which in recent years produced Shaq Leonard and Javon Hargrave. Bethune-Cookman tight end Kemari Averett, who began his career with Lamar Jackson at Louisville, could soon join the Ravens quarterback in the NFL, and wide receivers Abdul-Fatal Ibrahim of Alabama A&M and Hampton's Jada-kis Bonds also could get a shot.

Where they're coming from? That doesn't matter anymore.

The only thing that matters is what they can do. "I'm a firm believer that you put in your going to get out of it," said Ibrahim, who would be the first Alabama A&M draft pick since Frank Kearse in 2011. "If I put in hard work day-in, day-out, the results are going to show eventually."

Pirates

FROM PAGE 1

She recorded 14 kills in their thirteenth set won over Vermillion and 10 against Elyria Catholic.

"I think Brokaw has done a great job for us," Norris said. "She has been on fire lately. Something has been clicking inside of her. She is still young and is only a sophomore, but ever since the past week or so, something is clicking with her. She is way more aggressive (at the net) and she is loud (when communicating). I tell my middle (hitters) all the time that they should be the loudest on the court. I am hoping that she continues to step up, especially on Oct. 13."

Brokaw has averaged 2.3 kills per set over the course of the season and has had an impact at the net blocking hits. Her signature game was her five blocks against Westlake to take their spot for the GLC championship match against Vermillion.

Rocky River had its moments against Medina, but the Bees went on big runs as well like their 13-3 run to start the match.

"We just have to eliminate our errors," Norris said. "I even said that they struggled a little bit in serve receive toward the end of the match. I think we missed three or four serves and then (Medina) went on a 10-to-11-point run. Just keep the ball in play. We need to force (the opponent) to make errors, and they will at some point. A 10-to-11-point run is unacceptable."

Holy Name has prepared by playing Hathaway Brown. Before that, it won 11 of its last 12 matches. The Green Wave's only loss was to Chardon in the Avon Lake tournament that was a best-of-three sets.

In a best-of-five match, Holy Name's only loss was to Bay in five, which was its second match of the season. Their other losses were to Division II and Division III powerhouses, respectively, Huron and Gilmour.

The Green Wave is led by Coach Bojan Micić, the husband of Avon Lake coach Shana Micić. The Green Wave saw what outside hitters Logan Hickey (3.7 kills per set in 2022) and Chloe Smith (3.42) did as freshmen. The duo has kept riding the momentum as sophomores as they are the team's top two hitters.

Traditionally, Holy Name has been the powerhouse of the GLC. The Green Wave's only conference loss since 2018 was to Westlake's senior class in 2021, and they had to come back from two sets down to win.

"She has been on fire lately. Something has been clicking inside of her. She is still young and is only a sophomore, but ever since the past week or so, something is clicking with her. She is way more aggressive (at the net) and she is loud (when communicating). I tell my middle (hitters) all the time that they should be the loudest on the court."

Rocky River coach Brittany Norris, on Ella Brokaw

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Pirates plunder Fairview, headed for GLC title match Monday



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Oct. 12, 2022) – The Pirates closed out Great Lakes Conference West Division play in style, netting a season-high nine goals in a victory over Fairview which clinched the West title for the Maroon & White.

Rocky River scored seven goals in the first 20 minutes of an eventual 9-0 rout over the Warriors. And nines were wild for the ninth-ranked (Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association DI) Pirates: the win marked the team's ninth in a row; the shutout marked River's ninth this season.

The cruise-control win sends Rocky River (13-1-1, 5-0 GLC West) into the league's title match, which will pit the Pirates against the East-champion Lakewood Rangers. That game will be played Monday at Rocky River Stadium (kickoff 7 p.m.).

In Wednesday's white-wash on Detroit Rd., Sophia Sindelar registered two goals and two assists. Ava Patti also figured in four net-finders: she had a goal and three assists. Maeve Kelly (two goals), Cara McKenna, Grace DeWitt, Rory Vesey, and Mackenzie also scored for River.

Sindelar has now scored a goal in six consecutive matches. Her second goal Wednesday marked the 40th goal of her career. With 26 goals and seven assists this season, Sindelar now has 59 points. Only seven players have recorded 60-point seasons in Pirate history.

The sophomore standout and her teammates are looking to keep hitting on the number 9. A win Monday would mark Rocky River's ninth conference title.

CANNON FIRE ...

FINE FIRSTS: Grace DeWitt's goal – a 20th minute job on an Olivia Byall assist – marked the first of her career. Rory Vesey logged her first twine-finder as well when she one-touched a feed from Cara McKenna in the 19th minute. That goal came just 20 seconds after Katie Nupp set up McKenna for a 25-yard goal. The assist marked Nupp's first career point.

LOOSE CHANGE: River's nine-game win streak in the sixth-longest in program history. Over the last three seasons (2020-22), the Pirates have had four win streaks of seven games or more. ... The Maroon & White need one more shutout to join seven other Rocky River squads that have filed double-digit bagel totals. The Pirates had a program-record 15 shutouts in 2020. ... The Double-R is 7-0-1 at home this season. Since its last home loss (Sept. 22, 2021 vs. Bay), River is 11-0-1 on home turf. ... For the season, the Pirates have tallied 4.40 goals per game while yielding 0.73. The 4.40 GPG is the program's would-be third-best for a season.

IN THE HOLE: Rocky River is the No. 3 seed in the upcoming [DI Elyria 2 District Tournament](#). The Pirates will host the winner of Berea-Parma on Oct. 20 (6 p.m.).

by Skip Snow

River

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High school girls soccer statistics

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Name, School	G	APts
Tessa Knapp, Bay	38	8 84
Bella Simmons, Firelands	29	14 72
Rachel Washburn, Columbia	31	10 72
Morgan Janicek, Firelands	23	18 64
Livia Penton, Vermilion	25	7 57
Ella Grode, Avon Lake	24	7 55
Sophia Sindelar, Rocky River	24	5 53
Ava Patti, Rocky River	14	13 41
Grace Hagerman, Keystone	17	5 39
Rachel Sheehan, Avon Lake	16	6 38
Ella Henton, Westlake	17	3 37
Mia Sutorius, Firelands	9	18 36
Ava Williams, Elyria	15	3 33
Hannah Miller, Elyria	11	11 33
Sydney Peer, Westlake	12	8 32
Jessie Meno, Westlake	13	6 32
Gianna Scott, Avon	13	1 27
Debbie Panagiotou, Open Door	12	3 27
Erica Baldoza, Midview	10	6 26
Avery Shreffler, Westlake	6	14 26
Hailey Johnston, Olmsted Falls	12	1 25
Katie Humphreys, Open Door	9	5 23
Mackenzie Russell, Rocky River	6	11 23
Bryn Baker, Open Door	8	6 22
Morgan Bores, Open Door	8	5 21
Kendell Perkins, North Olmsted	10	0 20
Sarah Van Euwen, Avon Lake	6	8 20
Kylie Sutorius, Firelands	8	4 20
Alyssa Gimmel, North Ridgeville	8	4 20
Lydia Dougan, Firelands	7	5 19
Emery Aschenbrener, Bay	7	5 19
Norah Sgro, Midview	8	3 19
Delaney Macke, North Olmsted	7	4 18
Alexis Titas, Avon	8	2 18
Ariannah Floyd, Firelands	5	8 18
Ashley Thorxy, Columbia	5	8 18
Erika Parker, Avon Lake	5	7 17
Megan Maybaum, Bay	6	5 17
Samantha Pebworth, Midview	7	3 17
Attalie Updegrove, Keystone	7	3 17
Bella Antonio, North Ridgeville	7	3 17
Maria Dee, Elyria Catholic	8	1 17
Ally Uhnak, Elyria Catholic	8	1 17
Rachel Faber, Open Door	6	4 16
Maeve Kelly, Rocky River	5	6 16
Natalie Sprague, Olmsted Falls	7	2 16
Brit Fitzpatrick, Olmsted Falls	7	2 16
Kamille Coleman, Amherst	7	2 16
Olivia Pepe, Avon	4	7 15
Cara McKenna, Rocky River	2	11 15
Madison McCall, Columbia	6	3 15
Kali Baker, North Ridgeville	6	3 15
Summer Shirley, Vermilion	6	2 14
Audrey Pretchel, Elyria	5	4 14
Abby Lundberg, Midview	6	1 13
Skylar Kruska, Avon	5	3 13

High school boys soccer statistics

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Name, School	G	APts
Zander Yoho, Keystone	29	13 71
Chase Cuson, Keystone	27	11 65
Ethan Jacobs, Bay	17	14 48
Job Pruitt, Open Door	18	10 46
Reed Clark, Bay	17	6 40
Justin Shreffler, Westlake	16	6 38
Alec Urbansky, Firelands	15	7 37
Gavin Heighberger, Elyria	10	13 33
Milo Hignett, Bay	9	14 32
Cole Sigan, Olmsted Falls	14	3 31
Ryan Runser, Midview	11	8 30
Ben Weir, Fairview	11	7 29
Blake Kubasak, Amherst	12	2 26
Garrett Yakunovich, Firelands	10	6 26
Alex Werth, Vermilion	11	3 25
Mason Kucera, Midview	10	4 24
Ian Eck, Open Door	9	6 24
Will Fazio, Avon Lake	11	1 23
Zak Kolleda, Brookside	10	2 22
Brendan Sheehan, Avon Lake	7	7 21
Eli Kempton, Elyria Catholic	6	9 21
Braydon Dorsey, Open Door	7	5 19
Canaan Stevens, Open Door	9	0 18
Noah Adkins, Brookside	5	8 18
Try Griebel, Firelands	6	5 17
Nico Morello, Brookside	7	3 17
Landon Goodrich, Brookside	6	5 17
Tim Rader, Elyria	7	3 17
Reggie Johnson, Lorain	8	0 16
Grant Becker, North Olmsted	4	8 16
Nick Spanu, North Olmsted	6	4 16
Brandon Zimmerman, Fairview	6	4 16
Matt Baldwin, Keystone	3	10 16
Hezekiah Garcia, Elyria Catholic	7	2 16
Connor Kane, Clearview	7	1 15
Million Evans, Bay	5	5 15
Holden Longacre, Keystone	5	5 15
Cimi Halilaj, Westlake	5	5 15
Issac Quast, Elyria	6	3 15
Andrew McDonald, Amherst	5	4 14
Quin Kelly, Fairview	4	6 14
Wesley Penton, Vermilion	3	7 13
Luka Sergent-Mani, Lake Ridge	6	1 13
Gael Briones, North Olmsted	5	3 13

Stars

FROM PAGE 1

“If he didn’t look the same as me, we probably wouldn’t be having this conversation,” Kris Murray said at Big Ten media day in Minneapolis. “Nobody expected Keegan to make the jump he did when Luka left. I think that’s kind of the big difference. We have a really balanced team this year.”

Keegan Murray, who averaged 23.5 points to lead the conference last season, left Iowa after his sophomore year to enter the NBA draft. He was the fourth overall pick by Sacramento.

“It was a good thing having Keegan in every single way, so I’m not taking away anything from him,” sixth-year reserve Connor McCaffery said. “But that’s a lot of shots that were in that lineup that you have to make up. So now it’s different guys coming in, every day in practice.”

One look across the Big Ten this fall reveals a trend of departed stars, rosters still in a rather awkward state caused by the eligibility waiver for the pandemic season, the relaxed rules around transfers playing right away and, as always,

NHL

Penguins’ core still going strong

By Will Graves
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH » The scene was mundane only in its familiarity.

Sidney Crosby working just off to the side of the net. Kris Letang circling the point. Evgeni Malkin coiled in the right circle. The whistle from a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins coaching staff the only thing breaking the silence.

Ignore the rest of the players on the ice — some of whom were in elementary school the first time the core that’s defined one of the NHL’s marquee franchises for the better part of two decades took the ice together — and it could have been 2009. Or 2013. Or 2017. Or really, pretty much at any other point since Oct. 16, 2006, when Malkin, Crosby and Letang lost to Martin Brodeur and the New Jersey Devils 2-1 in an arena that long ago became a parking lot.

They were kids then. Letang and Crosby, just 19. Malkin, all of 20. They didn’t know what they were getting into. The bond they created has withstood various coaches, general managers, health scares as well as the fiscal realities of the salary cap era.

When the Penguins open the season on Thursday night against Arizona, Crosby, Letang and Malkin



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The Penguins’ Sidney Crosby works during practice Sept. 22.

will begin their 17th year together, tying the run of New York Yankees stars Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Mariano Rivera as the longest-tenured trio of teammates in major North American professional sports history.

It’s rarified air, a milestone — for a few anxious days over the summer anyway — it appeared they wouldn’t reach with Letang and Malkin potentially poised to hit free agency.

Malkin agreed to a four-year deal just hours before hitting the market, a signing created in part by Letang’s decision spread out his \$36 million contract over six years instead of four, freeing up enough cap space to make sure Malkin stuck around.

“It’s something special,” Letang said. “It’s something we’re going to have together our entire life and

(now) we have a chance to make it even stronger and try to win.”

Something that hasn’t been an issue for the Penguins since Crosby’s No. 87, Malkin’s No. 71 and Letang’s No. 58 became fixtures in the lineup. Pittsburgh hasn’t missed the playoffs since 2006, the season before Malkin and Letang arrived to help Crosby resurrect the fortunes of a team coming off a volatile period that included bankruptcy and the threat of relocation.

Three times Crosby, Letang and Malkin have paraded through the downtown streets of their adopted hometown with the Stanley Cup. Yet it’s been five years since that giddy night in Nashville when the Penguins became the first team in a generation to claim back-to-back titles.

owners/executives and four head coaches. Teams can also propose rule changes to be voted on by owners, which require 24 votes to pass.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay told The Associated Press on Oct. 12 he would support replay for these penalties.

“I think that’s a wise way to go because there’s too much inequity with what’s able to be challenged and reviewed and what’s not,” Irsay said. “You challenge that call in Kansas City, you win every time. It’s not even close. So I think that’s the way to go. Nothing ever makes it perfect. It’s a fast game, and there’s emphasis put on safety now, as it should be. But you can’t go overboard and ruin the game because the game is special.”

Despite the grievances, roughing-the-passer penalties are down 45% from this point last year. Through Week 5 in 2021, 51 were called. Only 28 have been called this season, according to league stats.

A person with direct knowledge of the matter told the AP the league isn’t

planning to make any rule changes. The topic will be discussed when NFL owners meet in New York next week, but the league doesn’t want to be reactionary because of a few blown calls. The league experimented with reviewing pass interference in 2019 and ended it after one season.

Quarterbacks aren’t complaining, of course.

“Keep protecting me as much as possible,” Cleveland Browns QB Jacoby Brissett said. “As many times I can get one, I’ll take one, so I’m not going to complain about that.”

Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes saw the call go against his team, but he still sees both sides.

“It’s something where they’re trying to protect the quarterbacks,” Mahomes said. “They’re trying to find the right medium of protecting us, but at the same time letting us play football. This past week was a small window of bad roughing-the-passer penalties, but in the grand scheme, I think they’ve done a good job and they’re going to get better at it.”

High school volleyball statistics

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KILLS			
Name, School	Sets	Kills	Avg.
Kylee Urban, Olmsted Falls	58	379	6.5
Nia Hall, Amherst	65	399	6.1
Samantha Young, R. River	61	327	5.4
Aubrey Kirk, Avon Lake	61	308	5
Lexi Mack, Firelands	62	287	4.6
Anika Norris, Westlake	56	244	4.4
Bianca Yakobchuk, Op. Door	56	231	4.1
Gracie Starcovic, Vermilion	59	243	4.1
Stephanie Smith, Avon Lake	65	253	3.9
Lily Rice, Avon Lake	65	253	3.9
Alexandria Palmer, Olm. Falls	55	201	3.7
Maddie Stout, Vermilion	63	221	3.5
Cecily Waynar, Amherst	58	201	3.5
Laura Fuehrer, Bay	55	183	3.3
Rachel Seekins, Brookside	66	210	3.2
Lily Tomasheski, Midview	51	163	3.2
Lauren Maxwell, Bay	56	179	3.2
Sophie Thomas, Bay	53	171	3.2
Nilaysia Todd, Clearview	66	154	3.2
Cameron Baker, Columbia	62	188	3
Allie Chang, Westlake	57	170	3
London Stone, Avon	57	215	2.9
Morgan Lehmkuhl, Welling.	67	193	2.9
Grace Busold, Avon	57	163	2.9
Olivia Morgordy, Westlake	56	158	2.8
Ally Tessmer, North Olmsted	49	132	2.7
Isabel Zebrowski, Elyria	45	123	2.7
Hannah Akel, Fairview	62	166	2.7
Paige Grobelsek, Brookside	68	183	2.7
Molly Kuyper, Fairview	68	177	2.6
Lauren Valerius, Firelands	62	152	2.5
Sarah Walton, N. Ridgeville	61	144	2.4
Kennedy Crandall, Fairview	68	165	2.4
Kaitlyn Colahan, Vermilion	63	144	2.3
Ella Brokaw, Rocky River	5.9	134	2.3
Brooke Smith, Keystone	42	91	2.2
Jessica Forthofer, Keystone	55	110	2

ASSISTS			
Name, School	Sets	Ast.	Avg.
Ava Haddix, Amherst	65	744	11.4
Rachel Meyer, Avon Lake	65	710	10.9
Shelby Bloor, Westlake	57	577	10.1
Kristina Lawaway, Bay	62	529	9.5
Grace Tansey, Firelands	61	555	9.1
Gine Lawver, Open Door	48	428	8.9
Alivia Diaz, Brookside	68	579	8.5
Emma Kuyper, Fairview	70	555	7.9
Alyssa Caldera, Clearview	66	424	6.4
Angelique Garcia, Vermilion	62	380	6.1
Olivia Sprague, Keystone	55	336	6.1
Claire Harries, Olmsted Falls	58	340	5.9
Taylor, Standen, Wellington	64	370	5.8
Alyce Williams, Elyria	48	275	5.7
Lily Hamilton, Avon	58	333	5.7
Kylee Urban, Olmsted Falls	58	283	4.9
Ella Duffy, Rocky River	61	298	4.9
Megan Simon, Columbia	62	293	4.7
Eliliana Pruitt, Open Door	13	60	4.6
Kylie Spies, Rocky River	61	282	4.6
Claire Kelch, N. Ridgeville	38	166	4.4
Allie Guerrieri, N. Ridgeville	65	280	4.3
Rachel Lapka, Vermilion	49	200	4.1
Alexis McKee, Midview	51	205	4.0
Natalie Sikorski, Columbia	62	228	3.7
Sarah Riley, Midview	54	188	3.5
Sarah Pullin, North Olmsted	66	219	3.3
Kaleigh Andrassy, Avon	47	142	3
Raegan Devries, N. Ridgeville	36	105	2.9
Kam Danielson, Avon	13	35	2.7
Sarah Giley, North Olmsted	69	167	2.4

BLOCKS			
Name, School	Sets	Blk	Avg.
Adalynn Ginley, N. Ridgeville	66	96	1.5
Cecily Waynar, Amherst	58	77	1.3
Anika Norris, Westlake	56	72	1.3
Breanna Ginley, N. Ridgeville	66	87	1.3
Brooke Lehmkuhl, Wellington	67	80	1.2
Ava Damos, Amherst	27	27	1
Laura Fuehrer, Bay	55	54	1
Elia Brown, Wellington	67	61	0.9
Katie Colahan, Vermilion	63	53	0.8
Avery Abfall, Avon	54	41	0.8
Elise McDonald, Elyria	43	29	0.7
Colette Wagner, Westlake	46	31	0.7
Izzy Loeffler, Avon Lake	65	47	0.7
Caroline Knopf, N. Ridgeville	47	31	0.7
Maddie Eldridge, N. Ridgeville	65	47	0.7
Rachel Seekin, Brookside	66	40	0.6
Sydney Hallbach, Avon Lake	65	40	0.6
Isabela Gotsis, Amherst	65	36	0.6
Ally Stewart, Firelands	56	36	0.6
Shelby Bloor, Westlake	57	33	0.6
Hannah Akel, Fairview	62	36	0.6
Aubree Kennedy, Vermilion	59	37	0.6
Sarah Walton, N. Ridgeville	61	38	0.6
Molly McKee, N. Ridgeville	37	23	0.6
Nia Hall, Amherst	65	36	0.6
Hailey Urban, Firelands	60	35	0.6
Olivia Morgordy, Westlake	56	30	0.5
Morgan Lehmkuhl, Welling.	67	36	0.5
Sophia Goldenberg, R. River	47	24	0.5
Kathryn Knaak, Westlake	32	17	0.5
Jules Gedling, Amherst	48	26	0.5
Ella Horvath, Westlake	55	25	0.5
Maddie Weller, Avon	52	24	0.5
Madie Shoaf, Rocky River	61	28	0.5
Rachel Lapka, Vermilion	49	23	0.5
Bethany Sherwood, Avon	40	20	0.5
Nilaysia Todd, Clearview	66	31	0.5
Sophia Fioravanti, Elyria	29	15	0.5
Kaylynn Hannan, Brookside	68	31	0.5
Liv Bemer, N. Ridgeville	57	26	0.5

DIGS			
Name, School	Sets	Dig	Avg.
Alyssa Carman, Westlake	57	378	6.6
Danica McArthur, Avon Lake	65	404	6.2
Hailey Miller, N. Ridgeville	66	376	5.7
Lindsay McConihe, Amherst	65	351	5.4
Haley Trowbridge, Brookside	68	357	5.3
Addy Beggs, Bay	65	314	4.8
Lauren Maxwell, Bay	56	183	4.8
Olivia Morgordy, Westlake	56	265	4.7
Thea Beran, Avon	58	270	4.7
Caitlyn Underwood, Elyria	51	240	4.7
Maggie Pfahl, Rocky River	61	284	4.7
Addie Oden, Olmsted Falls	57	241	4.2
Eva Bender, Clearview	66	269	4.1
McKenna Solkiewicz, Welling.	60	262	4
Grace Munro, Fairview	70	283	4
Maddy Gilchrist, Midview	51	193	3.8
Gracie Starcovic, Vermilion	59	222	3.8
Jarimar Ruiz, Clearview	66	253	3.8
Maddie Stout, Vermilion	63	241	3.8
Nia Hall, Amherst	65	238	3.7
Samatha Young, Rocky River	61	228	3.7
Andie Eberhardt, Firelands	62	223	3.6
Sophia Unterbrink, Open Door	56	203	3.6
Aubrey Kirk, Avon Lake	61	206	3.4
Paige Grobelsek, Brookside	68	222	3.3
Liliana Hritz, Columbia	62	206	3.3
Delaney Friscone, Columbia	62	202	3.3
Alyssa Caldera, Clearview	66	210	3.2
Grace Busold, Avon	57	174	3.1
Jenna Hyland, Westlake	57	179	3.1
Morgan Lehmkuhl, Wellington	65	109	3.1
Isabel Zebrowski, Elyria	45	236	3.1
Kylee Urban, Olmsted Falls	58	176	3

High school scoreboard

BOYS SOCCER	Halftime: Independence 5, Oberlin 0.
Clearview 2, Trinity 2	VOLLEYBALL
Clearview: Kane 1g, Perez 1g, Staller 1a Saves: Clearview, Kamfolt 11	Clearview 3, Oberlin 0
Elyria Catholic 4, Cuyahoga Heights 0	25-20, 25-13, 25-8
Halftime: Elyria Catholic 3, Cuyahoga Hts 0.	Vermilion 3, Perkins 0
Elyria Catholic: Kempton 2g, 1a, Garcia 2g, Phillips 1a	25-16, 27-25, 25-11
Saves: Elyria Catholic, Taylor 2	Columbia 3, Keystone 0
Records: Elyria Catholic 5-8-2	25-10, 25-16, 25-22
Independence 7, Oberlin 0	Columbia: Beck 7k, 1b, 3aces, Simon 14a, 3aces, Hritz 11d

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Rock-solid River runs win streak to 10, earns GLC crown



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Oct. 17, 2022) – The Rocky River Pirates earned their ninth conference title in program history on a breezy, chilled evening at Rocky River Stadium Monday. The crown was earned in the Great Lakes Conference Championship match, a tilt featuring GLC West champ Rocky River against its East Division counterpart, the Lakewood Rangers. The Pirates dominated the contest, putting 15 shots on goal while allowing none. Rocky River won the game 6-0.

The Maroon & White got two goals each from junior Ava Patti and sophomore Sophia Sindelar. River leveraged three goals (Patti, Sindelar, Mackenzie Russell) in a late-first-half span of 5 minutes-and-7 seconds. The 12th-ranked (Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, DI) Pirates would go into halftime leading 4-0 and cruise the rest of the way in earning their 10th shutout win of the season.

With Monday's win over Lakewood, Rocky River (14-1-1) has now won four GLC titles (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022). The Pirates also won West Shore Conference championships in 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, and 2014.

The River Raiders – winners of 10 straight matches -- have outscored foes 24-4 over their last four games.

Sindelar's first goal Monday marked her 60th and 61st points of the season. She became just the eighth Rocky River player to reach 60 points in a single season. The sophomore standout has scored a goal in seven straight matches. Across three matches, Sindelar has scored six of her 42 career goals against the Rangers.

Cara McKenna registered three assists Monday.

CANNON FIRE ...

PIRATES-RANGERS: Rocky River's Monday win upped its all-time record against Lakewood to 9-5. Since 2009, the Pirates are 7-1 against their neighbors to the east. RRHS and LHS first met in 1990.

BAGEL SALE: The Maroon & White have now filed double-digit shutout totals in eight seasons. The Pirates had a program-record 15 shutouts in 2020; they registered 14 last season. ... The Double-R is 8-0-1 at home this season. Since its last home loss (Sept. 22, 2021 vs. Bay), River is 12-0-1 on home turf.

ON DECK: Rocky River is the No. 3 seed in the [DI Elyria 2 District Tournament](#). The Pirates will host No. 29 Berea-Midpark on Oct. Thursday (6 p.m.).

by Skip Snow

River

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Avon's Smitek competing in D-I state tourney

Rocky River's Robertson also qualifies

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Avon's Natalie Smitek kept her season going Oct. 15 by placing third in Division I district play and will be headed down to the state tournament this weekend in Mason.

After falling to district champion Tess Bucher of North Canton Hoover, Smitek responded with a victory over Solon's Niya Friedy to finish in third. Smitek will now compete in the 16-player D-I state tournament against Mason's Nishi Gandhi in the first round Oct. 21. With a win, Smitek could potentially get a rematch with Bucher.

Rocky River's Samantha Robertson also qualified out of the district and is matched up with Dublin Coughlin's Pratikha Ghosh-Choudhuri in the first round on the top half of the bracket.

"It's really exciting. You always wonder if it's actually going to pay off," Smitek said. "Going to state and hopefully doing well is really exciting."

Smitek is going to state for the third time in her career as a junior after making it in doubles the past two years. She is hoping her experience playing at the Lindner Family Tennis Center previously will help ease her nerves for this year's tournament.

"It's such a cool environment there because of the pro stadium," Smitek said. I love playing there, it's so much fun. It's exciting. I think it just helps not being as nervous because it's such



Smitek

that definitely helps to have that experience twice before."

Even for state qualifiers, they have to manage the ups and downs of the season well in order to make it this far. Smitek said she had a slump in the middle of the season, and she had to just roll with it until she got out of it and started to play well again. She could've stopped practicing as hard as she did, but staying mentally strong helped her start playing better.

She is now peaking at the right time and is one of the 16 girls in D-I with a chance to win a state title. Smitek is playing more earlier in the week, but it'll be lighter practicing once she gets down to Mason on Oct. 20.

Smitek has gotten the opportunity to meet some of her opponents through different competitions, and she's excited for the experience of the state tournament once again.

"It's really fun. I know a lot of the players from seeing them in tournaments or playing them during the season," Smitek said. "It's cool having friends down there and having people that you're familiar with. It definitely makes it less stressful and more of a fun experience if you don't end up winning."

TOP OF THE CROP

Girls soccer

1: (1) Rocky River 14-1-1

2: (2) Avon Lake 13-1-3

3: (3) Firelands 14-2

4: (4) Bay 12-3

5: (5) Avon 10-3-4

6: (7) Columbia 11-3-1

7: (6) Westlake 9-6

8: (8) Open Door 10-1-3

9: (9) Olmsted Falls 9-5-2

10: (NR) Midview 8-6-3

Dropped out: Keystone

Watch list: Keystone (7-7-2), North Olmsted (5-9-1), Vermilion (7-9)

Crop comments: Rocky River went wire-to-wire all season as the top team in the Crop and also finished as GLC champions against Lakewood. The two-time state semifinalists will be playing in Division I this year, at the bottom of the list in terms of size for a D-I school, but that shouldn't be a hindrance on the Pirates' play through the tournament. ... Avon Lake wound up sharing the SWC title with No. 5 Avon, with a date vs. Barberton coming up after an opening-round win against Euclid. ... Firelands and Bay stayed steady at the third and fourth spots, with Columbia edging out Westlake for No. 6 spot. Open Door and Olmsted Falls keep their spots, while Midview slides in at No. 10.

Note: Records as of games played through non-playoff games through Oct. 17.

— Sean Fitzgerald

TOP OF THE CROP

Boys soccer

1: (1) Bay 12-2-3

2: (2) Westlake 13-0-3

3: (4) Olmsted Falls 10-5-1

4: (3) Avon Lake 9-6-1

5: (5) Firelands 10-4

6: (6) Avon 8-3-5

7: (7) Open Door 9-4-2

8: (8) Keystone 9-7

9: (9) North Ridgeville 9-6-2

10: (10) Midview 7-6-4

Watch list: Amherst (5-7-2), Elyria (6-8-2), North Olmsted (6-7-3), Vermilion (7-9)

Crop comments: Bay solidified its hold on the No. 1 spot after making a comeback to tie Westlake to go to the GLC title game. The Rockets bested Buckeye in that game and will host Holy Name in their opening postseason game Oct. 22. ... Olmsted Falls and Avon Lake topped flopped spots, with the only movement in this Crop being between those two teams. Firelands was close to making a move up, but stay put at No. 5 with a chance to move to district with a win Oct. 22. ... Avon, Open Door, Keystone, North Ridgeville and Midview round out the final top 10.

Note: Records as of games played through non-playoff games through Oct. 15.

— Sean Fitzgerald

High school scoreboard

BOYS SOCCER

Wellington 1, Oberlin 6 (OT)

Halftime: Wellington 0, Oberlin 9

per set average along with her sophomore teammates Sally Fedders and Izzy Loeffler, who can perform on both ends of the net.

Setter Rachel Meyer is the operator for the entire offense. Her 10.9 assists per set is among the top three among sophomores in Ohio. The back line is led by libero Danica McArthur, who is one of the better liberos in the state with 6.2 digs per set.

Kirk is second with 3.5 digs per set.

The Grafton District bracket also has fourth-seed Amherst and fifth-seed Medina, making it one of the most stacked brackets in the state with four state-ranked teams.

place an Annika Bredel an all-state, all-world kid that's high-class. ... But what we can do is build depth with the players around her. We have nine kids that could potentially cover the areas that she did."

Inside the circle will feature sophomore Harper Morgan (3.14 earned runs average). Her 148 strikeouts ranked among the top pitchers in the area that was loaded with elite pitching talent.

"This is not a learning season anymore," Dixon said. "This is a season that we are going to go into prepared to, just like every other team to win in the offseason, so that when we are in the regular season, we are hitting on all cylinders."

of an athlete he is. He got to pitch his abilities directly to Michigan's staff in recent months.

"Hayden is such a good athlete. I took him down to Michigan when the baseball program had a prospect camp back in July, we went up to Ann Arbor for that," Means recalled. "They did a scrimmage at the end of the prospect camp, and he hit a home run in that scrimmage. It wasn't just against the best talent in Ohio, but there were kids from all over the place

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL



RANDY MEYERS — FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL

Mary Meng of Midview puts up a shot over Danielle Cameron of Olmsted Falls during the second quarter Jan. 22.

Midview's Meng commits to BG

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After going through the college recruiting process, Midview's Mary Meng has committed to Bowling Green women's basketball and Coach Robyn Fralick.

In a tweet Oct. 15, the Middies' senior made her commitment to the Falcons official.

"It's incredible, it's like 1.5% of girls in the world that get to play at the Division I level," Meng said. "I can't even express how thankful and honored I feel that I've been given this opportunity."

The 6-foot-4 center also weighed in from schools like Columbia and Harvard in her final decision, but she ultimately decided going to Bowling Green and staying closer to home was the right move.

"I think it really came down to what made sense for me and my family," Meng said. "Proximity was a big thing in the end, as well as my fit with the coaches and team. They really excel in that area."

So what exactly is Bowling Green getting in Meng? Being 6-4 isn't a learned trait, but using her height to her advantage on the block has helped Meng become a touted Division I recruit. In her first year at Midview as a junior, Meng used strong fundamentals, basketball IQ and passing vision inside to quickly become one of the best players in the SWC.

With an eye-opening 23 points and 26 rebounds in her Middies' debut last season in a win over Avon, she put herself on the map.

"I think I provide a lot of size inside, I'm really excited to get to college and get better and keep progressing and working on my game," Meng said. "They're great at developing skill, so I'm really excited about that."

Meng started playing basketball by joining a team in fifth grade, but had played against her brother in the driveway for as long as she can remember. As a kid, she just loved playing basketball. It wasn't until around when she started high school that she considered trying to go the next level and play in college.

There were a lot of hours put in to basketball, and

Meng said she missed a lot of different things growing up to attend practices or workouts. However, Meng is thankful for the help of others that have supported her on this journey to college hoops.

"It's not all just me, it took a village," Meng said. "My parents drove me to games, I even had friends' parents that would drive me to practices sometimes. I think that it's a cool success for everyone that's supported me throughout the years. I feel very thankful to have such a strong support community to grow up in. It's just crazy to think about all of the teams that I've been on, all the teammates that I've played with, the coaches that I've poured into me. I think it was a combination of everybody that allowed me to get where I am today."

Among Meng's support system is Midview coach Brittney McNamara. After coaching at a few different stops after playing in college and at Elyria Catholic, McNamara came to Midview at the same time that Meng transferred. The duo will be together for their second season in 2022 before Meng heads off to BGU.

McNamara tried to help Meng as much as she could throughout the process. In time of need, McNamara said Meng would call her with questions, and she was glad the senior could trust her in those moments.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to play at any level, but to go to that level and be part of the 1% that gets to go is something that not many people get to do," McNamara said. "To be a part of that great experience playing at Bowling Green, a Division I school, I'm very excited for her and what this journey is going to be like."

Now that the ups and downs of the recruiting process are over and Meng has made her decision, she can now refocus to her senior season at Midview. The Middies fell last season in a district semifinal and are looking to make a bigger run this year.

"We're all very excited. I think the general mood is that every practice, we know other people are working hard," Meng said. "So we're just preparing and finding ourselves to be at our best this season."

Shoregals

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The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association voted them top 20 for D-I for the first time in the Week 5 state poll.

As the sixth seed in the Northeast region, the Shoremen selected the top half of the Grafton District with Division I powerhouse St. Joseph Academy on the same side.

The Jaguars have played them four times in 11 years, defeating Avon Lake each time.

Avon Lake was swept by St. Joseph Academy in a 2021 district final. With

both teams a sectional final win away from meeting again in a district semifinal, the Shoregals are hungry to make the stars align.

"We said that we wanted to go up against St. Joes and we wanted to go up against them," Avon Lake outside hitter Stephanie Smith said. "We were all very excited to hear that we were in the same bracket."

Miocinovic believes her team matches up well against St. Joseph Academy.

"We talked about this and how we wanted to get matched up," she said. "Part of our matchup is probably best suited against a St. Joes. But at the same time, I am willing to say that we (can) compete with any of

those teams as best as we possibly can. St. Joseph is going to be a nice rematch."

Shoregals outside hitter Aubrey Kirk (4.9 kills per set) may lead Avon Lake in kills per set, but Smith averages 4 kills per set herself, making it quite a one-two punch.

"(Smith's) athleticism brings the presence every single time she comes to play," Miocinovic said. "It is undeniable when she jumps, she stretches and when she reaches, you have to be under that ball if you are on the other side, but you don't want to be on the other side of that ball though."

Lily Rice, a sophomore, is a viable third option for the offense with a 2.5 kills

per shortstop will return. Dixon expects to use Bredel's standard to help build his team.

"When the ball is in the air, you see the difference with her preparation, her energy and her effort," Dixon said. "A lot of the girls she stretches and when the younger kids coming in are going to learn from those expectations that we have that were set by Annika (Bredel) in practices (last year)."

The lineup will include Savannah Dixon (.550 batting average), Hannah Brooks (.525, 30 RBI), Grace Belza (.424) and multi-spot standout Isabelle Niederst (26 stolen bases).

"From that lineup, we have a ton of potential," Dixon said. "You can't re-

Michigan is truly a blessing for Hayden."

Means is plenty familiar with Smith, having played under him at Indiana, with two of Means' former teammates on the Michigan baseball staff. The connections certainly don't hurt, as Means gave his starter some insight with a college decision.

"The biggest thing for Hayden that I've expressed is No. 1, go where you're wanted," Means explained. "I think his Twitter post

nalled it, it's home. For him, it's home and to me it is so good to see he's found someone where he's wanted and can go by himself and have the support of the coaching staff. Tracy Smith is that coach who is going to be there for Hayden and be the father figure for him at Michigan."

Wire Blosser is going to the Wolverines primarily as a pitcher, Smith communicated to Means that being a position player as well isn't off the table for the Shoremen junior given how good

Dixon

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With the knowledge of the travel softball area in his pocket, he plans on boosting the strength of his schedule, which will help for their bump to Division II that happened earlier in the year.

"I've been around a lot of softball, and we can compete with anyone," Dixon said. "We set our schedule up to where we are playing Division I and Division II competition in our nonconference schedule, and that is what I wanted."

Dixon was an Elyria Catholic alumni that played multiple sports but excelled at baseball.

Blosser

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"His biggest thing was letting the process play out rather than committing early," Avon Lake coach Andrew Means said. "He's had offers on the table from other schools for a while now, but to his credit, he let the process play out. Some of the bigger schools came on as of recent, and to get to go to a school like the University of

"I don't think even Hayden knows how good he can be. He is blessed with an amazing body given by God, but he also works really hard. Two more years at the high school level before he even steps foot in Ann Arbor, we seriously do not even know what he's capable of, but I know it's going to be something amazing."

Avon Lake baseball coach Andrew Means

High school girls soccer statistics

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Name, School	G	Apts
Tessa Knapp, Bay	49	89
Bella Simmons, Frelands	32	80
Rachel Washburn, Columbia	31	77
Morgan Janicek, Frelands	27	74
Ella Grodz, Avon Lake	26	57
Sophia Sindelar, Rocky River	26	63
Livia Perton, Vermilion	25	77
Via Patti, Rocky River	17	50
Grace Hagerman, Keystone	21	45
Rachel Sheehan, Avon Lake	18	45
Mia Sabulius, Frelands	15	47
Jessie Meno, Westlake	15	40
Ella Henton, Westlake	17	37
Sydney Peer, Westlake	14	37
Ava Williams, Elyria	15	33
Hannah Miller, Elyria	11	33
Avery Shreffler, Westlake	7	32
Mackenzie Russell, Rocky River	8	28
Gianna Scott, Avon	13	27
Debbie Panagiotou, Open Door	12	27
Erica Baldoza, Midview	10	26
Hailey Johnston, Olmsted Falls	10	24
Sarah Van Euen, Avon Lake	7	24
Katie Humphreys, Open Door	9	23
Alyssa Gimenez, North Ridgeville	9	23
Brynn Baker, Open Door	8	22
Ciaranah Floyd, Frelands	8	22
Ashley Thorby, Columbia	6	22
Cara McKenna, Rocky River	3	22
Morgan Bares, Open Door	5	21
Kylie Sutorius, Frelands	8	21
Lidia Drogan, Frelands	7	21
Kendell Perkins, North Olmsted	0	20
Deleany Macke, North Olmsted	4	20
Maeve Kelly, Rocky River	6	20
Emery Aschenbrenner, Bay	7	19
Norah Spro, Midview	9	19
Bella Antonio, North Ridgeville	8	19
Allanna Barnett, Brookside	9	19
Alexis Titas, Avon	6	18
Rika Parker, Avon Lake	8	17
Megan Maybaum, Bay	6	17
Sarahtha Pelbourn, Midview	7	17
Attalie Updegrave, Keystone	7	17
Maria Den, Elyria Catholic	8	17
Ally Uhnak, Elyria Catholic	1	17
Madison McCall, Columbia	7	17
Rachel Faber, Open Door	6	16
Natalie Sprague, Olmsted Falls	6	16
Br Filz-patrik, Olmsted Falls	7	16
Kamille Coleman, Amherst	7	16
Audrey Pritchell, Elyria	5	16
Olivia Pepe, Avon	4	15
Kali Baker, North Ridgeville	3	15
Kaleigh Poduska, North Olmsted	5	15
Summer Shirley, Vermilion	5	14
Morgan Cooney, North Olmsted	5	14

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



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Vermilion's Maddie Stout hits past Meadow Pennington of Mansfield Senior during the second set on Oct. 18.

Sailors excited to defend district title

By Mark Perez-Krywan
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Vermilion is hungry to get back to the regional tournament.

Oct. 18 in the first round of the Attica District, the third-seeded Sailors swept 14th seed Mansfield Senior to begin their district championship defense. "We are very excited (to defend our district championship)," Vermilion coach Kara Coffman said. "I keep telling (the team) that it's a long road ahead, so we are going to take it one game at a time."

The Sailors won, 25-6, 25-9, to advance to the second round of the Division II Attica District and will play Bellevue in Lexington on Oct. 20. They improved to a 19-3 record, as Mansfield concluded its season 1-21.

With victory coming at ease, Vermilion gave its younger players floor time to build confidence and gain valuable experience for the future.

"Confidence was definitely what we needed today," Vermilion outside hitter Peyton Logsdon said. "We didn't have a (junior varsity) game today, so I felt like it was good for all of us to get to play and this is what the future is going to be like for Vermilion volleyball."

Logsdon led the team with six aces to go with three kills. Claire Bartolomeo (six kills, three aces), setter Erin Ellis (four aces, 20 assists) and Aubrey Kennedy also contributed to the win.



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Vermilion's Peyton Logsdon reaches for the ball at the net against Adzianna Manns and Addison Langston of Mansfield Senior during the third set on Oct. 18.

"I would describe (us younger players) as very outgoing," Logsdon said. "We are here to win and to play our best."

Maddie Stout was one of the few seniors on the floor and led Vermilion with 10 kills. Senior outside hitter Gracie Starcovic contributed with five kills with the limited time she saw.

Unlike Vermilion's 2021 district championship season, the Sailors were seeded third as opposed to the top seed they were last year. That means they could have to go through a second seed (Lexington) and a first seed (Lake) to make it back to regional competition.

"I am excited for the challenge coming up. After this week, we are going to be considered the underdogs," said Coffman, with an actual dog in her hands. As the third seed, Coffman believes their seeding

might have alleviated some pressure from her Sailors.

"I feel like (being the third seed) relaxed them a little bit more, because there was so much pressure this season," she said. "Being the lower seed, it might be a little less pressure when we are out there playing. ... I think we are going to rise the occasion. I am really excited (for this postseason)."

Not only has the seeding lifted some of the pressure, but also fueled the Sailors' specialty Stout.

"(Our seeding) has been a big fuel, because it is really frustrating. We feel that we should be ranked second, but we definitely use that as fuel," Stout said. With the Sailors running out first-year setters Rachael Lapka and Angelique Garcia, Coffman continues to see improvements from the two, making the offense more efficient.

(Garcia and Lapka) have done such a good job," she said. "I keep saying how proud I am of Angelique (Garcia). Even in this season, she has come such a long way with her confidence and the way that she runs the court and she has done such a good job."

With limited action, Garcia averages 6.1 assists per set and Lapka has 4.1 assists per set.

Also, with the number of returning players from their elite-eight run, Coffman thinks the Sailors are capable of making it back to a regional final.

"I think that there is no reason that we shouldn't go as far or if not further than we were last year," she said.

over the summer from Division II schools such as Wheeling and Mercyhurst. His only Division I offer is from St. Francis University. Following the win over Avon Lake, the Bulldog were rated seventh with 16,944 points in Week 9 of the OHSAA football computer ratings, which is good enough to host a home playoff game in Division II Region 6.

The last game of their regular season is against Berea-Midpark at home on senior night. A win will for sure give them a first-round home playoff game. Depending how other Region 6 games play out, a loss could also still be enough.

Schudel

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The playoff moment did not overwhelm the Guardians. If it did, they would not have won Game 3 to take a 2-1 series lead. They rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth. There were two out and Oscar Gonzalez was down to his last strike when his single up the middle flipped a 5-4 deficit to a 6-5 walkoff celebration.

"We probably went further than anybody expect the people in that room thought they would go," Guardians manager Terry Francona said in his post-game news conference referring to the somber visitor's clubhouse. "I just reminded them of that."

"I know they're hurting right now, because they care, and they worked unbelievably hard. But I hope as that wears off, they will realize just how proud we are of them and how much we care about them."

"And I also reminded them that this needs to be a starting place for us. This can't just be a good story this year. We need to take this and go, because I think we have a chance to have something really special."

Francona could have used Shane Bieber on three days rest, as Boone used Cortes, but Francona decided against it. He will be second-guessed for going with Aaron Civale instead, especially since Civale gave up a three-run home run to Giancarlo Stanton and didn't make it out of the first inning.

"We recognize how good a pitcher (Bieber) is," Francona said before Game 5. "It's not because he can't pitch. Just he's been through a lot. He had an (right shoulder) injury last year, and he's had a remarkable year, but it's not been probably as easy as he's made it look."

The focus looking ahead should not be on coming up short in Game 5 or Francona not using Bieber in the deciding game. It should be on the fact the Guardians proved they belong on the same field with one of the best teams in either league. Hope won't be confined to only the players, front office, Francona and the coaches when spring training begins in February.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



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Advancing: Brookside celebrates during its Division II sectional semifinal victory over Clearview on Oct. 19 at Gilmour. For photos and a recap, visit MorningJournal.com.

Guardians

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But baseball's youngest team — 17 players made their major league debuts in 2022 — grew up much faster than anyone expected, and in doing so, the Guardians reconnected with a Cleveland fan base still wearing its Indians gear.

"We can definitely build from this," rookie outfielder Steven Kwan said Tuesday night in a somber clubhouse inside Yankee Stadium, still rumbling from the home team's 5-1 win to advance to the AL Championship Series.

"It's really fresh right now, but I'm sure after a couple days, we'll be able to reflect, learn some things from the situations we've been in and hopefully move on from there."

The foundation is set. The future is bright for the franchise that hasn't won the World Series in 74 years. Nobody, and that includes some inside the organization, envisioned the Guardians putting together this season. By embracing their youth and not using it as an excuse, manager Terry Francona's team defied odds and came within a couple errant pitches and timely hit or two of being one of the last four teams standing.

"This is the most special group I've ever been a part of," said catcher Austin Hedges, one of the team's emotional leaders and only a native free agent. "It's a year I'm never going to forget."

It began with All-Star third baseman Jose Ramirez's decision to sign a seven-year, \$141 million contract on the eve of opening day, the team-friendly deal shifting the focus away from Cleveland's contentious name change and quiet offseason.

Ramirez's commitment set the tone off the field, and he led the way on it (29 homers, 126 RBIs, defensive excellence) with a season worthy of MVP consideration, if not for Aaron Judge and Shohei Ohtani's brilliance.

Kwan emerged as one of the game's best leadoff hitters while embodying the team's offensive ethos: slash over smash.

Cleveland added a lack of big bats by focusing on making pitchers work, hitting for contact and putting the ball in play. Decried by some fans in this swing-for-the-fences era, the style worked for the Guardians, and helped them stage late-inning comeback that became routine.

The Guardians won an MLB-high 29 games in their final at-bat, and posted 40 comeback wins.

It was two bloops that propelled their shocking comeback win in Game 3 of the ALDS over the Yankees, who had been 167-0 in their rich postseason history while leading by multiple runs heading into the ninth inning.

There was no such magic in a winner-take-all Game 5 (Cleveland has lost eight straight of those since 1997), and when the Yankees recorded Oct. 27, second baseman Gleyber Torres mocked the Guardians by pretending to rock a baby the way Cleveland's Josh Naylor did during his home run celebration a day earlier.

The Yankees in Cleveland to sleep. The baby may soon be too big to cradle. "Our plan was to shock the world through the whole thing," Hedges said. "We wanted to win the World Series. That's a good Yankees team. But the cool thing is now we've got a bunch of dudes with a ton of playoff experience in the most hostile environment you can imagine."

"Watch out for the Guardians next year."

High school scoreboard

BOYS SOCCER

Olmsted Falls 2, Avon 0
Halftime: Olm. Falls 1, Avon 0
Ol. Falls: Sigan 2g, Gomez 1a
Saves: Olmsted Falls 1, Avon 4
Keystone 3, Fairless 2
Halftime: Keystone 2, Fairless 0
Keystone 1g, 1a, H. Longacre 1g, Baldwin 1g
Saves: Keystone 2, Longacre 4
Rocky River 5, Gilmour 2
Bedford 3, Brookside 0
Fairview 5, Lake Ridge 0
Frelands 6, Woodridge 0
Perkins 2, Vermilion 1

VOLLEYBALL

Vermilion 3, Mansfield 0
25-6, 25-9, 25-9
Saves: Stout 9k, 9d, Logsdon 6aces, Ellis 6k, 26a, 4aces

Bulldogs

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"For us, it came down to eye discipline and tackling," said Avon Lake coach Matt Kostelnik.

The impact Conti brings to the backfield is better for everyone when ball carriers like Jack Pinchek and Derek Neckar brings a pick-your-poison type of attack with quick backfield Timmy Rosol taking snaps under center.

"Take a look at Jack Pinchek. Pinchek is an unbelievable football player. When you have those two kids in the backfield and

when you add Derek Neckar in the backfield leaning on you. We are blessed to have the backfield that we (have)," said DeLuca. Conti is never shy to give his experienced offensive line credit. With a line led by Rutgers commit Dominic Rivera, they are big contributors in paving the way for Conti and their running game.

"is incredible," said Conti. "A lot of the credit goes to the linemen against Avon Lake. They blocked their butts off. A lot of the holes, I was completely untouched and walked into the end zone."

Conti is one of the many seniors that provide leadership within the locker room

on an offense with eight returning seniors. Conti also plays both ways as a linebacker on defense that we also senior-leader.

"I really feel like our senior leadership is amazing. We have some great seniors. They command the team and the locker room. The team kind of goes as they go. They are phenomenal," said DeLuca. "We always talk about Rocco, but we have all of these great kids and all of these really good high school football players and some are better than high school football players. We are lucky to have the senior class that we have."

Conti has received over

Gr(Eight) start! Pirates sink Titans 8-0 in bracket opener



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Oct. 20, 2022) – Rocky River cruised to an 8-0 conquest in an Elyria 2 District Tournament quarterfinal versus Berea-Midpark Thursday.

The Pirates (15-1-1) – winners of 11 straight matches – got three goals from sophomore Sophia Sindelar and a pair of goals and four assists from junior Ava Patti in propelling the squad to its 11th shutout win of the season. Superior possession skills led to a one-sided affair, and the visiting Titans were unable to manage even a shot in the October bracket tussle.

Maeve Kelly, Annika Mocho, and Grace Quaiser rounded out the River scoring in an effort that saw the Pirates reel in more-than-three goals for a fifth straight contest. Mackenzie Russell, Mia Carney, Kelly (two), Ava Blair,

Mocho, and Addison Russell joined Patti in being credited with assists. The goal for Quaiser and the point for Russell marked career firsts.

With her four helpers, Patti became the first Double-R player since 2013 – and the fourth player overall – to register 20 assists in a single season. The junior talent now has 19 goals and 20 assists (58 points) in 2022. During the game, she passed Melissa Jones (153 points, 1988-89) and moved into fourth place on Rocky River's all-time points list. Patti (62G-33A--157P) is now tied with sister Maya (33A, 2017-20) in the career assists department.

In the twine-finder department, Sindlar became the fourth River player to register 30 goals in a season (she now has 31). The sophomore standout has scored a goal in eight straight matches. She has scored multiple goals in four straight.

Patti, Sindelar, and the 12th-ranked (Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, DI) Pirates will play a district semifinal against North Royalton on Monday (6 p.m., Rocky River Stadium).

by Skip Snow

River

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End of the line: Pirates stymied by North Royalton, ousted from playoffs



ROCKY RIVER, Ohio (Oct. 24, 2022) – The Rocky River Pirates were defeated by the North Royalton Bears 1-0 Monday. The loss in an [Elyria 2 District Tournament](#) semifinal snapped an 11-match win streak and ended the Pirates' 2022 season.

The 10th-ranked (Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association, DI) Pirates were held scoreless for just the second time this season. They were bested for just the second time this season. And a bright Maroon & White season faded, like the autumn colors surrounding Rocky River Stadium fading into the background when the stadium lights were lit for a final time this fall.

Credit a visiting North Royalton squad with a terrific night on the defensive end. The Bears – the No. 8 seed in DI Region 2 -- were athletic and alert in

controlling the top of the box, allowing little room for River forwards to operate. That defense would be given a lead to protect in the 29th minute when Avery Keitlen dribbled down the left flank and launched a well-placed 15-yard whistler into the right side of the net.

The Bears went into halftime leading the third-seeded Pirates 1-0. Rocky River came out of that halftime applying pressure. River had a couple quality looks off a corner kick in the 43rd minute. The Pirates would have seven corners and five free kicks in reasonable proximity, but none would find twine on a frustrating night for the River offense.

Rocky River (15-2-1) had several quality chances over the final 12 minutes of play. More than a couple were from close range, including a golden opportunity that missed high in the 78th minute.

The crossbar logged a save on a Mia Carney effort. The right post did likewise on an Ava Patti rocket. As for shots on frame, the Double-R went 0-for-3 on the night.

And after seven weeks of 1-for-1 performances (River's last loss was Sept. 2), the Checkered Buccaneers went 0-for-1 on an unforgiving night when only a 100% success rate earns another match.

It was a heck of a season for a hell of a team. But a Bear of night on Oct. 24, 2022.

CANNON FIRE ...

GULF SCORE: Rocky River closed out its 2022 campaign averaging 4.44 goals per game while allowing 0.67. Those averages rank third and tied-for-fourth, respectively, in program history.

PARTING SHOTS: North Royalton will face No. 6 Magnificat in the Elyria 2 district finale Thursday. ... The two Indiana teams that River played earlier this season will be playing in Hoosier State title matches this week, Carmel -- which tied the Pirates 2-2 Sept. 3 -- in Class 3A and Evansville Reitz Memorial -- which beat River 2-0 Sept. 2 -- in Class 2A.

SENIOR SALUTE: Monday's match marked the final contest for seniors Ava Blair, Rayna Kishna, Cara McKenna, and Annika Mocho. That quartet experienced just five varsity losses over the last three years. The four players combined for 101 career points and quadruple that number in defensive stops.

by Skip Snow

River

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Amherst rallies, wins district

By Mark Perez-Krywany
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Since 2009 and 2010, Amherst had not won back-to-back district championships.

The Comets trailed St. Joseph Academy, 2-0 in the Division I Grafton District final. With grit and determination, Amherst did the impossible, as they came back to win the fifth set, 15-12 for back-to-back district championships.

“If the game was over, we’d be loading the bus. The fact that you are still standing here means that you still have a chance to win,” said Amherst coach Felica Sanchez.

Amherst outside hitter Nia Hall got the final kill to win, 13-25, 23-25, 25-23, 25-18, 25-12.

The Comets advance to the Region 2 semifinals to play eighth seed Highland after it defeated Olmsted Falls. The game will take place at Norwalk High School on Nov. 3.

“In the second set, I told them to keep digging. We lost the second set too, but it was close and I told them to keep getting better,” said

THE SCORE

AMHERST 3,
ST. JOSEPH 2

Sanchez. “In set three, we got better. Also, in set four. I told them for set five that I’m not coaching anymore I am watching as a fan, because I know that (the finish) was going to be fantastic.”

Knowing that Amherst could compete with the Catholic juggernauts, they began to win.

“One of our coaches, coach Meredith Bingham said, ‘don’t get out-worked.’ We had nothing to lose. We wanted to play and win for us,” said Amherst libero Lindsey McConihe.

Sanchez moved Comets outside hitter Hall to the middle of the court in the back row, which help put other back-row players in better positions to get digs.

The Comets’ front row stepped up with middle hitter Cecily Waynar who had 13 blocks with eight block kills.

“I am proud of our team and those (blocks and kills) wouldn’t have happened without everyone else’s plays. The way that we stuck together really helped every



RANDY MEYERS —
FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL

Cecily Waynar of Amherst taps the ball over Juliette Chandler and Annabelle Groomes of St Joseph Academy at a district final on Oct. 27.

single person,” said Waynar.

On offense, she had 12 total kills on the night.

Hall was keyed on the whole game but found her rhythm in the second latter part of the game after adjusting on the Jaguars’ serving strategy. She finished with 22 kills.

Role players such as Isa Gotsis (8 kills, 5 blocks), Ava Darnos (3 kills, 8 blocks) and freshman Mia Scan-

lon (five kills, three blocks) chipped in making impact plays at crucial points.

“Everyone played a crucial role tonight and everyone stepped up to do their job so I am proud of everybody,” said Hall.

Amherst jumped out to a 7-3 lead in the fifth set. A 5-0 run extended its lead to 13-5. St. Joesph Academy looked to make a last-minute comeback with three straight aces from Olivia Castelluccio to cut the lead to 14-12. Hall finished the game with the final kill before fans stormed the court.

McConihe led Amherst with 22 digs. Setter Ava Haddix had 42 assists on the night.

Amherst improved to 21-4, as St. Joseph Academy concluded its season 15-10.

“We got too content and we didn’t play to win. We were playing not to lose. We were not playing with that confidence that we were playing with before,” said St. Joseph Academy coach Katie Latkovic.

This marks the second year in a row Amherst defeated the Jaguars in the postseason since their four-set battle in a 2021 regional final.

Shutout

FROM PAGE 1

“We definitely used our speed,” Nelson said. “That is what our coaches have said (to us all year). We overcome teams with our speed, and we definitely did that today.”

In the absence of starting running back Wade Nelson, Avon Lake’s backup Anthony Benedict punched in a 26-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Before halftime, Avon Lake quarterback Jeremy Dzik threw a 28-yard touch-

down pass to Keegan Rud-duck on third down. That gave them a 19-0 lead with 19 seconds left in the first half.

“I picked No. 3 (for my jersey number), because I love third down a lot. It is my favorite down,” Dzik said. “Our backs are against the wall. You have to get it, and I like picking up big plays.”

He threw for 181 yards and two touchdowns. Dzik’s last touchdown pass was to wide receiver Luke Stuewe in the fourth quarter to lead 26-0.

Shoremen kicker Ian Walsh kicked two field goals

through the uprights from 29 and 27 yards to take a 6-0 lead.

The start was not ideal for Avon Lake. The defense was on the field for most of the first quarter from a muffed punt and a three-and-out on the first offensive possession.

Through the adversity, the Shoremen’s defense still thrived to shut down the Cougars’ running, led by Isaac Sexton.

This marks the first time since 1999 Southview and Avon Lake squared off. The Cougars defeated the Shoremen, 20-2, in a 1999 regional quarterfinal, which

was a year before Kostel-nik’s freshman year at Avon Lake.

According to Dzik, this win felt good after falling to St. John’s Jesuit in the first round as a fifth seed in 2021.

“Last year when we lost on this field to a team that we probably shouldn’t have lost to, (winning tonight) feels great. I am proud of this senior group. I love these seniors,” Dzik said.

Southview concluded its season 8-3. Their other losses were to Perrysburg (44-7) and Anthony Wayne (15-0) to finish third in the Northern Lakes League.

Falls

FROM PAGE 1

Lichtenberg came out swinging, firing off a 71-yard pass to Gallagher for the score to make it 42-28, but Rosol made it a three-

score game again on a 41-yard scamper to the end zone.

After getting the ball back off a St. John punt, Conti ripped off his second 60-plus yard touchdown, going 67 yards and putting up his fifth touchdown of the game.

It also kept Olmsted Falls a perfect 8-for-8 on drives ending in a touchdown.

Lichtenberg added a 12-yard missile to Swift as the teams combined for 91 points through three quarters.

After reaching the St. John 18 with 7:36 left to go,

Rosol tried to get the four yards to convert another first down but was stopped short, the first stalled drive of the night.

Olmsted Falls will travel to Anthony Wayne for its Nov. 4 regional quarterfinal in Week 12.

Ellis

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Bryan 40, but couldn’t score this time as Ginley fumbled inside of the 5-yard line after a reception, and Sam Herold recovered for the Golden Bears at the 2.

Bryan barely avoided a safety and punted the ball

right back to Elyria Catholic.

The next drive was all Ellis with eight carries on eight plays, including the record-breaking run. Two plays later, he scored his second touchdown of the night.

The score gave the Panthers a 34-0 lead, but it didn’t compare to Ellis setting the record. McKinney

always goes to the games and watches from the team’s sideline, and he was there again to greet Ellis at midfield with a hug.

The final drive of the half stalled for the Panthers inside of the red-zone with subs entering the game, and kicker Nicholas Phillips nailed a 33-yard field goal with 42 seconds left in the half to make it 37-0.

The Panthers started the second half with the football and scored yet another touchdown.

Garcia led the drive at quarterback, and he found Ryan Tanner for a four-yard score on third-and-goal to cap off the seven-play drive.

Neither team scored again for the remainder of the game, and the Panthers kept their shutout.

Regional cross country capsule

Division III

Where: Boardman High School 7777 Glenwood Ave, Youngstown.

When: Oct. 29, 11 a.m., (boys varsity); 11:45 a.m. (girls varsity)

Area team qualifiers: Open Door boys

Area individual qualifiers: Boys, Joe Fox, Wellington; Andrew Young, Lake Ridge; Girls, none.

Favorite: Cortland Maplewood (boys), Creston Norwayne (girls).

What to watch for: The top four teams and the top 16 individuals in both the boys and girls races earn berths in the state meet November 5 at Fortress Obetz in suburban Columbus. ... Open Door could be in the hunt to qualify, but with numbers 4 and 5 relatively far back, it’s probably a long shot for the Patriots to move on. Open Door’s top runner is Michael Couture, who earned All-Ohio status last year, and there’s no reason to believe he won’t be able to do so again.

Division II

Where: Boardman High School

When: Oct. 29, 1 p.m., (boys varsity); 1:45 m. (girls varsity)

Area team qualifiers: Bay boys and girls, Fairview boys, Keystone boys

Area individual qualifiers: Boys, Thomas Moore, Elyria Catholic; Girls, Madison Palmer, Brookside, Lacey McQuate, Fairview.

Favorite: Alliance Marlington (boys), Kenston (girls)

What to watch for: The top six teams and the top 24 individuals in both the boys and girls races earn berths in the state meet November 5 at Fortress Obetz in suburban Columbus. ... After reaching the state meet seven consecutive years, Bay’s boys missed by one spot and just 11 points last year, something that has fueled the Rockets this year. This is a very good Bay team that is ranked 14th in the state. The problem is, there are six teams in this field that are ranked ahead of the Rockets. ... Fairview’s Ben Myers has won his last three races and should be among the leaders. ... It’s difficult to compare results, as the course at Lorain County Community College, where Bay ran last week, is much more challenging than the one at Madison, where Kenston ran. But it appears this could be a very tight race between the two with a state berth on the line. Perhaps the motiva-

tion of narrowly missing the state meet last year will be enough to get the Rockets to Columbus. ... Madison Palmer of Brookside was a state qualifier last year and appears primed to make another trip to Columbus.

Division I

Where: Boardman High School

When: Oct. 29, 3 p.m., (boys varsity); 3:45 .m. (girls varsity)

Area team qualifiers: Amherst boys and girls, Avon girls, Rocky River boys and girls, Westlake boys and girls

Area individual qualifiers: Boys, Lucas Edgell, Midview; Zachary Janus, Midview; Colin Martens, North Olmsted; Liam Noss, Avon Lake; Jared Robinson, Midview; Bradan Schnabel, Avon Lake; Girls, Katie Clute, Olmsted Falls; Samantha Goodnough, Olmsted Falls.

Favorite: Massillon Jackson (boys), Westlake (girls)

What to watch for: The top seven teams and the top 28 individuals in the boys race and the top eight teams and 32 individuals in the girls race earn berths in the state meet November 5 at Fortress Obetz in suburban Columbus. ... Perhaps the biggest question entering

this meet is can the Avon girls get healthy? After a fabulous season that has seen the Eagles ascend to a level among the best teams in Ohio, the past two weeks have become a nightmare in which almost every runner in the team’s top 10 has missed at least one day of school due to illness. Avon still earned a regional berth, but the Eagles need to be close to full health in order to move on to Columbus. ... Westlake’s girls are ranked third in the state and should move on without much trouble. Junior Sarah Peer is quite possibly the second-best female distance runner in Ohio this fall but she may need to be content with that until Olmsted Falls’ Katie Clute graduates. Clute is unbeaten this season and it’s difficult to see that changing, although Peer did win this race last year in what can only be described as a mudbath. ... The Rocky River boys are hoping to earn their first state appearance since moving up to Division I, and the Pirates are certainly in the hunt for a qualifying spot. ... Ty Perez and Luke Bowlsby of Amherst both earned state individual berths two years ago as freshmen and should be battling to qualify again this year.

Athletes of the week



Megan Maybaum

**BAY»SOCCER
SOPHOMORE»FORWARD**

On the pitch: Maybaum scored three goals in Bay’s sectional final win over Brookside.

Off the pitch: Known to some as ‘Meg,’ Maybaum’s favorite sports memories all

involve spending time with her teammates, whether it’s on the field, in the locker room for pregame or spending time together at Cedar Point, with the best of those sports memories all involving her teammates and friends. Math is currently her favorite subject at school and her favorite food is chicken nuggets. When not in a soccer match or the basketball court, her interests include skiing, golf, lacrosse, playing guitar and she really enjoyed watching the Guardians playoff run this year.



Konstantinos Panagiotou

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE»SOCCER
SENIOR»MIDFIELDER/STRIKER**

On the pitch: Panagiotou had two goals in the Rangers’ victory over North Royalton in the sectional final, including a 55-yard strike on a dot and another long missile.

Off the pitch: Known to many as Dino, Panagiotou isn’t sure where he wants to attend college, but currently plans to play collegiately. He enjoys watching the Premier League and his favorite team is Manchester City. As for school subjects, his favorite would have to be Psychology.



Gracie Starcovic

**VERMILION»VOLLEYBALL
SENIOR»OUTSIDE HITTER**

On the court: In a victory of Bellevue on Oct. 20, Starcovic had 22 kills, two aces, one block and 15 digs.

Off the court: Known to others as ‘G,’ Starcovic is currently undecided on a college and whether to play at the next level. Her favorite volleyball memory is making history with her best friends and getting to know the younger girls.

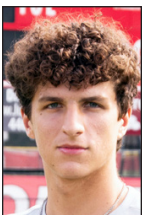


Fionn Harte

**ROCKY RIVER»SOCCER
SENIOR»CENTER MIDFIELDER**

On the pitch: The three-year varsity letterman had a goal and two assists in a 5-2 win over Gilmour and scored the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over No. 7 seeded Lutheran West.

Off the pitch: Harte is undecided on a college and whether to play at the next level. Soccer has been a huge part of his life. Outside of the high school season, he plays club soccer for Force. In Harte’s free time, he plays in pickup leagues and likes to train with other players from Rocky River. His favorite sports memory is team camp at Ashland University this preseason because it was a new experience, but he loves anytime he gets to be with the team. Rocky River soccer has given him his best friends and he “will never forget all the good times I’ve had.”



Nathaniel Duke

**FIRELANDS»SOCCER
JUNIOR»GOALKEEPER**

On the pitch: Duke had six saves, three each in wins over Benedictine and Wo-odridge in the sectional round, with one clean sheet.

Off the pitch: Duke’s favorite soccer memory to date was winning the Stillman cup for the first time against Vermilion. He enjoys playing golf and going to the gym with friends. Duke also enjoys playing the piano in his spare time. His favorite food is sushi, favorite TV show “Attack on Titan,” and his favorite sports team is the Browns.



Carter Richardson

**MIDVIEW»SOCCER
JUNIOR»CENTER ATTACKING MID**

On the pitch: Richardson scored two goals in Midview’s win over Lorain on Oct. 22 for the school’s first boys soccer sectional title since 1997.

Off the pitch: One of Richardson’s favorite memories of his high school career would have to be his freshman year when he got to play his first varsity minutes against Westlake and played a good ball so that helped get the team a shot on goal. Some hobbies he has are riding dirt bikes and raising pigs and chickens to show at the local Lorain county fair.



Ava Patti

**ROCKY RIVER»SOCCER
JUNIOR»CENTER FORWARD**

On the pitch: The junior captain had two goals and three assists in a win over Berea Midpark.

Off the pitch: For Patti, her favorite soccer memories this year are going to dinners with the team and the team sleepover. Outside of soccer, Patti plays basketball and lacrosse for Rocky River. She enjoys spending time writing and hanging out with her friends. Her favorite food is strawberries and her favorite show is “Criminal Minds.” At school, her favorite subject is psychology.



Izabella Loeffler

**AVON LAKE»VOLLEYBALL
SOPHOMORE»MIDDLE BLOCKER**

On the court: In a five-set loss to Olmsted Falls and a four-set win over North Ridgeville, Loeffler totaled 46 kills, eight block assists, three aces and six digs. At the time, they were one of two teams to take Olmsted Falls to five sets all season.

Off the court: Known to most as “Izzy,” Loeffler’s favorite sports memory this year was beating Avon and Amherst. Some of her other hobbies include hanging out with her friends and family. Math is Loeffler’s favorite school subject, along with sushi being her favorite food. Some of the sports teams that she likes to watch are the Browns and Notre Dame.

This is the final edition of players of the week for the fall season.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

GIRLS SOCCER

Bay 3, Chagrin Falls 0

VOLLEYBALL

Vermilion 3, Lake 2

20-25, 29-31, 29-27, 25-23, 15-10

St. John 3, Open Door 1

25-18, 25-22, 22-25, 28-26

Highland 3, Olmsted Falls 1

21-25, 25-19, 25-22, 27-25

Amherst 3, St. Joseph 2

13-25, 23-25, 25-23, 25-17, 15-12

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

EC’s Ellis runs past 5,000 yards, in striking distance for Lorain County mark

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As the wins continue to tally up and the season continues for the Elyria Catholic football team, running back Levi Ellis continues to rack up records.

After breaking Al McKinney’s school rushing record in the Panthers’ 43-0 first round win over Bryan, Ellis surpassed 5,000 career rushing yards in last weekend’s 42-14 victory against Clear Fork after just being announced as the Golden Helmet Award winner earlier in the day. The senior is now up to 2,122 yards for the season and 5,021 yards for his career, and now he has a shot to become Lorain County’s all-time leading rusher.

Former Columbia running

back Brandon Coleman holds the record with 5,140 rushing yards, meaning Ellis will need 120 yards against Glenville on Nov. 12 to set yet another record.

“I don’t think it’s really set in how great that is, a goal like that,” Ellis said. “I didn’t come into my high school career with that in my mind, so reaching that has been kind of surreal.”

Against Clear Fork, Ellis literally ran the Colts off the field with 210 yards and four touchdowns. He even added two interceptions if the offensive production wasn’t enough. Ellis isn’t shy about giving his offensive line credit for his accomplishments, saying they’re the strong point of the team despite him getting all of the glory. As good as EC’s offensive line is at setting up the holes for Ellis, but

if he won’t take the credit, Panthers coach Brian Fox certainly gives him his due.

“The offensive line has done a phenomenal job, but at the same time, the way he breaks tackles, gets to the next level and has the speed to outrun everybody, he certainly deserves a lot of credit to get to the point that he’s at,” Fox said.

It isn’t the time yet to reflect on a legacy that has already been cemented, because Ellis isn’t done playing high school football just yet. He says his accomplishments cross his mind sometimes and he is proud of himself, but there is more work to do.

The work doesn’t get any easier advancing to the regional semis, especially not against 11-0 No. 1 seed Glenville. The Tarblooders have



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Levi Ellis is hoisted into the air by Elyria Catholic teammate Kyle Fairbanks following Ellis’ touchdown run.

cruised to 46-8 and 43-6 playoff victories and have only given up less than 4.5 points per game this season.

“Everybody knows that they’re a good team, so we

just have to come out and play the same game that we’ve been playing since everybody was younger,” Ellis said. “(We need to) just shock some people.”

QB

FROM PAGE 1

Olmsted Falls’ offense is more than just handing Conti the ball, as talented as the back-to-back Division II Northeast Lakes District Offensive Player of the Year is.

Rosol’s responsibilities require quick reads with multiple potential ball carriers. One split decision can potentially dictate if the play can break open for a big gain or get stuffed at the line of scrimmage.

Olmsted Falls coach Tom

DeLuca continues to see the progress as the Bulldogs enter a regional semifinal.

“From Week 1 to now, (Rosol) has grown so much,” he said. “His ceiling is so high. He is going to be such a great player for us (in the future).”

Rosol has totaled 342 rushing yards on the season. In the Bulldogs’ 56-35 first-round playoff win over Toledo St. John’s, he rushed for 96 yards off six carries with a touchdown.

“(Rosol) is a young guy, but he has been doing great for us,” Conti said. “He’s been hitting shots over the

top. He is using his legs and making people miss. He is doing a good job for us.”

Conti was on the receiving end of four of Rosol’s passing touchdowns on the year, with his most recent a 34-yard touchdown pass in Olmsted Falls’ 28-10 regional quarterfinal road win over fourth-seeded Anthony Wayne.

The standout feature for Rosol is making the correct reads in his option plays to get the most out of Olmsted Falls’ offense.

“His reads have been a lot better,” DeLuca said. “He is throwing that ball better, is

managing our offense better and learning the ins-and-outs (of the offense). For us, coming to the line of scrimmage is a big deal for our quarterback. To be able to evaluate what is in front of you and put us in the right position. That is a must (for the offense).”

The Bulldogs continue to prepare for Avon in a Division II, Region 6 semifinal. The Eagles defeated them, 63-42, at home in Week 7 of the regular season.

Rosol admitted to not having his best performance, with eight completions from 17 passing at-

tempts for a touchdown and two interceptions. Rosol will look to fix issues that can turn costly.

“I had that interception that I should have thrown to one side, but I threw to the other. It’s a lot of mental mistakes that we are cleaning up,” Rosol said.

Even with the two interceptions, the offense scored 42 points. Rosol looks to prepare for another potential shootout.

“I am always prepared for a shootout,” he said. “That way when big-time plays come, it’s natural and we know how to build off them.”

Wilhelm

FROM PAGE 1

Could possibly become Olmsted Falls’ all-time leading rusher. Has 1,751 yards on the season with 34 total touchdowns. Will play Avon on Nov. 11.

QB SAM DETILLIO, SR., AVON » Led the area with 2,442 passing yards, completed 62.7% of his passes with 28 touchdowns and four interceptions. Was a first-team selection for all-district. He accomplished this in spite of less than half a quarter of play in Week 1. With only 10 pass attempts in a 35-14 win

over North Royalton, DeTillio completed eight for 155 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Will play Olmsted Falls on Nov. 11.

RB LEVI ELLIS, SR., ELYRIA CATHOLIC » The Northeast Lakes District Offensive Player of the Year for Division IV has rushed for 2,152 yards so far on the year along

with 30 total touchdowns. Is the Panthers’ leading tackler and also has three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Intercepted Clear Fork twice. He also rushed for 210 yards and four touchdowns against the Colts on the same day he received his 2022 Golden Helmet Award. Will play Glenville on Nov. 12.

ATH JARED KELLEY, SR., NORTH OLMSTED » Against Highland’s lockdown defense, Kelley totaled 69 yards. Scored a total of 30 touchdowns in the air, on the ground and special teams. Has a total of 2,432 yards from scrimmage. Was named the Great Lakes Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Bay

FROM PAGE 1

Stransky scored two goals within two minutes of each other with under 20 minutes remaining in the first 40, pulling off the hat trick early into the night.

Emily Kerekes managed

to get through a scramble to somehow get a fourth overall score with 1:48 left in the first half, much to the displeasure and confusion of the Bay side, going up three goals going into the final 40 of the match.

The nail in the coffin for the Rockets came when Stransky hit her fourth goal just over 45 minutes into the contest to make it

5-1 and put the game out of reach, with another Stransky goal and a seventh by Colleen Bauer closing the door shut.

The loss, dropping the Rockets to 17-4, was the second straight Bay has suffered at the hands of Copley in the postseason after falling to the Indians in the 2021 district final round. Bay will lose five se-

niors from its starting 11, but this deep playoff run only helped give its returning starters a boost from the experience.

“We have some young junior varsity players coming up who are going to help us next year,” English said. “We’re going to still contend. I’m so proud of these girls. They fought in this game until the end. They

didn’t give up, and they never have given up. It’s still a really special team.”

On a positive note, the Rockets will return Tessa Knapp for her junior season, already one of — if not the — best players in Ohio after scoring 50 goals this year and 40 as a freshman, earning 2022 GCSSCA Division II Player of the year honors.

MLB

A’s still pursuing Oakland ballpark with eye on Vegas

By Mark Anderson
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS » The Athletics continue to push for a new stadium in the Bay Area, General Manager David Forst said Nov. 8, despite baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred’s recent concerns about whether a deal would get done there.

The A’s, Forst said at baseball’s general managers meeting, are still looking for a new ballpark in Oakland or Las Vegas.

“I’m aware of the commissioner’s comments, obviously,” Forst said, before noting team president Dave Kaval is the point person on

the project. “I know (Kaval’s) working tirelessly in both spots. We’re just looking forward to having a new ballpark somewhere.”

After the city of Oakland missed a key deadline last month with the A’s to finalize an agreement on the \$12 billion Howard Terminal project, Manfred said on a Sirius XM radio show that he doubted a stadium would be built there. He softened his stance somewhat during the World Series, but remained concerned “about the lack of pace.”

“The pace in Oakland has not been rapid, number one,” Manfred said Oct. 31.

“We’re in a stadium situation that’s really not tenable. I mean, we need to do something to alter the situation.”

Tuesday’s elections in California and Nevada could affect where further talks go in Oakland and Las Vegas. The A’s haven’t been satisfied with the terms offered to this point in Oakland, and Nevada politicians have shown little interest in providing the kind of public money the club likely wants.

Forst said the elections topic was “honestly out of my purview,” adding Kaval and A’s owner John Fisher are the ones who “have been

involved in discussions at that level.”

An A’s spokeswoman said the club had no comment “at this time.”

The A’s lease at RingCentral Coliseum expires after the 2024 season. The club and Manfred have said the aging venue is not suitable for Major League Baseball.

With Manfred’s permission, A’s personnel began in May 2021 to explore potential stadium options outside of Oakland, so far choosing only Las Vegas as another possible site. Kaval has made numerous trips to Las Vegas to view potential stadium locations and meet with Southern Nevada

officials.

Forst is in Las Vegas this week for the GM meetings in a Strip resort not far from where a potential ballpark could be built. He didn’t take the bait when asked what it could mean to move to Las Vegas.

“I couldn’t speak to the specifics here,” Forst said. “For me in baseball operations, having a new ballpark has always been the goal. That affects how we operate in baseball ops, how it affects our payroll and our roster. So for as here or Oakland, baseball ops are just looking forward to a new building somewhere.”

Coaches all-Cleveland boys and girls soccer area honorees

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NOTE: The following are honorees from Morning Journal coverage area schools on the Greater Cleveland Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association’s all-Cleveland boys and girls soccer teams. These are not The Morning Journal’s soccer all-stars, which will be released later this month. All-Ohio is typically officially announced by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association during the boys state finals, which are Nov. 12. For the full list of honorees, visit GCSSCA president Bobby Dougherty’s association handle on Twitter, @gcsscscanet.

BOYS

DIVISION I

Head coach of the year: Doug Kuns, Westlake

Assistant coach of the year: Kyle

Miller, Midview

First team: Sean Wilson, Sr., Avon, Will Fazio, Sr., Avon Lake, Gavin Heighberger, Jr., Elyria, Dino Panagiotou, Sr., North Ridgeville, Cole Sigan, Sr., Olmsted Falls, Leo Zanotti, Sr., Westlake, Justin Shreffler, Sr., Westlake

Second team: Max Kramhoefer, Sr., Avon Lake, Ryan Runser, Sr., Midview, Grant Becker, Sr., North Olmsted, Carmine Boscarello, Jr., Olmsted Falls

Honorable mention

Amherst: Blake Kubasak, Aidan Hylton, Miles Gerard; **Avon:** Seth Warrick, Gavin Tatarczuk; **Avon Lake:** Brendan Sheehan, Patrick Haley, Ben Tyson; **Elyria:** Jaden McCall, Bryon Schentzler; **Midview:** Carter Meek, Mason Kucera, Seth Sturgeon; **North Olmsted:** Gael Briones, Mohamed Elkاتب; **North Ridgeville:** Tayo McLaughlin, Liam Hill, Logan Margolin; **Olmsted Falls:** Aidan Gomez, Caden Vasquez, Stefan Kolar; **Westlake:** Jimmy Laux, Zach Evisizer, Jaden Dejesus

DIVISION II

Assistant coach of the year: Grace Barackai, Keystone

Player of the year: Ethan Jacobs, Sr., Bay

First team: F Ethan Jacobs, Sr., Bay, D Million Evans, Sr., Bay, MF Milo Hignett, Jr., Bay, F Reed Clark, Sr., Bay, F Alec Urbanski, Sr., Firelands, F Chase Cuson, Jr., Keystone, GK Will DeClerk, Sr., Rocky River

Second team: MF Kai Sanfilippo, Jr., Bay, MF Sheldon Coffman, Sr., Bay, MF Eli Kempton, Sr., Elyria Catholic, F Nick Phillips, Sr., Elyria Catholic, MF Ty Griebie, Sr., Firelands, F Zander Yoho, Jr., Keystone, D Nathyn Marier, Sr., Rocky River

Honorable mention

Bay: Nick Schneiderman, Carson Gergye; **Elyria Catholic:** JP Spray, Juan Carlos Flores Osay, Matt DiLoreto; **Firelands:** Nathaniel Duke, Austin Suto-rino, Garrett Yakunovich; **Keystone:** Holden Longacre, Matt Baldwin, Camden Fraser; **Rocky River:** Eric Goriuss, Stephano Loizos, Charlie Russell

DIVISION III

First team: MF Ben Wier, Sr., Fairview, GK Erich Malek, Jr., Fairview, D Asa Rosen-Jones, Sr., Oberlin, F Kaden Thornhill, Jr., Oberlin, MF Job Pruitt, Jr., Open Door, F Gabe Horoschak, Jr., Wellington

Second team: MF Brandon Zimmerman, Jr., Fairview, MF Quinn Kelly, Sr., Fairview, MF Nathan Toton, Jr., Open Door, MF Spencer Brasse, So., Wellington

Honorable mention

Fairview: Avery Bruening, Marty Hoskin Joshua Samide; **Lake Ridge:** Luka Sergeant-Mani, Samide Calcut, Jackson Beach; **Oberlin:** Justin Charters, Tiago Ramos-Reis, Daylon Mason; **Open Door:** Ian Eck, Brayden Dorsey, Josh Moore; **Wellington:** Henry Abram, Dustin Andolsek, Maxwell Schatz

GIRLS

DIVISION I

Assistant coach of the year: Ivan Jackson, Amherst

Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity: Elyria

First team: GK Ariana Vagos, Jr., Avon, F Ella Grode, Sr., Avon Lake, F Rachel Sheehan, Sr., Avon Lake, MF Bella Antonio, Sr., North Ridgeville, F Sophia Sindelar, So., Rocky River, F Ava Patti, Jr., Rocky River, MF Mackenzie Russell, Jr., Rocky River

Second team: F Gianna Scott, So., Avon, D Sarah Van Euwen, Sr., Avon Lake, GK Leah Allman, Sr., Olmsted Falls, F Jessie Meno, Sr., Westlake, F Sydney Peer, Sr., Westlake

Honorable mention

Amherst: Kaleigh Ramey, Sydney Farnacci, Sydney Isabella; **Avon:** Isabella Fusco, Jane Rini, Sian Blake; **Avon Lake:** Erika Parker, Lexie Gorczyca, Laura Caryl; **Elyria:** Ava Williams, Hannah Miller, Audrey Prechtel; **Midview:** Sophia Palazzi, Erica Baldoza, Riley Willard; **North Olmsted:** Lauren Becker, Delaney Macke, Morgan Cooney; **North Ridgeville:** Alyssa Gimmel, Rosie Fontecchio, CC Bouman; **Olmsted Falls:** Bri Fitzpatrick, Hailey Johnston, Liz Schoef, Natalie Sprague; **Rocky River:** Maeve Kelly, Cara McKenna, Ava Blair; **Westlake:** Ava Kontak, Avery Shreffler, Colleen Ulrich, Ella Henton

DIVISION II

Head coach of the year: Beth English, Bay

Player of the year: Tessa Knapp, So., Bay

First team: F Tessa Knapp, So., Bay, D Elizabeth Fetterman, So., Bay, D Brooke Anderson, Jr., Bay, MF Emery Aschenbrener, So., Bay, F Bella Simmons, Sr., Firelands, F Morgan Janicek, Jr., Firelands

Second team: MF Emi Ullom, Sr., Bay, MF Hannah Dixon, Sr., Bay, GK Ryann Marcis, Sr., Bay, MF Lily Frey, Sr., Bay, D Emma Morton, Sr., Bay, F Ally Uhnak, Sr., Elyria Catholic, MF Maria Dee, Jr., Elyria Catholic, MF Elise Bethune, Jr., Fairview, MF Eva Kozcur, Sr., Fairview, MF Lydia Dougan, Sr., Firelands, GK Kenzie Janosik, So., Firelands, D Cara Mitchell, Jr., Firelands, MF Misa Sutorius, Jr., Firelands

Honorable mention

Bay: Chloe Aschenbrener, Elise Papp Adri Pirinelli; **Brookside:** Aubrie Stanford, Alanna Barnett, Lexi Bartlome; **Elyria Catholic:** Allison Durbin, Madison McIver, Brooke Farley; **Fairview:** Alexa Cruz, Leila Disenza, Aurora Murray; **Firelands:** Lauren Phillips, Nevaeh Floyd, Kylie Sutorius

DIVISION III

First team: MF Rachel Washburn, Jr., Columbia, F Grace Hagerman, Sr., Keystone, GK Caitlyn Minney, Jr., Keystone, D Pippa Brandt, Sr., Oberlin, D Rachel Faber, Jr., Open Door, MF Savannah Gundert, Jr., Wellington

Second team: D Kaitlyn Miller, So., Columbia, D Addisyn Rodachy, Jr., Keystone, F Karen Regalato Martinez, Jr., Oberlin, MF Bryn Baker, So., Open Door, MF Nadia Greer, Jr., Wellington

Honorable mention

Columbia: Alyssa Goebel, Elise Aniol, Madison McCall; **Keystone:** Attalie Updegrove, Charlee Hudak, Morgan Marsh; **Oberlin:** Mercy Shuck, Katlyn Streater, Michaela Streater; **Open Door:** Debi Pakobchuk, Morgan Borges, Lily Parker; **Wellington:** Whitney Kirchner, Jaclyn Krakomperger, McKenna Stahl

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NBA

AP source: Suspended Irving meets with Silver

By Brian Mahoney
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Suspended Nets guard Kyrie Irving met with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver on Nov. 8, a person with knowledge of the meeting said.

The Nets banned Irving for at least five games without pay on Thursday after he

refused to say he had no antisemitic beliefs.

That came hours after Silver said Irving made a “reckless decision” to post on his Twitter feed a link to a film that contains antisemitic material and said he would be meeting with him within a week.

They finally did on Tuesday, the person told The Asso-

ciated Press, speaking on anonymity because the meeting and its details were private.

Irving eventually deleted the tweet and issued an apology on Instagram, after failing to do so when he met with reporters earlier Thursday.

But by then, Silver said he was disappointed that it had taken so long for Irving to apologize, and that he hadn’t

denounced the material in “Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America.”

Even after meeting with Silver, Irving has work to do to repair his relationship with the Nets.

They were already angry enough by his refusal to get vaccinated against COVID-19, leaving him ineligible to play in home games most of last

season, that they refused to give him a contract extension over the summer. This time, he will have to complete measures they said would be necessary before he could return to play.

Irving will miss his fourth game Nov. 9 against the Knicks, and the Nets begin a four-game road trip on the West Coast after that.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Elyria Catholic aims high in 2022-23 campaign

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It might be a new season, but the goals for the Elyria Catholic girls basketball team haven't changed.

After finishing 20-5 last season with a 55-54 district final loss to Warrensville Heights, the Panthers come into this year with lofty expectations once again.

"We set our goals high. It's just part of what we do," Elyria Catholic coach Eric Rothgery said. "Maybe we'll get there or maybe we won't, but our goals are to get to the big show. You want to get to a regional game, and anything can happen from there. Win your conference, knock off somebody that you're not supposed to beat in the year. Those are all the goals that you're supposed to have, and those are our goals every year. We're looking forward to getting the season started."

EC loses leading scorer and rebounder Annika Bredel from last season, and 18.5 points and 11 rebounds per game won't be easy to replace. However, the Pan-



RANDY MEYERS — FOR THE MORNING JOURNAL

Elyria Catholic's Isabelle Niederst and Lauren Valerius of Firelands compete for a loose ball at a girls basketball preview on Nov. 14.

thers do return their next two leading scorers from last season in senior center Carter McCray (12.2 points per game) and junior point guard Isabelle Niederst (10.9 points per game).

McCray just announced her commitment to Division I Northern Kentucky last week after a big summer, and she averaged a double-double last season with 10.2 rebounds. After transferring from Lake Ridge and

having to miss some time, she's ready to go for her senior year.

"It really was something for her to choose EC, and it was a match made in heaven as far as I'm concerned," Rothgery said. "Obviously the second we saw Carter, we thought there was a shot at it (of going Division I). She's long, she can block shots, she's quick, she's smart, she's coachable. Not only does she have all of

the physical attributes, but she has every single intangible."

Niederst returns as the starting point guard. She will get out and run to lead the fast break and is poised to have a solid junior season.

"She handles the ball, she can attack the hoop, she can shoot. She can do a lot," Rothgery said. "She's super smart and well-conditioned. We're lucky to have her."

What the Panthers have going for them is they're not just a two-player team. As nice as it is to have the luxury of a solid point guard and center duo, Elyria Catholic has other players willing to step up to play defense and score the ball. Camara Ogletree returns for her sophomore season after averaging 2.6 points as a freshman. Sophomore Mya Rivera and junior Meagan Pena round out the starting lineup.

"The nice thing about this team, and I've said it before, is that I don't have to coach effort," Rothgery said. "They do it on themselves. There's a lot of kids that can get on the floor. When they get on

there, they're going to fight, and they know the way to get playing time at Elyria Catholic is to play good defense, and that means play as hard as you can play."

The team's defense got out to a nice start in the Lorain County Preview matchup against Firelands. Outscoring the Falcons, 14-2, in the second quarter, the Panthers won, 27-9. With some full-court pressure, EC got out and running. Niederst led them with 11 points, while Ogletree had seven points. It was a successful first showing before the regular season begins.

"It's all part of the growing process. You want to get a little better every time you go out there," Rothgery said. "We were trying to play at a higher pace and gave up a couple of chintzy baskets that we shouldn't have. But it's a learning process, we look at it as a marathon, and we're in the first half-mile. We're just trying to get better at practice and looking forward to the season starting."

Elyria Catholic starts the season at home at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 19 against Revere.

Safety

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He delivers hits that even impresses teammates such as hard-hitting linebacker Gavin Ehrhardt.

"Honestly, (when he makes a big hit), I wished it was me," Ehrhardt said jokingly. "But it's awesome to see him downhill and lay kids out. He gets so excited about it, and the team gets so excited. It is a momentum changer."

When Fischer makes a big

hit he can't help himself, but to relish the adrenaline rush from the crowd noise and his teammates celebrate. One big hit can set the tone for the game as well as be the spark plug for the defense.

"Any time you have add a physicality to your defense and they are flying around, putting big hits on people, it excites everybody," Elder said. "It's like a home run in baseball. It gets everyone excited. ... They are clean hits, but when you can square somebody up, it gets the sidelines up on their feet."

Fischer is a senior. He didn't earn his spotlight right away. As a junior, he played behind first-team All-Ohioan Ryan Ptacek, but earned playing time with varsity. Ptacek got hurt before Avon's first-round playoff game, which made Fischer a full-time starter for the first time against Toledo St. Francis.

"(My first start) was scary at first," Fischer said. "I'm not going to lie. As a young player in a varsity in the playoffs. You don't want to mess up, so you play a little passive."

Like many Eagles, Fischer

looked up to the elder statesman to become the safety that he is today.

"(Ptacek) was a guy that I looked up to as a safety," he said. "He knew everything and was a genius also. I just stepped in his shoes."

The development of Fischer is not only a credit of them, but the culture that is set at Avon that fueled a run of five consecutive final four appearances.

"Our players are really looking to be a star in their role," Elder said. "If you are a backup, you are ready to go

when called upon. If you are a starter, you know what is at stake and are going to play really hard for your teammates."

Playing safety for Avon takes versatility and Elder believes he does it at an all-time great level for the history of Avon.

"To play safety, you have to be athletic enough to cover the pass and physical enough to tackle and play linebacker," he said. "You are a hybrid, and he is probably one of the best safeties that we have ever had at Avon."

Titans

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"(We) are excited because we love great competition," Elder said. "That is what we signed up for at Avon, to play in games like this against teams like this. On paper we are a lot of underdogs in a lot of people's minds and eyes. That is not a role that we really get to have at Avon. It is nice to line up against a team who people are really putting on a pedestal and talking up and see where you stand with (TCC). They are put up on a pedestal for a good reason."

The Fighting Irish is led by duel-threat quarterback Ty'Waun Clark, running back Chris Edmonds (1,711 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns) and four of the five returning offensive linemen from their 2021 showdown. A key will be to match them up front.

"(Playing in a regional final) is a great feeling," Avon defensive lineman Amin Abdul said. "We have been in this situation. We have played them last year; was a

great game. We kind of know a little bit about their scheme and their personnel. It is like home. We know where we are at. We know who we are playing, and we know how we have to play to win."

From a physical perspective, Olmsted Falls was a challenge to match in the trenches, but the Eagles' defense held them to seven points in their 45-7 regional semifinal win in the previous week. A focal point will be to execute against a different type of option offense.

"(TCC) will run a triple option through give it, pull it or throw it on a (run-pass-option). It's a different type of triple option. Elder said. "They look more like us on offense."

Avon linebacker Gavin Ehrhardt was relieved to not see 6-foot-6 wide receivers Sam and Josh Lee no longer in the lineups. On the flip side, TCC still has playmakers that are fast such as 6-foot-3 Dur'yea Hall (594 receiving yards and seven touchdowns). Javon Murphy has 509 yards in the air with six touchdowns.

"It is nice to know that (TCC's wide receivers) aren't 6-foot-6, but they have a guy

that is 6-3 and they have guys who can really run," Elder said. "They still have threats, and it is what it is. There is no relief, just a different challenge."

A question for Avon is whether it can get off to a fast start like it didn't against TCC in 2021. The defense forced three straight turnovers to fuel a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

"The biggest thing in the playoffs is that you need turnovers," Abdul said. "You can play as good of a game as you want, but if you get turnovers, that can absolutely change a game. For us, that is a big thing."

Avon watched its film from its 2021 regional final. It had happy memories for all, but the Eagles realized there is some stuff they need to clean up.

"There were a lot of penalties and a lot of turnovers on both sides of the ball," QB Sam DeTillio said. "This year, I think we are more experienced and have cleaned up our offense. I am sure that they cleaned up their defense, too. If we play clean football, that should give us the leg up."

Elder agreed with his quarterback.

"We did some good things and bad things," he said. "We made one more play than (TCC) did. That is how evenly matched it was (last year). There was some good feelings, but if we won the game, 45-0, I would have said that it would have been all good feelings. When we win in the fashion that we did, there are certainly good and bad that we can take from that."

TCC's defense is physical up front and speed to complement the secondary. They are led by Braden Awls, a Toledo commit, at safety. Holbrook is confident attention will draw to him as Avon's leading receiver.

"I feel like the might put some more attention with their (defensive backs), but that will open up more opportunities for (Braedon) Fitchko, Drew (Lindsay), (Matt) Maxey and Keegan Haessig. We have a lot of depth at wide receiver," he said.

DeTillio is confident he can find his receivers even if they send extra attention to Holbrook.

"We are a very deep of-

fense, and we have threats all over," he said. "I am comfortable with every single one of my skill players on offense. I think all of them can make big-time plays."

Avon expects to see a Fighting Irish squad ready for trick plays, such as Holbrook's walkoff end-around that worked twice, along with his lateral to former Eagle Tim Conwell to set up a touchdown. DeTillio said there "might be tricks" up their sleeve if the situation calls for it.

Just like against Olmsted Falls, special teams is a big focus. TCC's Marvon Lee scored four times on special teams as a punt blocker and kick returner.

"If we don't play well on special teams, that will be the difference and will not work out in our favor," Elder said. "There is a big challenge ahead of us, but when you challenge our kids, they are up for it and they need to understand how important it is."

The answer for the kickoff unit was kicker Seth Warlick's touchbacks, but Avon will have to see what the weather is like in Sandusky.

Ashland

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Both players are top-five in school history in passing and receiving yards, respectively, and their absences didn't do the team any favors.

"It's hard. You go through all of these lifts, all of these meetings, all this stuff that you put your body through," Bolin said. "You get a season canceled and you go through an entire offseason, and in my case, I got hurt in the very first game. Mentally, it's tough, but being around the guys is so enjoyable and makes it all worth it. We knew we had a special group, and that if we had the chance, we were going to do the thing."

It was an easy decision for Bolin to return for his sixth year. He didn't want to end his college career without closure after basically his final two seasons would've been shut down. Heading into the postseason, Bolin is six catches (177) behind Michael Hull's school record. With 45 catches coming this year, it's safe to say he made the right choice.

"It definitely feels great just having all the guys back, because if you look at it, pretty much anyone who could've come back, did come back," Bolin said. "They saw the writing on the wall that we had a special team, and we just didn't get the chance to prove it. It really feels good for all of us."

This is a veteran group that has clearly taken its lumps to get here. Instead of folding and giving up, the team got closer and created a bond.

Through that, the Eagles got out to an 8-0 start before suffering their first defeat to Hillsdale on Oct. 29. Ashland rallied to take the final two games with 31-23 and 41-10 victories over Lake Erie and Kentucky Wesleyan. One loss ended up feeling like never to them because the team had already been through so much the past couple of years.

"I think throughout the season, even with the one loss that we've had this year, being able to bounce back from that and throughout each individual game, it's never going to go exactly how you draw it up," Brenner said. "Especially in the playoffs, it's never going to go exactly how you draw it up. There's going to be things that happen that are unfortunate that don't go your way, but I think having been through a lot will do good things for us here in the playoffs."

Brenner is also climbing the ladder in individual accolades and remains fourth in program history with over 6,000 career passing yards. Like Bolin, he had to overcome a tough injury from last season and has helped lead the team to this bounce-back season.

The duo has not only led on the field, with Brenner throwing seven touchdown passes to Bolin, but off it, too. Not every group would be as willing to take on the adversity like this Ashland team has, and look how it's turned out for them so far.

"I think that comes with a lot of the ups and downs that we've had the last couple years," Brenner said. "Just being an older group overall, we know that a lot of things have to go right to have the season that we had, and we don't want to let this opportunity slip away."

Ashland is the No. 4 seed of its region and will host Notre Dame College in a Week 1 rematch at 1 p.m. Nov. 19. The Eagles defeated the Falcons, 31-14, to open the season and are hoping for history to repeat itself.

"We're all just blessed to be here. We're all having fun," Bolin said. "That's the whole reason that you play the game is to have fun, and we're having a lot of it. We're hoping to keep that going."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

OHSAA releases state semifinal locations

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Spots for the high school football state semifinals

aren't set in stone, but the OHSAA did not wait to set the scene for most of the games.

Nov. 17, OHSAA released the sites for almost all of the state semifinals through Di-

visions I through VII.

Some games are still to be determined. However, the sites for Avon and Columbia's potential state semifinals were announced.

The winner of Columbia

and Columbus Grove will head to Lima Spartan Stadium on Nov. 26 to play the winner of Region 24, which will be Marion Local or Allen East.

If Avon defeats Toledo

Central Catholic in the D-II, Region 6 final, the Eagles will travel to play Akron Hoban or Hudson at Byers Field in Parma on Nov. 25.

The site is still to be determined if TCC wins.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

14 area boys, girls players named All-Ohio

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The Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association officially released the All-Ohioan honorees for the OHSAA boys and girls 2022 season Nov. 16.

Fourteen area student-athletes made the list; seven boys and seven girls each. Six of those athletes made the first team. Below are the athletes listed by Division and team placement in alphabetical order of last name. No area coverage schools in Division III had an all-state honoree.

Boys

DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM » Justin Shreffler, Sr., Westlake

SECOND TEAM » Gavin Heighberger, Sr., Elyria, Cole Sigan, Sr., Olmsted Falls, Sean Wilson, Sr., Avon

DIVISION II

FIRST TEAM » Million Evans, Sr., Bay, Ethan Jacobs, Sr., Bay

SECOND TEAM » Alex Werth, Jr., Vermilion

Girls

DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM » Ella Grode, Sr., Avon Lake, Sophia Sindelar,

So., Rocky River
SECOND TEAM » Bella Antonio, Sr., North Ridgeville, Ava Patti, Jr., Rocky River, Ariana Vakos, Jr., Avon

DIVISION II

FIRST TEAM » Tessa Knapp, So., Bay

SECOND TEAM » Bella Simmons, Sr., Firelands

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CAVALIERS

Cavs’ Love suffers hairline thumb fracture

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Kevin Love played all of 2021-22 without being injured, but luck has run out for the Cavaliers’ 34-year-old veteran.

The Cavaliers on Nov. 19 announced tests done on Love revealed he sustained a hairline fracture of his right thumb in the game with the Hornets on Nov. 19 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse.

Love is being listed as doubtful for the game with the Heat on Nov. 20 at the FieldHouse.

Love played 24 minutes in the Cavaliers’ 132-122 double-overtime victory over the Hornets. He scored six points on 2 of 4 shooting. All four shots he attempted were from 3-point range.

He did not go to the free-throw line. Love grabbed seven rebounds.

Love played in 74 games last season.

He missed eight games because of COVID-19, but he was otherwise healthy in his new role of coming off the bench. He made his only start so far this season in the game against the Timberwolves on Nov. 13 when Dean Wade (knee) and Jarrett Allen (ankle) were sidelined with injuries.

Allen started against the Hornets and played 46 minutes. He scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Wade has missed four games. his status for Nov. 20 has not been determined.

The Cavaliers host the Hawks on Nov. 21 and the Trail Blazers on Nov. 23 to complete a four-game homestand.



TIM PHILLIS — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Kevin Love looks to pass March 21 against the Lakers.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Elyria Catholic routs Revere in season opener

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Opening weekend arrived for Lorain County basketball, as the Elyria Catholic Panthers hosted the Revere Minutemen for a matinee matchup Nov. 19.

Elyria Catholic didn’t allow a Revere basket for nearly eight minutes of play, stretching seven and a half minutes from the first quarter to the end of the second, as they cruised to a 70-27 victory. They led, 48-13, at the half.

The Panthers had four players score in double figures, led by sophomore Camara Ogletree with 15 points and each of Isabella Niederst, Elaiah Fisher and Carter McCray scoring 11 on the afternoon, good for 48 of the team’s total 70.

“I feel really good about (the win),” McCray said. “We have a deep bench. We

THE SCORE

ELYRIA CATHOLIC 70,
REVERE 27

feel confident that we can bring in girls off the bench and still be doing good. Everyone brings something to the team, and today was really good. People stepped up that were younger, and it was good.”

It was a solid and well-rounded performance out of Elyria Catholic, with players making good shot selections to force a running clock in the second half.

“It felt really good,” Elyria Catholic coach Eric Rothgery said. “I think we have a chance to be a pretty good team. Like I’ve said before, we have one of the best post (players) in the area (in Carter McCray) and one of the best point guards in the area. The other ones are all athletic and game to get up and down the floor.

“They all looked good. It

was all of the other pieces and parts that really looked good. Camara really put a ton of work into her shot, and I think it paid off pretty good.”

While Ogletree led the first-half charge with 11 of her 15 points in the first two quarters, Niederst was dishing out assists and going up for boards when McCray wasn’t in position to pull down the rebounds.

After opening up the second quarter up by 11 and then expanding the lead to 16, the junior guard came down with a rebound and hit Nevaeh Sawyer for a dime that Sawyer swished home for a 3 to make it 29-10 with six minutes to go in the opening half.

“When we’re pushing the ball in transition, we’re trying to get up the court and there’s going to be opportunities like three-on-two and two-on-one,” Niederst explained. “I’m going to look for the open person and try to get them open. I’m not going

to just look for shots for myself but for my team. When you look at the scoreboard, it’s not just myself, but the team all together.”

No one truly dominated the scoring sheet, keeping things balanced against a shell-shocked Revere lineup and being able to confidently run the offense when teams turn their eyes to the 6-foot-1 McCray down in the post.

“We have a big 6-1 center. People are going to double down on her,” Niederst said. “Having other people outside to be able to shoot is a great opportunity for other people to get points and keep it balanced. Teams can’t only lock down on one player, but they have more people to focus on, which makes us more of a threat all together.”

The Panthers head on the road to Midview to take on the Middies on Nov. 23 for the DiFranco Classic, with tipoff scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Shoregals

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Jelynn Carrington led Lorain with six points.

“We tightened it up a little bit in the third quarter, and it helped us stretch things out,” Appel said. “But from one game to the next, it might be a different player who steps up. Courtney had a good game today. Marissa made some good plays going to the basket. It’s always going to be somebody different for us. That’s what I like about this team. It makes us hard to scout and hard to guard defensively, because we have multiple players who can make plays.”

Things started poorly for Lorain right from the start, as Avon Lake held an 11-2 lead after one quarter. The Titans got some good looks, but most of the shots rattled out. Lorain also had six turnovers and missed all four of its free throws in the period. The second quarter was more of the same, with the Titans hanging around but unable to make a dent in the margin.

“We were down 11 at half-time because we missed free throws, we turned the ball



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Avon Lake’s Claire Springer and Kayla Mosley of Lorain compete for a rebound after a free throw during the third quarter Nov. 19.

over and we were jittery with the ball,” Feldmann said. “We didn’t have confidence in our skills. Hopefully this motivates us to practice better.”

The third quarter was all Avon Lake, as Springer scored six of her points, in-

cluding a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Then the running game got rolling.

“Our defensive intensity picked up,” Appel said. “We held them to 10 points in the second half, which was big because we were able

to get out and run. Once we were able to get out and run, we were able to make some shots. I think there were some nerves early, but once we got out and started to run, I think we started to play well.”

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QB Sam DeTillio agreed with Ehrhardt.

“The bond that our team had really showed, because we were playing for each other out there. We dug too big of a hole in the first half, and we couldn’t get out of it,” DeTillio said.

DeTillio couldn’t help but credit the TCC and its first-half performance, and TCC will play Region 8 winner Kings on Nov. 26 in a D-II state semifinal.

“(TCC) is a great team and a great program. If you make mistakes (in the first half), they are going to capitalize on that and start pulling away,” he said.

What DeTillio will miss

the most is not practicing with the team with the tight bonds he formed over the years.

“I am most sad about not being able to go to practice on Monday. I love these guys,” DeTillio said. “We had so many laughs and good times. We have been next to each other through all of the struggles and through all of the hard times. It is going to be hard to not be practicing with them on Monday, and it’s sad that the season is over.”

With the standard Avon has set throughout its five consecutive regional championship run, Coach Mike Elder still believes 2022 was a great season.

“Obviously, our goals are pretty high here at Avon,” he said. “If we didn’t win a state championship, we

are not going to feel like we did not accomplish our goals. (Football) is bigger than that. It is about relationships, it’s about learning life lessons from one of the greatest games on earth. Our players have all learned that. I am really sad, because this senior class was super special.”

The Eagles defended their Southwestern Conference title for the seventh straight season with a sixth straight appearance in the D-II, Region 6 final.

The Class of 2023 had three returning All-Ohioans in DeTillio, Ehrhardt and Austin Mitchell.

Projected college recruit Amin Abdul left the game due to injury.

“Amin’s a great player and is one of our best players,” Elder said. “It was un-

fortunate he got hurt on a weird play where there was a holding and he got thrown into. That unfortunately happens. Prayers go out to Amin (Abdul). It is a pretty significant injury, and I hope he is going to be OK.”

Elder saluted his seniors as they walked off the field for the final time in an Avon football uniform.

“People think they know. The work that these kids put into (Avon football) is insane,” Elder said.

“When you are in those moments, they are never going to quit. They are too invested, and that is a life lesson that they will take with them. When you are invested into something, you don’t quit on it. Those guys gave us a chance all the way to the end.”

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tessa Knapp

Bay, sophomore

Knapp exploded onto the scene as a freshman by scoring an astonishing 40 goals and also recording 10 assists in 2021. Expectations for the sophomore this fall were sky high. She delivered and then some, posting a 50-goal, 11-assist season to lead the Rockets to the a Division II state semifinal. Selected as Greater Cleveland’s D-II Player of the Year, she broke her school’s single-season goals record — set 30 years ago in 1992 — against Beaumont in a district semifinals. The 50th goal tied her for 13th all-time in OHSAA history for single season goals scored. The future is bright for Knapp and Bay, who will be one of a handful of players who can likely stake their claim as the top player in the state for 2023.

— Sean Fitzgerald

COACH OF THE YEAR

Beth English, Bay

This was a tough call given Firelands’ dominance and first girls soccer conference title this season under Kevin Ziegler’s leadership and Avon Lake continuing to excel under Brian Salco. However, English gets the nod here. Bay reached a state semifinal for the first time since 2018, and prior to playing one of the best girls teams the state had seen in some time in the state champion side from Copley, Bay had only allowed two goals in the postseason. Copley only allowed five scores the entire season, with one of them to Bay in their state semi match. She got the most out of a lot of young talent and will graduate about five starting seniors. Her game plans were solid all-around and she instilled a fighting spirit in her girls that never wavered, even in losses. With their returning talent, Bay stands to be a potential state title contender in Division II under English next year.

FIRST TEAM

(in alphabetical order)

MF Bella Antonio, Sr., North Ridgeville

9 goals, 3 assists; 2nd team Division I All-Ohio, 1st team Division I All-Greater Cleveland, SWC, All-County, Committed to College of Charleston

MF Emery Aschenbrener, So., Bay

10 goals, 7 assists; 1st D2 CLE, 2nd GLC

F Ella Grode, Sr., Avon Lake

37 goals, 8 assists; 1st D1 All-Ohio, 1st D1 CLE, 1st SWC, 1st All-County and D1 All-County and SWC POY, committed to Eastern Kentucky.

F Morgan Janicek, Jr., Firelands

32 goals, 20 assists; 1st team Division II CLE, 1st LC8, All-County

F Ava Patti, Jr., Rocky River

19 goals, 20 assists; 2nd D1 All-Ohio, 1st D1 CLE, 1st Team GLC

MF Rachel Sheehan, Sr., Avon Lake

19 goals, 14 assists; 1st D1 CLE, 1st SWC, All-County

F Bella Simmons, Sr., Firelands

33 goals, 18 assists; 2nd D2 All-Ohio, 1st D2 CLE, 1st LC8, All-County and D2 LCSCA POY, Committed to Hiram

F Sophia Sindelar, So., Rocky River

31 goals, 7 assists, 1st D1 All-Ohio, 1st D1 CLE, 1st GLC, GLC POY

GK Ariana Vagos, Jr., Avon

10 SOs, 69 saves; 2 goals, 2 assists; 2nd D1 All-Ohio, 1st SWC and SWC Goalkeeper of the year, 1st D1 CLE, All-County

F Rachel Washburn, Jr., Columbia

33 goals, 11 assists; 1st D3 CLE, 1st All-County, 1st All-LC8, All-County D3 POY, LC8 POY

SECOND TEAM

(in alphabetical order; numbers are goals-assists)

GK Leah Allman, Sr., Olmsted Falls: 178 saves; 2nd D1 CLE

MF Lydia Dougan, Sr., Firelands: 7-12; 2nd D2 CLE

D Lizzie Fetterman, So., Bay: 0-4; 1st D2 CLE

MF Savannah Gundert, Jr., Wellington: 14-7; 1st D3 CLE

F Grace Hagerman, Sr., Keystone: 21-5; 1st D3 CLE

F Sydney Peer, Sr., Westlake: 14-9; 2nd D1 CLE

F Livia Penton, Jr., Vermilion: 25-7; 1st D2 All-North Central District

MF Mackenzie Russell, Jr., Rocky River: 8-13, 1st D1 CLE

MF Mia Tutorius, Jr., Firelands: 13-25; 2nd D2 CLE

D Sarah Van Euwen, Sr., Avon Lake: 10-14; 2nd D1 CLE

THIRD TEAM

(in alphabetical order; numbers are goals-assists)

D Brooke Anderson Jr., Bay: 1-1; 1st D2 CLE

MF Maria Dee, Jr., Elyria Catholic: 10-4; 2nd D2 CLE

D Rachel Faber, Jr., Open Door: 38 saves, 7-12; 1st D3 CLE

MF Ella Henton, So., Westlake: 19-3; HM D1 CLE

F Hailey Johnston, Jr., Olmsted Fall: 13-3; HM D1 CLE

GK Ryann Marcis, Sr., Bay: 151 saves; 2nd D2 CLE

F Jessie Meno, Sr., Westlake: 15-10; 2nd D1 CLE

D Cara Mitchell, Jr., Firelands: 18 goals allowed all season, 2nd D2 CLE

F Gianna Scott, So. Avon: 13-1; 2nd D1 CLE

F Ava Williams, So., Elyria: 19-4; HM D1 CLE

HONOR ROLL

Amherst: Kamille Coleman; **Avon:** Alexis Titus; **Avon Lake:** Erika Parker; **Bay:** Elise Papp; **Brookside:** Alanna Barnett; **Columbia:** Kaitlyn Miller; **Elyria:** Hannah Miller; **Elyria Catholic:** Ally Uhnak; **Fairview:** Eva Kozcur; **Firelands:** Kenzie Janosik; **Keystone:** Caitlyn Minney; **Lorain:** Balycia Gomez; **Midview:** Erica Baldoza; **North Olmsted:** Delaney Macke; **North Ridgeville:** Alyssa Gimmel; **Oberlin:** Pippa Brandt; **Olmsted Falls:** Bri Fitzpatrick; **Open Door:** Bryn Baker; **Rocky River:** Cara McKenna; **Vermilion:** Summer Shirley; **Wellington:** Nadia Greer; **Westlake:** Avery Shreffler

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Pirates steal close contest over Lakewood

By **BRIAN LOVE**

It was defensive basketball at its best when Rocky River took a 41-37 overtime victory over the Lakewood Rangers last Wednesday at the Lakewood Gym.

Neither team could open a lead, with Lakewood taking the biggest advantage 14-9 early in the second quarter.

It wasn't until Ava Patti hit the front-end of a 1-if-1 with just 11.6 seconds that the Pirates had breathing room by the final four-point margin.

“We’re just proud of the effort,” first-year Coach Jamey Pfahl said. “We’ve got a lot to clean up offensively but definitely proud of the defense. That’s what we do. It’s our identity, but we shouldn’t have to win games like this. But Lakewood is a good team.”

Even with the lead, Rocky River played strong defense to avoid giving up a basket to close out the game.

“Unfortunately we missed some bunnies,” Lakewood Coach Mary Work said. “We didn’t convert them. We were like 6 for 20 from the free-throw line. That would have won the ball game right there. Both teams played hard. We’ve got some good battles ahead of us so we’ve got to get ready.”

How tough was the defense? When Ava Carroll hit a pair of free throws with 3:44 left in the game to tie it at 34-34, that was it for scoring in regulation.

Garcia gave the Rangers a 36-34 lead with 1:15 gone in overtime, but the Rangers could



Photo by Sean Faska

Rocky River’s Natalie Swallow (24) finished with 11 points to lead the Pirates.

only manage a free throw by Carroll.

Meanwhile, Mackenzie Russell tied the game with an inside shot, followed by a layup by Natalie Swallow to give the Pirates a 38-36 advantage. A pair of free throws by Annika Mocho with just 38.6 seconds left built the lead to 40-36 before Carroll’s free throw cut the lead to 3 points, setting up Patti’s free throw that put the game out of reach.

In the first quarter, one that was highlighted by six jump balls, neither team was able to score until Ava Patti hit a short jumper with 4:42 left in the quarter. It was quickly answered by a 3-pointer by Delaney Garcia. Lakewood took a

12-9 lead at the end of the quarter, and Garcia’s putback gave the Rangers their biggest lead.

“We were in some foul trouble,” Pfahl said. “We just played a little smarter defensively. It was a win and we’re happy to get a win.”

The Pirates were led by Swallow with 11 points, followed by Russell and Patti, both with 10. Mocho added 7 and Maeve Kelly had 2.

Lakewood’s Garcia had 13 points, followed by Annette Doren with 10. Aya McAuliffe had 5, Lucy Henrikson had 4, while Sam Hudak and Carroll both had 3.

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selected to the second team.

Westlake’s first-teamers were Cooper Rummel (Jr.), and Arrington Taylor (Sr.). Named to the second team were Matt Randar (Sr.), Mohammad Assad (Jr.) and Sam Brucchieri (So.).

Co-Coaches named in volleyball

Rocky River’s Brittany Morris and Lakewood Terry Spilker were named Co-Coach of the Year for the Great Lakes Conference in volleyball.

Holy Name, the conference championship, had the Most Valuable Player in Alyssa Krause.

Named to first team GLC from the Westshore area were Lauren Maxwell (Bay, Sr.), Laura Fuehrer (Bay, Jr.), Kristina Laraway (Bay, Sr.), Moly Kuyper (Fairview, Fr.), Helen Hylton (Lakewood, Sr.), Bella Burnett (Lakewood, Sr.), Sara Gilley (North Olmsted, Jr.), Samantha Young (Rocky River, Jr.), Maggie Pfhall (Rocky River, Jr.), Madie Shoaf (Rocky River, Sr.), Anika Norris (Westlake, Sr.), Alyssa Carman (Westlake, Sr.) and Olivia Mogyordy (Westlake, Jr.)

The second team All-GLC were Addy Beggs (Bay, Jr.), Sophie Thomas (Bay, Jr.), Emma Kuyper (Fairview, Sr.), Sophie Boyer (Lakewood, Sr.), Elliot Snyder (Lakewood, Sr.), Calyn Smith (Lakewood, Sr.), Megan McClain (North Olmsted, Jr.), Clare Duffy (Rocky River, Sr.), Ella Brokaw (RockyRiver, So.), Allie Chang (Westlake, Sr.) and Shelby Bloor (Westlake, So.)

Westlake dominates girls cross country

Five members of the GLC champion Westlake cross country team were selected as members of the first team. Sarah Peer (Jr.), Sydney Peer (Sr.), Ellie Irwin (Jr.), Julia Richards (Fr.) and Christina Ware (Jr.) made first team for the squad that finished third in the state.

Joining them on first team were Brianna Chaves (Rocky River, Jr.) and Maeve Ransom (Bay, Sr.).

The second team was Katie Sturm (Rocky River, So.), Josie Kave (Lakewood, So.), Brooklyn Marriott (Bay, So.), Grace Lavelle (Rocky River, So.), Allie Dewey (Rocky River, So.), Lacey McQuate (Fairview, Jr.) and Maggie Hennessey (Westlake, So.)

Boys cross country honored



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Westlake’s Anika Norris (9), Alyssa Carman (4) and Olivia Mogyordy (6) were all named first team GLC.

Two members of the Rocky River, the GLC champion, were named to the First-Team All-GLC Team.

Majid Abuaun and Luke Dorenkott, both seniors, were named to the squad. Joining them were Ben Myers (Fairview, Sr.), Colin Martens (North Olmsted, Jr.), Michael Hanselman (Bay, So.), James Chilton (Bay, Sr.), Tyson Crandall (Fairview, Jr.) and Jeremy Snyder (Westlake, So.)

The Second team was made up of Grant Preto (Rocky River, Jr.), Ben Buehrle (Rocky River, Jr.), Greg Ganor (Rocky River, Sr.), Tyler Schmitz (Westlake, Sr.), Connor Spellman (Bay, So.), Kieran Ripley (Bay, Fr.) and Jackson Rood (Rocky River, Fr.)

All-GLC Golf Teams announced

Westlake and Rocky River both placed three golfers on the first team All Great Lakes Conference.

Making the first team from Westlake were Chris Brown, Sion Park and Michael Ambrosino, while Luke Dietrich, Nick Tianello and Owen Toole were from Rocky River.

Bay placed five players on the second team in Ian Williams, Will Clement, Zach Rose, Andrew Chesterfield and Josh Hammond.

Also on the second team were Dan Capka and Wes Bennett, both of Rocky River, and Michael Labenz.

Bay’s Evans named Player of the Year

Bay’s Million Evans was selected the conference Most Valuable Player, while Westlake’s Leo Zanotti was named Goalie of the Year in soccer.

Named to the first team were Evans (Bay, Sr.), Reed Clark (Bay, Sr.), Ethan Jacobs (Bay Sr.), Ben Weir (Fairview Sr.), Elie Ladue (Lakewood, Sr.), Mosawar Ali (Lakewood, Sr.), Grant Becker (North Olmsted, Sr.), Will DeClerck (Rocky River, Sr.), Leo Zanotti (Westlake, Sr.), Jimmy Laux (Westlake, Sr.), Cimi Halilaj (Westlake, Sr.) and Justin Shruffler (Westlake, Sr.).

Second team members are Erich Malek (Fairview, Jr.), Quincy Zvomuya (Lakewood, So.), Andy Shoaff (Lakewood, Sr.), Isaac

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just another 6-9 warm body that wouldn’t let him near the basket.

Auburn was shooting a free throw, and missed the front end, but the officials said Ruland was in the lane. He wasn’t, but perhaps it was our comments every time a free throw was shot.

He did get the ball under the basket with about a minute left. He turned to lay it in, and the Auburn center smacked the ball into his face.

Me: “Hey, Ruland, what’s it like to eat a basketball?”

A Friend: “Hey Ruland, peel your face off that basketball.”

He began looking into the stands. He was mad. Auburn had a 20-point lead.

Me: “I think we can be quiet.”

A couple of years later, Auburn was playing Florida. In the first half, Florida was kept in the game by a guy who was averaging 2.1 points per game. Everything he shot went in. This was pre-3-point baskets, or it would have been bad.

Late in the first half, three people in front of us started yelling, “Shoot, shoot” as soon as he touched the ball.

My little group joined in. Pretty soon, the entire student section was yelling, “Shoot, shoot” when he touched the ball, even inbounding it.

So, of course, he quit shooting. Auburn won, going away.

The next year, a couple of my friends who had graduated came to the game just to yell, “Shoot, shoot” when he touched the ball.

The first time he touched it, my group started yelling and pretty soon the crowd joined in.

I will say this, he just shook his head as if he couldn’t believe it.

I would tell the story of the Clemson baseball coach being thrown out of a game – the only time in his career – and on his way out giving up the one-finger salute, but it takes too long.

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Cracium (Lakewood, So.), Nemanja Illic (Lakewood, So.), Dejan Milanovic (Lakewood, Sr.), Marko Petrovic (Lakewood, So.), Gael Briones (North Olmsted, Sr.), Nathyn Marius (Rocky River, Sr.), Zach Evilsizer (Westlake, Sr.), Jaden DeJesus (Westlake, Sr.) and Drew Arkwright (Westlake, Jr.)

Sindelar named Player of the Year

The GLC’s Player of the Year in girls soccer is Sophomore Sophia Sindelar of Rocky River.

Senior Lauren Barber of Lakewood was picked as the Goalie of the Year.

Joining Sindelar and Barber on the first team were Mallory Zavatchen (Lakewood, Sr.), Maeve Kelly (Rocky River, Jr.), Annette Doren (Lakewood, Sr.), Ava Patti (Rocky River, Jr.), McKenzie Russell (Rocky River, Jr.), Samantha Hudak (Lakewood, Sr.), Tessa Knapp (Bay (So.), Lizzie Fetterman (Bay, So.), Lily Frey (Bay, Sr.), Collen Urich (Westlake, Jr.), Jesse Meno (Westlake, Jr.), Delaney Macke (North Olmsted, So.) and Eva Kozcur (Fairview, Sr.).

The second team all-conference players were Cara McKenna (Rocky River, Sr.), Helen Fraunfelder (Lakewood, So.), Anika Mocho (Rocky River, Sr.), Willow Trapp (Lakewood, Fr.), Ava Blair (Rocky River, Sr.), Rose Lipka (Lakewood, Sr.), Emery Aschenbrener (Bay, So.), Brooke Anderson (Bay, Jr.), Hannah Dixon (Bay, Sr.), Sydney Peer (Westlake, Sr.), Ava Kontak (Westlake, Jr.), Avery Shreffler (Westlake, So.), Kendell Perkins (North Olmsted, So.) and Elizabeth Hille (Fairview, Jr.)

Rocky River’s Robertson gain honor

Samantha Robertson was named the GLC Players of the year in girls tennis.

Doug Cook of Westlake was named Coach of the Year.

Joining Robertson on the first team All-GLC were Sophia Henrich (Bay), Julia Mavis (Bay), Mackenzie Stokes (Westlake), Stella Davisson (Westlake), Michelle Ho (Westlake) and Stephanie Chang (Westlake).

Second team members are Madison Shami (Westlake), Payton Geautreau (Rocky River), Hannah Hartman (Westlake), Gretchen Nagel (Bay), Elli Bennett (Bay), Lilli Roseli (Rocky River) and Carolyn Gura (Rocky River).

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Girls soccer All-Stars 2022: Copley's Emma Stransky, head coach Wally Senk claim honors after state title run

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Copley midfielder Emma Stransky is the 2022 cleveland.com girls soccer player of the year, Copley-Fairlawn City Schools



By [Jonathan X. Simmons, cleveland.com](#)

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Winter sports are in full swing, but it's never too late to look back at some of the top performances from the fall.

Area girls soccer teams were phenomenal all season long. In Division II, [Copley won its first state championship in school history](#). Meanwhile, in Division I Strongsville and Magnificat both made runs to the state semifinal. [Strongsville won that](#)

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state semifinal, which was its best finish in school history.

Several area teams proved to be juggernauts in 2022, but many players did, too. Here are the 2022 cleveland.com girls soccer All-Stars.

Player of the Year

Emma Stransky, Copley, Senior

A first-team All-Ohioan and the Division II player of the year, Emma Stransky can forever be referred to as Ms. Soccer. She was as dynamic as it gets for Copley during its 2022 campaign, scoring 44 goals and dishing out 21 assists. The United Soccer Coaches (USC) Ohio Player of the Year, Stransky is second in Copley history in both career goals and career points despite missing two seasons.

When the going got tough, Copley turned to Stransky and she delivered over and over again. Before scoring the only goal in the state title win over Waynesville, the midfielder put two in the back of the net in the state semifinal against St. Mary's Memorial. In earlier games against Bay and Lexington, Stransky poured in four goals a piece in dominant wins.

First Team

Hannah Pachan, Walsh Jesuit, Sophomore

Pachan did everything and more for the Warriors in her sophomore season. She was named a Division I first-team All-Ohioan and USC All-American for her role in Walsh's run to the regional final. Still just a sophomore, Pachan's future, and the future of Walsh's soccer dynasty, is as bright as it's ever been.

Katie Norris, Akron Manchester, Junior

A Division III first-team All-Ohioan, Norris was named a USC All-American after leading Manchester to the state semifinal. Of the Panthers' 124 goals this season Norris played a part in 74, finishing with 50 goals and 24 assists. With Norris leading a strong junior nucleus Manchester looks primed for another big season in 2023.

Corinne Greenlee, Kirtland, Senior

After spending the majority of her high school career as a defender Greenlee made a massive impact in the midfield for Kirtland this year. She scored 10 goals and passed out 16 assists on her way to becoming a Division III first-team All-Ohioan.

Tessa Knapp, Bay, Sophomore

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Another sophomore phenom, Knapp was essential to the Rockets' run to the Division II state semifinal. Still just a sophomore she was named a first-team All-Ohioan and a USC All-American. Don't be surprised to see Bay deep in the postseason mix with Knapp leading the way in years to come.

Ella Grode, Avon Lake, Junior

The Southwestern Conference MVP, Grode led Avon Lake to a 15-2-3 record before a playoff loss to Brunswick. The Eastern Kentucky commit set Shorelads records for goals scored in a season (37) and career (75) and was named a first-team All-Ohioan and USC All-Central region player.

Olivia Sipsock, Medina, Senior

With 23 goals and 13 assists in her senior campaign Sipsock, who was on last year's All-Star team, led the Bees to a 17-2-2 record and a trip to the regional semifinal. That's Medina's best finish since making the state semifinal during her freshman season. A United Soccer Coaches All-Ohio, All-Region and All-American selection for the second consecutive year, Sipsock was also named the OHSAA Division I Player of the Year.

Shea Vidovic, Brecksville, Senior

Vidovic was named the All-Greater Cleveland Player of the Year, a Division I first-team All-Ohioan and a USC first-team All-American in her senior campaign. The College of Charleston commit was also named the Suburban League National Conference Player of the Year. She led Brecksville to the district final behind an 11-5-2 record, and stepped up to the task whenever the Bees needed a lift.

Ashley Kerekes, Copley, Senior

A second ace for the Indians, Kerekes scored 33 of Copley's 133 goals. She also led the team in assists with 22 to earn Division II All-Ohio first-team and USC All-Central region honors. Stransky is great by herself, but a scoring threat as dangerous as Kerekes alongside her made Copley a behemoth all season long.

Kayla Perfect, Medina, Senior

A first-team All-Ohioan and USC All-Central region selection, Perfect was key to Medina's regional semifinal run. A Miami of Ohio commit, Perfect was named the Greater Cleveland Conference player of the year behind her 16 goals and 11 assists.

Goalie of the Year

Kami Ayoup, Copley

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Her eight saves in the state championship was the most of any girls keeper in the final regardless of division, but it was more representative of the year she had as a whole than anything else. Ayoup finished the season with just five goals allowed. She had more than three times that many shutouts, finishing the season with 18, including 16 in a row, which spans between the second game of the year to the first game of the playoffs.

Coach of the Year

Wally Senk, Copley

The boys won it all in 1994, but Senk delivered Copley's first girls soccer state championship in school history behind a remarkable 22-0-1 record. He was named the United Coaches Association's small public high schools Coach of the Year, Ohio Coach of the Year and regional Coach of the Year. He was also named Coach of the Year by the Suburban League and the Greater Akron Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association.

Copley's head coach since 2009, Senk has compiled a 200-119-58 record while winning eight league titles, four district titles and a pair of regional final appearances prior to this year's run. His squad allowed just five goals this season, but scored 133.

Honorable mention

Macy Felton, Strongsville, Junior

Kate Bartlett, Chagrin Falls, Senior

Sophia Sindelar, Rocky River, Sophomore

Jadyn Harris, Twinsburg, Senior

Julia Kure, Magnificat, Senior

Frankee Flesher, West Geauga, Senior

Natalie Shimmel, Archbishop Hoban, Senior

Breanna Utrup, Twinsburg, Senior

Reece Frank, Cuyahoga Heights, Junior

Lauren Gunsett, Manchester, Junior

Bella Simmons, Firelands, Senior

Brooklyn Steiner, Gilmour, Junior