

MIDDIE SPORTS REVIEW (October 5, 2009)

FOOTBALL DOMINATES RIVER, BACK IN WSC TITLE HUNT

Football – Buoyed by an outstanding defensive effort, and two amazing performances by seniors Josiah Holt and Brett Whitesel, the Middies defeated a 4-1 Rocky River team 20-6 on a muddy night in Adelsberg Stadium last Friday. Holt and Whitesel were a two man wrecking crew on the Pirate defense, as they combined for 285 yards rushing and 3 TD's in leading the offense to a dominating night on the ground. Senior Kody Younglas led the defense from his linebacker spot all night, as gave River QB Robbie Plagens trouble all night long. The Middies defense held a strong Rocky River offense in check, limiting them to one long scoring play and a miniscule 26 yards on the ground. The young defense turned in a strong 4 quarter performance on Friday night. The Middies, now 3-3 and 2-1 in the WSC, travel to Fairview on Friday for a key WSC game with the Warriors. Rocky River fell to 4-2, and 2-1, as they dropped their first conference contest of the season.

Cross-Country– The Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country teams had an impressive showing at the Obernour Invitational at Sailorway Middle School on Saturday. The Girls' team finished 3rd out of 9 teams. Lauren Hutka took 2nd place overall, followed by Maddie Duncan who placed 6th, Paige Tesmer with 21st, and Gabi Patarini in 22nd place to finish in the top 25. The Girls' made great improvements individually and in the overall team performance from last year. The Boys' team finished in 5th place out of 15 teams. The Middie runners were led by Jash Ayers in 14th place, followed by Conrad Doehne in 17th, Zach Siefker in 22nd, and Mike Taylor in 25th to round out the top 25. The Boys' also made huge improvements from last years' performance. The Middie harriers will finish off the regular season on Saturday at the Jack Wilhelm Invitational, before the WSC and District meets the following two weeks.

Volleyball – The Middies went 4-1 this week, but finished a disappointing 5th in the Cannon Classic, as they dropped an opening round match to Louisville, before defeating both Margareta and North Olmsted on their way to the tournament finish. In the WSC, the Middies swept Vermilion and Firelands last week to improve their conference record to 7-3 with four matches remaining. Overall, the Middies now sit at 11-6 with the Sectional Draw upcoming next week at Midview High School. Senior Mary Brown was named to the all-Cannon Classic Tournament team for her stellar play at Libero on Saturday. The Middies take to the road this week to battle Keystone, Rocky River, and Avon as they look to solidify a top four seed in the Sectionals.

Golf – The Golf team tuned up for sectionals with matches at Sawmill Creek and Bob-O-Link, as they finished in the top 5 in each tournament under less than ideal circumstances. The post-season begins for the Middies this week as they travel to Huron for the Sectional Tournament at Sawmill Creek on Wednesday.

Girls Soccer – The Girls' Soccer team continued to play well last week, defeating Division I Lakewood 1-0 on a goal by Freshman Kayla Hirschfelder. Senior Sarah Linn continues to be strong in the mid-field, and goalkeeper Jenna Plas recorded the shutout win over the Rangers. The Girls' then dropped a 5-0 contest to Avon on Wednesday. Their record now stands at 3-7-1 and 0-5 in the WSC. Also, due to unplayable field conditions on Saturday, the Girls' Soccer game with Elyria Catholic has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 15 in Adelsberg Stadium at 7 pm.

Boys' Soccer – The Boys Soccer showed flashes of brilliance this week as they tied Lake Ridge Academy, 0-0 on Monday, and then dropped a tough 5-1 decision to Avon on Wednesday, in a game that was tied 1-1 at halftime. The Boys' showed strong defensive play in both games, and Ryan Homoki scored his first goal of the season against Avon. The Boys', now 1-8-3 and 0-4-1 in the WSC, take on Olmsted Falls and Fairview this week on the road, with both JV Games starting at 5 pm.

Girls Tennis – Ashley Taylor led a good performance by the Midview tennis team this week, as she had a fine showing at the WSC Tennis Tournament on Saturday. The ladies tennis team will compete in the Sectionals at Oberlin College on Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MIDVIEW ATHLETICS

Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10
<p>4:30PM Girls Freshman Volleyball @ KEYSTONE HS</p>	<p>4:30PM Boys 7th Grade Football @ South Amherst Middle School</p>	<p>8:30AM Girls Varsity Tennis - OHSAA Sectional</p>	<p>4:15PM Girls Freshman Volleyball @ AVON HS</p>	<p>7:30PM Boys Varsity Football @ FAIRVIEW HS</p>	<p>10:00AM Boys Junior Varsity Football VS. FAIRVIEW HS (AUX FIELD)</p>
<p>4:30PM Girls 7th Grade Volleyball @ Bay Middle School</p>	<p>5:00PM Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball @ ROCKY RIVER HS</p>	<p>10:00AM Boys Varsity Golf - OHSAA Sectional @ Thunderbird Hills</p>	<p>5:00PM Boys Junior Varsity Soccer @ GILMOUR ACADEMY</p>		<p>10:00AM Coed Varsity Cross Country - Jack Wilhelm Classic</p>
<p>5:00PM Boys Junior Varsity Soccer @ OLMSTED FALLS HS</p>		<p>4:30PM Girls 7th Grade Volleyball VS. Lewis F Mayer Middle School</p>	<p>5:00PM Boys Freshman Football VS. CHAGRIN FALLS HS (AUX FIELD)</p>		
<p>5:30PM Girls 8th Grade Volleyball @ Bay Middle School</p>	<p>6:00PM Boys 8th Grade Football @ South Amherst Middle School</p>	<p>5:00PM Boys Junior Varsity Soccer @ FAIRVIEW HS</p>	<p>5:30PM Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball @ AVON HS</p>		<p>7:00PM Girls Varsity Soccer VS. ELYRIA HS</p>
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