

Boys' soccer team plays a fair game

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Reporter

It was a humid day on August 29 as the boys' soccer team had their first home game of the season against the Little Dutchmen of Annville Cleona.

As the game started, both teams were working hard trying to get the first goal of the game.

As the Rams possessed the ball, they took the ball in to the box and forced a penalty kick.

Senior Thomas Lippiard was going to take the penalty kick, and he stepped back to take his shot.

He ran up and put the ball in the back of the net, and the Rams had an early 1-0 lead over the Little Dutchmen.

Shortly after the first goal, the Rams were passing the ball together as a team and sophomore Chance Logue played the ball over the defense while sophomore Zackary Anderson got a head on it and forced it into the back of the net.

The score was now 2-0, and the

Rams had a lot of momentum to move forward in the game.

Throughout the first half, goalie Jonathan Osborne made a lot of key saves including a goal line save.

With about ten minutes left, the momentum shifted toward the Little Dutchmen.

The Dutchmen played the ball over the defense and senior Cole Connelly scored on a diving header and the score was 2-1.

Shortly after the goal, Connelly got through the defense once again and put the ball in the back of the net, and the score became 2-2 to finish the first half of the game.

Coach George Miller said at halftime, "We have to work harder, those last ten minutes we were lazy and let them score those two goals, which should've never happened."

The teams came out for the second half looking to break the 2-2 tie.

Early in the second half, Lippiard had the ball and played it over the defense to senior Tyler Warfield,



Photo by: Kevin Ambrose

Boys' soccer team stands out on the field to be called for the starting line up.

and he easily put it past the goalie; the Rams had the lead once again at a score of 3-2.

As the game went on, the players were slowing down from both teams; however, there were more goals scored.

Warfield and Lippiard both scored another goal, and the game ended; the Rams earned a 5-2 victory over the Little Dutchmen.

After the game Miller told the team positive things and was excited about the first win of the season.

Miller said, "You guys played an amazing game. Your passing was the best I've seen in years, and you were able to score multiple goals and keep the lead."

After a long week of practice, the Rams were away against their rivals, Susquehannock Warriors, on September 4.

It was a cool night at Susquehannock as both teams were warming up for the upcoming game under the lights.

The teams stepped out on the field and the game started.

Throughout the first half, the game stayed tied, but with about five minutes left, the Warriors struck first.

Then with 14 seconds left in the first half, the Warriors struck again, and it was 2-0.

The first half ended and the score was Rams: 0, Warriors: 2.

After the coaches had time to talk to their teams, the players took the field again.

The Rams worked the ball down the field many times, but could not get past the Warrior's defense.

The game went on and the Warriors added two more goals, and the final score was Rams 0, Warriors 4.

Miller said, "You guys played a good game, we just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. We play them again soon, so next time we play them we have to work a little harder."

Field hockey YAIAA division champs

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Stepping back on the home field in an unofficial division game on August 29, the lady rams field hockey team won against the Fairfield Knights 4-0.

Varsity captain Jordan Miller said, "It was a strong win that set a standard for the rest of the season."

Last season, the ladies took home the title of YAIAA division II champions for the York/Adams County.

"Winning the YAIAA Division II field hockey champions last year is one of the best memories I'll take away from my high school years," said senior Taylor Rill.

Last year's standings ended in about twelve wins and six losses throughout the season.

Head coach Andrea Walton said, "The hardest part is to make sure the girls are willing to work hard and realize they are capable of winning. We had such strong leaders that were seniors last year that hopefully we can have the seniors step up this year and have positive attitudes and leadership through skill and dedication to the team."

The lady rams went to multiple tournaments in the pre-season and took home a couple wins from each one.

They traveled to Exeter Township on August 16, Pequea Valley on August 23, and the annual Dallastown Invitational September 6.

Playing in these tournaments were opportunities for the lady rams to prove to other teams in Division II that they are just as prepared to win as they were last year.

Rill commented, "It was really nerve racking stepping back on the field without all the seniors from last year and being known as last year's division champs, but I think we pulled through and made out pretty well."

On September 9, the lady rams played their first division game against Gettysburg on their home field.

The game was a loss for the lady rams with a final score of 3-0.

After the loss Rill commented, "Even though we lost it was still a tough game and definitely set us up for a lot of room for improvement for the rest of the season."

The lady rams traveled to West York on September 11. This is the same field they were named Division II champions last year after a win.

The game officially ended in a 1-1 tie and went into sudden death overtime.

Whoever scored first would win. The West York Bulldogs scored within the first 29 seconds ending with a final score of 2-1.

"To return back as champions we need to keep practicing hard and working together as a team every day at practice, and to win games we need to score goals," commented Miller.

Also this year, art teacher Erin Bastian will not be helping coach the team with Walton.

Miller said, "Without coach Herbert, [Bastian], things aren't the same. She was a part of us being champions last year, but we need to move forth and keep winning games without her."

Walton asked Marlena Johnson to help coach the team for this season.

Johnson played field hockey for seventh grade to twelfth grade as a goalie for the lady rams, and then she continued to play at Elizabethtown College for three years.

"I hope I can give some insight that she [Walton] hasn't had before. Since I have played the position of goalie, I have a different view and how to see the game," said Johnson. "Since last year the starting goalie graduated, a new goalie has had to step up and I hope that with my experience I can make her the best goalie she can be."

This season's goalie is freshman, Lauren Lisek.

Lisek stepped up during the pre-season and took on the challenges she might face.

Johnson said, "I try to focus on the fundamentals. Without the fundamentals down it is hard to focus on much else."

Football steps off the field as winners

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The winless Rams football team took on the also winless school of York County Tech on September 12.

Junior Daniel Brewer would start the game for week three and for the rest of the season as varsity quarterback.

Coach Patrick Weider talked about the quarterback change. "Me and the whole coaching staff thought it was the right idea; he's improved and I think he can lead this team."

The game started with the Rams getting the ball.

The Rams had a long opening drive, which was capped off with Brewer's 11 yard touchdown pass to junior Kyle Wooldridge.

After the field goal, the score was 7-0 Rams.

But York Tech wasted little time, as running back Jibri Bones took their first play down the field 51 yards.

York Tech went for two points, but failed to complete both.

The score was 7-6 Rams late in the first quarter.

After the Rams' punt, York Tech got the ball deep in their own territory.

York Tech failed to move the ball anywhere else as they were forced to punt from their end zone.

The ball was snapped, but the ball never went air born.

The Rams' linebacker Quincy Noland blocked the punt and recovered in the end zone for a Rams touchdown.

The Rams added the extra point to extend their lead to 14-6 early in the



Photo by: Dianne Spalt

Wide receiver **Jake Deppen** receives the ball after York Tech's first touchdown.

second quarter.

After another touchdown pass from Brewer to Wooldridge the score was 20-6 Rams.

York Tech got the ball with thirteen seconds left in the first half.

Scoring on the final play of the half, Bones got another touchdown for York Tech.

The score at halftime was 20-12 Rams.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Rams got the ball with eight minutes left to play in the game.

On the first third down, Brewer threw his third and final touchdown to junior Austin Jenkins. The score now was 27-12.

After a Tech turnover, Jenkins added a three more points for the Rams with a 24 yard field goal.

The clock hit zero and the scoreboard read 30-12 Rams.

It was the Rams first win of the season and Weider's first win as head coach.

This win feels great; we won in front of our great fans. They stuck with us through the bad times, and we rewarded them with a win," Weider said.

To celebrate, the team awarded Weider with a Gatorade bath.

"I was not expecting to get Gatorade dumped on me. I was getting ready to sing the alma mater and all of the sudden it got real cold real soon," Weider said.

The Rams sang the schools alma mater with joy.

Weider said, "This week was the best week of practice we've had."

Scoring summary

First Quarter

KD — Kyle Wooldridge 11 pass from Dan Brewer (Jenkins kick)

YCT — Jibri Bones 51 run (two-point failed)

Second Quarter

KD — Blocked punt recovered by Quincy Noland (Jenkins kick)

KD — Wooldridge pass from Brewer (two-point failed)

YCT — Bones 19 pass from Savery (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter

KD — Austin Jenkins 26 pass from Brewer (Jenkins kick).

KD — Jenkins 24 kick.

Individual statistics

Rushing — KD, Eaton 16-48, Carlisle 13-52, Wales 4-9, Brewer 6-13. YCT, J. Bones 12-79, Wiggins 7-6, Savery: 4(-5).

Passing — YCT, Damarius Wiggins: 0-3-0, Savery: 1-4-19. KD, Daniel Brewer: 6-12-95.

Receiving — KD, Wales 1-13, Jenkins Wooldridge 3-36, Jenkins 2-46. YCT, J. Bones: 1-19.

The Lady Rams tennis team

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On September 11, the girl's tennis competed against Hanover.

Senior Erin Sewell played an intense match against her opponent.

Sewell scored the first point within the first two minutes of the match, and within ten minutes, she scored another point. The score was now 30 to love.

She followed this lead with another point, bringing the score to 30 to 15.

Sewell hit the ball out of bounds, so it was her opponents' point. The score was then tied at 30 to 30.

Sewell and her opponent each scored, making it a tie at 40 to 40. Sewell scored the winning points and won.

Normally, when one match is finished, the same players play again for another.

The second match was not as strongly competitive, and Sewell wound up winning 40 to zero.

"Overall, the match went really well; she was a good player, and I enjoyed playing against her. The match

was tough and intense," said Sewell.

Occurring at the same time senior Lily Riale was playing as well.

Riale scored the first point making the score 15-love, then Riale's opponent hit the ball out of bounds, making the score 30-love, Riale leading.

As the match continued, Riale's opponent hit the ball and Riale missed it, making the score 3-15 and placing her opponent on the board.

Within five minutes after the last point was scored, Riale scored another securing the score at 40-15.

Riale won the match.

"Tennis, singles especially, is a very individualistic sport, and it's really easy to really beat yourself up for any missed point. It's all very psychological; you have to know how to stay calm and play smart," said Riale.

According to Coach Jennifer Abbott, "Tennis is having a history making year. We will have more girls than ever participating in counties, with individual districts a possibility."

In addition, team districts is looking like a definite possibility according to Abbott as well.



Photo by: Mikala Hollingshed

Senior **Erin Sewell** hits around the ball with a partner before the start of a game.



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Warming up, senior **Lily Riale** partners with a teammate to practice for a game.