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► FOOTBALL — SOUTH RANGE 45, ROOTSTOWN 0

Range looks at bigger picture

By BRIAN YAUGER
Staff writer

GREENFORD — After last week's shutout win against then-undefeated Hubbard, South Range coach Dan Yeagley was a little nervous heading into Saturday's game.

Those worries were quickly erased however, as the Raiders powered through Rootstown with another shutout, this time 45-0, in the first round of the Division V, Region 17 playoffs.

While there was a light drizzle throughout the game, the South Range offense struck the scoreboard like lightning repeatedly.

"I know I say it every week, but I'm very very proud of this team," Yeagley said. "After such an emotional game last week, you always wonder how things are going to turn out. We were banged up after last week.

"We took our time this week getting people healthy and went about practice a little bit differently and everything else and still preparing for (Rootstown) and the kids responded very well and came back healthy."

South Range amassed 20 points in the first quarter, with quarterback Billy Skripac throwing two touchdown passes, one to Shane Lindstrom and the other to JD Crouse.

Dylan Dominguez then closed out the first quarter, capping off a 1-play drive that was set up by a Lindstrom punt return to the 4-yard line.

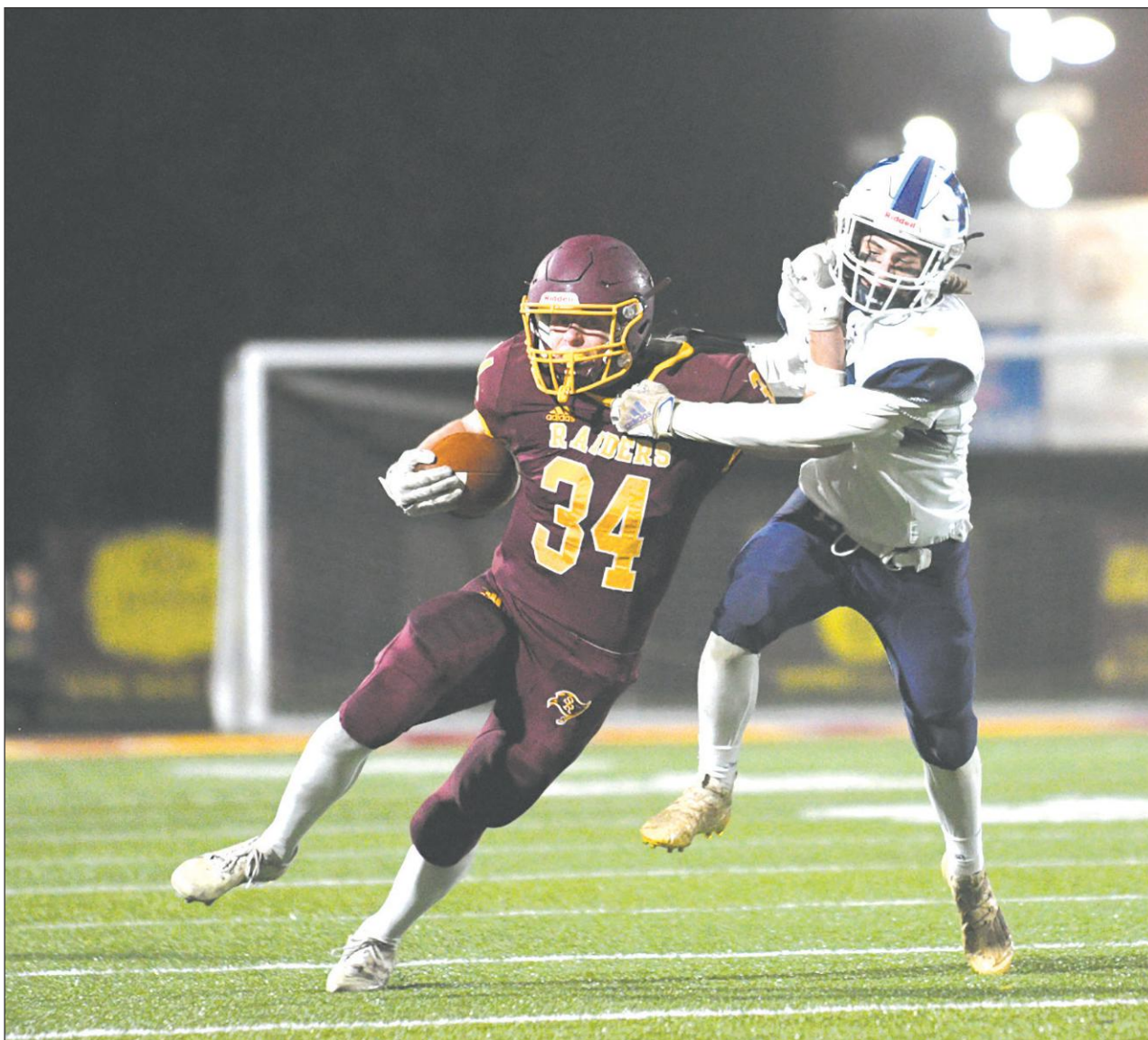
That trend continued for the rest of the game and it ended with backup quarterback Ethan Zinz hitting Blake Ewert on a 5-yard strike to cap the game off.

In his first postseason start, Skripac went 7-of-10 for 150 yards and three touchdowns.

Recent Youngstown State commit Dominguez was the team's leading rusher, running for 107 yards and a touchdown.

Even the kicker got in on the fun, with Luke Starkey hitting a 27-yard field goal in the third quarter.

The only thing that stopped the Raider starters from scoring on every possession was the end of the first half. The



South Range's Dylan Dominguez takes a Rootstown defender for a ride in a Div. V playoff opener on Saturday. (Photo by Brian Yauger)

reserves turned the ball over on downs with nine seconds remaining in the game.

"We're trying to work on efficiency and trying to do things right and trying to eliminate little mistakes," Yeagley said. "We haven't been making a whole lot of mistakes, but every once in a while, all of a sudden, you get a punt or turnover on downs or something like that.

"The offense did a great job tonight. Billy did a super job and Dylan did a great job. Those guys have been key for us all year and they stepped up to the plate tonight and did another great job."

It wasn't just the South Range offense that had an electrifying performance, it

was their defense as well.

The Raider defense held Rootstown to 90 yards of offense on 42 plays and forced two turnovers.

While the win is obviously important, Yeagley's biggest concern was getting through the first round with no injuries. The Raiders (11-0) did that and gear up to play Mantua Crestwood next Saturday.

The bright side of having a large roster is getting to swap players in and out of the lineup at will.

"I feel good right now because we came out healthy and we're doing all right," Yeagley said. "We play a lot of kids and being able to do that and come out healthy is huge. Now we'll work on Week Two. It could be a

month if we keep on playing and keep on doing well, so we know that we have to keep on fighting.

"Hopefully, you know we can get past the next one, the next couple and see how that goes, but it's one game at a time though."

ROOTSTOWN: 0-0-0-0 — 0
SOUTH RANGE: 20-10-8-7 — 45

SCORING

First quarter

SR: Shane Lindstrom 5 pass from Billy Skripac (Luke Starkey kick), 7:58

SR: JD Crouse 28 pass from Skripac (kick failed), 2:09

SR: Dylan Dominguez 4 run (Starkey kick), 0:52

Second quarter

SR: Ayden Leon 56 pass from Skripac (Starkey kick), 11:55

SR: Starkey 27 field goal, 4:25

Third quarter

SR: Tyler Remish 4 run (Crouse pass from Jimmy Powell), 0:03

Fourth quarter

SR: Blake Ewert 5 pass from Ethan Zinz (Starkey kick), 5:36

TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs: Rootstown: 8, South Range: 22; Rushes/Yards: Rootstown: 19-34, South Range: 37-207; Yards Passing: Rootstown: 56, South Range: 155; Comp-Att-Int: Rootstown: 9-23-1, South Range: 8-13-0; Penalties: Rootstown: 4-30, South Range: 2-20; Fumbles-Lost: Rootstown: 3-1, South Range: 0-0; Total Yards: Rootstown: 90, South Range: 362; Offensive Plays: Rootstown: 42, South Range: 50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Passing: Rootstown: Brandon Nicholas 9-22 56; South Range: Billy Skripac 7-10 150 3TD

Rushing: Rootstown: Cody Coontz 8-22, Dyllan Austin 3-23; South Range: Dylan Dominguez 15-107 1TD, Tyler Remish 2-3 1TD

Receiving: Rootstown: Donovan Birkett 3-22; South Range: Ayden Leon 1-56 1TD, JD Crouse 1-28 1TD, Shane Lindstrom 3-22 1TD, Blake Ewert 1-5 1TD

► VOLLEYBALL

Rebels rule district

ORWELL — Crestview's volleyball team captured its third straight Div. III district title 25-27, 25-20, 25-19, 25-21 over Middlefield Cardinal on Saturday at Grand Valley High School.

Crestview, who is ranked sixth in the state in Div. III in the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association state poll, moved its record to 26-0 and will face 2020 Div. III state-runner up Independence at 6 p.m. on Thursday at Barberton High School. Independence is ranked first in the state coaches poll.

The Rebels got a little scare from Cardinal, who was also a district finalist in a different district last season, in the opening set but settled in nicely following a rare setback.

"They were a scrappy and aggressive team and we couldn't defend their fast balls at first," Rebel coach Alisha Auer said.

"We were able to make adjustments and get control."

Lucy Montgomery had 19 kills, 24 assists and 19 digs for the winners. Grace Auer added 17 kills, 26 assists and 16 digs. Abbey Emch had 16 kills, four blocks and two aces. Shelby Rambo had 12 kills and seven blocks. Kendra Greaves had 28 digs. Hannah Cope has 22 digs and Lainy Mercure had 12 digs.

"It's awesome to see these seniors just keep coming back and getting better," Auer said. "It's really a fun group and they're only getting stronger."

Kirtland and Orrville will follow the Crestview-Independence match with the regional final set for Saturday at 3 p.m. at Barberton High School. Three of 2020's regional tournament teams are the same with Orrville replacing Smithville. The Rebels

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► FOOTBALL — BROOKFIELD 26, UNITED 0

Brookfield's weapons too much for Golden Eagles

By MIKE BROWN
Correspondent

HANOVERTON — Led by junior quarterback Donovan Pawlowski and a defense which held United to 157 yards total offense, the Brookfield Warriors came into Hanoverton and handed the Golden Eagles a 26-0 loss in a Division VI playoff game Saturday night.

"There's no excuses, that's a good football team," praised United head coach D.J. Ogilvie of Brookfield. "They are physical and we ran into somebody who was as physical as we were. They just took us out of our game early."

"Our defense plays hard and we do have a lot of speed," beamed Brookfield head coach Randy Clark. "We have tough kids and we played very well defensively tonight."

United ends its season with an 8-2 record and was outright champion of the Eastern Ohio Athletic Conference this fall.

Brookfield advances and will play LaBrae in the second round of the D6 playoffs next Saturday at 7 p.m. at LaBrae.

United just couldn't get its offense going against a strong Brookfield front. The Golden Eagles had just 79 yards on the ground for the night and 78 yards passing.

"They (the Warriors) got that (first touchdown), then we go three-and-out," said Ogilvie. "We didn't get into a rhythm offensively tonight. It just felt like (an uphill battle) all night."



Brookfield's Donovan Pawlowski scores a touchdown as United's Brock Rhodes tries for the tackle on Saturday. Also shown is United's Tyler Dickens. (Photo by Ron Firth)

Meanwhile, Brookfield's offense showed outstanding balance between the pass and run, led by Donovan Pawlowski who had 347 yards of total offense. He threw two touchdowns and ran for two others.

"He (Pawlowski) and the offensive line and running backs — ev-

erybody did a nice job," said Clark. The Warriors led 520-157 in total offense for the game.

"Offensively Donovan (Pawlowski) and Isaiah Jones did a great job and Zach Johns who we just moved to slot this week, did a great job," said Clark.

Brookfield's quickness on defense gave the Eagles' offense problems throughout the first half. At the break, the Warriors led in total offense, 298-30 and had 12 first downs to United's one. The Golden Eagles couldn't get anything going on the perimeter.

Their best scoring opportunity in the opening half occurred after a fake punt and pass by Tyler Dickens put the Eagles in business at the Warriors' 26. But the drive stalled at the 10 after a bad snap on a field goal attempt was picked up by kicker Luke Courtney who was tackled just short of a first down at the Warriors' 10-yard line.

United had two other drives which ended at the Brookfield one (a lost fumble) and 18 yard line.

Brookfield took the opening kickoff and marched 82 yards, mostly via the arm of quarterback Donovan Pawlowski and scored when Pawlowski scooted around left end on a one-yard touchdown run. Brian Smith added the PAT boot and the Warriors led 7-0 at the 3:37 mark of the first quarter.

"Once they got the lead on us, it took us out of our game plan," said Ogilvie. "We got down early and the big play was on their first drive because the score took almost the whole first quarter."

The Warriors, led by Pawlowski, tacked on two more second-quarter scores. Receiver Zach Johns hauled in a 57-yard scoring pass from Pawlowski and the quick Brookfield signal-caller raced 14 yards for another score with just 1:24 left in the first half as the Warriors went up 20-0.

Brookfield made it 26-0 on the first play of the fourth quarter when Dominic Pawlowski found David Pawlowski with a 31-yard scoring

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Salem freshmen Maggie Hall (2870) and Maggie Hopple (2871) lead eventual regional champion Morgan Monesmith of Hathaway Brown and runner-up Bella Graham of Marlinton in the Boardman Division II regional race Saturday. (Photo by Ron Firth)

Salem girls race to first state berth since 2007

By **RON FIRTH**
Sports Editor

BOARDMAN — The highly-regarded Salem girls cross country team didn't win Saturday. It didn't matter.

The Quakers earned their first state berth since 2007 at the muddy Boardman Division II regional meet.

"It's just been incredible," Salem senior Molly Hopple said. "We've been working at this for the past decade."

"It's pure excitement," Salem coach Ted Yuhaniak said. "It's been 14 years."

The Quakers took the fourth of six state berths in the competitive field.

"Our goal was first to sixth," Hopple said. "It didn't matter."

Top-ranked Woodridge was first with 123 points.

Tenth-ranked Richfield Revere was second (128), 17th-ranked Chagrin Falls was third (154), third-ranked Salem was fourth (159), 12th-ranked Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary was fifth (172) and 15th-ranked Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown was sixth (196).

"We said top six is first," Yuhaniak said. "If they finished, they were in good shape."

Molly Hopple is the lone senior in Salem's state lineup and finished 31st out of 150 runners at Boardman High School on Saturday.

"She is the heartbeat of the program," Yuhaniak said. "She's worked four years to get to this point."

Freshmen Maggie Hopple and Maggie Hall topped the Quakers by placing 11th and 20th, respectively.

"They're special," Yuhaniak said. "They are lucky they have each other."

"I always hear, 'How's it feel for my freshman sister to beat you?'" Molly Hopple said. "She earns everything she gets. She's way more competitive than me. She gets me going sometimes. She has the drive."

Also for the Quakers, sophomore Ella Double was 38th, junior Kami Rohm 90th, freshman Jill Pieren 96th and sophomore Peyton Campf 98th.

"To me, you had to get the right group," Yuhaniak said. "It started a couple of years ago."

The Quakers have been near the top of the state rankings all season.

"It's good because people know who we are and what

we've done," Molly Hopple said. "We try to come out and prove ourselves every race."

"We're taking it one day and one race at a time."

This is the first time a Salem girls team has made it to state since 2007, when the Quakers settled for sixth place after back-to-back state titles.

"We knew that coming in," Molly Hopple said. "We wanted to make it to state and we did."

The Quakers are heading to the state meet at Fortress Obetz just south of Columbus at noon Saturday.

"We have the opportunity to do well there," Molly Hopple said. "Our goal is to run as fast as we can."

"These girls can race with anybody," Yuhaniak said.



West Branch's Brian Boston

Boardman regional

Division II GIRLS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS (Top six advance to state): 1. Woodridge (123), 2. Richfield Revere (128), 3. Chagrin Falls (154), 4. Salem (159), 5. Akron St. V-M (172), 6. Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown (196), 7. Gates Mills Hawken (219), 8. Ashtabula Edgewood (235), 9. Cloverleaf (242), 10. Tallmadge (249), 11. Perry (281), 12. Geneva (297), 13. West Geauga (326), 14. Cleveland Heights Beaumont (332), 15. CVCA (354), 16. Akron Hoban (388), 17. Marlinton (401), 18. Akron Springfield (416), 19. West Branch (424), 20. Parma Heights Holy Name (435).

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS (Top 24 advance to state) (150 runners)

1. Morgan Monesmith (Hathaway Brown) 19:24.1; 2. Bella Graham (Marlinton) 19:34.0; 3. Annabel Stanley (Norwayne) 20:10.8; 4. Reese Reaman (Woodridge) 20:15.7; 5. Brielle Collins (Hawken) 20:21.0; 6. Mila Gresh (Chagrin Falls) 20:24.3; 7. Maddie Crooks (Edgewood) 20:31.2; 8. Rose Hoelzel (Chagrin Falls) 20:34.1; 9. Jaylee Wingate (Norwayne) 20:38.4; 10. Kate Saum (Akron St. V-M) 20:39.9; 11. Maggie Hopple (Salem) 20:43.0; 12. Anne Rea (Akron St. V-M) 20:43.8; 13. Grace Gyetko (West Geauga) 20:44.3; 14. Megan Diulus (Revere) 20:44.3; 15. Izzy Best (Woodridge) 20:44.8; 16. Madison Palmer (Brookside) 20:53.0; 17. Maddy Gassman (Girard) 20:53.8; 18. Cori Lynch (Perry) 21:01.4; 19. Katie Halloran (Orange) 21:01.9; 20. Maggie Hall (Salem) 21:06.2; 21. Ellie Meech (Revere) 21:08.2; 22. Jayna Cooley (CVCCA) 21:09.8; 23. Kayla Ritzman (CVCA) 21:11.9; 24. Teagan Banyard (Hathaway Brown) 21:16.1.

31. Molly Hopple (Salem) 21:37.0; 38. Ella Double (Salem) 21:56.6; 44. Clarice Martin (West Branch) 22:06.5; 85. Haley Hazelbaker (West Branch) 23:03.2; 88. Eris Dugan (West Branch) 23:13.6; 90. Kami Rohm (Salem) 23:18.1; 96. Jill Pieren (Salem) 23:31.1; 98. Peyton Campf (Salem) 23:37.7; 125. Avah Stull (West Branch) 24:55.0; 143. Cadence McCartney-Mason (West Branch) 27:05.4; 150. Bella Webber (West Branch) 40:39.3.

BOYS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS (Top six advance to state): 1. Marlinton (31), 2. Woodridge (119), 3. Cloverleaf (155), 4. Gates Mills Hawken (161), 5. West Geauga (179), 6. Mogadore Field (188), 7. Bay Village Bay (199), 8. Chagrin Falls (232), 9. LaGrange Keystone (245), 10. Chardon NDCL (245), 11. CVCA (255), 12. Salem (284), 13. Fairview Park Fairview (297), 14. Tallmadge (300), 15. West Branch (357), 16. Akron St. V-M (382), 17. Beachwood (436), 18. Jefferson Area (466), 19. Ashtabula Edgewood (481).

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS (Top 24 advance to state) (153 runners)

1. Noah Graham (Marlinton) 16:41.7; 2. Colin Cernansky (Marlinton) 16:54.7; 3. Drennan Atkins (CVCA) 16:59.7; 4. Logan Flament (Poland) 17:22.3; 5. Nick Garcia-Whitko (Hawken) 17:23.1; 6. Nash Minor (Marlinton) 17:25.3; 7. Aaron Dutt (Woodridge) 17:40.0; 8. Michael Muccio (Bay) 17:40.8; 9. Hunter Longo (Chagrin Falls) 17:42.6; 10. Tyler Denison (Coventry) 17:44.4; 11. Liam Blake (Marlinton) 17:44.7; 12. Isaac Bourne (Chagrin Falls) 17:46.5; 13. Stephen Falta (Keystone) 17:48.0; 14. Kade Tegtmeyer (Northwestern) 17:49.2; 15. Luke Malena (Cloverleaf) 17:49.5; 16. David Steimle (Grand Valley) 17:51.4; 18. Zac Haley (Lakeview) 17:52.6; 19. Michael Nicholls (Marlinton) 17:55.7; 20. Jason Cook (Fairview) 17:56.8; 21. Jack Swartz (Tuslaw) 17:57.8; 22. Josiah Hicks (West Branch) 17:59.2; 23. Daniel Kearns (West Geauga) 18:00.6; 24. Lucas Mitchell (CVCA) 18:01.9.

43. Michael Dorris (West Branch) 18:03.02; 50. Will Madison (Salem) 18:40.2; 51. Davin Koskinen (Salem) 18:42.1; 63. Parker Warren (Salem) 18:54.1; 80. Lucas Ziegler (Salem) 19:07.9; 110. Collin Helmick (Salem) 19:53.7; 116. Dominic Ormiston (West Branch) 19:57.1; 119. Brian Boston (West Branch) 20:00.6; 129. Andy Wilson (Salem) 20:22.6; 134. Hayden Thompson (Salem) 20:33.5; 136. Owen Hoopes (West Branch) 20:37.1; 139. Kyle Hoopes (West Branch) 20:45.3; 147. Matthew Cederbloom (West Branch) 21:15.1.

Division III

GIRLS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS (Top four advance to state): 1. Gates Mills Gilmour Academy (76), 2. Waynedale (107), 3. Mineral Ridge (115), 4. McDonald (149), 5. Maplewood (150), 6. Mogadore (150), 7. Dalton (179), 8. Rootstown (197), 9. Rittman (226), 10. Loudonville (240), 11. East Palestine (281), 12. South Range (282), 13. Columbia (287), 14. Kirtland (314).

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS (Top 16 advance to state) (109 runners)

1. Caleigh Richards (Maplewood) 19:20.9; 2. Pyper Gibson (Rittman) 19:42.7; 3. Megan Hipple (McDonald) 19:59.0; 4. Madeleine Finton (Columbia) 20:09.6; 5. Clare Valenza (Gilmour) 20:32.8; 6. Katie Lane (Mogadore) 20:35.1; 7. Sophia Yon (Lowellville) 20:39.6; 8. Amy Weybrecht (Gilmour) 21:08.7; 9. Kylee Gray (Waynedale) 21:09.5; 11. Merrick Gibson (Rittman) 21:16.6; 12. Tai Roberts (Andrews Osborne Academy) 21:16.8; 13. Moriah-Ruth Toth (Mineral Ridge) 21:20.3; 14. Rachel Whetstone (Mogadore) 21:20.3; 15. Mary Lombardo (Gilmour) 21:30.2; 16. Catlyn Kauffman (Loudonville) 21:43.8; 23. Hannah Cunningham (East Palestine) 22:06.2; 24. Abigail Baun (South Range) 22:06.8; 28. Marissa Geiss (East Palestine) 22:20.2; 41. Kaleigh Williams (Western Reserve) 22:54.5; 66. Lorelai Phillips (Heartland Christian) 23:54.3; 70. Maddie Young (United) 24:03.7; 74. Tara Wine (South Range) 24:33.2; 77. Emma Purton (South Range) 24:47.3; 80. Mia Wilson (South Range) 24:41.3; 86. Jaylene Jackson (East Palestine) 25:12.3; 90. Krista Borton (South Range) 25:31.8; 92. Jasmine Ludt (East Palestine) 25:40.8; 103. Brie Rayle (East Palestine) 26:59.2; 106. Mariam Figley (East Palestine) 27:26.4; 107. Mackenzie Beckett (South Range) 28:08.4; 109. Cady McLaughlin (East Palestine) 31:38.1.

BOYS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS (Top four advance to state): 1. East Canton (37), 2. Sullivan Black River (92), 3. South Range (102), 4. Maplewood (130), 5. McDonald (131), 6. Canton Central Catholic (136), 7. Open Door Christian (175), 8. Dalton (201), 9. Gates Mills Gilmour Academy (216), 10. Smithville (226), 11. United (279), 12. Burton Berkshire (322), 13. Mogadore (355).

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS (Top 16 advance to state) (105 runners)

1. Brylan Holland (East Canton) 17:13.5; 2. Ian Paul (Canton Central) 17:16.3; 3. Gabe Shilling (East Canton) 17:34.8; 4. Michael Couture (Open Door) 17:41.8; 5. Brian Standley (South Range) 17:46.3; 6. Dominic Pappagallo (Mineral Ridge) 17:52.2; 7. Jared Bradford (Black River) 17:53.0; 8. Caleb Domitrovich (McDonald) 17:53.2; 9. Johnathan Varner (Waynedale) 17:53.7; 10. Wyatt Royster (Black River) 17:54.5; 11. Isaik Schoch (Mapleton) 17:55.8; 12. Braxton Ohman (East Canton) 17:56.5; 13. Cole Clayton (Mathews) 17:59.8; 14. Kaleb Nastari (United) 18:05.3; 15. Cole Graham (Jackson-Milton) 18:06.5; 16. Landon Demos (East Canton) 18:09.5.

22. Emmitt Slabach (South Range) 18:27.4; 29. Liam Justison (South Range) 18:41.4; 32. Alex Garwecki (South Range) 18:49.4; 42. Quentin Pew (South Range) 19:00.5; 46. Logan Redfern (Southern Local) 19:06.6; 52. Kaden Sykes (South Range) 19:15.0; 63. Zachary Nastari (United) 19:39.9; 72. Brayden Ganslein (United) 19:59.7; 90. David Prokay (South Range) 21:19.8; 94. Ben Battagliani (United) 21:34.3; 100. Andrew Frase (United) 21:49.4; 104. Ethan Frase (United) 26:51.3; 105. Nate Hall (United) 29:28.0.

Raiders have been through this before

By **RON FIRTH**
Sports Editor

BOARDMAN — It seems like the South Range boys cross country teams saves its best for the Boardman regional meet.

For the third straight year the Raiders advanced to state after placing third at districts.

"I think it's the course and the competition that motivates us to do our best," South Range senior Brian Standley said. "When we hear, 'Boardman,' we know it's a big meet. We know what we have to do."

The Raiders placed third in the team standings with 102 points, trailing top-ranked East Canton with 37 and 10th-ranked Sullivan Black River with 92.

"Our boys know when it's time to shine," South Range coach Terry Kenney said. "I've never seen a group that runs with that look in their eyes. They're all in. They're giving it all they've got."

The top four Division III teams and top 16 individuals qualify for the state meet next Saturday at Fortress Obetz.

United junior Kaleb Nastari earned a return trip to state in Division III, while West Branch senior Josiah Hicks advanced in Division II.

Standley topped the Raiders by placing fifth out of 105 Division III runners on the muddy 3.1-mile course.

"Everyone had confidence and we were motivated to do our best," Standley said. "If you went (to state) once and you know how fun it was, you want to do it again."

Freshman Emmitt Slabach — the only non-senior in the Raider lineup — finished 22nd, followed by



South Range's Emmitt Slabach (above) runs Saturday. Salem's Collin Helmick (right) races West Branch's Dominic Ormiston. (Photos by Ron Firth)

Liam Justison in 29th, Alex Garwecki 32nd, Quentin Pew 42nd, Kaden Sykes 52nd, David Prokay 90th.

"Our boys just ran their greatest race," Kenney said. "Today was not about times. It's just about beating the other runners."

It helped the Raiders to a third straight state appearance after three straight third-place finishes at districts.

"It's combination of the work they've put in since June 1," Kenney said. "It's paying off now."

The Raiders knew it would be close for the fourth and final state berth Saturday, so they didn't dare look ahead to the state meet.

"As soon as we heard the results, we started getting ready," said Standley, who will be making his third state run. "Last year we



placed eighth, so we want to do better than eighth."

It will give the Raiders another week to try to catch East Canton, which is favored to defend its state title.

"East Canton is really good," Standley said. "It's not impossible, but very difficult."

Nastari also will join the in the Division III race at state.

He finished 14th in 18 minutes, 5.3 seconds in claiming a state berth by four seconds.

"I've been having a rough season," he said. "I couldn't run in the off-season. I've been having problems with my knees. It's set me back."

Nastari was keeping track of where he was so he could stay in the top 16.

"My coaches were telling me where I was," he said. "Everyone was slowed by

the muddy conditions, that got worse with each race."

"It was a lot worse than I thought it would be," he said. "It was slippery. You tried to keep pace with somebody. You tried to make a turn and it didn't work out."

Getting through the Boardman regional last year helped Nastari prepare for this season.

"It gave me an idea of what it took to get to the big stage," he said.

Nastari has high hopes for the state meet.

"I'm hoping to get a lifetime PR next week," he said.

His best so far is the 16:44 he ran at state last year on the way to a 40th-place finish.

Hicks was 22nd in the Division II boys race in 17:59.2. The top 24 runners advanced.



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger celebrates after the Steelers defeated the Cleveland Browns 15-10 Sunday in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Ron Schwane)

Big Ben chime signals doom for Browns

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger doesn't mind that Myles Garrett included him in his cemetery of sacked quarterbacks.

Big Ben almost always feels at home in Cleveland.

Roethlisberger handed the Browns yet another painful loss as the Pittsburgh Steelers overcame losing kicker Chris Boswell for the entire second half with a concussion in a 15-10 win on Sunday.

Garrett recently decorated the front yard of his house with markers of the QBs he had dropped during his career. He also came to Sunday's Halloween game in costume, dressed as the Grim Reaper intent on getting Roethlisberger again.

"He can keep the tombstone in his yard," said Roethlisberger, who is 24-3-1 against the Browns as a starter and 12-2-1 in Cleveland. "I'll take the win."

Roethlisberger threw a touchdown pass to rookie Pat Freiermuth and rookie Najee Harris had an 8-yard TD run after halftime for the Steelers (4-3), who were handicapped by Boswell getting hurt on a trick play that blew up.

"That fake field goal, man, was a bad call," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "I appreciate the guys backing my play and fighting for the entire 60 minutes and making it a side note."

At halftime, Tomlin told his team Boswell was done for the day and the Steelers wouldn't be trying any more kicks, which explains why punter Pressley Harvin III didn't even bother practicing on the sideline.

"When we lost Boz, I started to ask, 'Am I going to do some pooch punting? Or would I have to hold because I'm the backup holder?'" Roethlisberger said.

The Browns (4-4) had plenty of chances, but wide receiver Jarvis Landry had a costly fumble and then couldn't handle two passes from Baker Mayfield in the final 6:04.

"I really just go back to two or three

plays where myself having an opportunity to make plays and just didn't," Landry said. "I owe it to my teammates."

The 38-year-old Roethlisberger finished 22 of 34 for 266 yards — 193 in the second half when the Steelers had no margin for error.

With no Boswell, who got hurt when he was drilled by Browns tackle Jordan Elliott after throwing an incomplete pass, Tomlin's play-calling was influenced throughout the second half.

Roethlisberger's 2-yard TD pass — on fourth down — to Freiermuth put the Steelers up 15-10 with 11:04 left. Freiermuth initially bobbled the throw, but secured it and got both feet down in the back of the end zone.

Without his kicker, Tomlin was forced to go for 2 for a second time, but Roethlisberger's pass was incomplete.

The Browns were in position to potentially take the lead, but the sure-handed Landry was stripped by former Cleveland linebacker Joe Schobert and T.J. Watt recovered the ball with 6:04 left.

"I've seen Joe make plays like that for years, especially when he was playing for Cleveland," said Watt, who also had 1 1/2 sacks. "I just fell on the ball."

Mayfield, who returned to the lineup this week after missing one game with a left shoulder injury, got the ball back with 4:22 to go. The Browns got to the Steelers 26, but Rashard Higgins was called a false start and Landry, who dropped a pass earlier in the drive, couldn't secure a high throw on fourth down with 1:53 left.

"It's on all of us," Mayfield said. "Everybody is going to point fingers at a few plays, but the fact is we just did not get into a rhythm today. We stubbed our toe a few times — penalties and just did not make the plays we needed to win."

Pittsburgh then sealed it when receiver Dionte Johnson took a short slant 50 yards and Roethlisberger was

able to run out the clock.

GRIM REMINDER

As he promised, Garrett came in costume, with his outfit accented by a scythe and the names of quarterbacks he had sacked written on his cape. He wore the cape to his postgame news conference.

Garrett got to Roethlisberger once, but he affected other throws, including a 2-point conversion attempt in the third quarter.

TRICK BACKFIRES

Pittsburgh ended a first half dominated by defense with a trick play that cost them points and Boswell.

After lining up for a 28-yard attempt, Boswell took a direct snap from center and rolled right. Unable to find an open receiver, he threw the ball deep into the end zone before taking a high, hard hit by Elliott near Pittsburgh's sideline.

Elliott's shot appeared to be a helmet-to-helmet, which could have resulted in a roughing-the-passer penalty.

Referee Shawn Hochuli said the crew didn't see any "contact that rose to the level of a foul."

INJURIES

Steelers: Boswell has been the NFL's most accurate kicker since 2019, making 94% (60 of 64) of his attempts. ... RB Kalen Ballage suffered an injury to his ribs.

Browns: RT Jack Conklin dislocated his left elbow in the second quarter. The team sent out a cart and an air cast was brought out before Conklin walked off, supporting his wrist. He had missed the previous two games with a knee injury. ... S John Johnson III didn't return after suffered a neck stinger in the first half.

UP NEXT

Steelers: A Nov. 8 Monday night date against the Chicago Bears.

Browns: Stay inside the division with a visit to Cincinnati on Sunday.

AROUND THE HORN

Davidson plays for YSU

YOUNGSTOWN — Salem High School graduate Mitch Davidson was named Youngstown State's offensive player of the game for his performance in the Penguins' 47-16 loss to South Dakota State on Saturday.

Davidson took over quarterbacking duties from the injured Joe Craycraft late in the third quarter and completed six of seven passes for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

Davidson, a junior, had only previously seen action as a placeholder on kicks.

Spartans move into top 5

Michigan State moved up to No. 5 in The Associated Press college football poll and Wake Forest became a top-10 team on Sunday for the first time in school history. Georgia is a unanimous No. 1 for the fourth straight week in the AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank. The rest of the top four was unchanged from last week, with Cincinnati at No. 2, Alabama at No. 3 and Oklahoma at No. 4.

Star running back Kenneth Walker and the Spartans jumped three spots by beating Michigan in the weekend's biggest game. The last time Michigan State broke into the top five was 2015 when the Spartans made the College Football Playoff.

The first CFP selection committee rankings of the season

will be released Tuesday night. In the AP poll, Ohio State slipped a spot to No. 6 despite holding off Penn State and Oregon was No. 7. No. 8 Notre Dame, Michigan and Wake Forest rounded out the top 10.

Bengals bungle one

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Mike White threw for 405 yards and three touchdowns in his first NFL start, caught a 2-point conversion pass on the go-ahead score and had the fans chanting his name while leading the New York Jets to a wild 34-31 comeback victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday. White, starting in place of injured rookie Zach Wilson, pulled off an improbable victory for the Jets (2-5) while going 37 of 45 — setting an NFL record for the most completions in a player's first start. He joined Cam Newton (2011) as the only players since at least 1950 to throw for 400 or more yards in their first career start.

TV SCHEDULE

4 p.m. (NBCSN) Soccer: Premier League: Everton at Wolverhampton
7 p.m. (BS) NBA: Cavaliers at Hornets.
7:30 p.m. (NBATV) NBA: Raptors at Knicks.
8:15 p.m. (ESPN, ESPN2) NFL: Giants at Chiefs.
10:30 p.m. (FS1) Horse racing: The Melbourne Cup: From Flemington Racecourse, Flemington, Australia

Rebels put a scare into Bellaire

By **SETH STASKEY**
Special to the News

BELLAIRE — Good teams seem to make plays when they need the most.

Case in point was Saturday afternoon at Nelson Field.

Though Bellaire's defense, which has been the team's ultimate strength all season, yielded 396 yards of offense and 20 points, the Big Reds made two critical stops in the second half when they needed them the most.

Add those with some big-plays by the offense in the first half and it resulted in a hard-earned 27-20 victory against 12th-seeded Columbia Crestview in the opening round of the Division V, Region 17 tournament.

"That's not the type of team you think of when you hear 12 seed," Bellaire head coach Mark Spigarelli said. "Our guys played really, really well, especially in the first half and we made plays when we needed to (on both sides of the ball)."

The Big Reds scored consecutive touchdowns in the latter portion of the second half.

Junior quarterback Jake Heatherington hooked up with senior Jaiden Kesterson on a 33-yard pitch and catch. And after the Big Reds defense forced a quick three and out.

From there, Bellaire marched 75 yards in nine plays before Heatherington found classmate Ray Ray Pettigrew, who had caught an 80-yard touchdown to open the Big Reds scoring in the first quarter — on a 32-yard pass. Lucas Littell, who hit four PAT kicks, was true on the extra point.

"Jake played his best game of the season ... thank God," Spigarelli said of his quarterback, who completed 12 of 21 passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 40 yards on four carries.

Still, however, the Big Reds were far from comfortable. Crestview's offense, which was a spread with tempo, continually kept the Rebels in games.

On top of the style, the Rebels had moved into the red zone twice in the first half and came away empty when holding penalties set them back. On top of those, they completed a Hail Mary at the end of the half, off a deflection, but the receiver was tackled at the 2-yard line.

In the third quarter, the Rebels marched to the Bellaire 1-yard line, but came away with nothing once again.

"We had too many costly penalties and mistakes," Crestview head coach Paul Cusick said. "We just couldn't finish drives. Our kids played their hearts out, but we weren't able to capitalize on some opportunities that were there."

Still unable to gain much offensive traction, Bellaire punted the ball away once again. This time, the Rebels cashed in. They marched 61

yards in 12 plays with talented senior quarterback Anthony Cusick finding senior wide receiver Dominic Yerkey for a 6-yard touchdown. The PAT was perfect and the Big Reds lead was shaved to seven with five minutes to go.

The Big Reds were finally able to get a first down, which was one of just three they had in the second half. Still, though, they were forced to punt and the Rebels had one last chance.

Operating without a time out, Crestview gained only three yards and Pettigrew, who had an interception in the first half, delivered a crunching hit which jarred the ball loose from a Rebel receiver to end the drive and allow the Big Reds to advance.

All told the Big Reds finished with 341 yards. Heatherington was complemented by senior Colt Sechrest, who made double-digit tackles from his linebacker post, and had an 8-yard touchdown run.

Spigarelli heaped major praise on his offensive line, too.

"Our offensive line did a super, super job," Spigarelli said. "Jake hardly got touched at all. We don't give those guys enough credit, but they came up big because (Crestview) brings good pressure."

Crestview, which ran an impressive 73 plays from scrimmage, was led by Cusick, who finished 30 of 40 for 280 and three touchdowns. He also rushed for a team-high 71 yards. As he's done all season, he spread the ball out through the air. Yerkey made 13 receptions for 97 yards. Roclen Bettura hauled in eight passes for 69 yards and a touchdown. Junior Kirkland Miller caught three passes for 55 yards and opened the scoring with a 41-yard touchdown.

The win improves the Big Reds to 10-1 entering next Saturday night's road trip to Garrettsville to take on Garfield. .

CRESTVIEW: 6-7-0-7 — 20
BELLAIRE: 6-21-0-0 — 27

C — Miller 41 pass from Cusick (kick failed).

B — Pettigrew 80 pass from Heatherington (kick failed).

B — Sechrest 8 run (Littell kick).

C — Bettura 15 pass from Cusick (Carr kick).

B — Kesterson 33 pass from Heatherington (Littell kick).

B — Pettigrew 32 pass from Heatherington (Littell kick).

C — Yerkey 6 pass from Cusick (Carr kick).

Rushing: Crestview, 33-116 (Bettura 18-45; Cusick, 7-71; Yerkey, 1-19; Miller, 1-(-3); Witherow, 2-9; Parker, 1-2; Team, 3-(-27)). Bellaire, 25-111-TD (Sechrest, 3-14-td; Roth, 17-56; Lewis, 1-1; Heatherington, 4-40).

Passing: Crestview, 30-40-280-3td-1x (All by Cusick). Bellaire, 12-21-230-3td-1x (All by Heatherington).

Receiving: Crestview 30-280-3td (Miller, 3-55-TD; Yerkey, 13-97-TD; Witherow, 6-59; Bettura, 8-69-TD; Bellaire, 12-230-3td (Sechrest, 1-9; Dowling, 2-14; Pettigrew, 4-117-2td; Kesterson, 5-90-td). First Downs: Crestview, 20; Bellaire, 13.

Fumbles: Crestview, 2-0; Bellaire, 0-0.

Penalties: Crestview, 6-65; Bellaire, 1-5.

REBELS FROM B1

were eliminated last season by the Smithies in the regional semifinal.

Crestview was eliminated in the regional semifinal in 2019 by Independence who was also a state runner-up that season.

"At some point the longer you go in the tournament, you're going to see someone like them," Auer said about Independence. "But you just have to start with focusing on playing your game, winning a point, then winning a game and then you can maybe get to winning the match."

Montgomery and Rambo were starters on the 2019 team which lost to Independence.

EAGLES

FROM B1

toss. The PAT kick failed to close the scoring.

United's defense, which had only given up 19 points the last three games, had trouble containing Brookfield on the ground and through the air.

Despite the tough season-ending loss, Ogilvie was thrilled with what his young Golden Eagle team accomplished this season. United returns most of its lineup next fall as it only had seven seniors on this

year's team.

"They can't take away a league championship," said Ogilvie of his Golden Eagles who won the outright Eastern Ohio Athletic Conference crown with a win over Southern Local last week. "That's a lot to hang our hat on to win it (the league) two years in a row and there's a lot of great stuff going on," closed the United coach.

Meanwhile, Clark is looking forward to a rematch with LaBrae in

the playoffs next weekend.

"They (LaBrae) beat us 28-0 (in the regular season) and we had a few guys out, but we're back, and we're going to be ready," said the Brookfield coach.

BROOKFIELD: 7-13-0-6 — 26
UNITED: 0-0-0-0 — 0

SCORING

B — Donovan Pawlowski, 1 run, 3:47 1st (Brian Smith kick)

B — Zach Johns, 57 pass from Donovan Pawlowski, 5:12 2nd (Brian Smith kick)

B — Donovan Pawlowski, 14 run, 1:24 2nd (Kick blocked)

B — David Pawlowski, 31 pass from Donovan Pawlowski, 11:50 5th (Kick failed)

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First downs	22	7
Total yards	520	157
Rushes-yards	34-240	36-79
Passing	280	78
Comp-Att-Int	13-18-0	8-13-2
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	7-2
Punts	3-34	4-35

Penalties-Yards 14-114 9-100

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INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING — Brookfield, Donovan Pawlowski 17-105, Teandre Craig 8-65, Christian Davis 5-64, Aiden Jones 2-2; United, Grant Knight, 13-8, Lincoln Urmson 5-11, Ward Kiko 6-16, Luke Courtney 1-9, Caden Marshall 1-5

PASSING — Brookfield, Donovan Pawlowski 13-18-242-2-0; United, Grant Knight 8-13-38-0-2, Tyler Dickens 1-1-40-0-0

RECEIVING — Brookfield, Isaiah Jones 5-60, Zach Johns 3-70, David Pawlowski 6-93, United, Nick Hardgrove 2-57

▶ SOCCER

Auer's strike makes Crestview a happy family

By **MICHAEL S. BURICH**
Assistant Sports Editor

NILES — The Auers and their extended Crestview Rebel family didn't want to put in too much overtime on Saturday in its Div. III district boys soccer final against Cardinal Mooney.

The Rebels had another engagement to get to.

Junior Mitchell Auer kept the team on schedule as he pounced on a loose ball in the box and beat Mooney goalkeeper Aidan Markey just inside of one minute into the overtime to send Crestview to a 3-2 victory at Bo Rein Stadium.

"I couldn't waste my energy on dumb plays," Mitchell said. "I just had to wait for that right opening."

Crestview co-head coach Rob Auer and the rest of the team mobbed Mitchell after that game-winning goal, one that didn't seem possible just a few minutes before when Mooney had a 2-1 lead nearing the end of regulation.

"When he put the shot on goal and the goalie grabbed it, I could see the ball coming out and I honestly thought he would back off so he wouldn't get an obstruction call by hitting the goalie or something like that," Mitchell's father said. "Once it popped out I saw him step forward and I knew he was



Crestview co-head coach Rob Auer chases after son Mitchell Auer after Mitchell scored the game-winning goal in overtime against Cardinal Mooney on Saturday at Bo Rein Stadium in Niles. (Photo by Michael Burich)

going to drive it in."

Alisha Auer, Mitchell's mother, is the Rebel volleyball coach and she was present for the first half along with daughter, Grace Auer, a sophomore on the volleyball team.

The Rebel volleyball team had their own district final

match at Grand Valley High School set for 2 p.m. The volleyball team beat Middlefield Cardinal in four sets to win its own district championship.

"(My mom's) one of my biggest fans and she had her game moved an hour just so she could see my first half,"

Mitchell said.

The Cardinal-Crestview district volleyball final was scheduled to originally start at 1 p.m. which would have made it difficult for fans with children on both teams to see both matches since the start of the soccer game was at 11 a.m.

The first half was kind to the Rebels (18-1) as Nick Novak put his team up 1-0 with an energetic goal with 3:20 in the first half.

Mooney, a Div. III state finalist a season ago, got back on track quickly in the second half with freshman Aidan Hyrb tying the game at the 37:18 mark of the second half and the powerful senior Savvas Pizaniyas giving the Cardinals a 2-1 lead on a penalty kick conversion with 24:17 left in the game.

Rebel senior Colt Crane saved the Rebels' season with a bullet of an equalizer from deep with 7:23 left in the game to make it 2-2.

"It seems like every district tournament the ball always comes to me and my brother (senior Cutter) said 'I bet Colt's going to do something really weird this time'. Then I ended up hitting that shot from about 30 yards."

Mooney (8-5-6) had several chances to go up 3-1 and even had opportunities after Crane's equalizer to win the game. It just never happened.

"If you've been around the game enough, you know if you miss easy chances they will always come back to bite you," Mooney coach Matt Britton said.

Crestview's next opponent is Ursuline on Wednesday at

Boardman.

Mooney's coach said he likes what he sees of Crestview and thinks they can go a long way in this tournament.

"They have what it takes to make it to state," Britton said. "They've got a solid midfield and great playmakers up top in (Novak) and (Auer). They play with passion too. You always need that little bit of passion and I'm going to be rooting for them."

Notes

• Alisha Auer said four Crestview volleyball players watched the first half of the game with her while nine rode the bus to Grand Valley High School. She said she wanted to keep it a normal day for the team, but it wasn't possible given the circumstances.

The coach and players that went to the soccer game felt great with the Rebels up 1-0 when they left. They were glued to their phones in the runup to their own volleyball game.

"As soon as I stepped foot in the locker room, I found out the boys won the game," Alisha Auer said. "Abbey Emch's mom called and I could hear her screaming so I knew it was good."

United bows out of tournament

By **MIKE BROWN**

Sports Correspondent

STREETSBORO — United may have dropped a 6-1 decision to No. 1-seeded Kirtland in the boys' Division III district championship soccer match Saturday at Streetsboro High School, but the best is yet to come for the young and talented Golden Eagles.

United, which concluded the season with a 14-3-1 record, loses just three seniors to graduation and returns the rest of its team which gained valuable experience at the highest level this season while earning the district runner-up trophy.

"We're a young team, we set a goal early on to get to this (district championship) game and I think today is going to be fuel for next year," said United coach Curtis Jones. "We have a lot of quality players and all of the key guys come back."

Kirtland, which is 17-2-1 and won the Chagrin Valley Conference crown this season, advanced to next week's Division III regional semifinals to be played Wednesday against Andrews Osborne Academy at a site to be announced.

Although United played well on defense Saturday, the talented Hornets, with nine seniors on their roster, were able to put pressure on the Golden Eagles with constant movement. In the first half alone, the Hornets had nine shots on goal to United's two.

"Kirtland is ranked high for a reason," explained Jones. "Their movement off the ball is so good. So many teams you play against are very static, the players kind of stay in one spot and they're easy to keep track of, but they (the Hornets) are very dynamic with their runs. Their outside forwards will make a run through the slot and end up on the opposite side of the field and it's tough to keep track of."

The Hornets took the lead with 27:52 showing on the first-half clock when senior forward Evan Dures scored on a shot from 10 yards from the left side, giving Kirtland a 1-0 advantage.

Dures wasn't finished, as minutes later, the Kirtland senior made it 2-0 when he rifled a shot into the back of the net from 10 yards out on the right side.

"They've got nine seniors and we're young,"

said Jones. "So this was not the result we were looking for but we're blessed to be in this (district championship game) and coming into next year this will hopefully be the fuel to get us back here again."

The Hornets went up 3-0 with 12:59 remaining before halftime when senior Marco Valentic scored from the right side off an assist.

"We have nine seniors and they really know how to play the game," said Kirtland coach John Valentic. "What I'm most proud of is what we're trying to throw at them in practice and they respond to it and execute."

United's best chance to score in the first half came on a 20-yard attempt from dead center by freshman standout Maddox Andrea that was stopped by Streetsboro goaltender Anthony Sviigel.

"They (the Golden Eagles) have some talent, you can see that they're someone to watch out for with only one starting senior," noted the Kirtland coach. "There's a great future for them."

Kirtland added three more goals in the second half, including two by Dures at the 36:07 and 28:20 marks and one by Valentic at the 18:36 juncture to go up 6-0.

United's large crowd that made the trip roared when the Golden Eagles scored their lone goal of the day when junior Nathan Marhefka lined a shot in the back of the net from the left side from 10 yards out with 15:54 remaining, making it 6-1.

For the game, Kirtland led in shots on goal, 16-6.

Jones praised the large United crowd that made the trip to Streetsboro.

"Our fans always travel well," said the United mentor. "Even when we're away if feels like we're the home crowd and they cheer with a lot of passion."

Jones praised his graduating seniors but is also looking forward to next fall with a wealth of talent returning.

"Every year it's tough to lose seniors because they have four years of experience and the leadership that they provide to the team," he said. "That's irreplaceable, but for the guys coming back, this will be the fuel for next season."

Raiders fall to Irish

HUBBARD — When evenly-matched soccer teams play at high intensity on the pitch, a good bounce here or an official's call there can change the entire complexion of a game.

That happened Saturday at Hubbard's Memorial Stadium when second-seeded Ursuline and third-seeded South Range squared off in a Division III district final.

The Raiders and Fighting Irish, who played to a 3-all draw in the first week of the season, battled to the end once again.

In the end, Ursuline senior midfielder Cam Forsyth played a through ball from sophomore Abe Rogers to his left foot and slid the ball under South Range's charging goalkeeper Bradon Johnson from about 12 yards out with 8:21 left in the second overtime to give the Fighting Irish a 3-2 win.

"It was a good through ball by Abe to set me up there with an easy placement," Forsyth said. "It feels so good to get winning goal and get the district championship for our school."

"It was a perfect combination," Ursuline coach Joshua Auden said. "That slip-passing is something we've worked hard on all year and Abe got it to him in a good spot. This just came down to heart. That was one of the hardest-fought games I've seen in a really long time."

Forsyth scored all three of his team's goals, with the first two coming via penalty kicks.

The second one tied the game at 2-all with 1:06 left in regulation after Johnson was called for roughing.

With Ursuline urgently seeking to make plays and tie the score, one of its players charged on the ball and Johnson edged forward to make the save. Johnson caught the ball and tried to cover up and hang on. They players collided and Ursuline's player fell down.

"He shoulder-tucked the defender off and that's a penalty in the box," Auden said.

The Irish were celebrating even before Forsyth converted to tie the score.

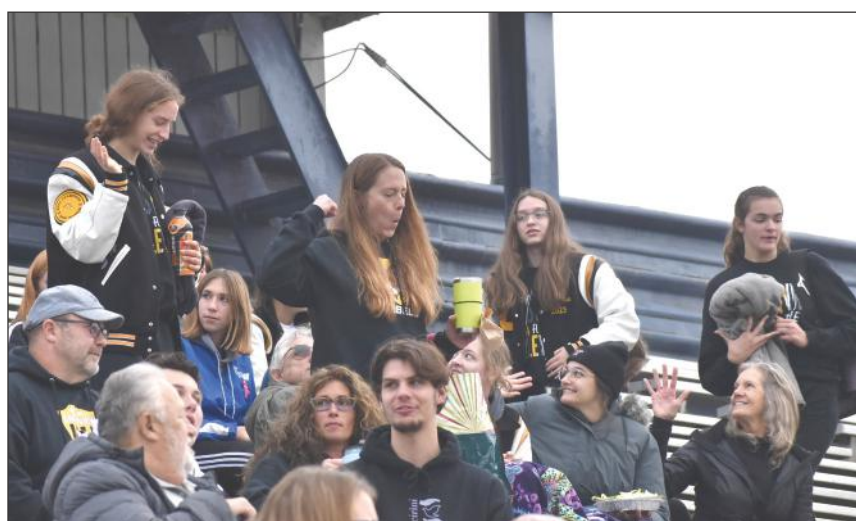
"I'm pretty confident in PKs, so when they called that penalty, I knew I was going to tie the game and that we had more life," Forsyth said. "Then after (South Range's second red card) in the second overtime, it was just a matter of time for us."

Ursuline (10-4-3) advanced to a regional semifinal and will play Crestview on Wednesday at Boardman.

The Raiders, who finished 14-3-1, looked very sharp in the opening half, with Jack Staffeld and Mark Naples scoring 43 seconds apart — both off header assists — to take a 2-0 lead with 24:51 remaining. In fact, Ursuline struggled to cross midfield and didn't get a shot on goal until 18:20 was left in the half.

The Raiders had six corner kicks in the opening half, but momentum shifted and their style of play had to be refined when Ezra Stewart received a red card near the 12-minute mark.

"Going down a man really hurt us, but we worked and got into overtime, only to go down two men in the second overtime," South Range coach Zach Stamp said. "I couldn't be prouder of how hard my kids fought through all that adversity and gave themselves an opportunity. — Brad Emerine, Correspondent



Crestview volleyball coach Alisha Auer gives a cheer to the boys soccer team as she leaves for her team's district final in Orwell. To her right is daughter Grace Auer. (Photo by Michael Burich)

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