

Basketball clinics are underway

It may seem like the high school fall sports season, but it's beginning to look more and more like the winter.

Helping rush that stage of the prep sports year is the fact that area high school basketball clinics for any and all would-be referees interested in officiating games at the middle school, junior varsity and varsity level are now in progress.

These clinics, at which attendance is required a minimum of six times, are being held each Tuesday night at Statesville High School. Clinic classes get underway beginning at 7 p.m. and last around an hour each.

Area veteran high school officials are in charge of conducting the rules clinics. There is no charge for attending the clinics.

In addition to clinic attendance, officials must be registered with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, work in a minimum number of preseason scrimmages and take the state basketball exam in order to be qualified to serve as a referee at any level of school-sanctioned play.



MHS' Athlete of the Week

Every time she steps on the court, Mooresville senior and team captain Crystal Furmaniuk, center, lends more statistical and physical support to her role as the go-to member of the Lady Devils volleyball team. In the process, Furmaniuk, a third-year varsity player, has posted averages of five kills and two blocks per game. That is on top of her duties as a top team defensive player as well as superb server. It was the combination of all those abilities during the Devilettes' most recent North Piedmont Conference three-game sweep past Kannapolis that has earned Furmaniuk the recognition as Senior High's athlete of the week. She is the second volleyball team member to win the weekly honor. Accompanying her during earlier this week's awards presentation is Nancy Dilks, right, Mooresville's head volleyball coach, and Ben Goins, with Edward Jones Co., the one sponsoring the award.

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about four miles short of the runway, killing one pilot and wounding the other.

Holtz said then he thinks he won't die in a plane.

"I don't even fasten my seatbelt sometimes," he revealed.

His players, Alexander among them for this his second and senior season, might buckle their belts tighter than their chin straps on this particular flight.

"A coward dies a thousand deaths," Holtz is fond of saying. "You can't go around being worried about this or that. You put the faith in the people in the airline that says it's safe, and then you get on an airplane, and you go."

"I grant you that you have to use some intelligence and you have to use some common sense," he assured. "But I don't think you can stop living and worry about

every little thing that might happen. That's just my attitude."

College coaches like Holtz and their teams live in the air. Sometimes, tragedies happen.

In January, two Oklahoma State basketball players were among the 10 who died when one of the team's planes crashed about 40 miles east of Denver.

The worst sports disaster in America so far was at Marshall University when 36 football players and 39 coaches, administrators, community leaders, fans and crew died when the team's chartered jet crashed into a hill near the campus in November 1970.

The terrorists hijacking and attacks have some Gamecocks concerned. The players, like the rest of the country, have seen over and over again jetliners crashing into the two 110-story skyscrapers built to never fall.

Blue Devils

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Patrick Marsh's hook-up with senior halfback Lonnell Dunn on a toss covering three yards. Haneline's attempted point-after kick was blocked.

Davie countered with a final scratch in the game's last two minutes to reach the final winning difference.

Following each home team score, the Devils were denied any ensuing kickoff return yardage, as each boot was pounded into the end zone for a touchback.

However, it was also in the kicking game where the visitors enjoyed some of their own highlights, receiving a 62-yard punt from Junior Matt Lambert, who averaged over 45 yards per kick on the night.

Offensively, Winford wound up with a hard-earned 72 yards rushing, while Lambert bulldozed his way for another 23 yards from his fullback slot. Mooresville was held in check with a season-low 134 rushing yards. Marsh connected on 10 of his 12 passes for 171 yards. Ryan Turner caught three tosses, good for 49 yards, while Dunn, Winford and Sky McCombs nabbed two each, for a total of 22, 26 and 60 yards, respectively. David Sherrill also was a target once, for 14 yards.

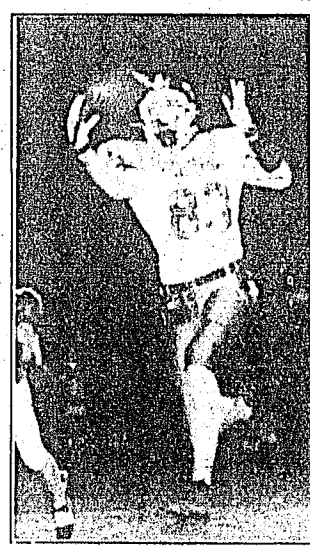
Defensively, safety Tony Cuthbertson came up with the visiting team's only

forced turnover, it in the form of a fumble recovery.

Mooresville immediately felt the brunt of the loss, dropping out of the area's Sweet 16 poll completely after rising as high as eighth. Its status within the state's 3A class poll won't be known until later this week.

Meanwhile, the Devils head back home this week hoping to use annual and earlier-than-usual Homecoming festivities as a rallying cry when playing host to non-conference foe South Rowan, a third straight member of the state's 4A class and second straight Central Piedmont Conference resident.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Mooresville Stadium, with the crowning of this year's senior class queen and her underclass



Andrew Brown appears to walk through the air while trying to reel in pass.

court tabled to be held during halftime.

Devilettes

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son, emerged as the school's athlete of the week.

Meanwhile, with the service, the hostesses gathered in points from a number of sources. Senior Alisha Leonard, also the team's primary setter, picked up 10 points while on control of the serve in the final game alone, to go with earlier totals of four in game one and five in game three. Also, sophomore Chifine Reld served up six winners in the second game, while classmate Holly Diggs held serve while four points were points tallied in the first game.

The sweep by the varsity team followed up a two-game breezing by the home school's junior varsity in the match that took place before the varsity teams hits the Senior High court. Mooresville won that best-of-three affair by scores of 15-3 and 15-2.

For the Little Devilettes, Mryanda Brison was the scoring machine with a serve, racking up nine points in the first game and adding eight more in the second.

With last week's agenda cut short by scheduling changes, Mooresville will

pay the price this week by engaging in three league matches within an as-many-day stretch. The calendar calls for visits to West Rowan and North Iredell before closing the stretch at home against Statesville tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

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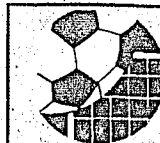
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South Iredell Soccer Association

Here are results from last weekend's play in the South Iredell Soccer Association:

U-8

SISA Sparks 1, Avalanche 0

A fourth-quarter goal by the Sparks was too much for the Avalanche, which was led on offense by Austin Stevens, Rachel Goodman, and Alex Miller. The defense was led by Joseph Natt and Harrison Webb. Ben Mayfield had a solid game in goal for the Avalanche.

Blasters 1, Chiefs 1

Ryan Brewer scored the lone goal for the Blasters and played excellent defense, while Ryan Hull tallied for the Chiefs. The Blasters got strong offensive play from Ryan Breman and April Gresham, who demonstrated great passing and dribbling. Defensively, the Blasters were led by Matthew Kos and Ross Bricker, while Brian Kos, Michael Miltstead and Tyler Buckingham had a great game at keeper. The Chiefs were led by Will Greene and Benjamin Hatley, the former showing top skills on both ends of the field. Also playing strong games: Benjamin Hatley, Summer Pankey, Luke Williams, Andrew Barone, Kylee Baucom and keeper Joshua Zwiener.

SISA Broncos 3, Harmony 0

Cody Labanowitz scored the first goal on a great individual effort of great dribbling and a strong shot, and Nick Caryl and Travis Whitlow tallied in the second half, the latter score coming on a superb assist from Ashley Gordon. Brandon Ollish had a terrific game in goal.

Bulls 1, Spirit 1

Taylor Sweet continued her aggressive playing as she scored early against the Bulls. Forward CJ Jones made several attempts on goal. Strong defense by Johann VanDyk and Quade Mathews helped keep the game tied. Midfielders Tyler Burns and Elizabeth Reilly thwarted numerous attacks, and keeper Michael Marshburn was spectacular. The Bulls tied the game in the third when Joey Carmen crossed to Ian Orr for the score. The Bulls' Justin Baklarz controlled the mid-field while Tanner Sharp and Ryan Childers played great defense.

Titans 1, Chargers 1

Outstanding efforts by every Titan earned them a tie against the Chargers. Adam Yacek scored in the second quarter and partnered with Sam Joffe and Ryan Egan to achieve numerous attacks on goal. Evan Yacek, Will Sides, and Avery Heinz assisted in strong offensive efforts.

SISA Cobras 8, Home School Dragons 0

Anthony Magliozzi pounded in 3 goals, Kendall Fischlein added two and the solo shots came from Mark Pence, Edgar Halstead and Kyle Phillips. Nice assists

South Iredell Soccer Association

came from Connor Schuster, Olivia Simpson and Jordan Davidson.

Union Grove Tigers 2, Eagles 0

The Tigers got off to an early lead in the first quarter, but were frustrated much of the time by the Eagles' defense and Keltin Devoe, Clay Darcey and David Markham.

West Eagles 3, SISA Hurricanes 0

The Hurricanes enjoyed strong offensive play from Scott Evernham, Eliza Warren and Tyler Liddle, and sold defensive efforts by Dominic Ascanio, Austin Williams and Paul Roseman. Samantha Enoch played another great game in goal.

Lightning 6, Rams 0

The Lightning rode a great team effort to victory, led by Brad Cheek, Shannon Gallagher and Jordan Pearsall on defense. Ryan Clay (2 goals/1 assist) and Grayson Rector (1 goal/1 assist) scored their first goals of the season. Kelsey Palmer (2 goals/1 assist) and Jordan Chillon (1 goal) also added to the score. Kyle Alverson and Paulina Trujillo assisted in a goal each. The Rams had some great offensive plays by Nikki Benjamin, Drew Bolton and Jonathan Patterson.

SISA Raiders 3, YMCA Strikers 0

The Raiders recorded their second straight shutout with an excellent defensive game by newcomers Halle Reed, Aly Thompson, Devin Isler, Blake Pierantoni, Cody Karns and Zachary Meadows. Goals were scored by Connor Rodgers (2) and Michael Rupinski (1).

East Storm 5, SISA Steamers 0

The Steamers' defense showed great heart, and keeper Zachary Jentz turned away more than dozen strong shots in the first half. Theresa Jaroszewski, Connor Mikita and Harley Naas were aggressive offensively.

SISA Strikers 1, Harmony A 0

Ryan Clear, from his central defender spot, provided the lone goal of the match with a unassisted blast from just outside the goal box. The Strikers were very solid in the back led by Clear, Natalie Miles and Jordan Crenshaw. The Strikers keeper combination of Ian Edminston and Matthew Marshall had a second straight shutout.

Celeste 1, SISA Penguins 0

The Penguins enjoyed strong offensive pressure from Lacey Brown and Ty Haddock, but couldn't find the net. Aaron Eury was strong in goal.

U-10

Headhunters 2, Cheetahs 2

Eran Hays scored both goals for the Headhunters and led the offense, while

Dalton Buice played an all around great game on defense.

SISA Stingrays 8, Troutman 'C' 0

Six players contributed 8 goals for the winners: Jackson Sipperly, Kara Derkey, Nik Herron, Brandon Smith, Megan Curran and Eric McEachern (3). Strong, disciplined defense stalled many offensive initiatives. Noted for defensive play are Eden Sipperly, Sarah Shufelt, and Keith Davidson.

Kicks 7, T-Rex 2

Midfielder Patrick Driscoll scored a hat trick and with help by a stout defense led by Ashley Cress and Jackson Ray. The T-Rex, missing several key players, did enjoy excellent defense from Breanna Rawlinson, Kaelin Saul and Tyler Dishman, and stormed back before halftime on two goals by Colin Benjamin.

Intimidators 2, Tigers 2

The Intimidators rallied from a 2-0 deficit to secure the tie on a pair of second-half goals from David North and Chris Ellis. Outstanding defense from Emily Nesbitt, William Davidson, Seth Bryan and Jake Crnich.

Hurricanes 10, Extremes 0

A strong overall performance won it for the Hurricanes. Brandon Abernathy had an outstanding game as did Shelton Bishop and Walt Miles. Goals were scored by Corey Palmer (5), Dominic Hobbs (4) and Brandon Abernathy, with three assists from Blake Craver.

SISA Sidewinders 2, Troutman 'B' 1

Tyler Brooks and Cameron Deese scored two goals in the first quarter, assisted by Patrick Reilly and Alexis Ballard, and the Sidewinders held on to win. Strong goalkeeping from Austin Paulins, Patrick Reilly and Cameron Deese helped the Sidewinders, as did defensive play from Jimmy Markarian, Ashley Stahl, Pranav Joshi, Michael Johnson and Jordan Bishop.

Cougars 3, Central Comets 0

Logan Turner's first-quarter goal was all the Cougars needed, as defensive stalwarts Casey Lewis and Raleigh Puskas kept the ball on the Comets' side of the field. Other cougar goals came from Brandt Clark on precision passing by David Stamm and Andrew Saragani.

U-12

Rockets 1, Patriots 1

In a scoreless first half, Rockets keeper Nick Brazeau made five saves. Adam Velas struck first for the Rockets early in the second half. Rocket mid-fielders and full-backs, Matthew Grindstaff, Nathan Henderson, Jasmine Howard, Andrew Granelle, and Ian McCall

Teams support invitation

Mooresville's cross country teams wound up with more to show for their participation in last week's delayed Statesville Invitational than did the individual runners.

However, it was because of the collective efforts of those runners that the teams did so well.

In a field drawing 13 boys teams and 12 made up of girls, Senior High's Lady Devils crafted a fifth-place finish while the Blue Devils placed sixth, neither of them putting a single runner among the top 10 and housing just one apiece who placed in the top 20.

With the Devilettes posting the higher of the two team finishes, they were paced by the 13th-place overall finish of top runner Amy Schneider. She was also the top-finishing entry from either Mooresville team in either of the two races. She was also the only Lady Devils to finish in the top 30.

Teammates using their overall finishes to help the crew reach its team scoring total of 155 points included Allison Westmoreland, Laura Miller, Adrienne Lewis, and Jenny Whitley.

As is the case with all cross country meets, a team uses the overall finishes of its top five runners to reach a team total.

For Mooresville's boys, they tallied their team total of 176 points to place sixth by a single point after being captained by the overall 18th-place finish of Billy Barnhart.

Others using their finishes to contribute to the team's scoring total included Jason Newman, Tyson Brown, Matt McCall, and Hiram Sloan.

Northwest Cabarrus' boys and girls teams, also hailing from Mooresville's same first-year North Piedmont Conference, won both races. Fellow NPC members West Rowan, among the girls, and East Rowan, for the boys, wound up second, respectively.

Also in the field representing the NPC included runners from Statesville, who finished fourth in the girls races and 10th among the boys.

Mooresville runners are back on the course when engaging in a meet this week on host Kannapolis High School's home spread that also includes teams from

Statesville and Northwest Cabarrus in an NPC-only gathering.

Senior High's runners will be using that meet to additionally ready themselves for the annual Iredell County Cross Country Championships, scheduled to take place Saturday with West Iredell High School serving as the host.

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