

SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

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Yards receiving for the Steelers' Lynn Swann in a 20-9 victory over the Denver Broncos on Oct. 12, 1975. Swann caught only two passes in the game, but both went for touchdowns.

QUOTABLE

RICH RODRIGUEZ, Michigan football coach, on critics after the Wolverines' 34-17 loss to Michigan State on Saturday:



"We lost to Michigan State, what, you wanna take me and hang me off the building now? I mean, there might be a few people who want to do that, but it's the same people that probably wanted to do that after the first five games, too, they just weren't saying it publicly."

Giles' league pays off

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BOARDMAN

As league president and the only member on staff of the non-profit Youngstown Youth Flag Football Association, Elliott Giles knows firsthand the benefits of hard work.

Now in its fourth year of operation, the former YSU football standout has watched 485 players have fun this fall while competing in the YYFFA.

With financial backing from the NFL, 51 teams are competing this year which includes boys and girls squads from ages 5-14.

Speaking to the Curbstone Coaches during Monday's weekly luncheon meeting at the Blue Wolf Banquet Center, Giles noted that he envisions his league becoming the premier touch football league in the tri-county area, if not the state.

He also added that this past weekend, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented itself to his league's girls team when they competed at one of the NFL's eight regional sites.

"The National Football League hosts regional tournaments all over the country and we sent both a boys and girls team to our regional, which was held at the Cincinnati Bengals' practice facility," said Giles.

"Our boys squad, which was comprised of 9-11 year olds, finished as runners-up, while our 12-14 girls team won the championship.

"For that, the girls will receive an all-expense paid trip to Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex in February and will compete against the other seven regional winners for the national title," Giles said.

The goal of the league is to promote cultural diversity and awareness, something Giles notes that his championship girls team is all about.

"With three girls from Poland, two from Western Reserve, one from Salem and another from Youngstown, it's pretty easy to see that our league is what has brought them all together," he said.

"Not only were the girls happy with their title, but their parents and the rest of the league also had a chance to share in their accomplishment," Giles added.

"The eight teams on display will also have their games televised on ESPN. The exposure that not only our team and league will receive, but for everyone that will be taking part is much needed," said Giles. That exposure can really help us grow in seasons to come."

Prior to founding the YYFFA, Giles was running an adult league for five years but yearned to get kids involved after watching grown-ups have so much fun.

The league plays its games at Boardman High School.

"We have an excellent relationship with Frank Lazzeri, Boardman superintendent of schools and Jim Massey, their director of operations," said Giles.

Next week, Phil Annarella, Austintown Fitch football coach, will be the guest speaker.

Poland hangs on to defeat Beavers

Staff report

LISBON

The Poland girls soccer team used a late goal to ensure a 5-3 victory against Beaver Local on Monday.

The Bulldogs (9-3-2) had a 4-0 lead midway through the second half, only to see a strong comeback effort by the Beavers to the tune of three unanswered goals.

But Poland put the final nail in the coffin with a late go-ahead goal.

Kelsey Malenic had two goals and an assists for Poland. Also scoring were Abby Brenoel, Katie Marucci and Lindsey Cooper. Assists were made by Tatum Marucci, Erin Gabriel and Madison Brooker.

The Beavers had two goal from Jessica Fair, and another from Shelby McCoy. Goalkeeper Kim Rottelinni had 11 saves.

LAKEVIEW 6, NILES 1

CORTLAND

The Bulldogs spread the ball around and had five girls score goals.

Leading the pack was Rachel Herriman, who finished with two. She was joined by Lindsey Clark, Allison Pavlik, Nicole Moldovan and Kaitlyn Tonkovich with one each.

Elaine Moldovan had seven saves for the Bulldogs (12-3).

Jordan Smith had the lone goal for the Red Dragons (7-7-1). Emily Estes had

five saves in goal.

CANFIELD 1, SALEM 0

SALEM

The Cardinals (8-4-3) connected on only one of their 22 shots on goal. But it's the only one that mattered.

Paige Baker slipped the ball past Salem goalie Kaitlyn Kelon, who had 12 saves.

The Quakers had only four shots, each were saved by Canfield's Jackie Podolsky.

HOWLAND 5, HUBBARD 0

HUBBARD

Five different players had goals for the Tigers (11-1-2) in 15 shots on goal.

Olivia Nicholas, Erika Nites, Seyla Perez, Katie Chambers and Alexis Vardavas each had one goal. Nites and Nicholas also had an assist each.

Goalkeeper Kristin James stopped the only shot that came her way.

Mariah Gordon had 10 saves for Hubbard, which is 7-7-0. JVs: Howland 4-0.

CRESTVIEW 2, STRUTHERS 1

STRUTHERS

Liz Hopper and teammate Nicole Richey each had first-half goals for the Rebels.

Sweda Rosen scored the only goal for the Wildcats.

YOUNGSTOWN CHRISTIAN 1, CONNEAUT 1

YOUNGSTOWN

Schnavel Wall scored for the Eagles, and was as-

sisted by Natalie Hoelzel. Goalkeeper Cami Chickonoski had 11 saves.

Kiysha Stillman scored for Conneaut. She was assisted by Holly Specs. Goalkeeper Brandi Wheeler had seven saves.

WARREN JFK 8, GIRARD 0

GIRARD

Kelli Guarnieri had three goals and assist to led the Eagles (9-5) in the rain.

Joining here were teammates Eric McBride, Lauren Rodomsky, Nicole Rodomsky and Sammy Jo Marzullo. Kelsey Case had three saves.

The Indians (5-9) got 17 saves from Megan Mich-nicholas and Liz Sheen.

BADGER 1, LIBERTY 0

LIBERTY

The rain shortened game saw its only goal come from Kayleen Meredith with an assist from Jennilyn Krump.

Liberty's Victoria Serrano had 13 saves, while Megan Hunkus had three for Badger.

BOYS

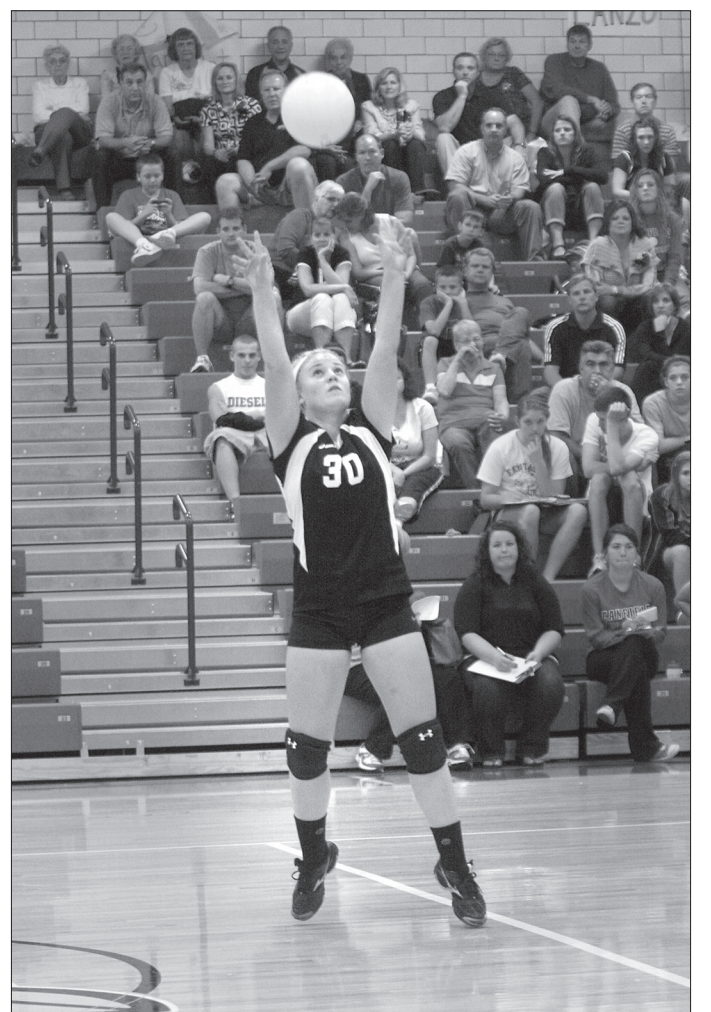
HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN 4, UNITED 2

HANOVERTON

Daniel Walsh scored three times and Christian Stryffeler added a fourth goal for the winners (9-4).

Ben McCown had one assist.

For United, Kyle Widlika scored twice.



NICK MAYS | THE VINDICATOR
Ellie Rafoth of Canfield executes a set during Monday night's volleyball match against visiting Springfield.

TUNEUP

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Sophomore Sabrina Mangapora blasted one of her 12 kills to end the match.

"I'm proud of my kids," said Springfield coach Bill Knight. "We played well for most of the night against a strong Division I team."

The Tigers are a Division III team.

Springfield started out well and the team lost focus in game three, according to Knight.

"I'm looking at the scores and how we were in each game except game three and I can't help to be pleased," Knight said. "There were a few miss hits and some line calls that if they went a different way we might have pulled this out."

GIRARD

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of Landon's caliber, but you make adjustments."

But an OHSAA official confirmed the penalty was incorrectly assessed, and Smith is eligible to play this week.

"The referee [who ejected Smith] did call and indicate that the player was ejected for two unsportsmanlike fouls," said Hank Zaborniak, an assistant commissioner with the OHSAA who is assigned to football. "According to the referee, the ejection was based because he thought it was the second unsportsmanlike [conduct] call."

Zaborniak said it is "very unusual" for an official to mistakenly eject a player. But, he added, it has happened in the past.

"In most cases, these things are pretty cut-and-dry and are set in stone," he said. "But we do have one or two cases a year where a rule is misinterpreted or applied incorrectly."

Zaborniak said a common mistake is an official calling a player for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, and a personal foul.

But the ejection and subsequent suspension rule, Zaborniak said, only applies to two violations of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Cochran said Smith had been flagged earlier in the game.

Cochran said he was "disappointed" by Smith's actions in the 28-21 win. But he added that any punishment would be handled "in-house" and was glad no sanctions were upheld.

Zaborniak said it's the job of the OHSAA and the officials to make the correct calls; even if that means overturning an original ruling.

"Pretty much every year we have situations where people get confused or enforce the wrong rule," he said. "There is no appeals process, but there is the possibility that a case where a rule was misinterpreted and assessed incorrectly can be overturned."

Western Reserve wins 11th match, beating SR

Staff report

BERLIN CENTER

Casey Stevens had 17 aces 20 points and nine digs to lead Western Reserve over South Range in a high school volleyball match on Monday night.

The Blue Devils (11-7) won 25-15, 26-24, 25-15.

Western Reserve's Sissy Stubbs had nine points, 11 kills and eight digs, while Hannah Shrader had seven kills and nine blocks, and Hannah Mowery had nine kills, eight assists and six digs.

Cailyn Adams had six kills, and Danielle Buzzacco had 10 points and seven digs for the Raiders (6-14). Madison Yanek had six kills.

MATHEWS 25-25-25, URSULINE 12-6-6

VIENNA

Steffany Armstrong had 14 points, seven kills and 13 digs for the Mustangs (15-5).

Joining her were Megan Turek with 12 points and eight aces, and Julie Spadafora with 28 assists.

For the Irish, Kaitlyn Kay had two kills and three blocks, and Kelsey Cannell had an ace and five digs.

CRESTVIEW 25-25-25, BROOKFIELD 16-19-15

COLUMBIANA

Shanelle Davner collected 11 kills and four blocks while Emma Merrill had 14 kills for the Rebels (4-16).

For the Warriors (1-18), Ali Harpster was in with six kills and a block while Courtney Yourchisin tacked on three kills and seven assists.

SALEM 25-14-25-25, BEAVER LOCAL 17-25-22-21

LISBON

Katie McDaniel had 20 points with five aces while Jessica McGeehan was in with 33 sets and 13 assists for the Beavers (12-7).

For the Quakers (15-4), Laura Brown had 52 sets and 35 assists while Cassie Davidson had 12 spikes.

NEWTON FALLS 25-25-25, YO. CHRISTIAN 12-17-22

NEWTON FALLS

Destiny Prusky had 11 points, two blocks, eight digs and 27 kills for the Tigers (12-7). Teammate Lindsay Brockway had 20 points, six digs, 27 assists and an ace.

Shanel Harris had six points, six kills and 12 digs, and Dana Coyier had 11 assists and seven digs for the Eagles.

Gibson leads Cavs to a win

Associated Press

DALLAS

Daniel Gibson scored 15 points and rookie Manny Harris added 14 to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to an 85-79 preseason victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

Ramon Sessions had 12 points and five assists for the Cavaliers (3-1).

D i r k Nowitzki's 13 points paced the Mavericks (1-3), who used 14 players.

Cavaliers coach Byron Scott got 13 players into the game as he tries different lineups while the team adjusts following the off-season departure of LeBron James.

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle was back on the bench three days after collapsing at a team practice. He was hospitalized following a fainting spell during

Friday's team workout and missed Saturday night's outdoor game against Phoenix in California.

The 50-year-old Carlisle rested over the weekend, and was back for Monday's shootaround. He insisted he experienced no ill effects from the episode.

Leon Powe's baseline drive and layup with 2:56 remaining gave Cleveland the lead for good at 79-77. Powe's fastbreak layup with 56.6 seconds left extended the Cavaliers' lead to 84-79.

The teams were even at 62 entering the final quarter after Dallas held a 46-45 halftime lead.

The Cavaliers were without guard Mo Williams (right groin) and centers Loren Groin (left Achilles' tendinitis) and Anderson Varejao (recently returned from excused absence). All three are working out in Cleveland.

Dallas guard Roddy

Beaubois is back in a walking boot after experiencing swelling in his surgically repaired right foot over the weekend.

Beaubois fractured the fifth metatarsal during the offseason, but had shown progress in his rehab and had been allowed to shed the boot about two weeks ago.

Carlisle said the situation is only a minor setback, although he doesn't know if Beaubois will be ready for the regular-season opener on Oct. 27.

RADIO NOTE

Longtime Cavs radio play-by-play announcer Joe Tait remained hospitalized in Houston with pneumonia.

The team said Tait experienced discomfort and chest pains during and after Cleveland's game at Houston on Sunday night.

He was hospitalized overnight for observation and tests.

ASSOCIATED PRESS PREP FOOTBALL POLL

DIVISION I		DIVISION II		DIVISION III		DIVISION IV	
1, Cle. Glenville (17)	7-0 299	1, Col. Marion-Franklin (11)	7-0 281	1, Clyde (13)	7-0 275	1, Alliance Marlinton (9)	7-0 283
2, Cin. Colerain (4)	7-0 228	2, Cin. Turpin (3)	7-0 212	2, Cin. Steubenville (5)	6-1 238	2, Thornville Sheridan (3)	7-0 208
3, Hilliard Davidson (3)	7-0 213	3, Avon (1)	7-0 207	3, Maple Hts. (4)	7-0 200	3, Mentor Lake Cath. (2)	7-0 145
4, Lakewood St. Edward (4)	7-0 209	4, Napoleon (2)	7-0 185	4, New Albany (2)	7-0 185	4, Tiffin Liverspool (1)	6-1 53
5, Middletown (1)	7-0 195	5, Tol. Cent. Cath. (1)	7-0 145	5, Mentor Lake Cath. (2)	7-0 127	5, East Liverpool (1)	6-1 53
6, Pickerington Cent. (2)	6-0 182	6, Napoleon (2)	7-0 127	6, Howland (3)	7-0 124	6, East Liverpool (1)	6-1 53
7, Solon	7-0 127	7, Solon	7-0 127	7, Cin. La Salle	7-0 96	7, Shawnee 27, 15, Minerva 26, 14, Cin. Sunbury Big Walnut 50, 12, Ashland (1)	37, 13, Zanesville 17.
8, Austintown Fitch (2)	7-0 92	8, Austintown Fitch (2)	7-0 92	8, Cin. La Salle	7-0 96	8, Shawnee 27, 15, Minerva 26, 14, Cin. Sunbury Big Walnut 50, 12, Ashland (1)	37, 13, Zanesville 17.
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DIVISION V		DIVISION VI					
1, Ursuline (28)	7-0 323	1, Ursuline (28)	7-0 322				
2, Kirtland	7-0 230	2, Kirtland	7-0 270				
3, Hamler Patrick Henry (1)	7-0 226	3, Hamler Patrick Henry (1)	7-0 226				
4, Fredericktown (2)	7-0 195	4, Fredericktown (2)	7-0 195				
5, Richwood N. Union (2)	7-0 194	5, Richwood N. Union (2)	7-0 194				
6, Archbold	7-0 149	6, Archbold	7-0 149				
7, Collins Western Reserve	7-0 144	7, Collins Western Reserve	7-0 144				
8, W. Lafayette Ridgewood	7-0 79	8, W. Lafayette Ridgewood	7-0 79				
9, Cuyahoga Hts.	6-1 50	9, Cuyahoga Hts.	6-1 50				
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