

## Field hockey advances in SWOFL playoffs

The 14-3 Jills took care of business in the first round of the Southwest Ohio Field Hockey League (SWOFL) play offs. Indian Hills came to Irving Field hoping for the upset win but was outplayed from the first whistle. With 2 minutes elapsed, Sara French violently propelled the ball toward the IH goal which Brittany Hemmelgarn tipped in for the first score of the game. The remainder of the half was primarily a half field game. The Jills midfield controlled the game and rarely enabled the Indians a chance to test the Oakwood lock down defense. Midfielder Lucy Shafer in particular has been a beast these past two weeks for Oakwood, playing with speed and controlling the field. Despite multiple Oakwood opportunities, the score remained 1-0 Jills at the half. The second half started even more quickly for Oakwood as the delightfully disruptive force that is Forward Peanut Johnson got on track. In the first minute of play, the Jills were awarded a penalty corner. During this corner Johnson lifted a shot over the left shoulder of the IH goalie for her first score of the game. With

11:10 minutes to play, Johnson extended the lead to 3-0 with an exhibition of stick work and dribbling that spectators have grown to enjoy. The IH defense was packed tightly into their circle but Peanut wove her way through their picket line, somehow got behind their goalie, and leisurely nipped the ball into the goal. A minute later, teamwork and passing skills were on display when Oakwood moved up the field on a fast break. No less than five Jills touched the ball as they seamlessly sliced through the IH defense and fed the ball to Anna Johnsen for the final score of the afternoon and the 4-0 shutout win. The Jills racked up 27 shots on goal to 2 and did not give up a penalty corner opportunity until the waning moments of the game. The next game will not be this simple as they play arch rival Mount Notre Dame at Irving Field. As foreshadowed in last week's article, this match up should be a classic. MND has been a tough competitor that has had the Jills number over the past few seasons via razor thin wins. The Oakwood Seniors are out for revenge. Can the Jills mentally



Field hockey senior class members, from left to right are: Maddie Shearer, Lucy Shafer, Lindsay Seery, Sarah Oda, Erin Maher, Claire Henderson, and Brittany Hemmelgarn.

overcome the bruising MND style of play? Will the Jills move on to the district finals for the third time in four years? Will earning home field advantage help

Oakwood? The way to find out and help is to come and support the Jills! We need NOISE!! Be at Irving Field on Wednesday at 4 p.m.. Go Jills!!

## Volleyballers close season on losing note

The 2009 Oakwood Varsity Volleyball season came to a close on Saturday with a loss to Chaminade-Julienne in the Division II finals. The team qualified for the finals with a convincing win over Valley View two days earlier. Oakwood's record of 17 - 7 was one of the best in school history almost matching the best of 18 - 6. Big plans are already being made for next year since all but 2 seniors will

be returning. This year's team included seniors Channon Connor and Breanna Hutten, juniors Karin Mueller, Brooke Trauthwein, Ellen Smith and Riki Sagraves and sophomores Heather Saunier, Emily Kugel, Kaila Ryan, Meaghan Malloy, Allison Felkley and Rachel Ramey.

Karin Mueller set new Oakwood records in aces with 84 and in digs with 338. She also led the team in kills with 156. Heather Saunier

led the team in assists with 567 and in blocks with 53. Heather's 61 aces also surpassed the previous Oakwood record. Both players have been recognized in the Dayton Daily News area team statistics for their performances. Brooke Trauthwein added to the team's winning ways by recording 141 kills and 52 blocks.

The team attributes their success to hard work, dedication and a great sense of teamwork. They

are looking forward to a productive club season and another winning season in 2010. The players would like to thank their coaches Cara Leedy and Mark Lehman for all their time and commitment towards this year's victories.

## Oakwood martial artists medal at tourney

Five Oakwood athletes who train at the Asian Arts Center in Kettering competed at the USATMAC Tournament in Cincinnati on Saturday, Oct. 10. All are black belts and study Tae Kwon Do at the AAC.

Alex House- 1st Dan- Forms-Silver Medal

Hannah House-1st Dan-Forms-Silver Medal

Perry Fulford-1st Dan-Olympic Sparring-Silver Medal

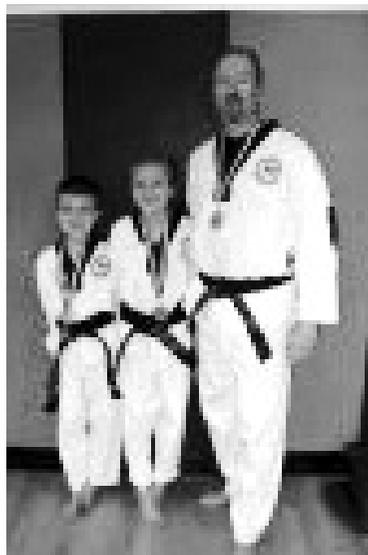
David House-1st Dan-Forms-Silver; Olympic Sparring-Silver Medal

Dennis Schaefer-3rd Dan-Olympic Sparring-Bronze Medal

Alex and Hannah House and Perry Fulford attend Oakwood schools and were attending their first major Martial Arts Tournament.



Pictured, left to right; Perry Fulford, David House, Hannah House, Dennis Schaefer



Pictured, left to right; Alex House, Hannah House, David House

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