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Sports

Jacks football speared by Spartans

By Brandon Waite

This time the Jacks (0-4) suited up on a Thursday night due to the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, to take on the Valley View Spartans (3-1). As opposed to the Lumberjacks prior games, where they came in like a lion and out like a lamb, this time it was just the opposite.

The first half did not give Jacks' fans much to cheer about. Oakwood's defense just did not have an answer for the Spartans aerial assault. As the touchdowns mounted, the Lumberjacks chance for a win.

The offense was able to move the chains on occasion, but they could not muster many points. The play calling was unimaginative for Oakwood; they could not get their running game to work with much

efficiency. As a result, Valley View's defense was more or less able to key in on quarterback Matt Carpenter, and dared Oakwood to run the ball. This problem would hinder even the most potent of offenses. Did NFL Hall of Fame quarterback, Dan Marino, ever win a Super Bowl without a running game to fall back on? Short answer: No.

As the teams ran into their respective locker rooms for half-time intermission, the lopsided score was 28-7 in favor of the Spartans. The third quarter did not go much smoother for the Jacks. The Spartans were able to score a two more times. Making the score 42-7, Valley View.

To credit Oakwood, however, they never surrendered. At the beginning of the fourth quarter. The Jacks had a nice drive which was topped

by a completion from Carpenter to wide receiver, Colin Morris. It was a 'dink and dunk' play that was well executed by Carpenter. The score was 42-14.

Then on the next possession the Jacks quickly scored once again. Carpenter completed the pass this time to team co-captain, Scott Feldmiller. Feldmiller brought the pass in and flew down the sideline for the touchdown making the score 42-21. Both teams would score one more time to make the final 48-28.

Who knows what would have happened if the Jacks had been able to mount their comeback a little bit sooner? The offense looked like it was just starting to click. That said, Oakwood hopes to keep the offensive intensity up this Friday as they take on Eaton in an away game.

Jacks soccer rebounds with 3-0 victory

After two straight losses to tough opponents, Oakwood Boys' Varsity soccer team rebounded with an impressive 3-0 victory over Franklin on the Wildcats' home turf. The Jacks were led by center mid-fielders, Marcel Georgin, Alex Gardner, and David Shephard, who controlled the middle of the field and distributed the ball creating many scoring opportunities for their teammates an themselves.

The first half began with many near misses by several Oakwood players and a few great saves by the Franklin goalkeeper. Then, with about 26 minutes left in the half, Marcel Georgin rifled a goal into the bottom right corner of the net after receiving a crossing pass from Andrew Wade. The Jacks had many more scoring opportunities in the half, but just could not find the net again before half-time.

In the second half, Wade continued his great play with a beautiful



Tri-captain Zach Rodabaugh trundles ball upfield..

cross to Anthony Weckerling at the 35 minute mark, but Weckerling's shot bounced off of the crossbar. The Wildcats defense held for a few minutes, but then, Wade took matters into his own "feet" and drilled a free kick from left of the goal passed the goalkeeper at the 28 minute mark for the second goal of the game. The third and final goal for the

Jacks came on a leaping header by Weckerling, which was made possible by a perfectly placed left-foot cross from Shephard.

After the victory, the Jacks' record stands at 4-3-1, as they travel to Waynesville on (Tues.) 9/22 and Milton Union on (Thurs.) 9/24. The team returns home for a re-match against Bellbrook on (Tues.) 9/29.

Jills soccer rebounds to 6-1-1 record

The Oakwood Jills played two games this past week, losing first at Mariemont, 3-0, then beating Franklin at home 4-0. Mariemont game was destined to be difficult. First, Mariemont was undefeated and was ranked #1 in the state in Division II. Second, the game was at Mariemont, whose field is a very fast and very hard artificial grass surface. Unused to playing on such a surface and with a number of girls sick with flu symptoms, the Jills struggled to get their offense moving. Still, a 3-0 loss against a very good team on a difficult surface is a solid showing.

In the second game of the week, the Jills faced the previously unbeaten Franklin team at home. Coming into the game, there had to be some concern, as Franklin had just defeated Valley View 3-0, a team Oakwood had lost to 2-0 in the first game of the year. However, the game was never

in doubt. The Jills controlled the ball, possessing it nearly 65 percent of the time. Franklin rarely pushed it past midfield, and when they did the Oakwood defenders, led by sweeper Briana McConnell, ended the attack quickly. The only scorer in the game was sophomore striker Claire Davis, who found different ways to put four goals into the net. The first goal came early in the first half, when senior outside midfielder Christina Davis placed a ball to Cl. Davis in the center of the field, just outside of the 18 box. The younger Davis deftly controlled it, and rushed past the last defenders to deliver a shot past the isolated goalie. The second goal came about 15 minutes into the first half. Davis took an excellent cross from freshman Olivia Ireland and once again sped past the last line of defenders to put in a goal past the Franklin goalie. The third score,

coming at the 26 minute mark in the second half, came off of a perfect Emma Rolle corner kick, headed initially by Ireland. Ireland's strong header was blocked, but Davis was able to head the rebound into the net. The final goal came in the second half after a pass from freshman striker Grace Hahn up the center of the field with Cl. Davis replaying the action from her first two goals to notch her fourth goal of the game. Overall the Jills record stands at 4-3-1.

On the JV side, the Jills lost a heartbreaker to Mariemont 1-0 on a last minute goal. Against Franklin the JV team won 5-2 to improve their record to 6-1-1. Carder Gilbert had 3 goals & 1 assist, Jessica Piechota had 1 goal & 2 assists, Kelsey Rieger had 1 goal, Grace Hahn had 1 assist & Arah Luther had 1 assist. Their record now stands at 6-1-1.