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Eastbrook girls open year with golf win

Playing in their first golf match of the season on Thursday, the Eastbrook Panthers started the 2020 campaign on the right foot, defeating the Bluffton Tigers by a score of 210-214.

Abbie Cansler finished with the low score for Eastbrook, firing a 44.

On Saturday at the Wabash Invitational, the Panthers finished in 6th place with a team score of 449. No individual scores were reported.

Madison-Grant

The Madison-Grant Argylls picked up their third victory of season this past Wednesday, compiling a team score of 213 against the Kokomo Wildkats.

Abbie Hostetler finished as the low Argyll for the second straight match, firing a 49 for Madison-Grant.

The Argylls put together another great round at the Wabash Invitational on Saturday, finishing in third place overall with a team score of 416. Abbie Hostetler finished with the low for Madison-Grant, firing a 99.

Against Wes-Del on Monday, the Argylls' strong play continued as they picked up their fourth triumph of the season with a 192-271 victory over the Warriors.

Hostetler again finished as the Argylls' low scorer, firing a 43.

Marion

While the team did not post a team score against North Miami, both Bayley and Savannah Grieve continued their solid start to the season for the Marion Giants.

Against the Warriors, Savannah was the low golfer for the Giants, firing a 53, while Bayley finished with a 55.

At the Lapel Invitational on Saturday morning, Savannah finished with a personal best performance, firing a 49 on both the front
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Eastbrook's Sarah Fould dribbles through the Mississinewa defense during the Grant County Jamboree. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

Grant County girls go through final tune-up for '20 soccer season

By Sean Douglas

In an event that symbolizes the end of the summer and a new beginning filled with possibilities, all four Grant County girls soccer teams showcased their ability in the annual Grant County Girls Soccer Jamboree at Marion on Saturday afternoon.

Every team played a pair of 40-minute halves against two different area squads in an effort to test their readiness against other competition, reveal the areas in which they excel, and discover skills and aspects of the game in need of work

going forward. Eastbrook went 2-0 with a pair of 5-0 shutouts, Oak Hill and Mississinewa each split their two contests, and host Marion finished 0-2.

Coming off their second straight regional final appearance, the Eastbrook Panthers look to be successful in 2020, despite suffering heavy losses on their defensive back line.

Sarah Foulk, heading into her senior year, is one of the best soccer players that Grant County has ever seen, scoring 103 goals in the past two seasons and several goals in each of Eastbrook's scrimmages in the

Jamboree. With players around her like Chloe McDaniel, Johwen McKim, and Naomi Diller, the Eastbrook offense will be lethal, especially in light of how well they move the ball around the formation.

"I would say the thing I have been most excited about and proud of the girls for is the fact that every single one of our players, all 28 of them, are controlled and very purposeful in their passing," Hallis said. "That's across the board. I think especially for this time of the year, to see that kind of play in an entire
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Grant County boys undergo final preparations for '20 soccer season

By Sean Douglas

The sounds of athletic competition filled the air Saturday for the first time in what felt like an eternity as all four Grant County boys soccer teams saw their first action of the 2020 season in the annual Grant County Jamboree.

Each team played two 40-minute halves against two different opponents, looking to build on their strengths as well as identify weaknesses and areas to fix. Oak Hill went 2-0 on the day, Marion and Mississinewa each went 1-1, and Eastbrook finished 0-2.

Despite losing 10 seniors, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles still have a roster full of
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Mississinewa's Colin Yoder dribbles the ball towards the net against Marion in the boys soccer jamboree. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

Oak Hill golfers down Marion

By Sean Douglas

In the early stages of her senior campaign for the Oak Hill Golden Eagles, Hope Mygrant has taken her play to another level.

Coming off shooting a 37 against Frankton, Mygrant put together another terrific performance against Marion at Meshingomesia on Wednesday evening, medaling for the second straight match and playing a significant role in Oak Hill's second win of the young season.

Playing on a tough course, Mygrant fired a 41, marking the fourth straight contest where she finished as Oak Hill's low scorer, despite some struggles on the final few holes.

"She likes the game of golf, and she knows that she can perform at a high level or even a higher level," Oak Hill Head Coach Steve Nelson said. "She likes to work at the game. She practices hard at it. That tells you a lot about her makeup, and I think that she just wants to have a good senior year."

Despite her strong score, Mygrant felt she left several shots out on the course, particularly during the final five holes. After hitting for birdie on hole five, Mygrant hit for bogey on each of the next four holes, including back-to-back double bogeys on holes nine and one.

"I actually didn't feel that good about it," Mygrant said. "At the beginning, I had [several] fours, and one

of the fours was on a par-five, so I was feeling pretty strong. Then, I hit hole nine, and I had a bad hole. Then, I went to hole one and had another bad hole, and that kind of messed up my game."

However, her first four holes were spectacular, which helped propel her to another first place finish for Oak Hill. She started the match with three straight pars before collecting her birdie on hole five, and then, ended her round on a high note, hitting for par on hole two.

In her first four matches, Mygrant has been locked in. She hit 83 and 85 in the Harrison Invitational and Huntington North Invitational, respectively, before turning in her brilliant performance against Frankton in the Golden Eagles' first dual match.

Wednesday night's performance was just another example of her growth and development as a golfer.

"My past years, I had a huge problem with confidence," Mygrant said. "The game has always been there, but ever since I've gotten together with my swing coach, we've worked basically on the mental [aspect of] the game, because that's all I need, really."

The Giants only had three golfers compete on Wednesday, but each one performed well. Savannah Grieve finished with a 58, collecting a birdie on hole three, while

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Oak Hill's Hope Mygrant fires a shot from the fairway on the eighth hole in a golf match with Marion. **Photo by Sean Douglas**