

# Girls soccer

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team is so encouraging.”

Hallis hopes that the Panthers will shoot for a deeper postseason run but believes that another sectional championship is well within their grasp.

“I think that a sectional is in reach,” Hallis said. “I’d be disappointed if we don’t get a sectional title this year, but these girls are awesome. They’ve been working so well together. As long as it’s beautiful soccer, I’m good with it.”

Of the four girls soccer teams in the area, Marion will have the biggest rebuild. Gone are program stalwarts like Ellie Vermilion and Taylor Kitts and in their place is a group of talented, but young players such as Kaylin Burke and Larielle Cox, who will be looking to make their mark.

“I think we worked hard and put in great effort,” Marion Head Coach Ben Hawk said. “But we still have a lot of work to do on some tactics and on placement. We’ve got a lot of new kids.”

However, Hawk has been

pleased with the progress he has seen in the last month and wants them to continue to learn, have fun, and enjoy the game of soccer.

Much like the boys soccer team at Mississinewa, the Indians’ girls soccer team has a chance to be special. Seniors Alayna Webb and Taylor Ulerick, combined with rising sophomore Lia Luchetti, could form one of the most dynamic scoring lines this coming fall, and they showcased that potential throughout the afternoon.

“I am really excited,” Mississinewa Head Coach Andrea Wilson said. “Our top line is going to be really tough. They are going to be really fast. They are going to be tough to defend. We are going to see some serious goals from them.”

Savannah Herrera has made tremendous strides in net since taking the starting job in her freshman year, and Wilson expects her to keep growing throughout her sophomore campaign.

“I’m impressed with her, and I’m excited to see what

# Roundup

and back nine for a 98. Bayley was second on the Giants with a 112.

Also on Saturday, the Giants’ boys and girls cross country opened their season at the Norwell Invitational with both teams finishing in 10th place.

On the boys side, Jonathon Reynolds finished in 24th place overall with a time at 20:43.8, while Molly Steenbergh led the girls with a 30th place finish in 24:59.7.

**Mississinewa**

In their third girls golf match of the season on Thursday, the Mississinewa Indians lost their second straight dual contest, falling to the Daleville Broncos 208-226.

However, the Indians bounced back on Friday in Elwood, winning their first

tri-meet of the season against Wes-Del and Elwood 221-226-231.

Maggie LaBarr finished as the co-medalist for the Indians, firing a 44.

At the Wabash Invitational on Saturday, Mississinewa took home fourth place honors, collecting a team score of 437. Individual scores were not made available.

The Indians’ boys tennis team began their season on Monday and started off their 2020 campaign on the right foot, defeating the Bluffton Tigers 4-1.

John Oliver won at No. 1 singles 6-4, 6-2, Ethan Sample was victorious at No. 2 singles, 6-0, 6-1, Hayden Rowley picked up a 6-4, 6-0 triumph at No. 3 singles, and the Riley Fuqua/Ryan Scott tandem picked up

# Golf

her sister, Bayley, fired a 62. New golfer Jessica Wilson shot 71, one of her best scores of the season so far.

“I can assess that we have been playing well,” Marion Head Coach Jerry Freshwater said. “Bayley and Savannah have been improving and then our number three, Jessica, improved tonight. They’re great girls, they’re great girls to be around, and they’re constantly trying to improve and get themselves in a situation that they can

do better every round.”

Oak Hill’s No. 2 golfer, Holly Gillespie, finished with a 52, while Bailey Dewitt and Abby Malott each finished with a 55.

After four golf matches, Nelson is so far pleased with the performance of his entire lineup and hopes that their success will continue as the season progresses.

“I think they are doing well,” Nelson said. “We’ve gotten off to a good start,

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the season continues to bring with her,” Wilson said. “She’s really been working hard and everything is starting to come together for her.”

All in all, the Indians will be a team to watch this fall.

Lastly, with a deadly combination up front in Carlee Biddle and Tegan Phillips, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles could surprise a lot of people. The two senior captains have combined on a plethora of goals over their high school careers, and the duo will look to continue that trend in 2020. Phillips was particularly impressive on Saturday, scoring a pair of stellar goals against Marion.

“They keep the motor running,” Oak Hill Alex Kenworthy said. “They don’t lose a lot of energy. They are girls who are extremely talented and can play anywhere on the field. I have to put them in a position that is going to be best for the team as a whole.”

their first win of the season with a 6-1, 6-0 victory at No. 1 doubles.

## Oak Hill

In their second dual contest of the young 2020 season, the Oak Hill Golden Eagles came away with another victory this past Tuesday, defeating the Northfield Norse by a score of 196-209.

Hope Mygrant put together another tremendous round of golf for the Golden Eagles, medaling with a 41.

Thee Golden Eagles ended their second week of competition with a first place finish, winning the Wabash Invitational at the Honeywell Golf Course.

Hope Mygrant finished as the individual champion with a score of 81, while Holly Gillespie fired a 94 to finish tied for third.

and I am happy with the way they’ve played. They are showing up to practice every night. They are happy to be there, they work hard while they’re there, and they get along pretty well. It’s a great thing to have. They hold each other accountable. They work well together, and they motivate each other. They just truly enjoy being around each other, and I think that’s the definition of the team.”

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both talent and depth.

“We lost a lot of guys, but we were so deep last year that we had guys that weren’t able to play who really were varsity level talents,” Oak Hill Head Coach Joel Garverick said. “It’s really cool to see them have an opportunity, but most importantly, we are just excited to play soccer, above all else.”

Senior Dalian Leach impressed throughout the afternoon, creating several high-quality scoring chances, and scoring once against Mississinewa. After scoring 16 goals a season ago, Leach looks to build on that number in 2020. Furthermore, Weston Seybold, Oak Hill’s star midfielder, has taken his game to the next level, and Garverick believes he will be a key to the Golden Eagles’ success.

“Weston has grown a ton,” Garverick said. “He is someone who has put in more work than probably anyone else. Soccer is his one love, and he has dedicated himself to improving in every facet of his game.”

After two years of remodeling and reshaping the Mississinewa soccer program, Jared Reel has the Indians playing their best soccer since the program’s inception.

With the influx of six immensely talented freshmen, including his son, Mason, who scored his first varsity goal against Marion, Mississinewa could be a team on the rise this fall.

“My freshmen are talented,” Reel said. “It’s probably one of the more talented kids as a collective that we will have at Mississinewa probably since the program started. It’s about filling spots right now and figuring out our defense a little bit.”

The Indians have a perfect blend of youth, experienced players like Colin Yoder, Holden Brown, and Hayden Ulerick, and their deepest bench in program history. For Reel, the sky is the limit for this group.

“We didn’t lose a whole lot, where everyone else in our sectional lost 11 to 14 kids. I gained about six quality players,” Reel said. “Our expectation is 12 wins, a sectional [title], and move on to regionals, at least. This is going to be our best opportunity.”

Marion, like Oak Hill, lost a key group of seniors. Luckily, the Giants still

have a ton of firepower left at the top of their formation in JD Fagan and Kyle Coryea. Fagan provides unmatched speed on the wing alongside his scoring ability, while Coryea is still one of the best shooters in the area, reminding everyone of that gorgeous goal from outside the box against Mississinewa.

The Giants must still figure out their back line, which lost four starters to graduation, but Berry is confident that his group will be competitive once again in 2020.

“We have three returning starters, and four players that have never played before on a varsity field,” Marion Head Coach Jorge Berry said. “I thought we did well. Other than the mental mistakes, I thought we did okay. Our fitness isn’t where we want it right now,” Berry said. “So, we must work on that, but this is why we play this. We’ve made a lot of good strides.”

After running a 4-3-3 formation the last several seasons, Eastbrook Coach Adam Hallis decided to create a more fluid structure due to the heavy losses the program has sustained over the last two years.



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