



Campbell recorded over 200 yards from scrimmage and scored three touchdowns against Madison-Grant on Friday. **Photo by Sean Douglas.**

Mississinewa victorious over Madison-Grant

By Sean Douglas

After their tough loss at the hands of the Eastbrook Panthers, Kyle Buresh took the Mississinewa Indians back to the drawing board.

The team put their nose to the grindstone throughout the course of the week, correcting their mistakes and working out the kinks in all three phases as

well as taking the time to learn from both the good, and the bad, in their previous three contests.

On Friday night in Fairmount, their hard work paid off.

Carson Campbell collected 261 scrimmage yards and scored three touchdowns, while the Indians’ defense allowed less than 200 yards in Mis-

ssinewa’s 34-12 triumph over the Madison-Grant Argylls – their most complete performance of the year so far.

With the victory, Mississinewa improved their record to 1-3, 1-1 in the CIC, giving Kyle Buresh his first win at the helms of the Indians’ program.

“I’m really proud of our guys,” Buresh said. “We did a better job this week of just

locking in at practice and focusing, and the results showed. The guys are understanding that, they see that, and they are buying into it. I’m just really proud of the performance tonight.

“We’ve got a long way to go, and we’ve got a lot of work to do, but it’s great to see some positive results tonight.”

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ing to determine who they are as a team. While there is still work to do, Brunner is pleased with the progress that the team has made, and he hopes that their performance will inspire confidence in his group going forward.

“We’ve got to get Kinzie and Selah to move up,” Brunner said. “I think the

potential is there for Sadie to be with them, and Kate is going to do what Kate does. She’s very, very consistent, and she keeps running better and better. We’ve got to have a solid five or six that are together, and we have to move that group up together and not allow there to be a big gap. We are going to go as far as our pack takes us.”

In the boys race, Sol O’Blenis, Owen Jackson, Jacob Winger, and Landon Biegel stole the show, running confidently against some of the best runners in the state. Two of Oak Hill’s top five runners finished in under 16:30, while all five finished in under 17:30.

“Coming in, we knew there were four top-20

ranked teams, and we talked about beating everybody else in a field that was predominantly 5A and 6A teams,” Brunner said. “It was a much quicker race today. We wanted to treat it like a semi-state simulator. I told our guys...they are going to have to be willing to really battle in the top 25, 30, 35, 40. And our top four guys really did that.”

O’Blenis continued his remarkable junior campaign, finishing in 17th overall with a time of 16:22.2, while Jackson finished in 25th, the highest finish among all freshmen in the field (16:30.6). Winger came in 32nd (16:36.7), while Landon Biegel broke the 17-minute mark for the first time (16:53.8).

“Owen Jackson had a huge day today, dropping

10 seconds as a freshman. He’s one of the fastest freshmen in the state,” Brunner said. “Landon Biegel, it was the first time he broke 17, a huge day for him. Sol, to be top 20 in this field, that was our goal, and he was there. It boosts our confidence moving forward down the road when we get to some bigger races.”

Oak Hill’s top four runners have been consistent all year long, and their performances and times continue to improve with each race. While Brunner would like one of his other runners like Lucas Cates, Trenton Sweet, and Landon Ashley, to solidify themselves as the Golden Eagles No. 5 runner, he believes that his boys are really rounding into form.

“Sol, of that group, did

the most this summer. We knew coming in what that mileage was going to do for Sol,” Brunner said. “He’s in a really good spot. Jacob, Landon, and Owen all agree that they did not have the summers that Sol did, but they’re very athletic. Their ceiling is really high right now to continue to get quicker and quicker.”

Oak Hill will be back in action on Tuesday, September 22, when they square off against Eastbrook, Madison-Grant, and Mississinewa in the Grant Four championship.

“It was really good back-to-back weekends for us in terms of competition, courses, and times to boost our confidence,” Brunner said. “We’ve got a week-and-a-half here until Grant Four to pin our ears back and train a little bit.”