Soccer

Mississinewa defense. With 36 seconds remaining, it paid off, as Foulk scored her second of the evening to make it 3-0. Eastbrook kept the pedal down in the second half, scoring three more goals in the final 20 minutes. Foulk completed her hat trick, while Chloe McDaniel collected two tallies in a span of 5:19 to help put the match on ice.

While Foulk and McDaniel provided most of the scoring, it was the stout play of Diller that made it all possible. East-brook's senior midfielder made her mark on both ends of the pitch, finishing with a goal and two assists while playing

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20:47.31. Eastbrook placed sec-

the Grant Four with a fourth-

place finish and a time of

Eagles -

stellar defense on Mississinewa's talented front line of Alayna Webb and Lia Luchetti, keeping them both grounded.

"She is the unsung hero of every game," Hallis said. "I don't think people know how much she does on the field. She is the anchor there in the midfield." Eastbrook outshot Mis-

sissinewa 20-4, including a 14-2 advantage in shots on frame. "I was really proud of the

girls," Mississinewa Head
Coach Andrea Wilson said.
"We played better soccer today
as far as looking for each other
and passing. We kept fighting

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and we never gave up.
Tonight, we came out and
played hard as a team."
Against a relentless Eastbrook
attack, Indians' sophomore
goalkeeper Savannah Herrera
stood tall against a flurry of
shots, making 11 saves and
showcasing her ever-growing
confidence between the posts.

"I have to give big thanks to [Mississinewa boys assistant coach] Jordan McGrady," Wilson said. "He has been working with her. Any chance I can get, I am throwing her in with the boys team to work with him because he is so good and she listens to him. She is gaining knowledge."

Giants -

With 16 seconds left to play in the first half, Johnson was fouled hard in the box, and Kyle Coryea converted the ensuing penalty kick to make it a 3-2 game at halftime.

HSE increased their advantage back to two goals early in the second half, courtesy of Isa Sayeed, but after that, Marion began to push offensively, putting consistent pressure on the Royals' defense.

That offensive push led to

Marion's best tally of the night. On a throw-in with 23:40 remaining, Coryea's throw found the head of Watts, who punched it beyond the outstretched arms of HSE goalkeeper Charlie Woodring

continued from Page 6 play," Berry said. "We have

play," Berry said. "We have confidence in him, and he can play. Hopefully, he'll keep getting better and we'll keep getting better."

The Royals, however, quickly regained the momentum shortly after as Sayeed scored off a rebound to give HSE a two-goal lead once again. The Royals were not threatened again, and eventually pulled away for the victory. Both Sayeed and Gandham finished with hat tricks

In the face of an unrelenting attack, Malik Smith stood tall in net for the Giants, collecting 15 saves in the match.

GIANTS and into the back of the net,

cutting the Royals' lead to 4-3.

Since joining the team midway through the season after missing the first few games due to academic ineligibility, Watts has provided the Giants with speed, offensive ability, and scoring depth up front.

"He has really picked up our

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Ewer and Lacey Mayfield finished in 14th and 15th as the Argylls finished in third place. Kathleen Robinson led Mississinewa with a time of

"Our girls are dropping at least a minute off of every race," Mississinewa Head Coach Dustin Jones said. "Tonight wasn't the best, but you are going to have a bad night [once in a while.] I've been happy with what they've been turning out."

On the boys' side, Oak Hill's top three runners did not compete. Junior Sol O'Blenis and senior Jacob Winger were held out to focus on training for the New Haven Classic, while stellar freshman Owen Jackson is dealing with a minor knee ailment.

However, Oak Hill's depth was on full display. With those guys out, it was Landon Biegel's time to shine, and the sophomore did not disappoint, crossing the finish line in 16:40.80. Biegel led from the onset and built a comfortable gap during the second mile, leading the next closet runner by 48 seconds.

"A day like today, with

Biegel up front, helps him and helps those other guys a little bit more confidently," Brunner said. "Hopefully, that transfers over when we need them to step it up."

Lucas Cates (17:22.95), Trenton Sweet (17:25.04), and Landon Ashley (17:46.21) rounded out the top four, while Harper Dedman placed sixth in his first ever 5K race (18:09.77). "Landon is a guy that should definitely be in our top five, six, and seven," Brunner said. "We want him holding on to one of those spots. Our pack of freshmen all run really, really well, [setting] personal records, and Harper Dedman ran his first 5k ever and finished in the top 10 in the county.

"It was a good night We got out of it what we wanted – win

a couple of championships and let the younger kids run a little bit."

Mississinewa finished in second place, scoring 57. Jon Alsup finished in fifth overall (17:49.7), while Sam Bolden came in 14th (18:51.8).

"We have a strong chance to make it to regionals as a team," Jones said. "At the start of the season, we had a lot of work to do, but these last couple of meets have helped me see that we can compete. Now, we just have to really start fighting for

Madison-Grant collected 65 points and a third-place finish, with Chad Harbert (19:03.90) and Kaden Howell (19:04.43) leading the way. Eastbrook's Thane Syswerda placed eighth (18:17.1) for the Panthers.





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