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on us, though. They had a lot of people in front of us, and if we got a break-away, they got a ton of people back as quickly as they could. They definitely made us work.”

However, the Panthers continued to battle, peppering the Blackford net with shots and keeping the pressure on the Bruins’ defense.

With 1:09 remaining before halftime, Eastbrook midfielder Naomi Diller finally found twine, ripping a shot from 30 yards out to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead.

Diller’s tally seemed to wake the Panthers out of their funk, and in the second half, it was a scoring bonanza.

Behind the strong play of their midfield and the unselfish play of Foulk, the Panthers took control of the contest. In the first six minutes, Johwen McKim doubled Eastbrook’s lead, scoring off an assist from Sarah Foulk, and the Panthers added five more goals in the final 19:46 of play. Foulk recorded a hat trick in eight minutes and 26 seconds of game time, while Eden Brown and Sehdah McKim also scored.

Along with her three goals, Foulk added three assists – all in the second half of play.

“She loves being up front, and that’s her position, but I love having her in the middle,” Hallis said. “I think when she is in the middle, especially with her, Naomi, and Rachel [Manning,] and Chloe [McDaniel], when I have those four in the middle and they’re working together, they find people, they slide it to people, and they just play beautiful soccer. They



Sarah Foulk fires a shot on net against Blackford. Photo by Sean Douglas

started looking for each other and stopped trying to go down the middle. I was happy to see that.”

While the Bruins were able to break up the shutout bid with 13 seconds remaining, Eastbrook’s young defensive core held their own all evening, and continue to show improvement and growth with each passing contest.

“I was very happy with

my defense tonight,” Hallis said. “I felt like everybody that played did very well. My two centerbacks, Becca Hammond and Estah McKim don’t get enough credit. They are solid every single game. Elizabeth Baker over on the left played a tremendous first half, especially. And then Katie Voris...had a great game, especially in the second half.”

Eastbrook will move on to face Manchester in the Sectional 39 Championship on Saturday evening.

“I definitely think they are going to be out to get us,” Hallis said of Manchester. “We won’t be able to come out flat the way we did tonight. We will really have to work and be mentally prepared for Saturday.”

Marion caps off home state with victory over Indy Arsenal Tech

By Sean Douglas

With the return of Craig Chambers, who left for Indianapolis Arsenal Tech after leading the revival of the Marion Giants’ football program, emotions naturally ran a little higher than usual.

However, despite some physical and mental lapses at times, the Giants battled from the opening kickoff to the final whistle, improving to 5-3 on the season. Khalid Stamps rushed for 185 yards and pair of touchdowns and the defense forced three turnovers and pitched a second-half shutout in a 28-13 triumph.

“Mental errors and penalties, that’s what the biggest problems were, and focus, but like I told them at the end, I’m proud of them,” Marion Head Coach James Bell said. “They battled through adversity and they made the plays when they had to make the plays. They came out in the second half and kept them out of the end zone. That’s what it’s all about.”

Arsenal Tech opened the scoring midway the first quarter as Titans’ quarterback Defayebeon Pittman hit James Williams in strides for a 59-yard touchdown.

However, the Giants responded on their ensuing possession. On his first touch of the contest, Zaimar Burnett raced

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Oak Hill boys repeat as sectional champions

By Sean Douglas

When it comes to cross country, particularly in the tournament portion of the season, it’s not always about personal records or all-time best finishes.

Rather, it’s simply about places and position, and most importantly, surviving and advancing.

While the Oak Hill Golden Eagles cross country teams did not put forth their best performances by their standards, they performed well enough to get back to the regional round – and continue their quest for more championship gold.

The Oak Hill boys repeated as sectional champions on Saturday morning at the IWU cross country course, their first repeat since 1991-1992, winning with a score of 45, while the girls finished second after a tremendous Huntington North team with a score of 46.

“In the tournament, the stats go out the window. Especially for us, it’s about competing for those spots,” Oak Hill Head Coach Paige Brunner said. “Our guys fought really, really hard, and battled each other.

“Today was about gutting it out, and we are going to have to continue to do that.”

The Oak Hill boys advanced to their 19th straight regional, while the girls clinched their 13th straight regional

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Sports Calendar

**Tuesday, October 13**  
7 pm—GV—Mississinewa @ Eastern (Sectional 24 Opener – Maconaquah)

**Wednesday, October 14**  
7 pm—MS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Marian University  
7 pm—MS—Spring Arbor University @ Taylor University  
7 pm—WS—Marian University @ Indiana Wesleyan University  
7 pm—WS—Taylor University @ Spring Arbor University  
7 pm—WV—Goshen College @ Indiana Wesleyan University  
7 pm—WV—Taylor Uni-



versity @ Marian University

**Thursday, October 15**  
6 pm—GV—Marion @ McCutcheon (Sectional 7 Opener – Marion)  
7 pm—GV—Blackford @ Madison-Grant (Sectional 39 Opener – Taylor)

**Friday, October 16**  
8 am—MG—Taylor Uni-

versity @ Purgatory Invitational (Day 1)  
8 am—WG—Taylor University @ Purgatory Invitational (Day 1)  
9 am—MG—Indiana Wesleyan University @ IWU Fall Invitational (Day 1)  
9 am—WG—Indiana Wesleyan University @ IWU Fall Invitational (Day 1)  
7 pm—F—Eastbrook @ Madison-Grant  
7 pm—F—Marion @ McCutcheon  
7 pm—F—Mississinewa @ Elwood  
7 pm—F—Oak Hill @ Blackford

**Saturday, October 17**  
8 am—MG—Taylor University @ Purgatory Invitational (Day 2)  
8 am—WG—Taylor University @ Purgatory Invitational (Day 2)  
9 am—MG—Indiana Wesleyan University @ IWU Fall Invitational (Day 2)  
9 am—WG—Indiana Wesleyan University @ IWU Fall Invitational (Day 2)  
11 am—GV—Lafayette Jefferson @ Marion/McCutcheon (Sectional 7 Semifinal)  
11 am—GV—Oak Hill @ Mississinewa/Eastern (Sectional 24 Semifinal)

12 pm—BS—Yorktown @ Oak Hill (Regional Semifinal – Oak Hill)  
12 pm—GS—Tipton @ Eastbrook (Regional Semifinal – Northwestern)  
12 pm—GV—Eastbrook @ Madison-Grant/Blackford (Sectional 39 Semifinal)  
12 pm—WCS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Indiana Intercollegiate  
2 pm—MS—Taylor University @ Huntington University  
2 pm—WV—Bethel University @ Taylor University  
3 pm—WV—Grace College @ Indiana Wesleyan

University  
7 pm—BS—Regional Final – Oak Hill (TBD)  
7 pm—GS—Regional Final – Northwestern (TBD)  
7 pm—GV—Sectional 7 Championship (TBD)  
7 pm—GV—Sectional 24 Championship (TBD)  
7 pm—GV—Sectional 39 Championship (TBD)  
7 pm—MS—Spring Arbor University @ Indiana Wesleyan University  
7 pm—WS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Spring Arbor University  
7 pm—WS—Huntington University @ Taylor University