

Sports schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 18 6 pm—GSD—Pendleton Heights @ Oak Hill 7:30 pm—GB—Eastbrook @ Northfield	@ Hobart (Class 4A Semi-State 6 Championship) 7:30 pm—GB—Bluffton @ Eastbrook 7:30 pm—GB—Madison-Grant @ Oak Hill 7:30 pm—GB—Marion @ Columbia City 7:45 pm—GB—Mississinewa @ Manchester	Tiger Invitational 1 pm—MB—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Marian University 1 pm—MB—Taylor University @ Grace College 1 pm—WB—Marian University @ Taylor University 2:30 pm—GB—Mississinewa @ Fort Wayne Bishop Luers
Thursday, Nov. 19 7 pm—MB—Taylor University @ IU Kokomo		
Friday, Nov. 20 10 am—GSD—Oak Hill @ Greenfield Central Invitational 7 pm—F—Marion	Saturday, Nov. 21 Noon—WCS—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Toby	Monday, Nov. 23 5:30 pm—GSD—Oak Hill @ Western

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from the opening tip. Barnett led the Argylls with 20 points and six rebounds in the contest while also coming away with five steals. “She was much more opportunistic and much more aggressive than she’s been,” Bradley said. “My first two years, I couldn’t get seven words out of her, and she came back this year much bubblier, and she’s more aggressive in practice. Tonight, she was aggressive the entire time.”

Madison-Grant’s defense was even stronger in the second quarter, forcing 13 Wes-Del giveaways, including eight in a row to start the frame. Many of those turnovers led to easy offense, as the Argylls increased their lead to 22-12 at halftime.

The Argylls began to pull away in the third quarter, starting the second half on a 13-0 run and continuing to

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force Wes-Del’s offense into miscues and mistakes. Azmae Turner scored nine of her 11 points in the third quarter, and Barnett added six more points to out Madison-Grant up 43-18.

Madison-Grant held the Warriors off the scoreboard for over four minutes to begin the third quarter.

“In the third, we looked a lot better, a lot more disciplined, and a lot more aggressive,” Bradley said.

The Argylls carried their momentum into the fourth, not allowing

the Warriors to get any closer than 22 points the rest of the way.

Along with Barnett’s 20 and Turner’s 11, Daya Greene scored eight points, while Bowland chipped in offensively as well, scoring seven points, including a 15-foot jumper which found nothing but net.

“In the past years, I really haven’t shot anything,” Bowland said. “But I feel like this year, I am getting better at it, and I feel more comfortable doing it.”

Should’ve seen it coming

By Jim Brunner

Why didn’t we see it coming?

I guess the first two losses to Eastbrook and Lawrence North convinced us that when you lose a coach like Craig Chambers right before the start of the season, a man who totally turned around your program, don’t go looking for miracles in 2020.

Well folks, here we are.

Since that 0-2 start, Marion is a 10-1 football team.

Sectional champions for the fifth time in school history.

Regional champions for the fourth time in school history.

In my 50th year of broadcasting Marion Giant football, this is probably as enjoyable of a season as I have ever experienced.

Given up for dead after the 0-2 start, Marion has willed itself to the 4A Final Four.

Now, can they can finish the deal?

First up is Hobart at Hobart. If you don’t know, football in the region is rough.

But Marion likes it



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that way. More than one coach has said after losing to the Purple and Gold, “We haven’t been hit like that all year.”

Twenty-two seniors from James Bell’s team won’t give up their final year easily. And maybe after watching the seniors on the basketball team not get to play in the Sweet 16, they are wanting to finish the deal.

Coach Bell and Coach Chambers, in five years, have combined to win over 40 games after the program won three games in the previous three years as Steve Moritz, the Marion Athletic Director, told me the other day.

When I called James the Coach of the Fall in the county, he said, “No, he’s the Coach of the Year in the state.” And yes, Steve is right. The kids listen to every word that Coach Bell preaches to them and then they go out and win 10 out of 11 games.

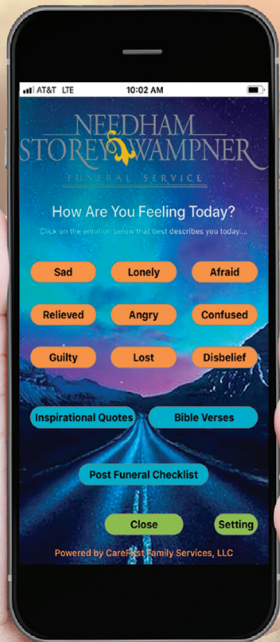
The Giants are ready and beaming with confidence. When they walk out on the field before the game, you can’t believe the aura coming from the G-Men.

I told Coach Bell the other day I would love to have one moment in the my golden anniversary at WBAT – a moment I’ve never had before.

That moment would be to say these words: “That’s it. The Marion Giants win the 4A State Football Championship.”

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