



Soccer team brings in conference title to Beecher

Lyndsay Wachowski: Reporter

This season the 2010 boy's soccer team had more ups than downs. They started off winning first place in the ILHS Charger Tournament. This year's team had many responsibilities to fulfill. This year the team lost many key seniors and their goalkeeper, leaving big positions to take over.

Gio Schiavone (Jr) said, "I felt like I needed to fill huge shoes, considering Luke Messing was goalie last year. My teammates still say 'Luke could have blocked that' as a joke," Schiavone is the varsity soccer goalie.

Schiavone says he is really happy with himself and his team's success. After finishing up all conference games, the team finished on top, defeating Illinois Lutheran, 2-1.

J.T Toensing (Sr), defensive midfielder, said, "I was looking forward to playing with this team because we really didn't have any 'problem players.' I have seen more unity this season than any of my others."

After a hard fought Manteno Columbus Cup Tournament the boys couldn't make it to the championship game but put up a hard fight. The team record remained 13-3-4. The team suffered a defeat to Illinois Lutheran at regionals, and ended their season, but at least the season ended with the bobcats being conference champs.

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How they got there: Jimmy Vandermark (Sr) fights for possession of the ball against the Grant Park Dragons.

Another year, another RVC title for golf

Jacob Hall: Sports Editor

The Beecher golf team is continuing to blow the competition away, match after match. The team defeated all other teams in their conference at the RVC tournament easily. The tournament is held on an 18 hole course and Zach Airing, Tim Schlaudraff, and Jim Radke all shot a respectable 90. The team (14-3) has a lot of young talent, though they don't let that slow them down.

"The Sophomores and Juniors on this team really stepped up this year, though the Seniors are our anchor in tough situations," said Keegan Short (So).

On October 6th the boys competed in Regionals at Shewami Country Club near Watseka. They finished 3rd place with a score of 355 and successfully advanced to Sectionals. Tim Schlaudraff finished first for the Bobcats shooting an 83. At Sectionals Jim Radke led the way by shooting an 80 which is a personal best for the senior. His score tied him with two others for the last spot to go to state. He went into a playoff with two other players and lost to a 30 ft birdie putt. Congrats to him and the rest of the boys golf team. This year is also important to the Beecher golf program because it is the first year with a full girl's golf team. In the past years BHS has not had a girl's team, though the last couple of years Jackie Brown golfed with the boy's team. The team has only 5 members but it is a start. They won their first win ever this season and continue to overcome new obstacles. At Regionals the girls did well and Stephanie Salmen, Monica Schurman, and Haleigh Kuhn all advanced to sectionals. With sectionals coming up I'm sure the Bobcats will do great and continue to beat the competition swing by swing.

Volleyball team fights to stay ahead

Colin Leahy: Reporter

The Ladycats started off their season fairly well winning three of their first five conference matches. At the halfway point of the season, the Ladycats have seen all competitors of their conference once, and now know what to expect the second time around. The girls have high hopes for the remainder of their regular season, and post-season play.

Amari Griffin (Jr) said, "I'm sure if we work hard enough, we'll do just fine this season."

Though Griffin expressed some frustration over some mistakes being made by the team, she isn't too worried about the rest of the season. Although the team is losing seven seniors this year, the sophomore team looks very promising to fill the holes in the roster. The sophomores are undefeated in their regular season matches, and show no signs of letting up. They clinched the first place title in the Central Sophomore volleyball tournament on September 18.

"It's good to see the sophomores



After a good volley: (from left to right) Blair Fernandez, Tiana Lee, Alysha Basel, and Vanna Lowe of the freshmen volleyball team celebrate after winning the volley against GSW panthers.

playing so well, they show a lot of potential and I'm excited to see them transition to the varsity level," said volleyball varsity coach, Ms. Linn. Many of the sophomores are eager to fill the shoes of the seniors and are excited to get the chance in the following years. Ms. Linn is proud of the teams performance to end the year, finishing with a record of 14-

13-3.

"Despite all of the hardships, and drama, our team has endeavored and made the best of it to have a good season," said Ms. Linn.

The team is excited for next years season, and are eager to see the sophomores transition to the varsity level.

Beecher cross country boys run away from competition

Jacob Schwartz: Reporter

The Beecher boys Cross Country team has had an amazing year so far. The boys have an outstanding record of 5-0 and are ranked first in the state. Followed by Monticello (2), Ottawa Marquette (3), and then Rock Island Alleman (4) rounding out the top four schools in the state. One of the top runners for Beecher is Grant Nykaza (So).

"Grant said that his hardest competition has been Justin Re-

hfeldt because he is the defending state champion."

Grant's favorite part of the year so far has been, "Winning Woodruff because the two, three, and four schools at state ran in that meet."

Cross Country has a different way to determine a winner and loser. Seven people run in a meet, but only the top five scores count. The goal is to get the least amount of points. The way to get the least amount of points is to finish higher up in the race. Overall this year Beecher ran exceptionally well. They finished their regular season races with a record of 7-1. In regionals on Oct. 23 they got a total of 16 points. All of the Beecher runners were in the top ten. They look to win state this year.

XC Terminology

Kick - a burst of speed at the finish of the race.

Finish Chute - a rope bordered funnel past the finish line that moves runners into a single file order of finish.

Blind Spots - locations on a cross country course where trailing runners cannot see those ahead

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