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INSIDE SPORTS

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MICDS Rams on top of Metro League with 6-0 record

Next up is Lutheran South

Winning football games and competing for championships has been a way of life at MICDS for decades.

This season is no different, as the Rams have raced to a 6-0 record a year after reaching the Class 4 state championship game. MICDS put itself in the driver's seat for the Metro League championship with back-to-back victories over rivals John Burroughs and Lutheran North.



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The Oct. 1 victory at Lutheran North saw the Rams break open a close game and win 56-37. Senior quarterback Reagan Andrew, a four-year starter, has passed for 1,201 yards and 14 touchdowns while rushing for 530 yards and nine more scores.

Talented junior running back Steve Hall has rushed for 627 yards and eight touchdowns, while fellow junior Winston Moore has 321 yards rushing, 369 yards receiving and eight touchdowns. Senior wide receiver PJ Behan has 28 receptions for 562 yards and nine touchdowns.

MICDS will host Lutheran South in a Metro League game at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Top Performers from Week 6

- Senior **Jared Rhodes** of Ladue rushed for 223 yards on 24 carries and three touchdowns in a victory over Seckman.
- Running back **John Clay** of Brentwood rushed for 195 yards on 12 carries and five touchdowns in a victory over Principia.
- Quarterback **Hasaan Cody** of Jennings rushed for 187 yards on 12 carries and four touchdowns in a victory over Normandy.
- Receiver **Kameron Gillespie** of McCluer had three receptions for 138 yards and three touchdowns in a victory over Gateway STEM.
- Receiver **ClayShaun Davis** of Hazelwood Central had three receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns in a victory over Hazelwood West.
- Quarterback **Booker Simmons** of Francis



MICDS running back Winston Moore (2) picks up yards out of the back field during Friday night's game at Lutheran North Oct. 1. The Rams went on to defeat the Crusaders 56-37.

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Howell completed 10 of 19 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns in a loss to Wentzville Holt.

On Tap This Weekend

CBC (5-1) at Chaminade (3-3), 6 p.m. Friday
Rockhurst at DeSmet (5-1), 6 p.m. Friday
Marquette (5-1) at Kirkwood (4-1), 7 p.m. Friday
Troy (5-1) at Holt (6-0), 7 p.m. Friday
Oakville (3-3) at Mehlville (2-4), 7 p.m. Friday
Cardinal Ritter (3-3) at St. Mary's (4-1), 1 p.m. Saturday
Jennings (4-2) at McCluer (5-1), 1 p.m. Saturday

Eliza Maupin Commits to Kansas State

Webster Groves girls' basketball standout

Eliza Maupin has given a commitment to Kansas State University this week. The 6'2" senior forward, a top prospect in the state of Missouri, is ranked No. 21 in the Class of 2022 by the recruiting website Prep Girls Hoops Missouri. As a junior, Maupin averaged 12.3 points, 5.3 rebounds and 1.2 blocks while shooting 53 percent from the field. The Stateswomen gained a berth in the Class 6 state championship game. Maupin had 11 points and 12 rebounds in Webster's upset victory over Springfield Kickapoo in the Class 6 state semifinals. A multi-sport athlete, Maupin also excels in volleyball and track and field. She is a two-time state champion in the high jump and the school's record holder in the long jump.

Fall leagues conclude

A pair of the area's top fall basketball leagues

will conclude Oct. 8-10 with playoff competition at Cardinal Ritter College Prep. The Rameybasketball Fall League playoffs will begin on Saturday with first round games in the morning and quarterfinal games in the evening. The semifinals are at noon and 1 p.m. Sunday with the championship game at 4 p.m. The Sweet Hoops Girls Fall League will be holding their playoffs at 11 a.m. and noon Sunday and the championship game follows at 3 p.m. The league will hold its All-Star Game at 2 p.m. Saturday. All the games are at Lift for Life Academy. Featured players in the All-Star game include sophomore standouts Ja'Nyla Bash of Whitfield and Chantrel Clayton of Cardinal Ritter and seniors Zaire Harrell of MICDS and Taylor Brown of Lift for Life.

- Receiver ClayShaun Davis of Hazelwood Central had three receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns in a victory over Hazelwood West.

Hazelwood District Begins Two New Campaigns, Retains Get Healthy Plan

The Hazelwood School District has launched two strategic communication campaigns and reinvested in an already award-winning campaign. The No Guns in School, Be the Best on the Test, and Help Hazelwood Get Healthy campaigns will empower stakeholders and encourage our entire learning community to take specific actions to support HSD schools.

The campaign goals are outlined below:

- No Guns in School is a strategic safety communication campaign that promotes safe school environments free of guns.
- Be the Best on the Test is a strategic academic communication campaign that illustrates the benefits of improving state test scores.
- Help Hazelwood Get Healthy is an award-winning strategic public health communication campaign aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19.

The success of each campaign depends on buy-in and participation from all stakeholders. With that in mind, the district has created the attached supporting materials. All stakeholders are asked to closely review the materials and immediately apply the information.

Future campaign elements will include videos, billboards, posters, t-shirts, masks, notebooks, backpacks, campaign events, student incentive programs, radio/newspaper advertisements, and social media contests.

Please note district and building-level procedures that address school safety, academic achievement, and COVID-19 mitigation have already been implemented



HSD Introduces 'AMI' Days

School cancelations, early dismissals, or canceled after-school activities due to inclement weather will be communicated to the HSD learning community through the district's Facebook page, Instagram page, and Twitter page; district's website - www.hazelwoodschools.org; email, text message, and phone call from the district; local TV stations (KMOV, KSDK, KTVI) and a radio station (KMOX), and the HSD Emergency Weather Line - 314-953-SNOW.

Alternate Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days

During inclement weather days, families will be notified if an AMI day is to be used. If the district declares an AMI day, teachers will provide online learning activities for students for the day. Teachers will also be available via email and at designated times throughout the day to offer support.

HSD IS HIRING!

Bus Drivers

Pay Range: \$15.15-\$22.80 / Per Hour

Child Nutrition

Pay Range: \$13.15-\$19.30 / Per Hour

Custodians

Pay Range: \$13.77-\$21.89 / Per Hour

Building Aides

Pay Range: \$13.13-\$16.01 / Per Hour

Teacher Assistants

Pay Range: \$14.65-\$17.85 / Per Hour

Clerical

Pay Range: \$13.06-\$24.38 / Per Hour

Safety Monitors

Pay Range: \$12.12-\$13.24 / Per Hour

Nurses

Pay Range: \$31,352.00-\$50,811.00 / Per Year

Employee Benefits

- ✓ District Paid Medical, Dental, & Life Insurance
- ✓ Holiday & Vacation Days
- ✓ Tuition Reimbursement
- ✓ Employee Assistance Program



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McCluer Hosts Sub. Blue Pool Rival Jennings, Hazelwood Central Now 6-0 By

Jim Wieners

Since 1999, winning conference football titles at McCluer and Jennings High Schools are extremely rare. Moreover, only Jennings, during that period, won a conference title, 2006 in the Suburban East.

In addition, McCluer and Jennings do not even compete in the same conference. That is until now when the St. Louis Suburban Public Schools Athletic And Activities Association scrambled and placed the 31 high schools into color pools on a sports-by-sport basis.

Now, not only McCluer and Jennings Football teams are playing in the Suburban Conference Blue Pool but also they are the top two teams in that league. (Color pool)

So Saturday, Oct. 9, McCluer (3-0 Blue Pool, 5-1 overall), hosts a 1 p.m. game against Jennings (2-0, 4-2). Not only the game is for the lead in the Blue Pool but it could also play a role in post-season district playoffs since the Comets and Warriors are assigned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (Aug. 27) to compete in Class Four, District Four.

The winner has control of the Blue Pool with two weeks left before districts. McCluer wraps up Blue Pool play Oct. 16, 1 p.m. against Class Three Normandy (1-2, 1-4) at Viking Field and returns home Oct. 23, 1 p.m. to play Class Six St. Louis University High (3-2). Two Blue Pool games remain after Saturday for Jennings, which hosts Affton (0-3, 0-6) Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. and visits Clayton (1-2, 2-4) Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Since 2008, McCluer is 6-2 against Jennings but the Warriors won two of the last three (no game last season) against the Comets.

Jennings quarterback Hassan Cody and McCluer quarterback Michael Hopkins, both seniors, are the leaders when it comes to putting points on the board. Cody has 15 touchdowns including 13 on 671 rushing yards while Hopkins not only can score running, 513 yards and 12 touchdowns, but also throwing, 880 yards and 15 touchdowns. Cody, who has two touchdown passes, scored four touchdowns Sept. 24 at 0-4 Bishop DuBourg, a 60-0

Jennings win and five more Oct. 2 against

Hopkins threw for three touchdowns in McCluer wins over Affton, 64-0 (Sept. 25) and at 2-3 Gateway STEM, 52-13 (Oct. 1). Senior wide receiver Kameron Gillespie leads McCluer in touchdowns scored with 18, of which 10 are receiving, and Gillespie scored six touchdowns, three receiving at Gateway STEM.

HAZELWOOD CENTRAL. -- Senior Lionel Banks, Bryson Brown, ClayShawn Davis and Jamarion Price are some of the reasons behind the Hawks start 6-0 for the first time since 2016. The Hawks are also currently leading the five-team Suburban Conference Yellow Pool with a 3-0 record.

On Sept 24 visiting Hazelwood Central dealt Yellow Pool rival Kirkwood (1-1 Yellow Pool, 4-1) their loss, 49-28. Meanwhile, on Oct 2, the Hawks won 35-0 at a wet and rainy (at times) Hazelwood West (1-2 Red Pool, 2-5) not only dealing the Wildcats their third straight loss but also were shutout for the second week in a row (41-0 at 2-1 Red Pool, 2-4 Lafayette Sept. 24). Hazelwood Central is 2-0 in the Hazelwood School District including a 48-0 home shutout Aug. 28 over Hazelwood East (3-2 Green Pool 3-3).

Banks ran for 115 yards and a second quarter touchdown at Kirkwood then ran on the wet Hazelwood West grass for 156 yards and a fourth quarter touchdown. Brown threw for 172 yards and three touchdowns, two to Davis, at Kirkwood, and at Hazelwood West Brown threw for 197 yards and two touchdowns to Davis (100 receiving yards). Price ran for 251 yards and three-second half touchdown at Kirkwood, two in the fourth quarter while running at West for 116 yards and a first quarter touchdown, the only points in a rainy first half.

Hazelwood Central will be home for three Saturdays and maybe beyond for Class Six, District Two. This Saturday (Oct. 9) at 11 a.m. the Hawks host 0-4 (Green Pool and overall) Riverview Gardens while on Oct 16 bring in Red Pool Lindbergh (currently 2-1, 5-1) for a 12 noon kickoff. The Hawks close the schedule Oct. 23 by hosting Marquette (Rockwood School District) (currently 1-1 Yellow Pool, 5-1) at 12 noon that could decide the Yellow Pool title.



COVID-19 cases among children in St. Louis County outpacing every other age group



ST. LOUIS COUNTY (KMOV.com) -- On Wednesday, St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page said the single greatest increase in new COVID-19 cases in the county is coming from children under 15. Page said children ages five to nine account for 36.7 cases per 100,000, while those ages 10 to 14 account for 37.3 cases per 100,000. "Seeing these numbers is not totally surprising, but it is concerning," Page said.

South County is seeing the largest number of new cases, while Page said COVID-19 numbers are receding in North County. The majority of children within both age groups are not eligible to be vaccinated yet. As of Wednesday, 17 COVID-19 positive children under the age of 18 have been admitted into St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force hospitals. Five of those children are in the ICU.

"Nobody can tell the difference between the common cold and COVID-19 right now, so it's incredibly important especially if your kids are attending school or daycare, that if they have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 to get them tested," Dr. Rachel Charney said. She is the medical director of emergency preparedness at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

Dr. Charney said similar to last year, most kids are not contracting COVID-19 at school. She said they are being exposed at play dates, parties and other events outside of school. "We've really limited the indoor activities our family does, especially if it's a crowded indoor area," Susan Pearlman said. She has an 8-year-old and 11-year-old who are not yet vaccinated. "I don't want to see them get sick but more importantly I don't want to see them spread it to someone who could be more vulnerable," she said.

While Pearlman admits her children are unlikely to get deathly ill from the virus, she's more concerned with the likelihood of them missing school, after school activities and hanging out with friends. Some of the county's largest school districts are reporting very low COVID-19 numbers.

The Parkway School District reports 21 students that currently have COVID-19. Last week, the Rockwood School District had a total of 20 COVID-19 positive students. The Hazelwood School District currently has 35 students with COVID-19. Each district has more than 17,000 students.

https://www.kmov.com/news/covid-19-cases-among-children-in-st-louis-county-outpacing-every-other-age-group/article_3a7e4b48-26e5-11ec-a0f7-17247402429f.html

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