



Men's Soccer caps off a great season

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The Blue Devils had a tough road to the championship, but with hard work and team chemistry they were able to hoist trophies.

The team is now currently playing in the playoffs and have taken down Marine City, Cros-Lex and Lutheran North to win the District Championship.

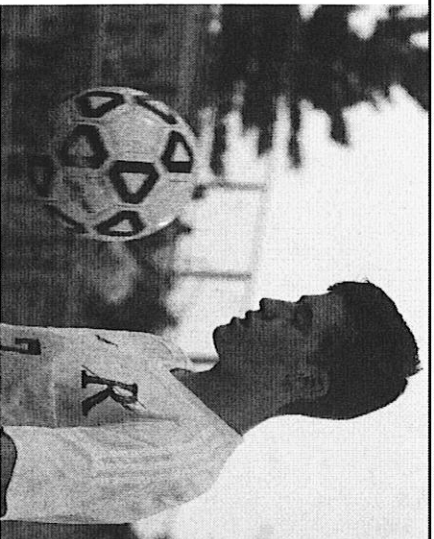
In the Pre-District Quarterfinal Game on October 17, they took on Marine City at home, and the offense got clicking early. The Devils capitalized early in the game and put away the Mariners with a score of 8-0.

In the district semi-final, the squad would then face the Pioneers from Cros-Lex, which they have already beaten 2 times before their playoff meeting. They came out to play and put up 6 goals on the board, along with some lock-down defense and shutout the Pioneers, 6-0.

On October 21, the team played Lutheran High North in the district championship in Inlay City. In the first half, Richmond was able to rally in 2 goals both scored by Robert Trombley, and Lutheran North returned the favor and scored one for themselves.

They went into half-time, score at 2-1. With a stellar defense, RHS kept LHN to one goal. The Devils came out with the hardware and won the District Championship.

Senior forward Matt Schuster said, "Everyone was clicking well. Offense, defense, ball was moving great, we really came out to play."



JARRET GIL

Age: 17

Grade: Senior

Sport(s): Soccer

Favorite Class: AP Art

Future Goals: Play college soccer

Favorite Athlete: Cristiano Ronaldo

overcome and early loss to win the league. Early in the season, they had a tough battle with rival Inlay City, losing 2-1.

Senior captain Evan Quigley said, "We had six chances to their three; we just couldn't finish, and they capitalized on all three." He explained how the team had some miscommunication and had some trouble moving the ball.

Quigley said, "We overcame the loss early by focusing in more in practice. One of the best ways to get better is to help each other. We knew we had to get the ball moving better to be able to beat them. And that we did."

Towards the end of the season, the Blue Devils had a rematch with the rival Spartans and came out with a win of 2-1 to become Co-BWAC Champs for the team. They were able to win every BWAC game except one, the loss to Inlay City, which they beat later in the season.

Juniors Reclaim PowderPuff Title

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"There was no doubt in my mind we were going to win again," said junior Grace Aiken.

That was the junior powderpuff squad's mentality going into this year's game after beating the 2016 senior class a year ago. (last year)

Aiken said, "We just knew that we were the most athletic class out there, and nobody would be able to keep up with us."

The junior's biggest strength is not only their athletic ability—but their strong confidence as well.

"We didn't even really practice. We felt that we were good enough to just come out and play," said Aiken who plays wide receiver.

The juniors lived up to expectations as they won their first game against the

freshman by a wide margin of 28-7.

Freshman Julia Hildreth said, "We struggled a lot and the juniors were just a little better. We are going to take it as a learning experience and do better next year."

While the juniors were busy taking down the freshman, on the other side of the 50, the seniors were setting themselves up for the championship game as well.

In this game, they competed against the sophomores who seemed to be a very competitive team for playing once before.

"The sophomores were pretty tough, but we just stuck with our plays and came out with the win," said senior Emma Caperton.

Although the sophomores put up a fight, they couldn't keep up with the senior's offense.

Caperton was able to throw 2 touchdown passes while Boyd ran for another as the seniors defeated the sophomores 21-7.

The seniors were looking to take back the throne from the junior class. "We practiced hard this year and were very motivated to take them down," said Caperton.

The game plays were created by senior coach Anthony Tavano. He made sure that they were prepared for this year and wanted the win just as much as the girls. Tavano said, "I created the plans I thought would make the girls most successful."

Headed into the championship game, both teams felt very confident. Neither team was willing to go down without a fight. "Both teams wanted to win out there. It came down to who could execute their plays," said Tavano.

The juniors seemed to have the more experience going into the game. "I think we had the upper hand going into the game. It really comes down to who can score first," said Aiken.

Aiken was right on and the experience definitely showed as the juniors jump off to an early 7-0 lead in the first minutes of the game.

The game then turned into a defensive battle as neither team would let up. The score would stay scoreless all the way until the final whistle. The juniors came to a 7-0 victory.

"We had a chance to score at the end but they just couldn't take advantage of the opportunity," said Tavano.

The juniors became back to back champions and held up the powderpuff trophy once again.

The seniors showed respect for their junior opponents.

"It would have been nice to win my senior year. But you have to give it to their defense. They shut us down and we couldn't score," said Caperton.

Even though everyone would love to win, all the girls had a great time out there. "We lost but it was a lot of fun," said Hildreth.

The game is not only about winning but to give the girls a chance to go out there and have fun. Each and every year everyone from players to fans have a great time at this event. Senior, Jonas Doroh said, "We go out every Friday night and cheer for the guys. It's awesome to be able to go out once a year and do the same for the girls."

Next year will continue to be competitive and a fun opportunity for the girls to play football once again.

This leads to the question whether or not the class of 2018 can close out their high school careers by winning 3 championships in a row. "I think we will do it. We are by far the best team and I'm already prepared for next year," said Aiken.

RAECHEL MCKIERNAN

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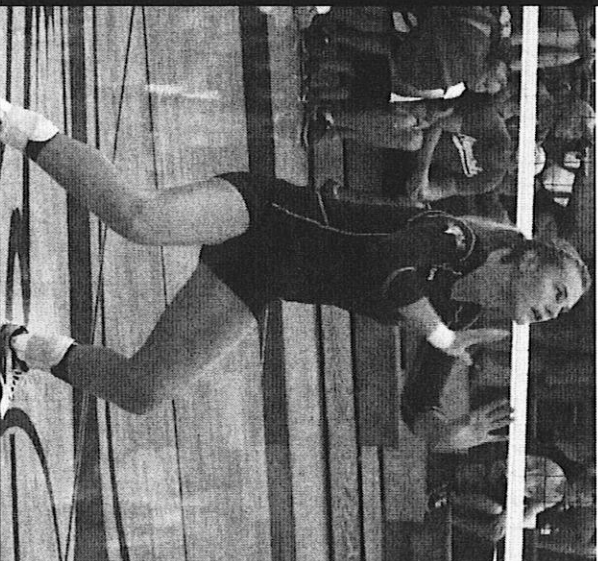
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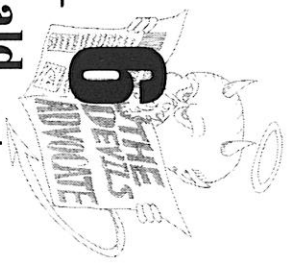
Favorite class: Anatomy

Future Goals: Obtain licensure as an EMT and pursue a degree as a Physicians Assistant at CMU

Favorite athlete: Emma Caperton



SPORTS EDITOR



An Argument for Clinton

By: Daniel Seguin
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Last year, one of the last articles I wrote for the Blue Devil's Advocate was an opinion on the threat to national security that is Donald J. Trump. At that time, I was a Bernie Sanders supporter. For this article, I would like to take a different angle. This is an article of reasons to outright support Hillary Clinton. Don't get me wrong, I am a firm believer that it should have been Sanders. But, the DNC chose Clinton, and we have got to just swallow that pill, lest we risk a Donald Trump presidency. I am writing this because, no matter your opinion on the Democratic Primary, you have to admit Clinton is a much more qualified candidate than Trump.

First, let us address the elephant in the room. Clinton's emails. Now, many people reading this article probably like to pretend to know what happened, but really have no idea. Clinton used a private email server, and a government issued BlackBerry for both personal and work-related emails. This is a big no-no. However, she was investigated by the department of justice. Republican FBI director James Comey said she would not be prosecuted. A Republican.

Yes, she messed up. But she admits to that, which is more than Trump would do in this situation. Honestly, I couldn't care less about her emails. Bernie said it in the very beginning: "I think we're all sick and tired of hearing about your emails." I care more about Trump scamming people out of their life savings with a fake university. I care more about Trump not releasing his tax returns. I care more about Trump not renting to African-Americans. I care more about Trump bragging about sexual assault.

There are many reasons to vote for Clinton without even mentioning Trump. Believe it or not, she is a true, viable candidate, not a criminal.

For instance, she has foreign policy experience. In fact, she is the most traveled secretary of state we have ever had. She visited 112 countries throughout her time serving. She was in the situation room on the day Osama Bin Laden was brought to justice. She puts diplomacy first. She isn't going to "bomb the crap" out of everyone. She will use diplomacy before anything else, like when she brought about a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. Peacefully negotiating is her thing.

And I know what you're thinking. "But Benghazi! She's a murderer!" No, she isn't a murderer. A Republican-funded investigation found that she was not responsible for what happened at Benghazi. Saying that she is now either means you're either uninformed or you don't care about the facts, or both. Hey, maybe you should run for president.

Reason enough to vote for Clinton is Sanders' influence on her campaign. She has unveiled new policies that she and Sanders worked on together, such as her healthcare and tuition-free college proposals. Because of the influence that Bernie Sanders has, she is going to have to stand up to Wall Street, whether she wants to or not. She is going to stand up for minority groups. She is going to work to overturn Citizens United, and get big money out of politics. She is going to have to, because that is what people want. They want a president who will fight for them, and if Clinton isn't that, she will not get a second term.

There are many reasons to vote for Clinton without mentioning Trump, but mentioning Trump is also an okay thing to do. So now I am going to.

Trump has run a campaign rife with faux pas and scandal. Everyday there's a new "did you hear what Trump said?" Can you imagine an administration like that? The Trump Administration™ will be more like a reality show. But that's what you get when you let a reality TV star run for president.

Perhaps the biggest reason to vote for Clinton over Trump is Clinton is not going to breed hatred. She isn't going to create an environment where Muslim and Mexican children feel unwelcome. Where people feel like they are able to spread hate, because the president is doing the very same thing. Clinton will help bring about a better America, an America where everyone is welcome, not just those with white skin. And if you care about your fellow human, you should vote for the candidate who does too.

Clinton has a leg up on her opponent by merely understanding how it all works. Trump has been stumbling through this whole process, making wrong turns every step of the way. Clinton has navigated these waters before. She understands. She has a baseline knowledge of the world and of politics that Trump simply doesn't. Even the way in which she conducts herself publicly is more professional than the way Trump does, because he does not conduct himself professionally. He conducts himself much like a child would. She exudes confidence and knows she's supposed to be there. Trump is too busy flailing around and mocking disabled reporters to look like he belongs.

Where Trump fails, Clinton shines. Trump is divisive. Clinton will be a unifier. Trump is temperamental. Clinton is cool and collected. Trump is a business man out for himself. Clinton is a future president.

Trump Train: Vote for the Donald

By: Ally Oddo
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It is clear that Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have different views on society today and how the government should be ran. Considering Clinton's recent allegations related to deleting e-mails, Trump should be the number one choice to Americans.

Our country has been bought out by the Obamas and Clintons. By this I mean that Obama supporters have preached how grand the Obamacare Act will be for the majority of citizens. When the plan fell apart many stopped supporting the act, but could not get out of it.

Clinton is involved in this because a main supporter of hers is Obama. Clinton plans to continue Obama's outlooks on the economy and on the plan, but with her own twist.

We need a new perspective that will look at the bottom line and not "beat around the bush". Clinton has proved to us that she is not totally honest because a person that went to Yale for college would know that they were using a personal e-mail.

Trump wants to focus on securing our country to invaders that can pose a threat to the citizens. The "wall" that Trump wants to build was an issue that people either do not like or want to enforce. People either want to build it for security reasons or they don't want to build it because it will block immigrants from coming to America.

The wall will provide security against terrorists and threats towards U.S. citizens. Many illegal immigrants

have illegally crossed the border of Mexico and United States to make money and eventually gain citizenship. Illegal immigrants are stealing jobs from legal U.S. born citizens that are struggling. This will eventually become a bigger issue if they continue to ILLEGALLY come across the border.

Both Trump's and Clinton's economic plans have been evaluated by economic professionals. Trump's plan will bring back an economy that is powerful with a growing GDP which will lead to more jobs.

Clinton's policies are described as "all wrong for America," according to The Hill website. Specialists have said it is the slowest recovering plan and that Clinton is promising to repeat all of Obama's mistakes as president. With our economic state, we cannot afford to continue another four years of the current policies.

Due to the economy's state we need a president that is straight to the point and that has a plan that can protect the citizens and provide a steady economy which Trump provides.

If Hillary does win the election, tens of thousands of people will have to get a second job in order to pay for taxes. However, with her policies jobs will not be available.

Trump will provide a plan for the citizens that will give a new perspective and provide a stable economy for the future.

There is no doubt that Donald will trump the Clintons.

The Comic Corner

By: Ana Kinkela



Would You Rather...

Always say everything on your mind?

OR

Never be able to speak again?