

Ashland Hosts Madison Rams

By Tim Koelble

Ashland's Arrows, long a Cardinal Conference collector of titles, is on the right track after the first weekend of action.

The Arrows downed Coshocton, 20-0, Friday and try to make it two straight tomorrow night at home against the Madison Rams (1-1-1).

Madison invades Ashland on the heels of a 0-0 tie Saturday against Mansfield Senior. The Arrows' lone loss came to Shelby, 28-12, while Mansfield Senior was shaded by Ashland, 15-14.

Elsewhere in the Cardinal this weekend, Wooster (0-1 and 2-1) greets Malabar (0-1 and 1-2) and Dover (1-0 and 3-0) entertains Coshocton (0-1 and 1-2). New Philadelphia (1-0 and 3-0) plays a non-conference game at Bellaire Saturday afternoon.

Ashland has not allowed Madison a point

in the past two outings. The two teams battled to a 0-0 standoff last year, and Ashland won in 1972, 28-0. Madison hasn't beaten Ashland since 1970 when the score was 7-6.

Paul Dienstberger, in his fifth year as Ashland coach, calls the Rams an excellent defensive team, and he saw such Saturday night.

"They have the excellent players on defense such as Cook (Scott), Crunkilton (Jeff) and Beckel (Duhane)," Dienstberger said. "They hit hard on defense and they are big as usual."

Dienstberger is also impressed with Running Back Dave Groff and Wide Receiver Greg Fuqua. He said Groff's hard-nosed running and Fuqua's speed are excellent.

"Regardless of what formation, they create a blood bath around the hole they are

coming at because they do it so hard," he said.

The Arrows may have raised a few eyebrows Friday with a solid offensive attack which included 244 yards passing and 130 rushing.

Quarterback Jim Thomas made eight connections to Receivers Joe Tobias, Danny Cooper and Tim Schultz to riddle Coshocton defenders, including a 43-yard touchdown to Schultz.

Thomas and Running Back Jim Fowler have done most of the ground work for the Arrows. Fowler has scored three touchdowns.

"We don't know if we'll pass a lot or not, because we aren't sure what Madison will be doing on defense," Dienstberger said. "Whatever we face from them, we have to be in the position to adjust and execute."

Intangibles Going for Falcon Star



By Bob Sherwin

Toby Matney has a lot of intangibles going for him.

At five feet, 11 inches and 165 pounds, Toby Matney is not the biggest person to ever don a Malabar Falcon football uniform but he ranks with the best in many incorporeal ways.

When he takes the field in his left linebacker position for the Falcons you can begin to see the intangibles exude. Things like enthusiasm, determination, team leadership and gutty play which makes the job of Falcon Coach Tom Landsittel a bit more satisfying.

"Toby is a real leader on this team in three or four ways," Landsittel explains. "First of all with his ability but also with his great intensity for the game. He also leads verbally and he takes the game seriously."

"He has always been a good football player ever since his sophomore year. He has good speed and strength. Many people think you have to be big to be good at football but I know guys like Toby and Scott Todd (a 5-9, 140-pound defensive back) hit harder than guys much bigger than them."

Matney, a senior, saw a lot of action in his sophomore season but "I was determined to be first string." He worked on a weight program that winter and when the season rolled around again Matney was No. 1.

He started every game last year for the Falcons and completed every one without injury. In the process he established a new school record for the most tackles in one season with 150, 57 tackles and 93 assists.

"I really enjoy hitting someone," Matney said. "The football field is the

TOBY MATNEY gutsy Falcon

only place I can take out my frustrations. I can hit someone as hard as I can without trying to hurt him and get up and feel real good about it."

Matney has set down some stringent rules for himself to help him attain success.

"If you're going to be successful you have to sacrifice one thing for another. You have to discipline yourself like eating the right things and not just pizza all the time."

The same qualities and discipline that carried Matney to success in football is equally apparent in another sport in which he excels, wrestling.

His sophomore year he wrestled at 145 pounds and had a 14-7 record. Last year, at 155 pounds, he was 22-1 losing only in the Class AAA district finals.

This year he plans to trim down again to 155 pounds and, hopefully, attain state honors.

Right now, however, he is thinking football and the Wooster Generals tomorrow night

Cardinal Tourney Booked

By Jeanne Yockey

Coshocton is the favorite to win the Cardinal Conference Golf Tournament tomorrow at West Lafayette's Hickory Flats Golf Course, according to coaches from Mansfield Malabar and Madison.

Coshocton has won the tourney three of the last five years and finished second last spring to Wooster. The Redskins have the home course advantage on their side, in addition to this winning tradition.

Other teams which could be contenders are Dover, New Philadelphia, Wooster and Madison, according to Don DeBaltzo of Malabar and Gary Sargent of Madison.

DeBaltzo noted that every team in the conference is improved over last spring except Malabar, which has a young, inexperienced squad.

Sargent, in his first season at the helm at Madison, tabbed Coshocton as his top choice since it has already defeated defending champion Wooster. The Generals have also been beaten by Dover and New Philadelphia, so he lowered them to fourth in his picks.

Madison, he feels, shouldn't be counted out, although the Rams were soundly defeated by Wooster, 153-165.

"I think we'll make a good showing," he said. "Our team is very capable, and if we have a good day, we could win. Since we were beaten by Wooster, though, I feel we can't go into the tournament with our hopes too high."

He added, however, the team was very pleased with its victory in the Mansfield Tournament last week, and that the boys are looking forward to tomorrow's test.

Malabar, hampered by inexperience and a lack of depth, is hoping to finish in the top three, according to DeBaltzo. "If everything clicks, we could certainly do it. We have the ability."

The 18-hole medal play event begins at 9 a.m. and will include all seven Cardinal Conference teams.



RAM GOLFERS — Playing golf for the Madison Rams this season are Gary Egerton, Chris Finley, Steve Bauer, Dennis Frank and Tim Collins. They are pictured after winning the Mansfield Tournament. (Photo by Jeff Sprang)

Ontario Favored In JAC

By Jeanne Yockey

Ontario will have the home course advantage when the Johnny Appleseed Conference Golf Tournament is held tomorrow at Twin Lakes.

The Warriors are also "hungry" for the title which Lexington has won for the past three years. Ontario has been second during that period after winning in 1970 and 1971.

The 18-hole, medal play tourney gets under way at 12 noon and will include teams from Ontario, Lexington, Clear Fork, Crestline, Crestview, Fredericktown, Loudonville and Plymouth schools.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams and to the medalist and runner-up.

Ontario Coach Ken Berger, the tournament manager, was noncommittal about the Warriors' chances. "I'd say it will be a toss-up between Ontario and Lexington," he said. "Crestview is good this year, so they could do something, too."

Lexington Coach Dave Oswalt, however, picked Ontario as THE team to beat. "We'll give them a run for their money, but they have the advantage of playing Twin a lot more than we do. I don't see anyone else as even close."

"If our guys play as well as they're capable of, we could even win it."

The two coaches agreed the best bet to become the individual medalist were Jeff Kooser of Ontario, Jeff Johnson of Lexington, Brad Eberts of Crestview, and Kim Derr of Loudonville, the defending medalist.

JOHNNY APPLESEED CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT At Twin Lakes Teams Entering: Lexington, Ontario, Clear Fork, Crestline, Crestview, Fredericktown, Loudonville, Plymouth

The Super Squad Harriers Boast Speed

By Mike Etzkin

For the first time this season, all five News Journal super squad members broke the 10-minute barrier in the fourth week of high school cross country competition.

Two new names join the squad for the week beginning Sept. 18. Tim Bauer of Colonel Crawford, an honorable mention on the first week's team, joined the Mansfield area elite with a

9:55 Saturday at the Ridgedale Invitational.

The first Madison runner to crack the list is Mike Reynolds who turned in a 9:50 at Gallion. He is the only Class AAA runner on the team.

Joe Dotson of Wynford, with a 9:41 Saturday at Ridgedale, and John Galat of Lexington, with a 9:57 Tuesday at Hillsdale, remain the only two runners to make the super squad all four weeks

Pete Murtaugh of Ma-pleton, the No. 1 runner for two consecutive weeks, broke a school record and a course mark by running a 9:36 last week at home.

The times turned in by Murtaugh, Dotson and Reynolds this week are the first, third and fifth fastest times recorded this season in the Mansfield area. Murtaugh's 9:40 at Loudonville is second, while Loudonville's Bill Gorrell has a 9:50 at home for fourth place.

The weekly team is picked from results of meets reported to The News Journal from Tuesday to Tuesday.

CROSS COUNTRY SUPER SQUAD Week ending Sept. 24
Pete Murtaugh, Ma-pleton, 9:36, Joe Dotson, Wynford, 9:41, Mike Reynolds, Madison, 9:50, Tim Bauer, Colonel Crawford, 9:55, John Galat, Lexington, 9:57
HONORABLE MENTION — Steve Lewis, Plymouth 10:01, Chris Dunlap, Wooster, 10:02, Kevin Smith, Hillsdale, 10:09, Herb Gregory, New London, 10:09, Mike Courtright, Plymouth, 10:09, Jeff Griffin, Crestview, 10:11, Mark Reed, Shelby, 10:12, Steve Cull, man Wynford, 10:12

Tygers Show Top Buckeye Kicking

One of the most improved areas on the Mansfield Senior High football team this season is the kicking game.

Leading all the Buckeye Conference schools after three non-conference games is Brian Garverick of Senior. His 43.7 average on 10 punts leads runnerup Kile Skelton of Sandusky, who is averaging 40.6 yards a punt.

Tyger Quarterback Barry Lawrence is second in passing with 261 net yards. His 19 of 42 gives him a 45.2 passing completion percentage, second only to Pat Belch of Fremont who is hitting on half of his tosses. John Vielhaber of Findlay is tops in yardage with 294 yards.

Fremont's John Williams leads all ball carriers with four touchdowns, 434 yards and a 7.6 average per carry. Tom Taylor of Senior is fourth with 281 yards and a 4.7 average

Williams are tied with Mike Peiffer of Findlay and Tom Shulski of Lorain Senior with six receptions. Baehrens has 86 yards and Williams 70.

The Tygers are third offensively and fourth on defense among Buckeye Conference schools. Senior has gained 762 yards in three games, 495 on the ground and 267 in the air. The Tygers rate second to Findlay's 310 yards passing

Mansfield's pass defense is tops among Buckeye schools, allowing only 94 yards. The Tygers have given up 346 total yards for an average of 115 yards per game

Schools outside the Buckeye Conference found it tough to score upon BC teams. Senior only allowed 15 points in three games, but five other Buckeye Conference schools have allowed less. Fremont hasn't allowed a point and the others are: Lorain Admiral King, 6; Lorain Senior, 7; Elyria, 14; Marion Harding, 14.

Mapleton Ace Tops In Points

Mapleton's Mark Newell is the area football scoring leader after three weekends of action.

The Mountie back has scored five touchdowns, but his lead comes on a run for two extra points.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AREA SCORING			
Player, School	TD	EP	Pts
Mark Newell, Mapl	5	2	32
Brad Perry, North	5	0	30
Garrett, Palsl	5	0	30
Mich Brwing, Loud	5	0	30
Jame McGraw, Clev	5	0	30
Bill Sharp, C Fork	5	0	30
Mike Stucky, Shel	4	4	24
Barry Lawrence, Mans	3	3	21
Jim Chapin, MI Gil	3	2	20
Randy Garra, SCent	3	2	20
Dave Riebel, BuckC	3	2	20
Jim Young, BRover	3	2	20
Rich McPek, MIGH	3	0	18
Jim Bagley, Mala	3	0	18
Jim Fowler, Ash	3	0	18
Rusty Gorda, Mapl	3	0	18
Mike Schrr, N Lond	3	0	18
Dean Harris, N Lond	3	0	18
Tim Shelly, BuckC	3	0	18
Dave Retley, Wyl	3	0	18
Gary Hunt, Ontar	3	0	18
Greg Howlid, Shel	2	4	16

CARDINAL CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT At Hickory Flats Teams Entered			
Ashland, Coshocton, Dover, Madison, Malabar, New Philadelphia, Wooster	1	1	1
LOUDONVILLE CROSS COUNTRY	1	1	1
COACH: Robert Donelson	1	1	1
Seniors—William Gorrell (x), Brad Derron (x), Steve Hannan	1	1	1
Juniors—Dave Gruver (x)	1	1	1
Sophomores—Donald Douglas, Steve Foster (x)	1	1	1
Freshman—Ricky Craig	1	1	1
(x—indicates letterman.)	1	1	1
SCHEDULE	1	1	1
Sept 28—Alaone Invitational	1	1	1
Oct 5—Ontario Invitational	1	1	1
Oct 8—at Fredericktown	1	1	1
Oct 15—Ontario	1	1	1
Oct 15—Johnny Appleseed Conference meet	1	1	1

Ontario Warriors Meet Lexington Minutemen

Ontario hosts the Lexington Minutemen in a neighborhood rivalry contest tomorrow highlighting Johnny Appleseed Conference football action.

It is a bit different this year than in past years. The Minutemen have yet to win a football game this season while the Warriors have two wins in three games.

The records, however, have little to do with Ontario Coach Roger Copeland's appraisal of the Minutemen.

"Lexington is not as bad as people think they are," he said. "We saw them last week against Crestline (Lexington lost, 14-13) and I think they are 100 per cent improved since their first game."

The Minutemen lost their first game to Malabar, 28-0, then lost again by the same score to West Jefferson one week later.

Lexington, however, lost 20 lettermen to graduation and starts only four seniors.

"They are a young team but they are playing much better ball as they gain experience," Copeland explained. "I think against Malabar, Lexington completed only two of

18 passes but you couldn't tell that against Crestline."

Minuteman Quarterback Bob Ryan completed seven of 15 passes for 121 yards and one touchdown and almost pulled out the victory.

Lucas High Vies In Road Contest

By Mike Etzkin

LUCAS — Strong pre-season favorite East Knox (2-1) hosts the Lucas Cubs in a Mid-Buckeye Conference Friday night.

Cub Coach Bill Nardo feels Lucas is ready to meet the team that took second in 1973 and returned almost an entire team.

"We are quite a bit bigger than they are but they have speed and quickness," Nardo said.

Lucas lost to two tough non-conference foes before facing the Mansfield Senior High reserves Friday. The Cubs beat the Tygers, 16-8.

The East Knox Bulldogs, who upended Seneca East, 14-8, last week, run the same offensive

and defensive formations as the Cubs.

"It will be like looking at ourselves," Nardo quipped. The Bulldogs run a 5-4 defense and wish-bone offense. The fullback is Jeff Buckingham, who usually gets the pitch from the option. East Knox is led in scoring by John Shriver with 14 points.

The Bulldogs are averaging 11.6 points per game on offense and 16.6 on defense, while the Cubs are scoring six points a game and allowing 21.

In other Mid-Buckeye games, Danville (0-2-1) is at Centerburg (2-0-1) and Columbus Academy plays a non-league tilt at Cincinnati Country Day Saturday.

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