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FOOTBALL

Team Standings Monocacy Valley Athletic League Piedmont Division

	Division				Overall			
Team	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Middletown	6	0	221	28	9	0	357	55
Linganore	5	1	241	69	8	1	358	134
Urbana	5	1	197	86	8	1	284	139
Oakdale	4	2	182	104	6	3	281	185
Tuscarora	2	4	102	204	5	4	192	245
TJ	1	5	107	215	4	5	227	268
Walkersville	1	5	72	215	2	7	170	280
Frederick	0	6	57	258	1	8	99	326

Antietam Division

	Division				Overall			
Team	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.Hagerstown	5	0	230	63	8	1	373	151
N. Hagerstown	4	1	214	76	6	3	280	159
Catoctin	4	1	174	104	6	3	280	195
Boonsboro	2	3	113	143	5	4	222	260
Brunswick	2	3	77	169	3	6	139	278
Williamsport	1	5	110	268	2	7	206	363
Smithsburg	0	5	71	166	1	8	145	239
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Chesapeake Division

	DIVISION				Overali			
Team	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.Carroll	6	0	255	75	8	1	333	144
Westminster	6	0	258	49	6	3	306	136
N.Carroll	4	2	142	179	7	2	246	231
M.Valley	3	3	124	137	5	4	196	196
Century	3	3	117	113	3	6	188	216
Liberty	1	5	127	184	2	7	179	295
Wint.Mill	1	5	85	188	1	8	123	336
FSK	0	6	120	253	1	8	178	337

Other Area Schools

Overall				
Team	W	L	PF	PA
SJCP	9	_1	353	140
Damascus	8	1	294	90
MSD	8	3	249	202
Individual Leaders				

Rushing Name, School Ray Gray, Urbana Seth Wagner, Brunswick Tarik Wallace, MSD Chase Washington, SJCP Jordan Herman, Catoctin Brad Rinehart, Midletown Justin Cooney, Linganore Shane Markward, Tuscarora Trae Harris, Walkersville Dante Butler, Linganore Jed Dannis, MSD Malik Boyd, Oakdale Crosby Winters, Oakdale Micah Anderson, Tuscarora Austin Latin, MSD Dallas Bowens, TJ Ryan Robertson, Walkersville Derek Wilson, Linganore Timmy Harrison, Brunswick Anthony Barber, Oakdale Brendan Carlson, Oakdale	201 90 127 119 93 131 91 53 94 104 100 90 196 77		6.5 8.3 5.0 6.5 10.9 5.8 4.9 5.1 5.6 6.3 6.3 6.5 5.3	TE 25 13 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
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Individual Leaders

Scoring				
Name, School	GP	G	Α	Pts
William Eskay, Urbana	18	26	12	64
Kenton Onspaugh, Oakdale	16	19	4	42
Brett LaBonte, Urbana	18	16	4	36
Austin Rose, SJCP	13	13	6	32
Abel Ameyaw, Frederick	16	12	8	32
Matt Yerardi, Oakdale	16	9	12	30
Justin Poole, Brunswick	16	10	9	29
Vaughn Phillips, Brunswick	16	12	4	28
Jacob Bickley, Frederick	16	10	6	26
Zach Hommey, Walkersville	14	9	4	22
Lorenzo Bolanos, Tuscarora	a 10	6	6	18
Zach Hossler, Brunswick	16	6	6	18
David Frederick, Walk.	14	5	6	16
Clay Smith, Middletown	16	6	4	16
Spencer Allgaier, Urbana	16	5	5	15
August Lopez, Oakdale	15	4	7	15
Lucas Tatem, Middletown	16	6	1	13

Goalkeeping Name, School	GP	GA	so	GPC
Brian Howell, Urbana	13	4	9	0.3
Dakota Harich, Oakdale	14	10	8	0.7
Evan DeGrouchy, Urban	a 4	3	1	0.8
Jacob Clements, Tusc.	8	9	3	1.0
Cooper Seigel, Brunswic	k 16	19	6	1.18
Mac Coulehan, SJCP	8	10	4	1.2
Nick Kubala, Catoctin	7	9	0	1.29
Taylor Kracher, Frederic	k 14	19	2	1.3
Nick Weinel, Linganore	14	21	3	1.50
Eric Reichelt, Middletow	n 16	26	0	1.6

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Averages (nine holes)	
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Steven Mikk, Urbana	41.0

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Brandon Axline, Brunswick	41.0
Jack Magerowski, TJ	41.2
Ryan Gilmartin, Linganore	41.4
Andrew Blockinger, Linganore	41.7
Mario Miller, Walkersville	41.8
Brent Wilkerson, Linganore	41.9
Ryan Shriver, TJ	42.0
Samantha Hudak, Walkersville	42.2
Shane Cleverly, Middletown	42.3
Ryan Gilmartin, Linganore	43.8

GIRLS SOCCER

Team Standings				Team Standings									
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l	Boonsboro	5	0	1	9	3	1	Century	6	1	0	13	3 4 3 4
l	Williamsport	4	1	0	9	4	1	North Carroll	5	2	Õ	11	3
l	N.Hagerstown	3	2	1	6	7	1	Manchester Val.	4	3	0	10	
l	Catoctin	3	3	Ö	5	6	1	Winters Mill	3	4	0	8	5
l	Brunswick2	2	2	2	8	3	•	South Carroll Liberty	1	5 6	0	4 5	5 9 9
l	Smithsburg	2	3	0	7	4	1	F. Scott Key	ò	7	ő	5	8
l	S.Hagerstown	0	6	0	0	8	0	Individual L					
Chesapeake Division						Scoring	ead	ers					
l	Team	W	L	T	w	L	т	Name, School			GP	G	A
	Century	6	Ō	i	11	2	i	Meg Stuart, Urba	na "		18		14
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Individual Leaders

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Name, School Annie Breen, SJCP Maggie Nelson, SJCP Montanna Hill, Linganore McKenzie McCaull, Ling. Katie Wareham, TJ Mary Pritts, Middletown Kate Ericksen, Frederick Katie Broadhurst, TJ Amirah Louketis, SJCP Elizabeth Coletti, Ling. Destiny Ferguson, TJ Jessica Shayuth, Walk. Marcella Fegler, Linganore Taylor Crum, Catoctin Tanner Bradley, Oakdale Hayley Crum, Catoctin Haley Dalphon, Mid. Anne Marshall, Oakdale Amber Albrecht, Oakdale Melanie Woods, Linganore	12 15 12 12 13	G 22 19 13 12 12 9 10 9 6 4 4 8 4 5 6 4 5 2 4 4	A 153334313910074131722	Pt: 55:44 29:22 22 22 22 11:11:11:11:11:11:11:11:11:11:11:11:11:

Goalkeeping				
Name, School	GP	GΑ	so	GPG
Jackie Pisarski, Oakdale	14	3	6	0.32
Rhianna Lapen, Ling.	12	7	7	0.61
Gabrielle Harrison, Tusc.	8	6	4	0.78
Christi LeBella, Oakdale	10	6	3	0.84
Kelsey Rhoderick, TJ	14	14	4	1.00
Natasja Hirabayashi, Urb	. 9	10	4	1.04
Elizabeth Hanner, Walk.	4	4	0	1.14
Maria Tartaglia, Mid.	12	12	4	1.17
Morgan Springer, Cat.	10	12	4	1.20
Katherine Moore, Tusc.	8	9	1	1.33
Christine Peifer, Walk.	10	15	2	1.50
Ally Wilson, Brunswick	10	16	3	1.60
Cierra Hensley, Frederick	16	29	3	1.81

Beth Ann Pierce, SJCP 17 45 2 2.50

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Brandon Axline, Brunswick	41.0
Jack Magerowski, TJ	41.2
Ryan Gilmartin, Linganore	41.4
Andrew Blockinger, Linganore	41.7
Mario Miller, Walkersville	41.8
Brent Wilkerson, Linganore	41.9
Ryan Shriver, TJ	42.0
Samantha Hudak, Walkersville	42.2
Shane Cleverly, Middletown	42.3

FIELD HOCKEY

Team Standi	ngs	
Monocacy League	Valley	Athletic

Team Urbana Linganore Walkersville Middletown Oakdale Tuscarora Catoctin T. Johnson Frederick Brunswick	W 9 8 6 5 4 4 3 3 1 1	L 0 1 3 4 4 5 6 6 7 8	T 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0	W 16 10 8 5 4 5 3 3 1	L 2 4 6 8 8 9 10 11 12	T 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0
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Scoring				
Name, School	GP	G	Α	Pts
Meg Stuart, Urbana	18	16	14	46
Elizabeth Pardo, Walk.	14	13	15	41
Bailey Tregoning, Ling.	12	17	6	40
Courfney Mellon, Urbana	18	15	8	38
Sarah Harshman, Walk.	14	14	1	29
Jen Shenk, Urbana	16	10	5	25
Sydney Cline, Linganore	12	10	4	24 22 21 19
Caely O'Donnell, Linganore	12	9	4	22
Mackenzie Ridgely, Ling.	12 17	9	3	21
Emily Mack, Urbana	1/	/	5	19
Emily Delauter, Middletown	13 12	8	3 5 2 3 7	18 17
Mackenzie Nalepa, Ling. Christina Marchetti, Urb.	18	2	3	13
Samantha Breeze, Mid.	13	5	1	11
Drew Ballow, Urbana	18	2	ż	11
Kristen Perret, Tuscarora	14	3	4	10
Hannah Robinson, Urbana	14	ž	5	.9
Kayln Robertshaw, Urbana	13	4	ŏ	9 8 7 7
Lexi Grimm, T. Johnson	6	3	Ĭ	7
Kim Habicht, Middletown	13	3	1	7
Noelle Chavez, Walk.	14	3	1	7
Katie Cowan, Middletown	12	3	1	7
Katie DeLorenzo, Oakdale Paige Alexander, Urbana	12	3	1	7
Paige Alexander, Urbana	16	2	3	7
Brooke Steinhoff, Urbana	17	3	1	7
Sarah Farmer, Urbana	17	2	2	6
Luisa Bowersox, Walk.	14	3	0	6
Sarah Ewin, Tuscarora	13	3	0	6
Katie Hicken, Oakdale	13	3	0	6
Jennifer DeSimone, Mid.	13 13	997873523243333323232333022	6	77777666666666666666666666666666666666
Laura Myers, Middletown	12	2	2	6
Megan Brain, Oakdale	12	_	_	О

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Goalkeeping Name, School	GP	GA	so	GAA
Becca Godwin, Urbana	8	5	4.5	0.62
Marissa Lee, Linganore	6	6	2.5	1.00
Jessica Wolf, Urbana	10	13	3.5	1.30
Melissa Semkiw, Oakdale	e 12	17	4	1.42
Emma Provost, Mid.	8.5	13	3	1.53
Michelle Weddle, Ling.	7	14	2.5	2.00
Sara Aberts, Walkersville	3.5	7	2	2.00
Bethany Mangold, Tusc.	14	35	4	2.50
Maia Harper, Walk.	9.5	29	5	3.05
Danielle Wood, Fred.	8.5	27	0	3.18
Jasmine Spring, Mid.	-	16	2	3.87

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Team Standings Monocacy Valley Athletic League **Piedmont Division**

	Division		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Tuscarora	7	0	13	2
Middletown	5	2	13	4
Linganore	5	2	12	4
Oakdale	5	2	12	4
Urbana	3	4	6	9
T. Johnson	2	5	3	12
Walkersville	1	6	1	14
Frederick	0	7	1	14

Antietam Division							
	Divi	sion	Overall				
Team	W	L	W	L			
N. Hagerstown Williamsport	6	0	13	2			
Williamsport	5	1	12	4			
Smithsburg	4	2	13	3			
Boonsboro	3	3	10	7			
Catoctin	2	4	6	9			
S. Hagerstown Brunswick	1	5	6	9			
Brunswick	0	6	4	12			

Chesapeake Division

	Divi	sion	Overall		
Team	W	L	W	L	
F. Scott Key	7	0	10	5	
Liberty	6	1	11	3	
Century	4	3	10	6	
South Carroll	4	3	7	8	
Winters Mill	4	3	8	8	
Westminster	2	5	4	12	
Manchester Val.	1	6	3	12	
North Carroll	0	7	0	14	
Other Schools					
Team		W	L		
Team St. John's MSD		12	1		
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Individual Leaders

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Name, School	GP	Kills	Avg.
Liz Twilley, Oakdale	63	320	5.08
Tessa Lewis, MSD	103	502	4.87
Keili Terry, SJCP	235	66	3.56
Emily Rabat, Middletown	68	227	3.39
Aubrey Ferrel, Tuscarora	53	142	2.68
Maddie Roat, Tuscarora	57	147	2.58
Erin Cornett, Brunswick	48	118	2.46
Abbie Harry, Oakdale	60	143	2.38
Amy Gust, New Life	79	187	2.37
Chloe Collins, Tuscarora	57	134	2.35
Grace Levering, Catoctin	56	122	2.18
Brooke Hayden, Linganore	49	105	2.14
Colleen Weant, Catoctin	52	111	2.13
Erika Pritchard, Middletown	65	136	2.09
Colleen Weant, Catoctin	56	115	2.05
Meghan Weeks, Frederick	47	96	2.04
Jenifer Barbot, Brunswick	43	87	2.02

Assists

Name, School	GP	Ast.	Avg
Londan Caliskan, Oakdale	62	485	7.82
Karin Schleimer, Linganore	49	356	7.27
Ysabel Weaver, Tuscarora	52	357	6.87
Madi Middeke, SJCP	66	395	5.98
Tori Bryant, New Life	78	464	5.95
Brooke Bonheyo, MSD	85	496	5.84
Kendall Cohagan, Frederick	45	233	5.18
Sarah Marlow, Catoctin	56	287	5.13
Sydney Bolyard, Walkersville	41	210	5.12
Sara Wenner, Middletown	68	333	4.89
Kristy Erfurdt, Catoctin	56	236	4.2

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CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Top Individuals

- 1. David Dorsey, Catoctin 2. Ben Freed. Thomas Johnson
- 3. Kevin Dorsev, Catoctin 4. Dan Beck, Linganore
- Brent Leber, Middletowr 6. Louis Levine, Thomas Johnson 7. Alex Paddison, Tuscarora
- Girls Top Individuals 1 Emily Mulhern Urbana 2. Charlotte Kowalk, Oakdale
- 3. Maria Carberry, Urbana
- 4. Hailey Johnson, Thomas Johnson 5. Claire DiBella, Oakdal
- 5. Abby Pinto, Thomas Johnson 6. Olivia Deyaert, Linganore

PIGSKIN POLL

■ The Maryland High School Football State Poll, in its 24th year, is based on a statewide voting by sports reporters. Schools are ranked by points received. The number in parenthesis reflects first-place votes. LW is last week's ranking. The rankings are compiled by Sheldon Shealer.

School	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.	This Week
1. DeMatha (12)	9-1	300	1	vs. Good Counsel
2. Gilman	7-2	283	2	vs. McDonogh
Eastern Christian	7-2	272	2	vs. Friendship (D.C.)
McDonogh	10-0	264	5	vs. Gilman
5. Middletown	9-0	260		vs. Oakdale
6. Old Mill	9-0	237	8	vs. Severna Park
7. Suitland	9-0	223	9	vs. Flowers
8. Gwynn Park	9-0	205	10	vs. Friendly
9. Urbana	8-1	199	11	vs. Linganore
Good Counsel	6-4	189	12	vs. DeMatha
Quince Orchard	8-1	172	4	vs. Wootton
12. Linganore	8-1	165	7	vs. Urbana
13. Meade	8-1	146	14	vs. Arundel
14. DuVal	8-1	141	17	vs. Laurel
Damascus	8-1	136	13	vs. Churchill
Patuxent	9-0	128	16	vs. Northern Calvert
17. Bullis	8-1	123	18	vs. Georgetown Prep
18. Broadneck	7-2	80	20	vs. Glen Burnie
Gaithersburg	8-1	67	22	
20. Arundel	7-2	51	24	vs. Meade
21. Glenelg	8-1	46	25	
22. Archbishop Spalding	7-3	41	23	vs. Calvert Hall
23. Huntingtown	8-1	34	NR	vs. La Plata
24. Northwest	7-2	30	NR	vs. Springbrook
25. Flowers	7-2	25	21	vs. Wise

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Dunbar (7-2, 18 points), River Hill (7-2, 18), Paint Branch (9-1, 13), Fort Hill (9-0, 10), St. Paul's (9-1, 6), South Carroll (8-1, 6), Archbishop Curley (9-1, 3), Riverdale Baptist (9-0, 3), Fallston (9-0, 1), Queen Anne's (8-1, 1).

SIMPLY THE BEST

■ Weekly News-Post Rankings					
Football	Boys Soccer	Volleyball	Boys C.C.		
 Middletown 	1. Úrbana	 Tuscarora 	1. ŤJ		
Linganore	Oakdale	Linganore	Catoctin		
3. Urbana	Brunswick	3. Oakdale	Linganore		
4. Oakdale	Tuscarora	Middletown	Ü		
Tuscarora		Field Hockey	Girls C.C.		
	Girls Soccer	1. Urbana	 Oakdale 		
Golf	 Linganore 	Linganore	Urbana		
 Urbana 	Middletown	Walkersville	Catoctin		
Middletown	Oakdale	4t. Middletown			
4. Oakdale 5. Tuscarora Golf 1. Urbana	4. Tuscarora Girls Soccer 1. Linganore 2. Middletown	4. Middletown Field Hockey 1. Urbana 2. Linganore 3. Walkersville	Girls C.C. 1. Oakdale 2. Urbana		

Walkersville 4. Urbana 4t. Oakdale The Frederick News-Post Rankings are compiled by the sports staff. Schools locat-

ed in Frederick County are eligible for the rankings. **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Coach told us to be the predator, and that's what we were."

 Oakdale boys soccer player Joe Gula, whose team enjoyed a breakout season this year. The Bears went 13-3-2, getting their first winning season and reachingthe Class 2A West Region championship match.

STAT OF THE WEEK

That's the number of points Middletown and Urbana scored in football victories last week.

Vikings

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and other regional powers for Washington Catholic Athletic Conference titles. The Cadets beat DeMatha in 1989, marking the last time they have won the WCAC championship, before the Stags turned the tables in the '91 title

"I thought they were going to build a statue of me (after the championship season)," Ricca said. "I was the hero. The team had only won one or two games during the three previous seasons. ... Then, we beat DeMatha and I was a genius for maybe two or three more

Toward the end of his largely successful 15-year run at St. John's (D.C.), Ricca wasn't seeing eye-toeve with the athletic administration and the pressure to win was becoming too intense.

So, he left to start the football program at St. John's Catholic Prep in 2002.

"It made my life much more enjoyable and probably a little bit longer," he said.

Ricca has an easy-going personality and is quick to laugh or make a witty comment. But, make no mistake, he is a firm football coach who is admittedly "old school." As the team addressed some procedural matters at the end of Wednesday's practice, the coach asked, "What's a smart phone?" A response was quickly shot back, "Something you don't have."

He may not care about being fancy, but he does care about winning. And the job he's done in building the Vikings to what they are today is not only impressive, it compares to what he accomplished at there lining up next to him.

St. John's (D.C.) in some ways.

Three years ago, amid a difficult Prep, Ricca was forced to cancel a game with Annapolis Area Christian because the Vikings didn't have enough linemen who were healthy and able to play. It's the only time he's had to call off a game in his coaching career.

"I hated to do it," he said. "I felt terrible for (Annapolis Christian) because we were causing them to lose a game. But, from a safety standpoint, it's what had to be done. I couldn't look my (player's parents) in the face otherwise. If those were my kids, I wouldn't want them out there playing. In fact, the father of my senior quarterback approached me and said, 'I am not letting my kid play behind that line."

Many of those same players have developed physically and are now pushing 200 pounds or more. Junior lineman Anthony Barzey is 230 pounds. Anthony Florimbio, also a part of the Vikings' big junior class, was the 148-pound starting center on that 2011 team. Now, he is doing that same job around 190 pounds.

We are still not real big," Ricca said. "But, at least, we are now able

to physically compete." Senior Grier Wilson has developed into one of the best receivers in Frederick County and, perhaps, the state. He has been a starter for the Vikings since the start of his freshman year in 2010. The Vikings went 5-5 that season in the better and deeper MIAA B Conference because their roster was dotted with talented players, like running back LaMont Wims, who was a senior at the time. Yet, Wilson was out

During the deflating 2011 season — six of the Vikings' seven losses 3-7 season for St. John's Catholic came with a running clock — Wilson was one of their only playmakers on offense. The Vikings, improbably, beat Friends School that season when Wilson pulled in a 50-vard touchdown pass as time expired.

The struggles of that season are part of what make this upcoming championship game "almost surreal" for Wilson. "It makes it so much more important that we capitalize on this opportunity," he said.

Wilson is accustomed to playing in MIAA C championship games in lacrosse, another sport he is gifted in and will likely play in college on the Division I level. But this won't be his first championship game for football, either.

"In eighth grade for the Urbana youth league, I had the game-winning touchdown (catch) with a minute left," he said. "It was like a movie."

On Oct. 25, the Vikings beat Pallotti, 26-20, at McCurdy Field when sophomore quarterback Bryce Johnson scored on a 1-yard dive with a little more than 2 minutes remaining. The Vikings won despite one of their best players, Trevor Lecuona, not playing. Lecuona will be back on the field for this game, but that doesn't necessarily make St. John's the favorite.

Pallotti has dominated most of their meetings, including a 49-0 win in the season opener last year.

"It would be so special for our kids" to lift the trophy, Ricca said. "They have worked so hard for it. I have done it before. I know how special it is to win a championship. I'd enjoy this one tremendously."