## SPORTS

## HighSchoolHangout



## PIGSKIN POLL




| School | Rec |  | Pvs. | This Week |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1. DeMatha (12) } \\ & \text { 2. Gilman } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9-1 \\ 7-2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \\ & 283 \\ & 283 \end{aligned}$ |  | vs. M |
| Eastern Christian |  | 272 |  | vs. Friendship (D.C) |
| McDonogh | - ${ }_{9}^{10-0}$ | ${ }^{264}$ |  | vs. Gilman |
| Middole | 9-0 | ${ }_{23}^{260}$ |  | vs. Oakdale ${ }_{\text {de }}$ Severk |
| Suitland | 9-0 | 223 |  | vs |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grbana | ${ }_{6}^{8-1}$ | 199 | 11 | vs. Li |
| Quince |  |  |  |  |
| Linganore | 8 -1 | 165 | 7 | vs. Urbana |
| Mea | $8-1$ | 146 | 14 | vs. Arund |
| Duval | 8 8- | 141 | 17 | vs. Laure |
| Dama | 8 8-1 | -136 | 13 |  |
| 16. ${ }^{\text {ditux }}$ | 9-0 | ${ }^{28}$ | 18 | vs. North |
| oad | $7-2$ |  | 20 | vs. Glen |
|  | 8 -1 |  | 22 | vs. Paint Branch |
|  | \%-2 | 51 |  | vs. Mea |
| enelg | ${ }_{7-3}^{8-1}$ | ${ }_{41}^{46}$ | ${ }_{23}^{25}$ | vs. Atho |
| ntingtown | 8 8-1 | 34 | NR | vs. La |
|  |  | 30 | NR | vs. Springb |
| Flowers | 7-2 | 25 | 21 | vs. Wis |


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## Weekly News-Post Rankings

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Middletown | 1. Urbana | 1. Tuscarora |  |
| 2. Linganore | 2. Oakdale | 2. Linganore | 2. Catoctin |
| 3. Urbana | 3. Brunswick | 3. Oakdale | 3. Linganore |
| 4. Oakdale | 4. Tuscarora | 4. Middletown |  |
| 5. Tuscarora |  | Field Hockey | Girls |
|  | Girls Soccer | 1. Urbana | 1. Oakdale |
| Golf | 1. Linganore | 2. Linganore | 2. Urbana |
| 1. Urbana | 2. Middletown | 3. Walkersville | 3. Catoctin |
| 2. Middletown | 3. Oakdale | 4t. Middletown |  |
| 3. Walkersville | 4. Urbana | 4t. Oakdale |  |

[^0]STAT OF THE WEEK That's the number of points
Middletown and Urbana score in football victories last week.

## Vikings

(Continued from B-1) and other regional powers for Wash ence titles. The Cadets beat DeMatha in 1989, marking the last time they have won the WCAC championship, before the Stags game.
"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-to-
eye 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 Pre "It made my life much mor 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 mis 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 beins ning. And the job he's done in build ing the Vikings to what they ar today is not only impressive, it com

St. John's (D.C.) in some ways Three years ago, amid a difficult

During the deflating 2011 seaso 7 season for St. John's Catholic Prep, Ricca was forced to cancel a ame with Annapolis Area Christ- son was one of their only playma an because the Vikings didn't have abs on offense. The Vikings, improb nough linemen who were healthy son when Wilson pulled in at seahe's had to call off the only time touchdown pass as time expired. coaching career of a game in his The struggles of that season are "I hated to do it", he said. "I felt part of what make this upcoming terrible for (Annapolis Christian) championship game "almost surre because we were causing them to more important that we capitalize lose a game., But, from a safety on this opportunity," he said.
tandpoint, it's what had to be done. couldn't look my (player's parents) Wilson is accustomed to playin in the face otherwise. If those were lacrosse, another sport he is gifted my kids, I wouldn't want them out in and will likely play in college on here playing. In fact, the father of the Division I level. But this won't my senior quarterback approached be his first championship game for
me and said, 'I am not letting my football either kid play behind that line." football, either.
Many of those same players "In eighth grade for the Urbana have developed physically and are youth league, I had the game-win now pushing 200 pounds or more. minute left," he said. "It was like a 230 pounds. Anthony Florimbio, movie.
also a part of the Vikings' big jun- On Oct. 25, the Vikings beat or class, was the 148 -pound start- Pallotti, 26-20, at McCurdy Field ing center on that 2011 team. Now, when sophomore quarterback 90 doing that same job around
"We are still not real big" Picca aid. "But, at least, we are, Ricca o physically compete."
$\qquad$ Frederick of the best receivers the state. He has been a starter for favorit
he Vikings since the start of his Pallotti has dominated most freshman year in 2010. The Vikings their meetings, including a 49-0 win went $5-5$ that season in the better in the season opener last year. because their roster was dotted kids" to lift the trophy, Ricca said with talented players, like running "They have worked so hard for it. I back LaMont Wims, who was a sen- have done it before. I know how spepares to what he accomplished at there lining up next to him. $\quad$ enjoy this one tremendously,


[^0]:    QUOTE OF THE WEEK
    "What we were."
    Quen.

    - Oakdale boys soccer player Joe Gula, whose Bears went 13-3-2, getting their first winning season and reachingthe Class 2A West Regio

