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Kennett High football team is off to a 1-1 start in Division II play this fall. The Eagles beat Inter-Lakes 38-0 on Sept. 26, but fell 21-20 to Plymouth on Saturday night. KHS is scheduled to travel to play Belmont-Gilford (2-0) on Saturday. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

Kennett football should be in the Division 2 title hunt

BY LLOYD JONES THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — Off to a 1-1 start following a tough 21-20 loss at home on Senior Night last Saturday at Gary Millen Stadium, it's back to work this week for members of the Kennett High football. The Eagles have the potential to be one of the top teams in Division II this fall but with an abbreviated schedule, just five regular-season games, the margin for error is a lot smaller.

Plymouth came from behind with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to erase a 20-7 Kennett lead on Saturday in a contest the Eagles dominated for most of the first three quarters. The offense looked crisp with three first-half touchdown passes from Parker Coleman to Cole Salyards, while the defense was aggressive and the Bobcats had no answer for Evan Koroski, who had three sacks on Plymouth's first eight offensive snaps.

"We had them for three quarters," said Vaughn Beckwith, Eagles' head coach, "I said at halftime if we can score one more time it's over, but we never scored again, and Plymouth, to its credit, won the turnover battle 3-0. Turnovers in the fourth quarter really hurt us and put us in a tough spot."

He added: "We played with intensity, played physical and did all the things we needed to do to win but fell just one point short. We made a few more mistakes than Plymouth and they capitalized on us miscues. We've got to show some grit now."

"I reminded the boys after the game, last year, Plymouth lost its first game of the season and after they lost to us were 2-2 and they regrouped to reach the state championship game. A lot can be taken from what they did. We can see a path but we know we've got a lot of work ahead."

Kennett, which went 7-3 last year and hosted a playoff game, losing to 49-21 to eventual champs Hollis-Brookline, lost 11 seniors — Russell Chick, Jack Wheeler, Braeden Bailey, Malik Memia, Austin Parker, Ethan Ouellette, Jackson Ogren and captains Dom Jones, Justin Olson, Will Eaton, and Trevor LaRusso — to graduation last June.

There are 54 boys out for the team (13 seniors, 13 juniors, 16 sophomores and 11 freshmen),including seniors Ethan Baillargeon, Noah Barrows, Evan Dascoulias, Parker Coleman, Atticus Fayle, Gaven Gagne, Bobby Graustein, Kyle Perry, Cole Salyards, Braden Santuccio, Mason Smith, Thomas Troon and

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Kennett field hockey reloads for another title run

By LLOYD JONES THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY - With an abbreviated preseason and regular-season schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plus plenty of new faces on the roster, it would be easy to think that the Kennett High field hockey team might not be in the hunt for a state championship this year. Anyone thinking that will be easily mistaken as the Eagles are off to a 6-0 start and are only going to get better according to Coach Cassie Daley.

The hometown flock, which will play eight instead of 14 regular-season games due to the virus, opened its season with a 2-1 victory at home at Centolla Field on Sept. 18; and then followed that up with a 2-1 win at Plymouth on Sept. 21; a then a 1-0 win at home against the Bobcats Sept. 23; a 5-0 win at Winnisquam on Sept. 30; a 5-2 win at Berlin on Saturday; and a thrilling 3-2 victory over rival Kingswood under the lights in Wolfeboro on Tuesday night.

As of Wednesday, Kennett sat atop the Division II standings with Lebanon (5-0), lone undefeated teams in 18-school league.

Due to the virus, it's meant a later start to the season, an abbreviated schedule and a lot shorter bus rides. The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association is also making this a fall with an open tournament, meaning everyone gets into the tournament.

The host Knights took the lead in the first quarter (this year, due to the virus, the state is playing four quarters instead of two halves), but the Eagles drew level on a Maddie Stewart goal in the second period. Kennett



The Kennett High field hockey team sits atop the Division II standings as one of two undefeated teams at 6-0. The Eagles are scheduled to host rival Kingswood on Thursday at 4 p.m. in their third and final regular-season game. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

took the lead in the third frame on a pair of goals from Kathryn Hawkes.

Kingswood netted a goal in the fourth quarter, but the KHS defense held strong to leave town with the win.

"The fact that we're here and are playing is already a win for us," Daley said earlier I'm the season. "We've had to do a lot of extra things in order to play like screening and sanitizing at the end of practices, and while it takes away from practice time, we've got it down to a science now, it's become a part of the daily routine."

In a normal season, Daley and her team usually get in 20 practices before

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the first game, but in this anything but a normal year, the Eagles had just eight practices to prep for Berlin.

"It feels like we're so far behind, but everyone is in the same boat," Daley said.

Kennett, which went 12-2 last season and fell 1-0 at home to Merrimack Valley in the Division II quarterfinals last fall, lost seven seniors

Eva Drummond, Natalie Shaw, Faith Downing, Josie Phaneuf, Glennys Chambers, C.J. MacDonald and goalie Hannah Frittenberg - to graduation in June.

Shaw, who was going to play for Bridgewater State University this fall

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Although it was a short regular season with just five matches, the Kennett High golf team was happy to be able to get onto the links at all this fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)



Season 'was quick' for the Eagles

BY LLOYD JONES

CONWAY — It was quick, but at least the Kennett High golf team was able to get out onto the links this fall for a few matches due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eagles, the defending Division II state champs, played just five regular-season matches over a 20-day period.

Due to the virus, it's meant a later start to the season, an abbreviated schedule and a lot shorter bus rides. The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association having an open tournament, meaning everyone gets into the tournament.

"I think we're all just grateful that we were able to get in a season, even it was a short one due to the late start," Coach Ed Bradley said.

He added with a smile, "It was quick."

Kennett won its first state team title in the sport last fall without having to hit a drive or sink a putt.

The championships were scheduled to be held at Beaver Meadow Country Club in Concord, but the first nor'easter of the fall curtailed the championships, awarding the title to the top team in the standings during the season.

Kennett and Hollis-Brookline both went 22-3 during the regular season with the Eagles securing the top spot by virtue of a head-to-head victory over the Cavaliers.

The Eagles lost 11 seniors to graduation in Jeremiah Brito, Gage Drew, Evan Eldridge, Riley Fletcher, Connor Glavin, Brady King, Gabe Mohla, Cole Rogers, Owen Strout, Connor Tofflemoyer and Mile Woodbury

Members of this year's team are seniors Colby Hall and Brady Shaw; juniors Ava DiFranco, Cassidy Krieger, Griffin McAuliffe and Spencer Ogren; sophomores Gabriel Brochu, Ben Dougherty, Mac-Cary Kelsch and Thomas Rosenboom; and freshmen Quinn Barber, Caiden Graves, Haden Leavitt, Nathaniel Lynn, Aiden Perry and Peter Rogers.

Hall is the team's captain.

"Colby is an amazing kid," Bradley said. "He's been an incredible captain."

He added: "We're young and are rebuilding."

Kennett's home match at the North Conway County Club on Oct. 1, saw rival Kingswood take top honors with a team score of 97, followed by St. Thomas, 105, and the Eagles, 112.

"Ben probably had the best round of his high school career and tied for the medalist," Bradley said.

KHS wrapped up the regular season on Monday in Wolfeboro, falling to Kingswood. Hall was the medalist on the day with a 36, while Dougherty shot a 38.

Krieger played in the New Hampshire Girls State Championship in Salem on Saturday, finishing sixth overall in the medal division, shooting a 52 for nine holes at the Campbell's Scottish Highlands Golf Club in a field of 22 golfers.

Mary Croteau, a freshman at Londonderry High, shot a 43 to win the division.

Kennett will play in the team state tournament in Keene on Oct. 15. Playing for the Eagles will be Hall, Dougherty, Ogren, Shaw and McAuliffe.

The top golfers from the team tourney will earn their way into the New Hampshire Boys State Championship on Oct. 17 at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord.

"Hopefully, Colby and Ben will get in," Bradley said, adding, "If they do, they each have a real shot at winning it."

In a rebuild, Bradley offered a path for his younger player to improve.

"Join the New Hampshire Golf Association and play in some tournaments. Guys on last year's team played every day that summer. You need to get out and just play to work on your games. Golf is a funny game because it's just you out there and what you put into it is what you'll get out. It's not like soccer where you can be good at one thing like passing. In golf, you need a complete game and a good mental approach."

Bradley again had help from assistant Coach Steve Piotrow.

"Steve is really an amazing guy," Bradley said. "He comes up with some great ideas for games to help the kids work on their games."

Bradley added: "We want to thank all of the local courses for being so supportive to us. Kevin Walker and the folks at the North Conway Country Club, our home course, have been terrific. And, the Valley Originals have been good to us once again. We really appreciate all of the support."



Kennett High girls' soccer team seniors (from left) Nicole Lockhart, Grace Ruddy, Camden Capozzoli and Lia Anzaldi were recognized prior to the opening match on Sept. 19 for their commitment and dedication to the program over the past four years. The Eagles beat Berlin 3-1 to cap off a fine Senior Day. (LLOYD JONES PHOTO)

KHS girls soccer improves to 5-2

BY LLOYD JONES THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — The Kennett High girls' soccer team has found the road to its liking, notching four wins during a four-match two-week stretch away from Eagles' Way.

The Eagles returned from Meredith Sept. 29 with a 3-1 victory over Inter-Lakes; on Thursday with a 4-0 victory in Bristol over Newfound; beat Berlin 3-1 in Monday after a trip through the foliage in Pinkham Notch and weathered high winds, rain and thunder delays to score four second-half goals to win under the lights 4-0 at rival Kingswood.

The wins lifted Kennett to 5-2 on the season and

into seventh place in the Division II standings.

The Eagles earned a regular-season sweep of the local derby with Berlin, having won the first meeting 3-1 in Conway on Sept. 19. This time, was a little different. It was the Mountaineers who scored first, but KHS didn't get rattled.

"Berlin, maybe fueled by the earlier loss, came out a little stronger than we did," Coach Ron Krieger said Tuesday.

The Mountaineers took the lead in the first half when KHS goalie Sam Habert-Jaques came off her line to clear a ball, struck it off a Berlin player and

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There is plenty of depth on this year's Kennett High girls' cross-country running team. The Eagles have won both of their meets thus far this season while battling through several injuries. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

KHS harriers are off and running; girls are undefeated

By LLOYD JONES THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — The Kennett High cross-country team is off and running. The boys and girls have been impressive in their 2020 debut with solid results at Berlin High on Sept. 25 and in the annual Kennett Invitational, run last Saturday on the picturesque fields at the Kennett Middle School in Conway Village.

"I'm so happy for us to be back and to be able to do this," Bernie Livingston, Eagles' head coach, said at Saturday's lone home meet where the team hosted Berlin, Gorham, Kingswood, and Plymouth in what will be the largest meet of the regular season.

Livingston, the dean of coaches at KHS and the lone three-sport coach, said things are different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are daily health screenings for the Eagles with temperature checks and questionnaires along with the need to social distance whenever possible.

"We're following all of the protocols," Livingston said. "We're being as safe as possible."

He added: "It was great to get in that first meet in Berlin. We hadn't run up there in 20 years because the meet is usually held at Great Glen Trails" as the

two schools have traditionally opened their season there in early September, but that meet was canceled for this year.

"We weren't able to have a real track season, so it's really been since the end of the indoor track that we've been able to compete," Livingston said. "It's nice to get back in the saddle and start running.'

Usually, Livingston likes to have four weeks of the preseason before the first meet. This year, the Eagles had three weeks of optional practices prior to the start of school followed by two more weeks after classes started.

There are 12 boys on the squad.

Seniors on this year's team are Cody Hamlin. Devon Hamlin, TJ Lash, Boone Mixer-Bailey, Dominick Perry, Logan Violette and Caleb White; junior Tristen Smith and sophomores Ben Biche, Devon Glackin, Adam Schmidt and Eli Schor.

There are no freshmen out for the team his fall. There are 20 girls out for cross-country this season: seniors include Dylan Derby, Shannon Derby, Kameryn Dockham, Maya Gove, Celia Lynn and Sierra Parsons; juniors are Amy Burton, Abby Desmarais, Taylor Garland and Grace Perley; soph-

omores are McKayla Dockham, Kaylee McLellan, Mara Taylor and Lauren Vilotte; and freshmen Molly Dellavalla, Eliah Feil, Grace Liebenow, Catherine Shackford, Autumn Verran and Rylie Walker.

Team captains for the girls are Kameryn Dockham, the Derby sisters, Lynn and Parsons, while the boys will be led by Mixer-Bailey, Violet and White.

"All of our captains have been working hard," Livingston said. "We have very good leadership from this group."

Last Saturday, the Kennett girls took top honors on the day in the five-school meet, placing three girls in the top 7, to best Kingswood, Plymouth, Berlin and Gorham.

The Kingswood boys edged Berlin by a point for team honors, while Kennett was third followed by Plymouth and Gorham.

"We were missing seven kids who were unable to run due to various injuries," Livingston said. "Sierra Parsons was the only one of our five captains (Kameryn Dockham, the Shannon and Dylan Derby and Celia Lynn) for the girls who were able to race

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The Kennett High volleyball team has had some close matches in early-season play. The Eagles (0-5) are scheduled to travel to Wolfeboro today to play rival Kingswood at 5:30 p.m. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

KHS is happy to be on the court

BY LLOYD JONES

CONWAY — The Kennett High volleyball team is happy to be on the court and playing. With the COVID-19 pandemic, it looked like there would be no serves, rallies and spikes because the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association listed football and volleyball as two of the most highrisk sports.

Due to the virus, it's meant a later start to the season, an abbreviated schedule and a lot shorter bus rides. The NHIAA is also making this a fall with an open tournament, meaning everyone gets into the tournament.

Craig Bartolomei is back in his second year at the varsity head coach, while Angela Acone returns for her second season in the program as the junior varsity coach.

Bartolomei wants to do is to grow the game. While there is not a direct feeder program at Kennett Middle School, he has been introducing the sport to grade-school student-athletes in the valley, giving them a first-hand look at how it's played.

KHS lost just two seniors to graduation last June in Shaelyn Camille and Audrey Orsino along with foreign exchange student Vladislava (Lada) Anashkina from Italy via Russia.

There are 24 girls on the team this year including seniors Brianna Boynton, Amirah Daugherty, Shauna Hacking, Jaden Judge, Hannah Marx, Sierra McManus, Amelia Monteiro, Arianna Ponte-Rodriguez and Alexis Smith; junior Jocelyn Henry; sophomores Grace Acone, Angelina Adams, Lilliana Bergen, Olivia Arias, Karina Knapp, Ceili Mahoney, Cassandra Nigro, Lagan Tatarczuk and Lillian Whitney; and freshmen Carmen Adams, Kylie Jacobs-Carr and Stella Keeler.

Boynton, an outside hitter, was selected as team captain.

Bartolomei has 13 girls on the varsity squad.

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Kennett boys soccer has a new look with Coach Clark

BY LLOYD JONES THE CONWAY DAILY SUN

CONWAY — The Kennett High boys' soccer team is off to a 2-3 start but are showing signs of constant improvement and will look to a regular in the win column in its final six matches of season.

A short preseason and an abbreviated schedule can't take the smiles off the faces of the Kennett High boys' soccer team. The Eagles are happy to be able to play the beautiful game amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are new faces on the Kennett coaching staff, but the names will very recognizable to anyone who has followed the local booters over the years. Camden Clark is the new head coach of the hometown flock.

Clark, a graduate from Richmond International Soccer Academy in Leeds, England, is the first Kennett High alumni to coach the varsity squad. He was a three-year starter in goal for the Eagles and earned All-State Honorable Mention laurels his senior year in 2014.

Clark was a fortress as the last line of resistance in net for KHS when it pulled off a first-round upset of No. 3 seed Trinity in a 1-0 playoff win in 2014. It was the No. 14 seeded Eagles' first playoff win since 1996.

"I've had a blast," Clark said by phone Friday. "I'm happy we're playing because for a while I wasn't sure it would happen. The boys are happy to be playing and seem to be adjusting to my coaching style."

Kennett is 2-3 in Division II after dropping a home-and-home tilt with Plymouth, falling 3-2 in a thriller at home on Sept. 22, and 2-0 loss in the Bobcats' den on Sept. 24, but scored a 3-0 victory at Moultonbrough Acad-



The Kennett High boys' soccer team is looking to create a new identity under new head Coach Camden Clark (left). The Eagles are scheduled to travel to Wolfeboro to play rival Kingswood under the lights on turf today (7 p.m.). (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

emy in Moultonborough on Friday; then lost a hard-fought 2-1 contest at home to Berlin on Monday in which Clark thought his troops played some of their best soccer of the season, and beat rival Kingswood 2-0 in the rain at home on Wednesday.

Kennett went 3-13 last year under then Coach Dave Hart, who guided the program for seven seasons, including seeing the Eagles receive the Division II sportsmanship award last fall.

Kennett lost nine seniors in Santiago Ciro, Cole Bradley, Calder Mazel, Matt Synnott, Ishaan Wenger, Jimmy McCarthy, Jackson Gordon, Snoden Schmitt and Reilly Murphy to graduation last June.

Joining Clark on the coaching staff is Reid Clark, his brother, who has

taken over the reins of the junior varsity program. A fellow KHS alum (Class of 2013), Clark was the team manager of Lasell College mens' soccer team in Newton, Mass.

Suiting up for the varsity this fall are seniors Colby Eastwood, Riley Hayes, Bryce Hill, Matt Nordwick, Dalton Petell and Aidan Sherlock; juniors Ansel Barclay, Ethan Clay-Storm, Jack Cryan, Audrey Narducci, Liam Narducci, Ty Montowski and Cole Siefer; sophomore Willem Badger, Brigham Bettencourt and Alex Clark; and freshman Robbie Murphy.

Eastwood, Hayes and Nordwick have been selected as the team captains of the what will be a15-member core group according to Clark.

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the standards up in the preseason," he said. "I saw all three have a passion for the sport which I like to see."

There are 16 boys on the JV roster, including juniors Cooper Houde and Ty Poliquin; sophomores Finn Bradley, Jackson Burke, Aidan Colbath, Jacob Infringer, William Metz, Carver Petell, and freshmen Sebastian Brochu, Liam Chesley, Gabriel Freedman, Martin Lockhart, Tyler McCluskey, Levi Schaub and Micah White.

Clark said the transition to a variety of coronavirus safety measures has not been too difficult.

"It's not too hard," he said. "We do the screening forms, take temperatures and disinfect equipment at the

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it took a fortuitous bounce to another Mountie who tucked the ball into the open net.

Trailing 1-0, Krieger praised his captains Lia Anzaldi and Katie Brooks, "who delivered a positive halftime talk" to their teammates.

At the break Krieger drew up a play where he felt the Eagles could capitalize on their possession skills on the right flank. They did just that and within 30 seconds of the second-half were level at 1-1. Ivy Zipf supplied a perfect cross to freshman Aida Wheat, who scored in her fourth straight match.

"Sometimes your players can make you look like a genius," Krieger said, laughing.

Berlin nearly quickly recaptured the lead, but Habert-Jaques was a fortress in net.

"Three or four minutes after we scored, Sam made the best save of her goalie career," Krieger said.

It was the combination of Zipf to Wheat again that proved to be the match-winning goal, but Wheat returned the favor later by turning into the playmaker to assist on Zipf's goal.

The KHS junior varsity team remained undefeated on the season with a 6-1 win.

Kennett will wrap up its week hosting Kingswood for a 4 p.m. match today. At Inter-Lakes (1-1-1 in Division



The Kennett High girls soccer team is off to a 5-2 start this season. The Eagles won four matches in a row on the road. KHS is scheduled to host rival Kingswood today at 4 p.m. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

III), Krieger continued to see growth in his young side as the Eagles went with a new formation against the Lakers, and it paid off.

Wheat struck for a brace with two goals, including one, according to Krieger, "from a perfectly weighted ball" from Zipf.

Krebs also found the back of the old onion bag sticking from a corner kick. The Eagles were dangerous all afternoon from set-pieces.

"Shannon (Abrams), Sam (Habert-Jaques) and Bryn (Fayle) had some great touches and combination play up front," Krieger said. "And our D — Katie (Brooks), Emily (Kenny), Lia (Anzaldi), Ashley (Garside) and Grace (Ruddy) — was stout once again with great shape and balance that allowed us to build up our possession from the back to forward."

Krieger is carrying 19 girls on the varsity squad in seniors Lia Anzaldi, Camden Capozzoli, Nicole Lockhart and Grace Ruddy; juniors Katherine Brooks, Sam Habert-Jaques, Emily Kenny and Isabelle Murray; sophomores Shannon Abrams, Jocelyn Anzaldi, Elizabeth Blair, Marissa Caputo, Bryn Fayle, Ashley Garside, Carli Krebs and Ginger Priestman, and freshmen Kendall Krieger, Lilla Synnott, Aida Wheat and Ivy Zipf.

Amelya Saras, a 2015 KHS graduate and an alumnus of the soccer program, is the junior varsity coach this fall.

There are a few girls on the varsity who will also play JV, but starting the season on the reserve squad are juniors Emma Arnold and Eve Paglierani; and freshmen Kayla Erwin, Sophia Odell, Hannah Norris-Parsons, Olivia Scott and Alisha Smart.



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Outside hitters with Boynton are Keeler, Marx and Ponte-Rodriguez; middle hitters are Arias, Henry, Judge and Monteiro; Daugherty is a hitter; setters are Knapp and McManus; Smith is the defensive specialist and Hacking is the team's libero.

The libero is a player specialized in defensive skills: the libero must wear a contrasting jersey color from his or her teammates and cannot block or attack the ball when it is entirely above net height. When the ball is not in play, the libero can replace any back-row player, without prior notice to the officials.

Like last year, Bartolomei says the key to the season is the same.

"If we receive well, I think we'll play well," he said. "I think we'll be able to serve at a consistent level; receiving will be the key."

Kennett is off to an 0-5 start in Division III. The Eagles fell 3-0 at home to Plymouth on Sept. 21; at Plymouth on Sept. 23; at Farmington on Sept. 28; and 3-0 in the Peter Ames Gymnasium against Moultonborough Academy on Friday.

Friday was Senior Night for the hometown flock as Brianna Boynton, Amirah Daugherty, Shauna Hacking, Jaden Judge, Hannah Marx, Sierra McManus, Amelia Monteiro, Arianna Ponte-Rodriguez and Alexis Smith along with family members were introduced at center court and recognized for their commitment and dedication to the program over the years.

The match with the visiting Panthers was a nailbiter that could easily have gone Kennett's way. The visitors won the games 25-16, 29-27 and 25-20.

"I thought we were equally matched," Bartolomei said. "We just made too many service errors especially early in set 2 where we could have taken a decent lead to even the match up."

Kennett, behind some solid serves from Hacking and Judge trailed 12-11 in the first set when the Panthers went on an 8-1 run to open up breathing room. The Eagles were able to close to 22-16 but the guests scored the next three points to take the opener.

The second set was a see-saw affair with 12 lead changes. KHS got strong serving from Hacking and Boynton, while the also was strong a the net with Henry in the middle, recording several huge blocks.

"I thought Jozelyn Henry was the best player on the court," Bartolomei said. "She came up with many key blocks. She can be an intimidating force when she is on and she was on. I love to see that as a former middle blocker myself."

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Kennett High senior Shauna Hacking serves against Moultonborough Academy last Friday. (LLOYD JONES PHOTO)

It was a Henry block that knotted the score at 22-22, and the hometown flock scored the next two points following great rallies but was unable to close out the set. The Panthers tied the game at 24, but a Henry spike gave the Eagles set-point again, but it wasn't to be. Tied at 27-27, the Panthers took the lead after a long rally and then served a winner for the set.

Kennett was scheduled to travel to Wolfeboro on on Thursday to play Kingswood (results not known). After facing the Knights, the Eagles will have four more regular-season matches: hosting Belmont (0-7) on Wednesday (5:30 p.m); at Belmont on Oct. 16 (6:15 p.m.); at Inter-lakes on Oct. 20 (5:15 p.m.); and hosting Inter-Lakes on Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

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end of each practice. It sounds a lot worse than it is." Clark is stressing fitness for the Eagles.

"When we get into the 60th or 70th minute I want our team to be the most fit," he said.

Clark spoke about the style of play he hopes KHS will embody.

"I bring a very European fast style geared around fitness," he explained. "The more physical we can play, the less teams are going to want to play us. An example of that is if you go to make a tackle, don't just stick your leg out hoping to get the ball. If you can cleanly make the tackle commit to it completely."

The Eagles will play a 4-1-2-3 formation but will be able to adjust to a 4-2-3 if it fits the team's needs.

Aubrey Narducci is the team's goalie with Cryan, Nordwick, Murphy and Eastwood on defense while Hayes, Montowski and Sherlock are in the center of midfield with Clark and Clay-Storm on the outside and Badger and Hill playing up front.

Clark and his Eagles have talked about goals.

"They're not too big," he said. "We want to win games, and if we don't win, we want our opponents to know that nothing was easy for them, that we put up a fight to the end. My goal is for the boys to play strong soccer."

Coach Clark was happy to get the first win in the book at Moultonborough.

"It wasn't the prettiest of wins, we could have finished a little better, but at the end of the day, I'm happy for us to get the first win," Clark said by phone Sunday. "We did a lot of things well, but the boys will agree we have a lot of room for improvement."

In Moultonborough, the Eagles carried the play against the host Panthers (0-1 in Division IV). Kennett led 1-0 at the half and tacked on two second-half goals.

Riley Hayes scored on a penalty-kick in the second half, while Ethan Clay-Storm also netted a goal.

Coach Clark said Alex Clark and Hayes were solid in midfield for the Eagles.

"Our defense played great, too," he said.

Aubrey Narducci and Aiden Colbath combined in goal for the shutout for the Eagles.

Kennett is scheduled to wrap up a three-match week with a return engagement with Kingswood today under the lights on turf in Wolfeboro at 7 p.m.

KHS is slated to return to the friendly confines atop of Eagles' Way on Tuesday for 4 p.m. match against Belmont (2-2-1 in Division III).



Kennett High's Alex Clark goes airborne after a tackle with a Kingswood defender during Wednesday's 2-0 home win over the Knights. The two teams are scheduled to meet again today (7 p.m.) under the lights in Wolfeboro on the turf. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)





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There are 11 boys out for Kennett High cross-country running this fall. The Eagles finished second in their opening meet at Berlin on Sept. 25, and were third overall at home in the Kennett Invitational on Saturday where every boy ran a season-best time. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)

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on Saturday.'

He added: "Of those who ran, we had nine people set personal-bests on this course. Everyone was at least a minute faster than last week at Berlin. We had people improve their times by anywhere from a minute to 3 minutes. In a normal year, we run seven races in the regular season and this would have been our fifth, but instead, it's only our second race. No one is complaining. We all feel very fortunate that we're able to train and race at all."

Plymouth freshman Addison England won the 5K varsity girls' race in 20:53. C. Day of Kingswood was second in 21:30 and joined on the podium by Kennett junior Amy Burton, who was third in 21:47.

Fellow junior Grace Perley was fourth in 21:54, while sophomore Kaylee McLellan, who Livingston called "Miss Steady," was sixth in 22:14, followed by freshman Catherine Shackford, 10th, 23:51; freshman Molly DellaValla, 11th, 24:21; junior Taylor Garland, 14th, 24:38; and freshman Rylie Walker, 18th, 25:02.

For the boys, Brody Day edged teammate Brayden Landry by a second for the top spot in 18:11. C. Arsenault of Kingswood rounded out the top 3 in 18:34. Junior Tristen Smith was Kennett's top finisher,

placing fifth overall in 18:48. He was followed by senior TJ Lash, eighth, 19:30; senior Boone Mixer-Bailey, 13th, 19:51; senior Dominick Perry, 14th, 20:13; sophomore Devon Glackin, 19th, 20:37; sophomore Adam Schmidt, 22, 21:39; and senior Caleb White, 27th, 22:41.

A combined, not for a placing, boys and girls junior varsity race capped off the day with Eli Schor finishing in 23:50, followed by Autumn Verran, 24:35; Cody Hamlin, 24:40; Abby Desmarais, 25:17; Sierra Parsons, 25:34; Lauren Violette, 25:55; Deon Hamlin, 26:24; Grace Liebenow, 26:39; Eliah Feil, 26:45; and Maya Gove, 27:22.

Following the meet, the Eagles held their annual senior appreciation, recognizing seniors Cody Hamlin, Devon Hamlin, TJ Lash, Boone Mixer-Bailey, Dominick Perry, Logan Violette and Caleb White for the boys and Dylan Derby, Shannon Derby, Kameryn Dockham, Maya Gove, Celia Lynn and Sierra Parsons for the girls.

"I was really happy with how things went," Livingston said.

Kennett is scheduled to race again this Friday with a head-to-head meet against the Bobcats in Plymouth at 4 p.m.

"It's a hilly course, but a good course," said Livingston, adding, "I like it."



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but the season was canceled, is a volunteer coach for the Eagles this fall.

The Eagles have reached the Final Four in four out of the last five years.

Daley is currently carrying 18 girls on the varsity squad in seniors Tatum Brett, Mckenzie Carr, Ella Chandler, Jaelin Cummings, Livy Curry, Amber Grant, Kathryn Hawkes, Elizabeth Koroski and Maddie Stewart; juniors Molly Arnold, Veronica Carboni, Caroline Coleman, Taylor Gaudette and Lily Orth; sophomore Tessa Capozzoli; and freshmen Ava Gaudette, Eliza Graustein and Allie Hussey.

There is almost an entirely new group of starters on defense for Kennett this fall with only Chandler returning to anchor the unit.

"We've always had a really strong defense, and to have to rebuild in eight days has been a little tough, but we've had girls step up," Daley said.

The Eagles have a new goalie in Graustein, who according to Daley, "wants to learn, has been working hard, but it's a big jump from middle school to the varsity level."

She added: "Because we have such a young group, we really need to stress the importance of communication. We're getting better at that every day."

In front of Graustein on defense are Chandler, Ava Gaudette, who Daley said, "is coming into her own" as a talented and smart defender, Grant, Arnold and Orth.

"Amber, Molly and Lily all have different talents which we've been able to utilize," Daley said. "The nice thing is we have a lot of versatile players. We have a great sub line this year."

Chandler and fellow senior Stewart, who is less than a year removed from knee surgery, are this year's captains. The team will also have an honorary captain for each match. The honoree does not have to be a senior, it can be someone who stood out for their play in a match or did something special at practice.

"We want it to be a special honor," said Daley.

Stewart, who is one of the top players in the state, will headline a group of talented midfielders.

"Maddie looks like she hasn't missed a beat," Daley said. "You wouldn't know she had surgery last fall."

Also, playing in midfield are Carr, Carboni and Taylor Gaudette, while Brett will play on the right side and Curry is in the left flank.

Hussey will see action in midfield and on defense, where Daley hopes she'll transition into the role of



Kennett High sophomore Tessa Capozzoli dribbles towards goal against Kingswood in Wolfeboro on Tuesday night. The Eagles topped the Knights 3-2. (LISA EASTWOOD PHOTO)

the team's defensive midfielder.

Forwards include Hawkes, Cummings, Coleman and Capozzoli, who has scored in each match this season.

"Tessa has been playing lights out," Daley said. "She is an ice hockey player who reminds me a lot of Kate McPherson (who went on to play field hockey at Plymouth State University)."

Meghan Bretton, a 2010 Kennett graduate, is the junior varsity coach this fall. She has 16 girls on her roster: juniors Arielle Butterfield, Brynne Gove and Jordan Meir; sophomores Leah Alkalay, Morgan Carr, Grace Gagne, Sydney Graziano, Vivian Rober-Carpenter and Remi Snowden; and freshmen Georgia Coleman, Aubrie Cormer, Nora Goodman, Sophia Hanson, Allie Lash, Kendall Shackford and Madison Walcott.

Kennett is scheduled back in action this Thursday when Kingswood comes to town at 4 p.m.

Daley likes her team.

"All of these girls are amazing," she said. "They are all committed to working hard and being the best teammates they can be."

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Troon and Heath Woodward; juniors Camden Bailey, Tanner Bennett, Connor Bunker, Remmy Chaput, Walker Coughlan, Hunter Daggett, Cody Eastman, TJ Holland, Alex Johnson, Isaiah Scharnowske, Colin Sheldon; sophomores Sawyer Battles, Sean Carrier, Jordan Egers, Austin Hatch, Joe Hebert, Brady Hooper, Evan Koroski, Trevor Larson, Elijah Littlefield, Noah Nowell, Cooper Santuccio, Traevon Spurlock, Kyle Stearns and Cole Westover; and freshmen Albert Bunker, Moss Dakota, Dominic Drew, Lincoln Garland, Brandon Grieb, Ryan MacDonald, Brody Nagle, Killian McPherson, Zach Moore, Tavon Porter, Sam Treshinsky and Tyler Walcott.

The hometown flock opened the fall in impressive fashion with a 38-0 victory over Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough in Center Harbor on Sept. 26. Kennett scored on its first five possessions and six of seven in the opening half to put the contest away early. While putting up 38 points in the first half, the KHS defense also looked dominant, holding the Lakers without a first down over the first 24 minutes.

Coleman, who has six touchdown passes through the first two weeks, threw three against the Lakers, connecting on a 17-yard strike to Perry, a 12-yard toss to Fayle and a 35-yard touchdown pass to Salyards, while Bennett ran for two scores and Koroski added the other TD on the ground.

For much of the summer, it looked like football might not happen this fall. The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association had deemed football and indoor volleyball as the two most at-risk sports going into the school. The Eagles, behind a solid, phased in re-entry program crafted by Athletic Trainer Colby Locke of Mountain Center Physical Therapy and Athletic Director Neal Weaver, took the safest path to return and it's paying dividends.

"We look at every day as a gift," said Beckwith. "I think the NHIAA made some good smart decisions and Colby wrote all of the phased protocols and he and Neal were able to fine-tune it. Every day we get in is one more than we thought we would six months ago."

Joining Beckwith, who will handle offensive coordinator duties, on the staff are many familiar faces. Todd Giles is in his second year as the defensive coordinator for the Kennett varsity.

Two former Kennett standouts — Nick Graziano and Nate Arnold — are made their high school coaching debuts last year and are back in the fold. Graziano is the junior varsity coach, while Arnold handles freshman coaching reins, while the lone newcomer, but certainly not new to Kennett football, is 1991 alumnus Harley Lowd, who will serve as an assistant varsity coach

Andy Pepin and Chris Bailey are also volunteer coaches for the program, While Kelley Jon Scruggs, is back on the sidelines as the team manager.

The players voted and the coaches added their input on who this year's captains are seniors Coleman and Santuccio.

The offense has had no trouble putting points on the board. It's led by Coleman, who is in his third year as the starting quarterback. Bailey is the backup after leading the JV team last year.

"Parker is primed to have a big year," said Beckwith. "His confidence continues to grow."

Four of five starters return up front on the offensive line with Stearns at center; Santuccio and Eastman are at guard and Graustein and Woodward at the tackle spots where Holland is also expected to see action

Gagne, Baillargeon and Robitaille are a tight-end, while Seavey may play there, too.

Perry will play the "Z" spot with Salyards as the "A" while Bennett, Barrows and Koroski are running backs.

Fayle, know as "House," with play the "X" along with Scharnowske and Dascoulis, who's is also the team's kicker.

"We have a lot of skill in the running and passing game," Beckwith said. "I'm hoping we'll be able to put a lot of stress on teams.

The Kennett defense may be as deep as it's been in years. Playing the line are Graustein and Santuccio and Koroski at defensive end, while Woodward, Eastman, Holland, Stearns and Hatch will play defensive tackle.

Gagne, Perry, Bennett and Koroski form a more than capable linebacking crew.

"We have a lot of experience in out front eight," Beckwith said.

Dascoulias, Barrows and Scharnowske will be the cover corners while Salyards is at strong safety.

Beckwith is upbeat about his team.

"We could have an exciting season," he said, "but we've also got to understand that we need to take things one game at a time. We could get a call from a team saying they can't play (due to the coronavirus), but we're cautiously optimistic that we'll be able to get the whole season in."



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Kennett High honored its 13 seniors (from left) Gaven Gagne, Mason Smith, Bobby Graustein, Heath Woodward, Braden Santuccio, Kyle Perry, Evan Dascoulias, Noah Barrows, Ethan Baillargeon, Thomas Troon, Atticus Fayle, Cole Salyards and Parker Coleman on this year's football team on Senior High on Saturday for their commitment and dedication to the program. (LLOYD JONES PHOTO)



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