

CROSS COUNTRY

Girl sophomores, boy juniors, lead Tide

By Jack Miller
Sports Editor

It was off to the races as the Edgerton High School cross country team kicked off its season this week.

The Crimson Tide started their season on Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Brodhead Invitational, where five Tider runners collected top-10 finishes en route to the boy's team finishing fourth and the girl's team placing second.

"The goal today was to simply get a race in the books and a feel for some competition other than our teammates at practice," head coach Adam Gould said.

For the girls, sophomores MaeAnna Stockel (22:44), Ashley Kosmicki (22:59) and Chloe Bublitz (24:01) finished fourth, sixth and 10th respectively at the 27-runner event. The trios' performance helped boost the girl's team to their best

finish at the race since 2012. Senior Holly Salimes (25:38), junior Jordan Troeger (26:00) and senior Kaitlin Severson (26:29) crossed the finished line one after the other, with 19th, 20th and 21st finishes.

Freshman Kylie Cornett finished sixth at the JV meet with a 26:27.

For the boys it was juniors Trevor Wilkinson (18:08) and Ryen Hazzard (18:37) pacing the pack, with third and fifth place finishes, respectively. The boy's team finished fourth, but needed to cut just six points to place third.

Junior Hunter Seblom (22:01), senior Nick Rusch (22:17) and sophomores Matthew McCue (23:06) and Camryn Hurda (23:56) rounded out the rest of the boy's varsity runners.

Junior Andrew Hansen (22:16), sophomore Wes Salimes (22:32) and freshman Logan Reilly (23:52) all

finished top ten in the JV meet.

Four days later on Monday, Aug. 27, the Crimson Tide competed in the Bruess Invitational, with the boys finishing ninth in the 16-team invite, while the girls placed sixth at the 3,600 meter race held in Monroe.

Stockel once again led the girls, with a 19th place finish, clocking in at 16:33. Kosmicki (17:21), Bublitz (18:18), Holly Salimes (18:41) and Troeger (19:14) finished 28th, 44th, 47th, and 55th, respectively.

Freshman Ruby Schieldt, who is also competing on the Edgerton swim team, finished first at the JV meet.

"Ruby was very impressive running away with the JV individual title with a time that would have come close to placing her in the varsity run," Gould said.

Schieldt clocked in at 16:50, finishing 40 seconds sooner than the second

place runner (17:33).

For the boys, it was once again the one-two punch of Wilkinson and Hazzard. This time it was Hazzard placing first amongst Tide runners, clocking in at 13:07, good for sixth place. Wilkinson finished soon after at 16th, with a time of 13:31.

Hansen made the jump from the JV to the varsity team, finishing third on the squad and placing 74th overall with a time of 16:00. Seblom (16:13), Wes Salimes (16:34), Rusch (17:14) and sophomore Elliot Radtke (19:39) finished 74th, 76th, 80th, 88th and 94th, respectively.

The meet was cut to 3,600 meters due to the heat and humidity.

Next up for the Tider runners will be the Cam-Rock Park Invite on Thursday, Aug. 30, which will be held at Cam-Rock Park No.2.

BOY'S SOCCER

Tronnes puts on show as Tidlers drop two games

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Senior goalie Ryan Tronnes did just about all he could.

Tronnes saved a combined 39 shots in the Crimson Tide's first two games this season, but the Edgerton High School boy's soccer team was defeated by Beloit Memorial and Fort Atkinson a combined 8-0 to start the year.

The Crimson Tide's first game was on Tuesday, Aug. 21, which was a 5-0 road loss to Beloit Memorial.

The Purple Knights netted two first half-goals, then in the second half, added three more scores to their lead, while also stifling the Edgerton offense.

"Possession was the key to this game, and we just didn't have it," head coach Dean Wanless said.

Tronnes was busy, collecting 15 saves, while only letting five goals through, good for 75.0 save percentage.

Sophomores Ismael Diaz Jr. and Quinn Kotnour each notched shots on goals for the Crimson Tide.

On Thursday, Edgerton was defeated by Fort Atkinson 3-0 in the Tide's home-opener.

Edgerton controlled possession well for the first 20 minutes, but after a score from the Black-hawks in the 26th minute, the wheels came off for the Tidlers.

"One of the things we have to do is work on your endurance," Wanless said. "I think that's playing a key role in our possession.

I think when the kids get tired, it puts a little bit of a mental strain on them and they start to make sloppy mistakes."

"When they're fresh and the game starts, it looks really good. It's when we start to get a little tired that we start to come apart."

Fort Atkinson then added a goal late in the first half (44th minute) and then put the game away with a third goal in the 59th minute.

All three of the Black-hawks' goals came off headers.

The Tide's 3-0 defeat could have been much worse if it was not for Tronnes' 24 saves.

"His performance last night [Thursday] was up there with some of the best I've seen," Wanless said. "I'm looking forward to some other games that I think he's probably going to top that this season."

Offensively for Edgerton, Diaz Jr. finished the contest with four shots, with one being on target.

"The main thing is that they [Fort Atkinson] keyed up on Ismael," Wanless said. "He was double teamed and sometimes they would even have three on him. We talked about when he has the ball other people are open. We have to take advantage of them keying up on him."

Edgerton was scheduled to play Lake Mills Tuesday, Aug. 28, but it was cancelled due to weather conditions. The Tidlers' next game will be a home match Aug. 30 against Janesville Parker at Edgerton.

GIRL'S TENNIS

Tennis takes one loss, gains one win

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The Edgerton High School girl's tennis team split a pair of dual matches this week, improving their overall record to 7-4 on the season.

The Crimson started out the week with a 5-2 dual win over Watertown Luther Prep Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Edgerton High School tennis courts.

Junior Kelsey Lien dominated at the No.1

singles spot, earning a 6-1, 6-1 victory. Senior Cameron Gould and sophomore Kylee Houfe earned victories at the No.3 and No.4 singles spots, respectively.

Gould squeezed her win 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (0), while Houfe comfortably won 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles action, Edgerton's No.1 pair of junior Taylor Shaw and senior Maddie Laskowski earned a 6-4, 6-2 victory. The Crimson Tide dropped the No.2 doubles match, but triumphed at the No.3

spot, with seniors Rebecca Reeves and Karina Camper picking up a 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 win.

The Tide played in another dual match on Monday, Aug. 25, with the team falling 6-1 to East Troy.

Once again, Lien shined at the No.1 singles spot, earning a convincing 6-4, 6-2 victory. After starting the season 0-3, Lien has won eight straight matches.

Houfe was the only Tider to take her match to three sets. Houfe lost 6-4, 2-6, 9-11.

According to head coach Eric Nuenthel, the weather conditions played a role in the Crimson Tide's struggles.

"The wind was a big factor today, we are not experienced enough to counter the wind," Nuenthel said.

Edgerton was scheduled to have a quadrangular on Aug. 24 with Columbus, Lake Mills and Portage, but it was cancelled due to weather.

The Crimson Tide will look to build on their early season success with a match Thursday, Aug. 30, versus Big Foot at the Edgerton High School tennis courts.

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