

# MATER DEI

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Braundmeier scampered down the left sideline on a QB keeper into the endzone but a flag negated that play. Undaunted, the signal caller laced a pass to Loepker who streaked in from sixteen yards out. 27-yard zip after another boot from Cox. Mater Dei's final score came with 3 minutes left in the quarter, when Braundmeier took a snap and raced 35 yards straight up the middle to the endzone. Cox's kick was true, and Mater Dei had its final points of the game. The fourth period saw the MD reserves get valuable playing time, as everyone got into some action.

Braundmeier was 5-8 for 97 passing yards, as Foppe, Kreke, Loepker and Jayce Napovanice each caught at least one pass.

Napovanice also led the team in rushing with 95 yards on 20 carries, while Braundmeier added 90, Drake Rensing 14, and Foppe 7.

Kreke was a monster on defense, recording 17 tackles, including two sacks. Collin McCray had 11 tackles, Reed Timmermann 6, Kyler Schuchman 5, Brayden Buehne 5, Brett Buehne 5, Trey Gerdes 4, Tyler Jasper 4, and Foppe 3. Unsung heroes, the Mater Dei offensive line, protected Braundmeier in the pocket, and opened huge hole for Napovanice, Foppe, Braundmeier and the other backs the whole afternoon.

Now, Mater Dei travels to Mt. Carmel on Saturday afternoon for the last contest of the season.

# VACCINE

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The blood clots were reported in six women aged 18-48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination, according to the CDC. More than 6.8 million Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses have been administered across the country thus far.

Those who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should contact their health care provider, according to the CDC and FDA release.

The state also said in a news release that the "vast majority" of vaccines being administered in Illinois were developed by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech. Of the allocation for this week, only 17,000 doses were Johnson & Johnson. For next week, the state said it expects to receive 483,720 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine, of which 5,800 doses are expected to be Johnson & Johnson.

"IDPH has notified all Illinois COVID-19 providers throughout the state to discontinue use of the J&J vaccine at this time," the department said in a news release. "In order to keep appointments, IDPH is strongly advising providers to use Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines."

Gov. JB Pritzker received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine on March 24 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

On Monday night, his office reported that a member of his staff tested positive for COVID-19 during routine testing. The staff member was not in close contact with the governor, according to a statement from his spokesperson.

The staff member had recently received a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and any close contacts are being instructed to quarantine, according to the spokesperson.

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# Mater Dei Girls Remain Unbeaten, Wesclin Falls to 2-10

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Mater Dei Lady Knights whipped Granite City and Freeburg last week to remain undefeated at 7-0, and Coach Chad Rakers' team is yet to lose a single game on the season, let alone a match.

MD whipped Granite 25-12 and 25-5, with Tori Molesky and Kenadi Barriger each blasting seven kills. Sally Albers added 5, and Riley Kleber 3, while Jessie Timmermann was credited with 23 assists in the match.

Against a very good Freeburg team, the Knights prevailed 25-18 in each game. Molesky had 9 kills, Myah Helmkamp 6, and Albers 3 in that match, while Molesky, Emily Johnson and Timmermann each

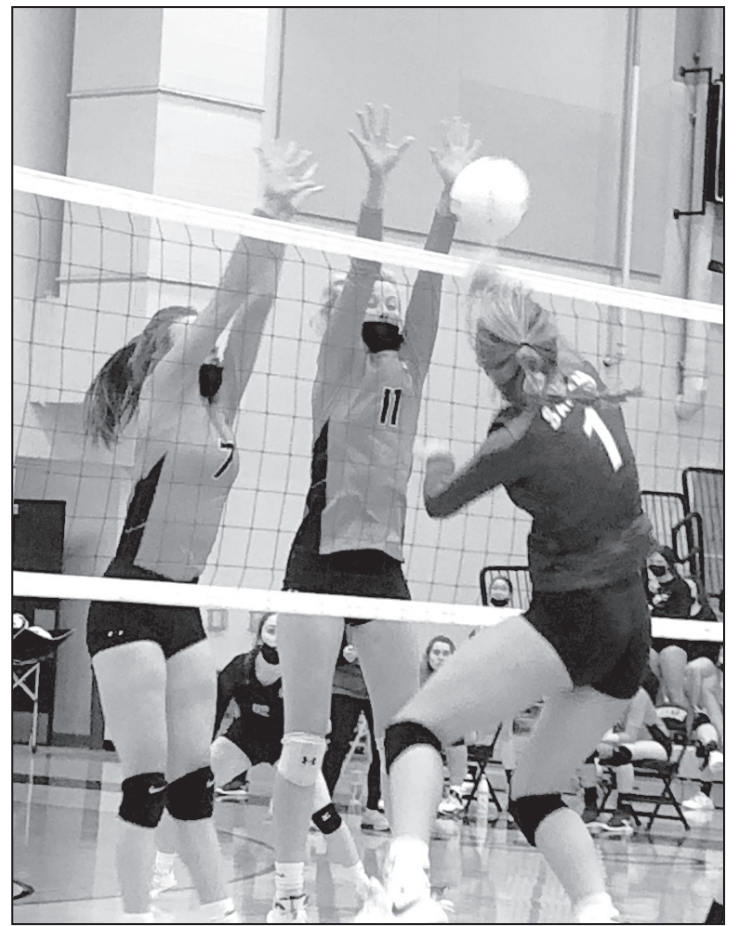
had ten successful serves. Timmermann notched 25 assists.

Mater Dei faces a stern test against the undefeated Centralia Orphan Annie's, then another Battle of Breese matchup with crosstown rival Breese Central on Thursday night.

The Wesclin Lady Warriors Volleyball team fell to 2-10 on the season, losing to Sparta and Salem last week in High School action.

The Wesclin team has three matches this week, facing Chester, Carlyle and Columbia.

Hailey Rakers and Emily Ottensmeier leap to block Salem hitter in Wesclin Volleyball action. Photo by Larry Thoeming



# Clinton County Boys Soccer

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The Wesclin Warriors Soccer team improved to 6-2 on the season after a 4-0 win over Lebanon and an 8-1 romp over the Roxana Shells. Wesclin Goalie Brady Kuhl had just the one shot get past him with his solid work in net.

Against Lebanon, the Warriors scored three times

in the first half, then added a single goal in the second to record the victory. Carson Spaulding booted two goals, and single goals were scored by Christian Gonzalez and Erin Klein.

Gonzalez exploded for three goals and three assists in the Roxana game, with single tallies booted by Everett LaCaze, Spaulding, and Justin Weihe, while Evan Wessel was credited

with a pair of goals.

The Warriors close out their season with games against Carlyle, Breese Central, and Carlyle again, the latter a Saturday afternoon affair at the Indians field. Meanwhile, the Mater Dei Knights saw their record go to 7-2-1 as MD beat Fr. McGivney 1-0, then lost to Collinsville by a 2-1 count. Large school powerhouse

Collinsville improved to a lofty 11-2 record with that win.

Quin Rackers netted the lone goal against Fr. McGivney, while Ethan Deerkhake scored the goal against the Kahoks.

The Knights play Freeburg, Lebanon, Altamont, and Highland this week to close out their season.

**PRINCIPAL'S PAT ON THE BACK** - New Baden Elementary staff members nominate each month a student from each class for a Pat on the Back award from NBE principal Jamey Rahm. One student is selected from the group as the Student of the Month. Gwen Santel (see picture below) is the March student of the month. Here are the Pat on the Back winners, front row, from left, Rhiley Drees, Soren Ingrim, Lakshmi Gonzalez, Emma Thole; back row, Paisley Dontigney, Daphne Petroski, Emily Wittenstrom, Riess Athmer, and Mackenzie Krausz.



**NBE STUDENT OF THE MONTH** - (Pictured left) Gwen Santel is the March student of the month at New Baden, Elementary. Gwen is a third grader in Mrs. Becker's class. She is the daughter of Travis and Sara Santel of New Baden.

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