



# ZEPHYRHILLS SPORTS

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## Wesley Chapel staves of comeback bid by Zephyrhills



Zephyrhills forward Jimmy Mcauley takes a jump shot in the lane while Wesley Chapel's Mehki Fraser reaches up for the block. **STEVE LEE**

*Young Bulldogs continue to struggle with inconsistent play in a 55-52 loss to the Wildcats*

By **STEVE LEE**  
Sports Reporter

The season openers for Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel were markedly different with the Bulldogs defeating River Ridge and the Wildcats losing to Freedom. Since then, however, the fortunes of both basketball teams have taken different paths.

Zephyrhills has three losses since then, coming up short against defending district champion Land O' Lakes, Fivay and Wesley Chapel. The Bulldogs were edge by one point in the Fivay game and made a late comeback bid against the Wildcats, only to lose 55-52.

Zephyrhills coach Mike Novak, who has repeatedly alluded to inconsistency from a young team lacking varsity experience, witnessed a bit more consistency on the court at Wesley Chapel.

"It's a young group, but they're learning," said Novak, who is in his fifth season as the Zephyrhills head coach. "It's a lot of young

kids. They're trying."

On the other hand, Wesley Chapel got a win against Sports Leadership & Management of Tampa before the game against Zephyrhills gave the Wildcats a modest two-game winning streak.

"Our guys are getting better," said Marvin Gray, a former assistant at Fivay who in the offseason replaced longtime Wesley Chapel coach Doug Greseth. "They're coming along. They're trying to put the team ahead of themselves."

Wesley Chapel took an early 21-10 lead against Zephyrhills. The Wildcats had an explosive first quarter and despite being outscored 17-12 in the second quarter they still were able to maintain a 33-27 lead at halftime. That pattern continued in the second half with Wesley Chapel outscoring Zephyrhills 13-9 in the third before the Bulldogs rallied for a 16-9 advantage in the fourth.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Sam Lowe, a senior guard who scored a game-high 23 points. It did not take long for the Wesley Chapel captain to make his mark either. He got a steal and a layup for the first basket of the game and quickly followed up with back-to-back 3-point shots and although Wesley Chapel only led 10-3 at that point the home team never trailed.

"He plays hard," Gray said.

Like Lowe, the coach said this year's group, which includes 11

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Zephyrhills defender Isabella Negrete and Wiregrass Ranch forward Riley Olney scramble for a loose ball. **STEVE LEE**

## Bulls gore Bulldogs in 8-0 shutout win

*Undefeated Wiregrass Ranch and winless Zephyrhills are on opposite ends of the spectrum*

By **STEVE LEE**  
Sports Reporter

One high school girls soccer team came into last week's game at Wiregrass Ranch without a loss while the other was seeking its first win of the season. Those early trends continued with the host Bulls dominating the Bulldogs in an 8-0 win.

By keeping its unbeaten record intact, Wiregrass Ranch improved to 6-0-1, which includes a scoreless tie with Tampa Catholic and five shutouts. The Bulls are coming off a 19-2-1 season that included a district title and region semifinal appearance.

Meanwhile, struggling Zephyrhills fell to 0-2, a dubious mark that includes an 8-0 road loss to River Ridge in the season opener. The Bulldogs were 3-15 last season and did not get their first win until the seventh game.

"The past four games we have come out really slow, but (against Zephyrhills) something clicked," said Wiregrass Ranch coach Avery Walker, who replaced longtime coach Edwin Costa in mid-season last year. "I think they all started just to come together more."

In a rare occurrence, the eight-run mercy rule resulted in the game being called at halftime. The Bulls actually scored their eighth goal, a penalty kick by Kayla Ojeda, to clinch it in the 38th minute, two minutes before halftime, but the game must go to at least a half for it to count.

Emily Erker, a sophomore forward, wasted little time getting the home team on the scoreboard. She drilled a low shot into the right corner for her seventh goal of the season in the second minute of the game and a few minutes later got an assist when she set up Aiya Harrell's goal.

Erker, who had just three goals last season, has become the Bulls' offensive leader with seven goals and 17 points.

"I'm a lot more confident," Erker said. "My touch got a lot better and I control the ball a lot better. I like scoring."

Zephyrhills coach Katie Jeffcott noted that her team was not able to overcome that early deficit.

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## Zephyrhills lifter Aguilera breaks fourth school record

*Senior Madison Aguilera capped off a solid performance by the girls weightlifting team at conference*

By **ANDY WARRENER**  
Sports Reporter

The 2019-20 season was the zenith for the girls weightlifting program at Zephyrhills. Yet, if the mid-season conference meet hosted by the Bulldogs last Wednesday was any indication, they are chasing last season's high water mark and gaining. The Bulldogs won several individual conference titles but ultimately fell shy of defending state champion and perennial powerhouse Sunlake. Sunlake senior Madison Guincho, competing in the 129-pound weight class, bench pressed 185 pounds on Wednesday, breaking the conference record. The Bulldogs had some fireworks of their own.

"We set the goal for second today and we got it," Bulldog head coach Joe Rinaldo said. "We established ourselves today."

The fitting finale to the meet was senior Madison Aguilera stepping onto the platform to take her clean-and-jerk lifts. Aguilera is an elite clean-and-jerk lifter and is traditionally the last to take her lifts. She lined up and on her third attempt, hoisted 165 pounds up and over her head as her teammates cheered. The lift clinched not just the 139-pound conference title but it set the now fourth school record.

Aguilera now holds the Zephyrhills school record in four different weight classes - the 129-class record of 140 pounds, the now 139-class record of 165, the 154-class record of 185 set her junior year and oh, she broke the 169-class record earlier this season.

"This was the first meet with fans back attending," Aguilera



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Senior weightlifter Madison Aguilera hugs her teammates after claiming her fourth school record.

**ANDY WARRENER**





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## The benefits of organic agriculture

Modern consumers have more choices than ever before. Whether they're buying appliances, books, clothing, or any of the myriad necessities of daily life, consumers have a wealth of products to choose from.

An abundance of options also is available at the grocery store. That's especially true in the produce aisle, where many stores have expanded their fresh fruit and vegetable offerings. That expansion reflects a growing preference among consumers for fresh products, including fresh produce. A 2018 report from the market research firm IRI and the Food Marketing Institute found that sales of fresh foods comprised just under 31 percent of food industry sales in 2017.

Customers who prefer fresh fruits and vegetables to frozen alternatives may wonder if they should be even more selective when purchasing their favorite foods in the produce aisle. That decision may come down to whether or not to purchase organic produce.

Organic produce can be significantly more expensive than non-organic fruits and vegetables, so it's understandable if budget-conscious consumers cannot afford to go entirely organic. However, it's important that consumers recognize the many ways that organic agriculture is having a positive impact on the health of humans and the planet they call home.

- Organic produce reduces exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. UC Davis Health notes that organic produce has been proven to reduce consumers' exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. That's a significant benefit, as pesticide exposure has been shown to lead to neurodevelopmental issues and has been linked to higher cancer risk. Consumers shopping on budgets can pick and choose which organic foods they purchase, as UC Davis Health notes that certain foods have been shown to have higher pesticide residues than others. Apples, celery, grapes, spinach, strawberries, and tomatoes have high levels of pesticide residues,



so choosing organic versions of these foods may be a wise choice. Avocados, broccoli, cabbage, and cantaloupe are some of the foods that typically have low levels of pesticide residue.

- Organic agriculture reduces environmental degradation. The Organic Trade Association notes that synthetic pesticides and fertilizers used on some conventional farms can deplete the soil of valuable nutrients and increase environmental degradation. Organic farmers do not use such pesticides or fertilizers, instead utilizing such practices as composting, cover cropping and crop rotation, each of which can have positive, long-term effects on soil quality.

- Organic agriculture benefits local wildlife. A 2015 study from researchers in Argentina that was published in the journal Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment found that small mammals were more abundant around organic farms than conventional farms. That's not just good for those mammals, but also the farmers, as small mammals can feed on insects that would otherwise adversely affect crops.

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Above: Timothy Ali, who scored 15 points in Wesley Chapel's win, goes up for a baseline shot in a crowd of Zephyrhills defenders.



Left: Wesley Chapel's Sam Lowe, who scored a game-high 23 points, takes a shot with Zephyrhills' Gavyn Dorsey reaching out to make a block.

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Right: Jimmy Mcauley is announced as a starter for the Bulldogs.

Below: Tommy Houlihan, a Wesley Chapel guard, is watched by Zephyrhills' Marc Dortch.

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Below: Sam Lowe, a senior forward and captain for the Wildcats, snares a rebound. He scored 23 points, which included a pair of steals and layups as well as three 3-pointers.

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seniors, aims to improve on last year's record and make a deep playoff run. The Wildcats were district runners-up last season and lost in the region quarterfinals.

Aside from Lowe, Wesley Chapel got 15 points from Timothy Ali, a senior forward. While Lowe and Ali were the only Wildcats to score in double figures they got significant contributions from Tommy Houlihan and Jaden Loudon, who had eight and seven points, respectively.

As for Zephyrhills, Jimmy Mcauley, a junior forward, worked hard in the lane and scored a team-leading 18 points. The only other Bulldog to score in double figures was junior forward Kevin Pagan, who had 14.

Not far behind, however, were Gavy Dorsey, a senior guard and the team captain, and junior forward Jatorrian Reinhold with six apiece. Derrion Roberson added five points and Marc Dortch scored three. Both are junior guards.

In the junior varsity game, Zephyrhills improved to 4-0 with a 66-51 win. In the second half, Zephyrhills coach James Kirk emptied his bench to give everyone some playing time.

"It was a full team effort. We got to play all our guys," said Kirk, adding, "We forced a lot of turnovers. We press the whole game, from start to finish."



Preston Linville scored a game-high 25 points, which included seven treys. Zephyrhills JV teammate Gilbert Vargas added 14 and Kenny McCullough chipped in with seven points.

Below: Zephyrhills guard Gavyn Dorsey brings the ball up with teammate Kevin Pagan not far behind.



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Right: Madison Aguilera gets psyched up for her clean-and-jerk lift.

Below: Wesley Chapel's Victoria Vaile on one of her clean-and-jerk lifts.



Right: Dominant lightweight Andje Costa of Cypress Creek breezed to the 101-class title.

Below: Pasco's Avary Davis looked in fine form after coming back from a shoulder injury.



Right: Lauren Vo pushed up her clean-and-jerk lift with Madison Aguilera looking on.



**WEIGHTLIFTING:** From Page 1B

said. "I missed it. It's part of the whole thing with everyone screaming and yelling."

Aguilera continues to show her indomitable will and willingness to do whatever it takes to help the team. She started this season in the 169-pound weight class and cut down to dominate the 139-pound class on Wednesday with a composite score of 285. The next best lifter in the class posted a 255. It helped the Bulldogs comfortably out-pace third-place Cypress Creek 52-35.

"This was just our third meet of the season," Rinaldo said. "For some of these girls, it was their first meet."

Yet, the Bulldogs showed up in force. Steadfast Unlimited lifter Diamond Cowart won her weight class with a 335 (170 bench, 165 clean-and-jerk). Cowart hit all six of her lifts on Wednesday, setting a personal record on her bench press.

"I thought I had to beat 165 (on clean-and-jerk) because of my competition," Cowart said. "Which is why I went for it but they scratched and I won (the weight class)."

The Bulldogs got a lift from Autumn Spoon winning the 199-class. Spoon also hit all six of her lifts, setting a new personal best on bench (175).

"I had been stuck at 125 (clean-and-jerk) all season but after I got 120 on my second lift, I decided to go for 130," Spoon said.

It marked Spoon's first conference title. Samantha Wilkes (third in 169-class) and Haven Queen (third in 154-class) contributed heavily to the team's runner-up finish behind Sunlake.

Other area lifters did quite well. 101-pound phenom Andje Costa breezed through her weight class with a composite score of 225. The second place lifter tallied a 190. Costa didn't even take her third clean-and-jerk lift but improved her bench press mark by 10 pounds. 110-pound lifter, Alexandria Black of Wiregrass Ranch posted a 225 to take second place in the class. Avary Davis of Pasco scored a 275 to claim second place in the 169-class. Davis, still recovering from a shoulder injury was happy to get back on pace and happy to lift in front of fans for the first time of the season.

All eyes now turn to the state series, which starts on Jan. 22 with the district meets. The Bulldogs will host theirs.



Left: The Cypress Creek team is one of the fastest-growing squads in the county.

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**Domestic battery**

A 37-year-old Tampa man was arrested Nov. 15 at Krusen Field, 4626 Krusen Field Rd. after he allegedly pushed a woman. Arrested was Gana Hassan Baba of 20148 Oakflower Ave. Baba was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Retail theft**

A 32-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Nov. 16 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd. after he allegedly took an item valued at \$28.98. Arrested was John Patrick Sizemore of 1039 Grant Rd. Sizemore was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

**Defrauding inkeeper**

A 38-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Nov. 16 at 6118 8th St. after he allegedly tried to pay for his order at Beef O'Brady's, 7833 Gall Blvd., his card was declined and he ran off without paying. Arrested was Christopher Riley Renfroe of 39147 6th Ave. Renfroe was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

**Active warrant**

A 35-year-old Plant City woman was arrested Nov. 16 at Microtel Inn, 7839 Gall Blvd. after a check allegedly revealed a

warrant out of Pasco County for violation of probation on a petit theft charge.

Arrested was Kristy Allison Lordo of 208 Sugar Creek Dr. Lordo was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Active warrant**

A 24-year-old Ohio man was arrested Nov. 17 at 38526 C.R. 54 after a call about a burglary in progress allegedly revealed a warrant out of Pasco County for a failure to register as a sex-offender charge.

Arrested was Austin Lee Wood-Herron; no address listed. Wood-Herron was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Domestic battery**

A 58-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Nov. 7 at 6118 8th St. after he allegedly slammed a door on a person's face causing a laceration.

Arrested was Argelio Joaquin Medina-Vega of 37438 Hammond Dr. Medina-Vega was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Child abuse**

A 48-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Nov. 16 at C Avenue and Autumn Palm after she allegedly grabbed her daughter's hair and attempted to drag her out of the bedroom.

Arrested was Jennifer Elizabeth Herings of 39141 6th Ave., Apt. 1. Herings was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Felon in possession of a firearm**

A 37-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Nov. 17 at his home after he allegedly dropped a loaded firearm from the chair he was sitting in. A check allegedly revealed he was a convicted felon as of June 4, 2009.

Arrested was Augusta Deshawn Smiley of 5018 8th St. Smiley was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

of cocaine, 21.34 grams of marijuana, nine acetaminophen oxycodone hydrochloride tablets, a digital scale and 29.73 grams of MDMA.

Arrested was Derrick Raynard Wright of 4525 Tarpon Dr. Wright was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Possession of methamphetamine**

A 37-year-old Virginia man was arrested Nov. 19 at U.S. 19 North and Florimar Terrace after a traffic stop, for a shattered windshield, allegedly revealed .10 grams of methamphetamine.

Arrested was Franklin H. DeMarco; no address listed. DeMarco was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Driving under the influence**

A 59-year-old Largo man was arrested Nov. 19 at County Road 54 and Forbes Road after a traffic accident allegedly revealed his eyes were bloodshot and he performed poorly on field sobriety tests.

Arrested was Peter William Standow of 10368 106th Terrace. Standow was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Driving without a license**

A 38-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Nov. 20 at State Road 54 and 2nd Street after a traffic stop, for a stop sign violation, allegedly revealed her license was suspended out of Maine.

Arrested was Roberta Yvonne Robertshaw of 37618 8th Ave. Robertshaw was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

**Possession of drug paraphernalia**

A 39-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Nov. 20 at South Avenue and Airport Road after a traffic stop, for throwing a cigarette butt out the window, allegedly revealed cotton tabs, which tested positive for heroin.

Arrested was Rebekah Christine Everhart of 52914 Ola Ave. Everhart was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

**Driving without a license**

A 29-year-old Tampa man was arrested Nov. 21 at 5058 Gall Blvd. after a traffic stop, for failing to yield the right of way, allegedly revealed his license was suspended on Feb. 2, 2018. A check allegedly revealed two warrants out of Pasco County for failure to appear on a driving without a license charges.

Arrested was Cody Lee Schell of 1923 East Henry Ave. Schell was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Battery**

A 50-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Nov. 22 at his home after he allegedly hit his girlfriend in the face, leaving a golf ball size lump.

Arrested was Jerrold Francis Brown, Jr. of 5635 18th St. Brown, Jr. was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Possession of a controlled substance**

A 41-year-old Michigan man was arrested Nov. 19 at 2715 U.S. 19 South after a traffic stop, for inoperable brake lights, allegedly revealed 21 lorazepam pills.

Arrested was Jeremy Robert Shafer; no address listed.

Shafer was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

**Trafficking cocaine**

A 50-year-old Tampa man was arrested Nov. 17 at 38544 5th Ave. after a traffic stop, for non-working headlight, allegedly revealed 264.9 grams

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
HECTOR CONTRERAS, Petitioner, and MARGARITA FIGUEROA, Respondent.  
CASE NO.: 51-2020-DR-004883-ES/K

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)**  
TO: MARGARITA FIGUEROA  
Respondent's last known address: 1883 Broway St., Unit 21  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on HECTOR CONTRERAS whose address is: P.O. Box 1021, Dade City, FL 33526 on or before

January 11, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 38053 Live Oak Ave., Suite 205, Dade City, FL 33523 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE.  
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**Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.**  
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Dated: December 7, 2020  
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By: Kelly Jeanne Symons  
Deputy Clerk  
Published: December 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2020

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# Moose Lodge annual car show and poker run a big success



The Toys for Tots annual Car and Truck Show and Motorcycle Poker Run, sponsored by the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge 2276 and the U.S. Marine Reserve Corps was held on Nov. 28. It was a beautiful day and a great success with a large turn out of cars (GTO, Mustangs, Corvettes), Hot Rods, Rat Rods and Custom Classic. All COVID-19 precautions were followed.

A silent auction was held that offered gifts from both ladies and men. Many door prizes were won and distributed. Trophy plaques were awarded for the top five cars. No one went away hungry. Head chef Dave did a terrific job of keeping the food coming.

All the money raised is donated to Toys for Tots program. In addition, over 120 toys were donated. This will bring a Merry Christmas to the local children and put smiles on their faces.

The past chairman, James Woodham and Russ Booth, retired from the car show after many years of faithful service to the Moose Lodge. The new chairman, Jim Butz, would like to thank all the local merchants from Zephyrhills and Dade City for their deep generosity and support in donating gifts. He also would like to thank all the volunteers and attendees who made the car show a big success. He wants to work hard in making this event a Zephyrhills happening.



Above: Fatima Morales dribbles the ball with a Wiregrass Ranch defender in pursuit as Monica Leonard sets a screen.

Right: Zephyrhills goalkeeper Neveah McCullough makes a save as players from both sides close in.

Below: Emily Britton dribbles the ball upfield for the Bulls as Zephyrhills forward Madison Poe follows close behind.



Right: Zephyrhills' Taryn Henry dribbles the ball near the sidelines while Wiregrass Ranch's McKayla Battle gives chase during the varsity matchup.



STEVE LEE

Left: Wiregrass Ranch forward Emily Erker dribbles the ball around a Zephyrhills defender. Erker had a goal and an assist for the Bulls in their dominating 8-0 victory. For the season, Erker is her team's scoring leader with seven goals and 16 points.

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"The team got down and it was a ripple effect," she said, adding, "It's time to start executing. There's nothing we can do except be on them and be aggressive."

The other Wiregrass Ranch players with multiple points in the match were Alex DeShields and Ashtyn Warner. DeShields scored twice and added an assist while Warner had a pair of assists. The Bulls also got a goal apiece from Bella Maldonado and Guadalupe Guerra with McKakyla Battle contributing an assist.

Another tally turned out to be an unfortunate break for Zephyrhills. It came late in the first half when a crossing pass from Warner deflected off a Zephyrhills defender and past goalkeeper Neveah McCullough.

The junior varsity game was somewhat closer, but still indicated the difference in both programs. Wiregrass Ranch, 8-1-2 at the JV level last season, took on Zephyrhills, which posted a 4-6 JV record last year.

The Bulls took a 1-0 lead at halftime and cruised to a 3-0 win. The outcome might have been even greater if not for a few nice saves by Zephyrhills keeper Harmonie Scribner and a stellar effort by defender Isabella Negrete, who kicked away the ball near the goal-line.

Not long after Scribner made a save near the right post on a shot from Sydney Spitzer, Wiregrass Ranch got on the scoreboard early in the first half when Gracie Ferrera pounced on a loose ball near the top of the penalty box and sent a low shot into the left corner.

Wiregrass Ranch got goals in the second half from Karissa Sapp and Lauren Hanley to account for the final margin.



Above: Coach Katie Jeffcott tries to rally the Zephyrhills players during a timeout.

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