



ZEPHYRHILLS SPORTS

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NO. 1

Bulldogs beat Panthers 21-0

Right: The Bulldogs run onto the field before the game against the Panthers at Bulldog Stadium.



STEVE LEE

Zephyrhills advances to its first region final berth in school history

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

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For the first time in school history, Zephyrhills is on the verge of cracking the state final four. Zephyrhills is just one win away from that elusive goal after defeating Lecanto 21-0 in last Friday's Class 3 Suburban Region Semifinal at Bulldog Stadium.

Coach Nick Carroll, a former Zephyrhills standout who has played and coached in regional playoff games, noted the historical relevance of the team advancing to its first-ever region final.

"That was our goal in the summertime," he said. "I'm from Zephyrhills, so witnessing this and being a part of this is special."

The path to a potential state championship is not easy for the Bulldogs, who travel to Lake Wales to take on the unbeaten Highlanders (12-0) a day after Thanksgiving. Lake Wales beat visiting Zephyrhills 33-0 in the season opener.

"We get a chance to play the day after Thanksgiving," Carroll said. "We have to redeem ourselves against Lake Wales."

Zephyrhills' previous region semifinal appearance resulted in a 32-0 loss at Orlando Jones two years ago. This year, the Bulldogs (9-3) won their second straight district title, defeated arch-rival Pasco in the 9-Mile War and have won six games in a row.

Perhaps indicative of how the game would play out came in the first quarter on each team's first possession.

Lecanto took the opening kickoff, marching 15 plays downfield on a drive that began at its own 33-yard line. The

Panthers lined up for what appeared to be a relatively easy 22-yard field goal attempt, but a bad snap resulted in the ball turning over on downs and Zephyrhills taking over at its 27.

After the Panthers chewed up more than 10 minutes in that first quarter, the Bulldogs needed less than two minutes to find the end zone. On just six plays, they moved downfield and capped that drive with Maddox Rivera's 22-yard burst up the middle for a touchdown. A Christian Clemens extra point kick and Zephyrhills had a 7-0 lead.

Once they found the end zone, the Bulldogs wanted more. After the home defense forced a Lecanto punt after just three offensive plays, Zephyrhills mounted a seven-play, 69-yard drive to score another touchdown. Quarterback Brendyn Colella capped that drive with a 5-yard scoring pass to Jakobe Campbell in the left corner of the end zone and the route was on.

The second half proved to be time for the defenses on both teams to shine. Lecanto put together a sustained drive and held the ball for most of the third quarter, moving from its own 19 to a fourth-down play at Zephyrhills' 3-yard line.

That's where the home defense once again proved to be impenetrable. Lecanto's standout running back, Amir Wilson, was tackled by Fred Maixner for no gain and the ball was turned over on downs. That turned out to be as close to scoring as the Panthers would come.

"It was obvious," Maixner said of the handoff from quarterback J.T. Tipton to Wilson. "I could tell what formation they were in. I could tell where (Wilson) was standing, so I just went right there."

Wilson, who a week earlier rushed for more than 300 yards and scored three touchdowns in a playoff win over Pasco, was limited to just 80 yards by the Bulldogs.

Zephyrhills' rushing game fared much better with Rodney Smith rushing for a game-high 110 yards and Rivera adding 80. As for the passing game, Colella threw for 75 yards, which included a 36-yard touchdown pass to Fred Adams in the fourth quarter.

The Zephyrhills News top 10 sports stories of 2022

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

For years, Tampa Bay professional teams were viewed as lovable losers. The expansion Buccaneers did not get their first National Football League victory until their second season. The Lightning and Rays (initially the Devil Rays) also struggled in the first years as expansion teams in the National Hockey League and Major League Baseball, respectively.

A lot has changed since with the Lightning playing in the past three Stanley Cup Finals and winning twice. The Bucs are two years removed from their second Super Bowl championship and the bargain basement Rays are coming off another playoff season.

Trickling down to the local sports scene, some traditions also come and go. Such is the case in Zephyrhills, along with neighboring Dade City and Wesley Chapel.

Winning traditions, like the Zephyrhills High football team maintaining an impressive playoff streak, the Pasco Stars won yet another Special Olympics national softball title and Wesley Chapel volleyball team cracking the state final four, thrilled local fans this past year.

Conversely, the local high school continued its struggles in boys soccer, golf and tennis, making those areas works in progress. Not to mention the regression of the Wiregrass Ranch and Wesley Chapel football teams.

In local youth leagues, the ZPAL teams continued to excel in youth football while Dade City and Zephyrhills Little League teams strive to shine in postseason baseball and softball tournaments like some of their predecessors.

In a twist of fate, Pasco High's football team which at one point had a county-record eight straight playoff appearances but has struggled in recent years, turned things around in 2022. Despite a loss to arch-rival Zephyrhills in the 9-Mile War, the Pirates returned to the playoffs.

Plus, the Zephyrhills High volleyball team shook off a long run of dismal seasons to become a playoff contender this past fall. So did the Cypress Creek High football team, which continued to improve and halfway through last season had an unbeaten record.

With all that in mind, here is a look back at the top sports stories of 2022.

Two-time district champion Zephyrhills made football history with its first-ever region final appearance. Just two years removed from their first region semifinal (a loss to Orlando Jones), the Bulldogs defeated Lecanto in that round. Their road to a potential state final four, however, was dashed by a loss to Lake Wales.

A local Special Olympics softball team, with players and coaches predominantly from Zephyrhills, won gold medals at nationals for the third time in five appearances. They beat Canada for their first national title since 2019.

Following one season of missing the playoffs, Zephyrhills' resurgent boys basketball team rallied to win a district title over rival Wesley Chapel. That gave the Bulldogs eight

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NO. 2

Pasco Stars three-peat as gold medalists in Special Olympics softball

The local softball team, which won its last national championship in 2019, defeats Canada for the title

By STEVE LEE
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The Pasco Stars are held in high esteem when it comes to Special Olympics softball — so much so that teams at the state level don't even want to play them anymore. Not surprisingly, they were invited to this year's national championships in Lynchburg, Va.

The local team lived up to the hype by winning the Special Olympics North American Softball Championships in mid-September. The Stars captured their third straight title by winning five of seven games in that three-day series.

That gives Pasco, which at the national level is referred to as Team Florida, five medals in five Special Olympic appearances. The ballplayers, primarily from east and central Pasco who have always practiced at Charles B. Krusen Memorial Field in Zephyrhills, also have a bronze and a silver.

"We've always taken a medal," coach Belinda Brown said. "For fourth place you only get a ribbon. We kind of have a reputation of being a good team."

"I think this is the sweetest one ever," fellow coach Judy Brunner said of the most recent title. "Three years ago we didn't lose a game. We were riding high. This was a national invitational and this time we were playing really strong teams."

Brunner and Brown, both of whom also have been Pasco County Special Olympics coordinators and longtime referees for various high school and middle school sports in east Pasco, were joined on the coaching staff by Stacy Morris. The latter was a longtime supporter who recently became an assistant coach.

The road to the gold medal was not exactly smooth riding. The Stars lost two out of their first three games before rallying with four straight wins. They clinched the title with an 11-1 rout of the Ontario Aces. Including all seven games, the Stars outscored the opposition by a whopping 70-33 margin.

The Stars opened the competition by splitting their first two games. First came a hard



Above: The Pasco Stars get together with the Ontario Aces after their championship game.

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hitting 15-11 loss to Kansas, then a 10-8 win over the Virginia Rangers. Following a 12-1 loss to the Georgia Big Dawgs, their second of the series, they defeated the Texas Mustangs 11-7, Virginia Sox 10-9 and Virginia Rangers 16-1 to set up the finals matchup against Ontario.

"We were the top seed and got a bye in the medal round," Brown said. "We believe that we started bad because we didn't play any meaningful games (before the national tourney). We couldn't find anyone to scrimmage with."

Added Brunner, "We're the best and strongest team in the state of Florida." In all, the championship field in Virginia consisted of 20 teams, including two from Canada. It marked the first Special Olympics softball event on the national stage since 2019. The Stars won the title in Nashville that year, but due to shutdowns and restrictions stemming from the coronavirus pandemic the series took a two-year hiatus.

Brunner and Brown spoke proudly about the team chemistry, pointing out that some of the ballplayers have been part of the team for about 20 years. Bonding on road trips and swimming in hotel pools or going out to eat together are fun-filled activities shared by the team.

"They love their softball," said Brunner, adding, "They really have such a wonderful time."

The Stars roster included: Phillip Olson, Roger Olson, George Morris, George "Bubby" Morris, Richard Proctor, Ernie Shultz, Joshua Asua, Kenny Carribeau, John Algood, Justin Buchanan, Curt Walters, Blake Bird, Andres Torres, Scott Walter and Michael Dunn.

Right: The Pasco Stars have won three golds, a bronze and a silver in their five national appearances.





NO. 3

Zephyrhills edges Wesley Chapel for Class 5A, District 6 championship



Right: Moments after clinching the district championship, the Bulldogs got together for a group photo with their trophy.

STEVE LEE

Bulldogs' narrow 47-45 win over host Wildcats gives them a district title after missing the playoffs last year

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There is an age-old adage in sports that it is tough to beat a team three times in one season. Perhaps, but the Zephyrhills boys basketball team pulled off that feat with a 47-45 win over host Wesley Chapel in last Friday's Class 5A, District championship game.

The Bulldogs, who defeated the Wildcats twice in the regular season, uncharacteristically missed the playoffs last year. The district victory, however, allows them to advance to the regionals for the eighth time in the past 10 seasons.

Afterward, as the teams lined up on the court to receive their championship and runner-up trophies, respectively, Zephyrhills coach Mike Novak told Wesley Chapel coach Marvin Gray, "It's a hard loss for you guys."

Gray concurred, noting that his team was an underdog.

"I had no expectations," he said. "I know my guys were ready to compete. I knew they would come out and play a different game (compared to the lopsided losses against Zephyrhills during the season). We had nothing to lose and we almost did it. They were very emotional."

The game could not have been closer. The

resurgent Wildcats, who played better late in the season, were tied after the first quarter, at halftime and in the fourth quarter. The outcome was in doubt until the waning seconds when Trey Murray's underhanded layup attempt bounced off the rim to clinch the victory for Zephyrhills.

"I thought it was a foul, but I'll live with him taking that shot any day," said Marvin Gray, whose team has lost district final games by two points in each of his two seasons since replacing Doug Greseth.

The Wildcats lost to Nature Coast in last year's district final before being eliminated by Lake Highland Prep in a region quarterfinal. They finished 15-11 this season, five fewer wins than last year.

The Bulldogs, who opened this season with a nine-game winning streak, are not finished yet. They were scheduled to host Tampa Jesuit in the first round of regionals on Thursday. Zephyrhills came into that game with a 19-6 record while Jesuit, a perennial state challenger, was 21-6.

Against Wesley Chapel, Zephyrhills had balanced scoring. Preston Linville, a sophomore long-range shooter, scored a team-high 11 points. Jimmy McAuley and Kevin Pagan each added 10. Additionally, Marc Dortch and Joseph Barnes chipped in with eight apiece.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Murray, a sophomore shooting guard who averages 18.9 points per game and recently came back from a knee injury. He scored 18 points. Not far behind was Sian Morris, who had 13.

Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel advanced to the district final after semifinal victories. The top-seeded Bulldogs handily defeated River Ridge 57-20 behind Pagan's 12 points, along with eight and six from Kayvion Roberts and Ken McCullough, respectively.

college player at Temple, has turned that program around.

The Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League returned following a one-year hiatus. Morningside and Sweetwater, the league's front runners all season, wound up sharing the 2022 championship.

The 9-Mile War, as it always has, drew the biggest football crowd in the area. This year's game, the 65th version and played in Dade City, gave Zephyrhills a seventh victory in the past eight games of the series.

Weightlifting continued to be a strong sport at Zephyrhills with a school-record nine girls advancing to the state meet. The snatch, a new lift, opened the door for some of those girls.

The Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club benefited when a well-established amateur tournament was relocated to those local courts. That district tourney was initially scheduled for Lakeland. The oldest and youngest members of the local club competed in that series.

NO. 4

Local gymnasts fare well at states



Right: East Pasco Gymnastics' Level 1 team finished as a state runner-up.

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East Pasco Gymnastics comes away with team titles and dozens of state champions

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter
June 2, 2022

It's not often you see East Pasco Gymnastics coaches dressed as fairies, but that was part of a festive state meet at the Tampa Bay Convention Center by East Pasco Gymnastics with the theme being an enchanted forest.

Dressing up in their leotards and tutus were coaches/owners Lisa Pitts and her husband Don. Coaches Megan Kraus, Joyce Bissett, Holly Phelps, Mike Whritenour and Erica Dutrow also donned costumes not usually worn during such competitions.

"We always try to make it about the memories," Lisa said.

Next up is the Amateur Athletic Union Southern Regional in Daytona Beach, although Lisa jokingly pointed out that she would not be wearing a bikini.

The meet could not have been more enchanting for Level 1 gymnast Presley Bahr, who highlighted the event by finishing first all-around. Even more special was that it came on her seventh birthday.

With scores not tallied until everyone in their respective divisions have finished their routines, Lisa said her parents "had no idea she had done that well."

Also returning to Zephyrhills as a state champion at the beginning level were Samantha Hoffman and Quinn Fuhrmann. That trio was among dozens to win state titles at various levels, a list that included:

Xcel Silver — Ava Ledbetter, Ryan Loftis, Madilynn Speegle, Ryleigh Franks, Francesca Gonzalez, Khloe Hamilton, Jessika Taylor and Chole Madison; Xcel Gold — Emerie Fitzgerald, Addison Henderson and Karla Moralies;

and Xcel Diamond — Cadence Wood.

Most notable about Wood's performance is that she earned an All-American award. The 17-year-old, who has trained at East Pasco Gymnastics since she was 6, is a Zephyrhills High senior.

"She's at the biggest level in Xcel programs," Lisa said, adding that Wood "is doing some of the skills you'll see in college gymnastics."

As far as the team competitions, East Pasco posted firsts in Platinum and Silver divisions as well as seconds in Gold and Level 1.

While winning is rewarding for the athletes and their families, as well as the coaches, it is not the ultimate goal of East Pasco Gymnastics.

"Let's not make it about the win or lose, but about the journey," Lisa said. "It's about kids who don't want to commit to 20-25 hours a week to gymnastics. Our focus is about balancing gymnastics with still being allowed to have a childhood."

Taylor Watson, who started at East Pasco Gymnastics as a 7-year-old, is a case in point. She graduates from Saint Leo University this year and has been part of that Division II school's acrobatic and gymnastics team. Before that, Watson was a diver on the Wesley Chapel High swim and dive team while simultaneously competing in gymnastics.

The Pitts' have been involved with children and the sport of gymnastics for more than 40 years. In 2015, Don was named the Amateur Athletic Union Team Florida Coach of the Year. Lisa also coached the varsity cheerleading team at Saint Leo University from 2003-05.

The local club has seen its share of top competitors the Pitts coaching eight members of the USAIGC National Junior Elite Team, two members of the USA National Tops Team, along with 10 AAU National Age Group All-Around Champions and 21 AAU National Event Champions.

Additionally, they have coached 10 state champions apiece from Florida and North Carolina.

NO. 5

Little League caps 2022 Spring Season, announces All Stars



Above: Zephyrhills Little League teams gather at Sam Pasco Park for the end of the spring season ceremony.

ANDY WARRENER

A ceremony at Sam Pasco Park gave way to fun, games, dunk tanks and pies to the faces

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Zephyrhills Little League has weathered some troubled waters. The 2020 season was hit hard by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The 2021 season went on, albeit with a number of restrictions and protocols. 2022, saw the first unencumbered season since 2019. The league was struggling both financially and with participation.

"We had just \$3,000 to start this (2022) season," ZLL Board president Jan Spivey said. "We hit the streets, went door-to-door trying to get sponsorships."

If the gathered crowd on Sunday afternoon at Sam Pasco Park was any indication, Zephyrhills Little League is back. The parking lot, albeit shared with some adult leagues and soccer games, was absolutely packed, vehicles parking atop curbed areas next to dumpsters and adjacent woods. Dozens of teams, from youngest to oldest, were announced and given commemorative plaques. Also announced were the age division team winners and the summer All-Star teams.

The league is not totally out of the woods. There were some age divisions that had just one team. Yet, the spirit is back and participation is rising. There were nine tee-ball teams present on Sunday. Each of the teams present at the ceremony were able to procure sponsors. The Pink Pandas, a Zephyrhills News-sponsored girls softball team, was happy to

have been able to complete a season in spite of recent challenges.

"For me, this was an incredible experience," coach Brandon Pennington said. "I wish I would have taken over sooner but the progress these girls made from the beginning to the end of the season was incredible. I would definitely do it again."

The team got their name, much by accident. They were originally going to be called the Pink Panthers but someone misheard it and started calling them the Pink Pandas. The name stuck and so did coach Pennington.

Another Zephyrhills News-sponsored team, the "Zephyrhills News," left their team name just at that. The team drew an interesting challenge with head coach Johnny Albino being originally from Puerto Rico and not speaking much English. Fortunately, they had coach Cesar Irizarry to help translate.

"I feel proud of the job the kids did, even through English translation," Albino said through Irizarry. "A lot of kids didn't know the fundamentals of the game and we are proud to have taught them very well."

Each little leaguer was issued a plaque with their likeness in the form of a bubble gum card encased and affixed to the plaque. First-place teams in each division were announced and were given trophies. All Stars were announced and got medals draped around their necks.

Winners of the home run derby were announced. Mackenzie Dean won the softball division. Grayson Dorman and Wyatt Jarot split the title in the baseball division.

Also acknowledged was Adult Volunteer of the Year - Brittany Dean and Teen Volunteer of the Year - Tatum Chase. Dean volunteered in concessions most Monday to Friday evenings and Saturday morning all season long.

"I love my kids, all of them," Dean said. "At the end of the day, it's all about the kids."

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playoff berths in the past 10 seasons and left the Wildcats with two district final losses in coach Marvin Gray's two seasons after he replaced the legendary Doug Greseth.

The East Pasco Gymnastics team returned from the state competition with numerous team awards and individual state champions. Led by owners Lisa and Don Pitts, that gymnastics team has long been one of the Tampa Bay area's prominent programs.

The Zephyrhills Little League increased its numbers, thanks in part to no restrictions following the Covid-19 pandemic. In the spring, league officials announced the all-star baseball and softball teams in a ceremony at the Samuel W. Pasco Recreation Complex.

The resurgent Zephyrhills volleyball team won a district playoff game for the first time in more than a decade. The Bulldogs' six victories this fall were more than in the previous 10 seasons combined. Coach Emily Frazer, a former



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NO. 6

Bulldogs sweep Broncos 3-0 in district opener



Right: The Bulldogs won their first district playoff game in more than a decade on Monday night.

ANDY WARRENER

The ZHS girls volleyball team got their district tournament off to a fast start on Monday

By ANDY WARRENER
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If Monday's win in the district quarterfinals was as far as the 2022 ZHS girls volleyball team went this season, it's a remarkable season. The Bulldogs haven't won a district playoff game in over a decade. They only have three seniors that play. The rest will be back next year. They faced off with Polk County's Davenport Broncos on Monday night and dropped them in three sets.

In the first set, Mikalah Geiger and Baliee Hitchner combined to stuff a Bronco kill shot and it set the tone for the rest of the match. However, Davenport's Norah Laureore answered with a block of her own to put the Broncos up 5-3. Laureore hit a service ace that made it 9-5 but the Bulldogs went on a 4-0 run to knot the score at 9-9. A touch shot from Laila Woolfolk put the Bulldogs in the lead.

Zharia Alleyne, the team's freshman outside hitter, got into rhythm and started knocking down shots. Back-to-back kill shots made it 16-12 Bulldogs. The Bulldogs completed a 10-4 run to take a 19-13 lead when Davenport called for timeout. It did not slow the Bulldog momentum and they finished the set 25-17.

In the second set, Davenport jumped out to a 4-0 lead only for the Bulldogs to come storming back on the heels of a service ace from Tessa Starnes. A touch shot from Woolfolk tied the set at 4-4. Alleyne and Woolfolk paired up for a couple more kills shots and the Bulldogs were in the lead and on a roll.

Trailing 12-8, the Broncos called timeout. The Broncos kept the set in reach. They brought it to 16-15 but that was their high-water mark of the set.

Another kill from Alleyne, this one from the middle of the net, capped a 6-1 run and put the Bulldogs in the driver's seat. Finally, a touch shot from Geiger closed out the second set 25-18.

In the final set, Alleyne set the tone with strong hits and a block to put the Bulldogs in front 3-0. Another kill from Alleyne made it 4-1 Bulldogs. The Bulldogs were feeling it. Woolfolk punched a shot right through a Bronco block to go up 7-4. While the Broncos hung in there, a block from Jade Pickett made it 17-13. At 19-13 the Broncos again called for timeout.

"I was telling them to keep playing as one," Bulldog head coach Emily Frazer said. "Play as one, cheer each other on."

Davenport actually started to claw back into the set, a service ace cutting the Zephyrhills lead to 21-20. A mis-hit by the Bulldogs found them down 22-21 late in the third set.

The Bulldogs now called their own timeout. They stabilized. Alleyne hit a kill shot to tie the set and Hitchner scored a touch shot to take the lead. A pair of service errors doomed the Broncos as they dropped the third set 25-23 and the match 3-0.

"We turned the corner tonight," Frazer said. "Better late than never but tonight we played as a team. We knew we were going to make mistakes, we just had to shake them off."

The Bulldogs improved to 6-11 on the season and had to take on the top district seeded Lake Wales team. Yet, the 2022 season will be marked as a transitional season. ZHS volleyball has been a bottom feeder for many years. They seem now to have at least made it into the middle of the pack. With such a young team and many starters returning, the future prospects are bright.

"They deserve it, I'm so proud of these girls," Frazer said.

NO. 7

Co-champions in Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League



Above: Morningside had a win and a tie against Sweetwater this season to earn a share of the league championship.

STEVE LEE



Above: Sweetwater, which won the title in 2020, is co-champion with Morningside this season.

Morningside defeats front-runner Sweetwater in season finale, which leads to those rivals sharing the 2022 title

By STEVE LEE
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The 2022 championship for the Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League came down to the wire with defending champion Sweetwater hosting Morningside, the league's two front-runners, last Wednesday morning.

The rivals split at Morningside earlier this season, but Sweetwater led by two points going into the final week. A win would give Morningside a tie atop the standings while a victory for Sweetwater would clinch a second straight title and first since 2020 (the league was cancelled in 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic).

During the matchup and with Morningside taking a 10-6 halftime lead, Morningside captain Ron Suski said, "I'm afraid this one's going to come down to the wire again."

At halftime and with his team ahead by a slim four-point margin, Morningside's Tom Reynolds said, "We've got to win."

"They're a good team," Sweetwater captain Cal Osmond said of Morningside.

Indeed they are. Morningside won the season finale, 21-12.

Afterward, there was talk of a possible playoff to decide the championship or giving it to Morningside by virtue of head-to-head play. Ultimately, however, both teams can say they are champions.

"We're doing co-champions this year," said league president Bryan Jorgensen, who also is the captain of Hunter's Run. "The reason is that some of the guys leave early (before

the season is over) and some stay."

Not unexpectedly, turnover is somewhat anticipated in a league with rosters comprised of senior citizens. Some are snowbirds opting not to come south anymore while others drop out due to health issues.

Among that group is Suski, who played his last game in the league because he does not plan to come back after going home to Wisconsin this spring.

"We were always in it, first or second almost every time," Suski said of his seven seasons with Morningside. "I'll miss it. I play up home for four or five months, but not in the winter."

While Morningside won the final game, a key win by Sweetwater in the second half came from the duo of Cal Osmond, Sweetwater's captain, and Lawrence Pittman. They got several ringers in defeating Morningside's Ted Trzebiatowski and Richard Kolodziej by a slim 21-20 margin.

"We had a good comeback, but it didn't go quite far enough," Trzebiatowski said, alluding to a rally from 20-6 down to make it close at the end.

That pivotal win from Osmond and Pittman, however, still was not enough to help their team. Morningside built a 16-11 lead at that point and extended its winning margin down the stretch to pull away for the team victory.

"We beat No. 1," Suski proudly declared as the final score was tabulated by scorekeepers on both sides.

Morningside might have won the league title outright if not for three ties during the season, which began in January. Aside from the first matchup against Sweetwater, Morningside also had ties with Betmar and Forest Lake Estates, two teams that finished out of the running.

Morningside won the league championship in 2016, the first year it competed in the league. The team, based in Dade City, followed that up with three straight second-place finishes before this year's co-championship girls," Frazer said.



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PARK NEWS

Residents of Rainbow Village participate in Tai Chi and Chair Yoga

Right: Chair Yoga is easier for seniors. This is the downward dog position.

Below: Carolyn Bradley participates in the chair Tai Chi.

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Above right: Residents participate in weekly Tai Chi and Chair Yoga for relaxation and the healing of body ailments.

Left: Carolyn Lamb, resident of Rainbow Village has been teaching Tai Chi and Chair Yoga for nine years with steady participation.

Right: Ken Hartwell and Emma Morgan practice Tai Chi.

Betmar residents take part in a golf tournament and parade

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Above: Residents of Betmar Acres Mobile Home Park participated in a Bingo Bango Bongo Golf Tournament last weekend.



Above: First Place winners of the Betmar Bingo Bango Bongo Golf Tournament are: Margaret Dukette and Ron Williams

Right: A golf cart was decorated as gingerbread house for the parade at Betmar.



Left: Rudolph pulled Santa's (Thomas) golf cart driven by his wife, Sherry Mahan during the golf cart parade at Betmar Acres.

Below: This golf cart sure had the Grinch in mind.



PARK NEWS

Betmar Kitchen Band travels to Bedrock Winters to entertain the residents



Above: Residents of Betmar Acres play their instruments made from kitchen accessories.

Below: Bedrock Winters' residents sing along to the Christmas carols.



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Right: A washboard with a guitar neck was one of the instruments made by the Betmar Kitchen Band.



Above: The clubhouse was full for the Christmas concert and sing along at Bedrock Winters.

Right: Residents of Betmar Acres sang Christmas Carols while their counter parts played in the band.



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Saint Leo donates 300 teddy bears, stuffed animals to TPD



Above: Dr. Christine Picot, assistant professor of education, and officer Lucas Lucchini of the Tampa Police Department's Behavioral Health Unit, load donated teddy bears into a police vehicle.

Left: Officer Gig Brown has his arms full of donated teddy bears at Saint Leo University's Tampa Education Center. The bears were donated by students, faculty, staff, and the public to create a "comfort squad."



Above: Interim Tampa Police Chief Lee Bercaw, Saint Leo University Tampa Education Center Director Rod Kirkwood, Saint Leo University staff and faculty, and Tampa Police Department officers with teddy bears and stuffed animals donated to the university's Teddy Bears for TPD drive.

PHOTOS BY RENEE GERSTEIN, SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

Donations from public, students, faculty, and staff will be used by Behavioral Health Unit and other officers to help children in crisis situations

The stuffed animals mainly will be used by TPD's Behavioral Health Unit officers, but also will be available in TPD offices. Officers help the vulnerable population and those in crisis, and help keep situations from escalating.

"Community support — such as that provided by Saint Leo University — is what we really need," Bercaw said. "Saint Leo is a great partner for us and we appreciate the support."

The idea of donating teddy bears was sparked by one of the Tampa center's social work instructors, who discussed how children experience traumatic events.

In late 2020, Saint Leo moved its Tampa location to the historic former Berriman-Morgan Cigar Factory building, 1403 N. Howard Ave., and, "We really wanted to support our local community and give back," said Rod Kirkwood, area director of Saint Leo's Tampa Education Center. "Being able to partner with and support the Tampa Police Department is important, and we want interactions with the police to be positive for children, even if it's a scary situation."

Many of the university's degree programs align with this project, including criminal justice and social work. Saint Leo boasts Bercaw as one of its most recent graduates as he earned his Doctor of Criminal Justice degree earlier this year.

Everyone needs a little comfort — especially a child in a time of crisis. In keeping with its core value of "community," Saint Leo University again collected "Teddy Bears for TPD" in order to provide a type of "comfort squad" for members of the Tampa Police Department to distribute. On Dec. 15, TPD officers and Interim Chief Lee Bercaw collected the teddy bears and stuffed animals at the university's Tampa Education Center, located at 1403 W. Howard Ave.

This is the second year for the project, which was led by the Tampa Education Center and supported by faculty, staff, students and the public. Saint Leo's Student Government Union and student groups also collected animals at its residential campus in Pasco County and at the East Pasco Education Center locations.

This year, 300 stuffed animals were collected.

Bercaw said that the bears can help start a conversation in a difficult situation. "They can get a child smiling," he said.

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Possession of paraphernalia
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Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.
Driving without a license
A 43-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 11 at McDonalds, 6042 Gall Blvd. after a traffic stop, for an unreadable tag, allegedly revealed he is a habitual traffic offender as of April 30 and he was driving without a license. A search allegedly revealed two bags and a glass pipe, which tested positive for methamphetamine. Arrested was Joel Edward Hamilton of

37213 Pauls Dr. Hamilton was processed by Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.
Aggravated assault
A 28-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Dec. 12 at his home after allegedly grabbed a woman by the neck and pointed a handgun at her. Arrested was Cody Lee Dunn of 5831 Broadmore St. Dunn was processed by Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

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B42 - Kovach, Catherine - Furniture, Household Items
B116 - Lethco, Jackie - Furniture, Household Items
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Devin Alexander-A1006
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JUDY A. CLEMENTS
Published: December 22, 2022
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD W. MONTEROSE, Deceased. FILE NO.: 51-2022-CP-1163-CPAXES
DIVISION: X
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EDWARD W. MONTEROSE, deceased, whose date of death was July 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pasco County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Robert J. Sumner Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the

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TRIVIA
By Fifi Rodriguez

TELEVISION: What is the name of the next-door neighbor on TV's sitcom "Home Improvement"?

MUSIC: Who wrote the song "All Along the Watchtower," performed by Jimi Hendrix?

LITERATURE: Which war was the setting for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS

TELEVISION: London, England

MOVIES: Juror No. 8

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8:30 PM	SUNCOAST	ROADSHOW	BEST	GHOSTS	CHANNEL 8			MOM				
9 PM	AMERICAN	ANTIQUES	MASTER	LAW & ORDER	TODD	TAMPA HOY	PARENT TEST	LAST MAN	FLATCH			
9:30 PM	RECIPE	ROADSHOW	ILLUSION			TODD TAMPA		LAST MAN	CALL ME KAT			
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7:30 PM		HUBS	TWO MEN	ET ENTERTAIN	JEOPARDY!	FAMILYFEUD	INSIDE EDITION	BIG BANG	TMZ			
8 PM	WASH. WEEK	AROUND	IHEART	THE WHEEL	S.W.A.T.	NEWS	SHARK TANK	MOM	WWE			
8:30 PM	FLORIDA WEEK	WORLD	RADIO	DATLINE	CHANNEL 8			MOM	SMACKDOWN			
9 PM	AMERICAN	AROUND	NEWS	DATLINE	FIRE	TAMPA HOY	20/20	LAST MAN				
9:30 PM	RECIPE	WORLD			COUNTRY	TODD TAMPA		LAST MAN				
10 PM	AMERICAN	AROUND	NEWS	DATLINE	CRIMINAL	CHICAGO P.D.		NEIGHBORHOOD	FOX 13 NEWS			
10:30 PM	RECIPE	WORLD			MINDS			NEIGHBORHOOD				
11 PM	HIGH NOON	AMANPOUR	ICRIME	NEWS	NEWS	CHICAGO P.D.	NEWS	BIG BANG	FOX 13 NEWS			
11:30 PM		COMPANY	ICRIME	J. FALLON	S. COLBERT		J. KIMMEL	Y. SHELDON				

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2022												
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12 PM	GREEK TABLE	MASTERPIECE	POPSTARS!	LESS TRAVELED	C. BASKETBALL	PAIN RELIEF		C. FOOTBALL	TBA			
12:30 PM	MEXICAN TABLE	HIGHCLERE	ATHLETE	SOCCER		PAID PROG.			C. BASKETBALL			
1 PM	SARA MEALS	CASTLE	WOMEN OF			SHORT CIRCUIT 2		FIRST 48				
1:30 PM	C. KIMBALL	DEATH IN	WRESTLING									
2 PM	KITCHEN COOK'S	PARADISE	JOKERS	GOAL ZONE		C. BASKETBALL		TOP 10	C. BASKETBALL			
2:30 PM	R. STEVENS	BROWN	JOKERS									
3 PM	ROADTRIP	MIDSOMER	JOKERS	MEN BLAZER				SOS: HOW TO SURVIVE				
3:30 PM	NOVA	MURDERS	GRIO AWARDS	TRIATHLON	C. BASKETBALL	WHACKED OUT		WEATHER	WOMEN'S C. BASKETBALL			
4 PM						OUTDOOR RACEWEEK		PAID PROG.				
4:30 PM						RAW TRAVEL		PAID PROG.				
5 PM	NATURE	FLORIDA		MONSTER JAM		EXTRA		NEWS	Y. SHELDON			
5:30 PM								NEWS	Y. SHELDON			
6 PM	NEWSWEEK	LAWRENCE	FRIENDS	NEWS	NEWS	EXTRA		NEWS	Y. SHELDON			
6:30 PM	FL YARD	WELK SHOW	FRIENDS	NEWS	NEWS	EXTRA		NEWS	Y. SHELDON			
7 PM	LAWRENCE	BETTY WHITE	TWO MEN	BUCS ACCESS	W. FORTUNE	FAMILY FEUD	PAID PROG.	BIG BANG	TMZ			
7:30 PM	WELK	TWO MEN	TWO MEN	BUCS SHOW	JEOPARDY!	FAMILY FEUD	PAID PROG.	BIG BANG				
8 PM	APPEARANCES	AMERICAN	IHEART	TOAST 2022	TBA	NEWS		DICK CLARK'S NEW YEAR	MOM			
8:30 PM	TIME GOES	MASTERS	FESTIVAL					BUCS ACCESS	HELL'S KITCHEN			
9 PM	RINGING IN	FRANK FERRANTE'S	NEWS	NEWS		BUCS SHOW		BUCS SHOW	HELL'S KITCHEN			
9:30 PM	NEW YEAR							BUCS SHOW	HELL'S KITCHEN			
10 PM	BROADCHURCH			MILEY'S PARTY		S.W.A.T.		NEIGHBORHOOD	FOX 13 NEWS			
10:30 PM								NEIGHBORHOOD				
11 PM		DOLLY PARTON	WRESTLING		NEWS	CHICAGO PD		FAMILY GUY	FOX 13 NEWS			
11:30 PM		R. STEVE'S						FAMILY GUY	LIVE NOW			

SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 2023												
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12 PM	AM HOOVER	MAKE IT ARTSY	INSIDE	PAID PROG.	NFL TODAY	HEARTLAND	HEROS	DATLINE	NFL SUNDAY			
12:30 PM	FL WEEK	FL YARD	SCIENTOLOGY	PAID PROG.			VETS PETS					
1 PM	ARTS PLUS	C. KIMBALL'S	WEATHER	OUTDOOR	NFL FOOTBALL	THE GOOD DOCTOR	GULFCOAST	FIRST 48	NFL FOOTBALL			
1:30 PM	SUNCOAST	LIDIA'S	PAWN STARS	RAW TRAVEL		PAID PROG.	PAID PROG.					
2 PM	SUZE ORMAN	SHE ROLLS	PAWN STARS	PAID PROG.		PAID PROG.	AKC DOG SHOW	SOS: HOW TO SURVIVE				
2:30 PM		KITCHEN COOK'S	PAWN STARS	PAID PROG.		CHRONIC PAIN		WEATHER				
3 PM		PATI MEXICAN	PAWN STARS	PAID PROG.		INCOME		GONE VIRAL				
3:30 PM			PAWN STARS	PAID PROG.				GONE VIRAL				
4 PM	MEMORY RESCUE	SARA'S MEALS	PAWN STARS	SUPER CROSS	NFL FOOTBALL	FUNNY YOU		THE ROOKIE	POSTGAME			
4:30 PM		MOTORWEEK	PAWN STARS			FUNNY YOU		POSTGAME				
5 PM		CONSUELO	PAWN STARS	NBC SPORTS				MOD FAM	NASCAR			
5:30 PM		NEWS	PAWN STARS			MURDOCH MYSTERIES	PAID PROG.	MOD FAM				
6 PM	PBS NEWS	OPERATION	HOUSEWIFE	NEWS	NEWS	S.W.A.T.	NEWS	GOLDBERGS	FOX 13 NEWS			
6:30 PM	ARTS PLUS	MANEATER	HOUSEWIFE	NEWS	NEWS	S.W.A.T.	NEWS	GOLDBERGS	FOX 13 NEWS			
7 PM	FATHER BROWN	NATURE	KING QUEEN	FOOTBALL		FAMILY FEUD	FUNNIESTS	BIG BANG	SIMPSONS			
7:30 PM			KING QUEEN	NIGHT IN AMERICA	60 MINUTES	FAMILY FEUD	VIDEOS	BIG BANG	BOBS BURGER			
8 PM	GREAT PERFORMANCE	NOVA	WEATHER	AMERICA	NFL FOOTBALL	NEWS	LION KING	THE ROOKIE	SIMPSONS			
8:30 PM			ANIMALS			FIRE COUNTRY		THE ROOKIE	GREAT NORTH			
9 PM		PARENTS SURVIVAL	WHOSE LINE			FIRE COUNTRY	SEINFELD	9-1-1	BOB BURGER			
9:30 PM	MASTERPIECE		WHOSE LINE				SEINFELD	9-1-1	FAMILY GUY			
10 PM		AMERICAN EXPERIENCE	TAMPA BAY	NEWS		THE GOOD DOCTOR	ABBOTT ELEM	9-1-1	FOX 13 NEWS			
10:30 PM			NEWS			DOCTOR			NEWS			
11 PM	LOVE AND DUTY		MAGNUM P.I.		NEWS	PAID PROG.	NEWS	MATTER OF FAC	FOX 13 NEWS			
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6 PM	BBC WORLD	TRAVELSCOPE	HOUSEWIFE	NEWS	NEWS	EXTRA	NEWS	Y. SHELDON	FOX 13 NEWS			
6:30 PM	BBC WORLD	R. STEVES'	HOUSEWIFE	NEWS	NEWS	ET ENTERTAI	NEWS	Y. SHELDON	NEWS			
7 PM	NEWSHOUR	GULF COAST	TWO MEN	NEWS	WHEEL	FAMILYFEUD	NEWS	BIG BANG	ACCESS			
7:30 PM		ARTS PLUS	TWO MEN	ET ENTERTAIN	JEOPARDY!	FAMILYFEUD	INSIDE	BIG BANG	TMZ			
8 PM	ANTIQUE ROADSHOW	AMERICAN EXPERIENCE	AMERICAN	AMERICA'S TALENT	NEIGHBORHOOD	NEWS	NFL FOOTBALL	MOM	FANTASY ISLAND			
8:30 PM			AMERICAN		B. ABISHOLA	CHANNEL 8		MOM				
9 PM	ANTIQUE ROADSHOW		AMERICAN		TAMPAHOY	TODD TAMPA		LAST MAN	TMZ			
9:30 PM								LAST MAN				
10 PM	INDEPENDENT LENS	MISINFORMATION	NEWS	Q. LEAP	NCIS	LAW & ORDER		NEIGHBORHOOD	FOX 13 NEWS			
10:30 PM								NEIGHBORHOOD				
11 PM		AMANPOUR & COMPANY	ICRIME	NEWS	NEWS	LAW & ORDER		BIG BANG	FOX 13 NEWS			
11:30 PM			ICRIME	J. FALLON	S. COLBERT		NEWS	Y. SHELDON	NEWS			

TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2023												
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6 PM	BBC WORLD	TRAVELSCOPE	HOUSEWIFE	NEWS	NEWS	EXTRA	NEWS	Y. SHELDON	FOX13			
6:30 PM	BBC WORLD	R. STEVES'	HOUSEWIFE	NEWS	NEWS	ET ENTERTAI	NEWS	Y. SHELDON	NEWS			
7 PM	NEWSHOUR	FATHER BROWN	HALF MEN	FL DEBATE	WHEEL	FAMILYFEUD	NEWS	BIG BANG	ACCESS HOLLY			
7:30 PM			HALF MEN		JEOPARDY!	FAMILYFEUD	INSIDE	BIG BANG	TMZ			
8 PM	FINDING ROOTS	MIDSOMER										



NO. 8

Bulldogs defeat Pirates in 9-Mile War

Right: Zephyrhills wide receiver D.J. Pickett, who caught four passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns, lines up on the outside against Pasco cornerback Kayleb Samuel.



STEVE LEE

Zephyrhills has won seven of the past eight games in the storied rivalry but Pasco still leads the all-time series

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

October 20, 2022

The oldest and fiercest high school football rivalry in Pasco County took place on Oct. 14 at W.F. Edwards Stadium. Zephyrhills defeated host Pasco 28-16 in the 65th version of the 9-Mile War, thereby halting the home team's season-opening unbeaten streak.

Resurgent Pasco, which fell to 6-1 but still could be playoff-bound, has struggled in recent years and was winless last season. Meanwhile, Zephyrhills, seeking its eighth postseason berth in the past nine years, improved to 4-3.

As for the all-time series, Zephyrhills has won three straight and seven of the past eight games. Before that, however, Pasco won seven consecutive clashes and still leads overall with a 41-23 advantage between the teams that are separated by nine miles.

Despite the loss, Pasco's first-year coach Alphonso Freeney is thrilled to be part of such a storied rivalry.

"This is a cool rivalry. I love it," he said. "I feel like I'm in Dade City now. I'm putting the city on my back."

Nick Carroll, who has been a player and coach for Zephyrhills in the longtime rivalry, credited Freeney and the Pirates for a major improvement this season.

"They're doing a great job over there; hats off," he said, adding that the rivalry "is better. You can see. I think it's alive and well. It's

always going to be a great game."

Zephyrhills took a 14-0 lead early and went into the locker room at halftime with a 20-3 scoring advantage. The Bulldogs capitalized on their passing game with two touchdowns in the first quarter. Quarterback Brendyn Colella connected with D.J. Pickett, who turned a short sideline pass into a 52-yard touchdown. That pair connecting again on a slant-in for a 58-yard score.

Colella finished with a game-high 217 passing yards and three touchdowns, including a 21-yarder to Fred Adams in the fourth quarter. Pickett wound up with a game-leading four receptions for 126 yards.

The Pirates got on the scoreboard in the second quarter on a Juan Sanchez 33-yard field goal, but the Bulldogs increased their lead when Ben Raines returned an interception into the end zone from 8 yards out.

"At halftime we focused on eliminating mistakes," Freeney said. "I think my team came out and showed exactly who they are. They're tough. They kept fighting. I'm proud of them. That's my football team. They don't quit."

Pasco rallied in the second half, getting a pair of touchdown runs from Tayshaun Balmir. The senior running back, limited to just 46 yards in the first half, finished with a game-high 177 rushing yards. Most of those yards came after he struggled to the sidelines after several hard hits from Zephyrhills defenders.

"He's a team guy," Freeney said of Balmir, the county's leading rusher with 1,507 yards and 18 touchdowns. "We're going to play him until he can't anymore."

Not far behind in the rushing statistics was Zephyrhills' Rodney Smith. Although he did not score, the junior running back racked up 108 yards on the ground.

The final score came when Marcell Tucker sacked Pasco quarterback Enrique Matos in the end zone for a safety.

NO. 9

Bulldog weightlifting qualifies a record nine for states

Right: The 2022 regional qualifiers at Lake Wales High School for the ZHS Bulldogs.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Albeit with a new lift category, the 2021-22 Zephyrhills Girls Weightlifting Team qualified a school record nine lifters for the state meet

By ANDY WARRENER
Sports Reporter

February 10, 2022

The wildcard in high school weightlifting this year has been the snatch lift. The snatch is an Olympic lift, similar to the clean-and-jerk, only instead of jerking the bar up to one's chest, the snatch lifter jerks the bar all the way to a straight-armed position overhead and scoots their center of gravity under the bar. From there, the lift is all legs as the weightlifter just has to squat their way up. It is, by far, the most technical of the three lifts.

"You need the right coaching for it (snatch)," Bulldog head coach Joe Rinaldo said. "Next year, it's mandatory and it's going to present a challenge for schools state-wide."

For Rinaldo and the Bulldogs, the optional lift this year has created opportunities that were not there in previous years. The three-year cycle for the snatch lift goes like this: last year it was optional and not officially scored, this year it is optional but it is scored and has its own categorization apart from the other two lifts, next year it will still be its own separate lift but it will be a mandatory lift in competition.

For the Bulldogs, it helped sophomores Kailyn Miller, Sharibel Vazquez and Tori Goodman punch tickets to the state meet. Kennedy Arnot and Lariah Graham also qualified in the snatch but only the first three are attending the state meet. For the three sophomores, it will be their first state competition.

"It feeds into the opportunity to compete at the state level," Rinaldo said. "Even if they're not competing in the traditional lifts, they are still there - they get to see all of that and get the mentality of 'I'll be back and do all of this.'"

Vazquez didn't have the success in the traditional lifts she wanted but she came back with a 90-pound snatch lift, a personal record and placed third in the event (119 class). Goodman was in the top 10 in the traditional lifts at regionals but did not qualify. Her snatch lift of 100 pounds did punch her ticket to states.

"It's more than two-thirds of their body weight they're putting up over their heads," Rinaldo said. "I don't think that's even hit them, yet."

Cypress Creek sensation Andje Costa won the Region 3 title in snatch with a 100-pound lift. She also qualified in the traditional lifts with a 265 composite score and has a shot at medaling, even winning either lifts at the state meet. The Coyotes, a team on the rise, qualified nine spots, Costa taking two of them. 110-pound lifter Sienna Silvest qualified in both traditional and snatch. Gabrielle Gonzalez qualified in traditional. Emma Kitteridge, Ariana Manzano and Maelynn Allen all qualified in the snatch. This is uncharted water for the upstart Coyotes. Pasco's Avary Davis qualified for states in the traditional lifts.

Bulldogs breaking through in the traditional lifts were: Payton Leidy, Autumn Spoon, Bella Patrias and Bri Padron. Leidy, just a sophomore, placed in the top 10 at regionals and her composite score of 225 was good enough to get her in. In years past, the FHSAA only considered the top six scorers at regionals for the state meet. Regional champions are automatic bids, the remainder of qualifiers are determined by the highest scores in the top six placers, across the four regions. This season, that threshold was increased to the top 10. This helps lifters in tougher regions get through to states when lifters with lower scores might have advanced from weaker regions.

NO. 10

Amateur shuffleboard tournament relocated to Zephyrhills

Right: Doubles partners take their turns while competing in the amateur tourney.



STEVE LEE

Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club hosts district tourney initially slated for Lakeland

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

January 20, 2022

Last week was initially slated for members to play and practice at the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club, but a scheduling quirk changed things up a bit. Instead, the local club hosted the Central District Amateur Modified Tournament for two days, Thursday and Friday.

That series was relocated from the Lakeland area due to complications stemming from Covid. Dave Earle, a longtime local club member and former president, welcomed the chance to host when approached by organizers.

"That's what we're here for, to promote shuffleboard," he said.

The local club taking on a tourney scheduled elsewhere will happen again next month. On Feb. 4, the Central District Amateur Modified Tournament initially slated for Forest Lake Estates will now be hosted by the downtown Zephyrhills courts.

The two-day series brought out the oldest and youngest members of the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club. Still, 97-year-old George Darwin and Aaron Dinkelman, 46, could not compete in the tourney since both are classified as professionals. Instead, they practiced on the far courts when they were available.

Darwin, one of the original club members, has been playing shuffleboard locally for 42 years. When he first started out shuffling in Zephyrhills he was a snowbird from Michigan, but Darwin has resided in the city year-round for the past 16 years.

"It's a fascinating game," he said. "You meet people. This is the only family I've got. I enjoy getting up in the morning. I look forward to it."

Earle said he and others look up to Darwin and have gained a lot of knowledge and experience from watching him play and sometimes teaming up with him on the courts.

"He was my mentor when I first started," Earle said of Darwin. "He taught me everything; how to be aggressive on the shuffleboard court. I was like a sponge."

Dinkelman, who travels often due to dabbling in real estate and being an entrepreneur who helps other businesses, got into shuffleboard about seven years ago when he stopped by the local club. On Thursday, he practiced alongside 77-year-old club member Fred Ritzman.

"I just drove by the club, walked in to check it out and that was it. I was hooked," said Dinkelman, who actually had his first introduction into shuffleboard at a club in Clearwater. "There's a lot more strategy in this game than people realize. I like the chess-playing mentality."

Ron Ferry, who played in last week's tourney, has been a club member for 10 years and lived full-time in Zephyrhills for the past six years. Had the district series remained in Lakeland and not relocated he said he probably would not have traveled to play in it.

"I stay around here," he said. While the number of participants in amateur district tournaments have been well over 50 in the past, due in part to the late relocation plans there were only about 30 competitors at last week's event.

"It was a last-minute thing that took place, so we didn't get the amount of people we normally get but the amateurs are playing," said Henry Strong, the local club's president who six years ago replaced Earle.

As for the results of last week's tourney, the duo of Kerry Price and Bob Mason were the main winners. Roland Clark and Kathy Lennor were the runners-up while Tom Moeller and Russell Sines placed third.

Taking the consolation title was the team of Larry Charbonneau and Lance Devers. Right behind them was the team of Mary Bryans and David Coombs.

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