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Pittsburgh earned a 26-21 win over Denver in its home opener at Heinz Field. B3

Pajak, Rams victorious at Red, White and Blue

Freshman Ryan Pajak earned the individual Class 2A win, while the Rams also won the team event.

By the Mon Valley Independent

It was a good weekend for Ringgold's Pajak brothers.

Freshman Ryan Pajak claimed the victory in the Class 2A 5K race and helped lead the Ringgold cross country squad to the team triumph at the Red, White and Blue Invitational held at White Oak Park Saturday.

Pajak crossed the finish line with a time of 16:02, the second fastest of the day for any male runner in all classifications.

Senior Lucas Pajak, Ryan's older brother, placed third with a time of 16:18. Ben Daerr finished seventh at 17:02 and Lorenzo Zeni crossed in 11th at 17:10. Other Ringgold runners were Nick Whaley (22nd, 17:35),

David Molisee (34th, 18:15) and Aidan Fausnaught (57th, 19:02).

A number of other local runners competed in the Class 2A boys race, including McKeesport's Aaron Elm, who finished 17th. The junior had a time of 17:25.

Belle Vernon Area sophomore Luke Henderson led his team with a 30th place finish and a time of 18:07. Elizabeth Forward's Christian Guinto-Brody placed 39th with a time of 18:25 and Thomas Jefferson's Kaiden Smith had a 52nd place showing with a time of 18:52.

The Ringgold girls finished third out of 19 teams in the Class 2A standings.

Charlee Leach, a sophomore, led the way with a 12th place finish, crossing the line in 20:41.

Angelique Mariana (21:43) finished 22nd and Andrea Kassa (21:55) placed 26th.

Other top runners were Angelina Massey (28th, 22:06), Matigan Evans (51st, 23:00),

Annie Daerr (56th, 23:15) and Kaitlyn Lusk (80th, 24:17).

Elizabeth Forward's girls placed seventh overall and were led by Marissa Manko's 15th place finish. The sophomore ran a time of 21:14.

McKeesport was led by freshman Anna Kunes, who placed fifth with a time of 19:53. She led the Tigers to a 10th place finish.

Belle Vernon Area's Grace Henderson was the top local finisher in the 2A race as she ran a time of 19:25 to place third.

Thomas Jefferson's Kiley Dorian added a 32nd place finish with a time of 22:16.

The Serra Catholic girls team had an impressive showing at its home course, placing fifth in the Class A team standings.

Maya Poziviak placed second with a time of 20:35. Ava Dzurenda crossed the finish line in a time of 21:44 for a 14th place showing.



Ringgold freshman Ryan Pajak poses with his trophy after winning the Class 2A boys race during Saturday's Red, White and Blue Invitational at White Oak Park. Pajak's performance also helped lead the Rams to the team victory.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Warriors roll past Antelopes

Belle Vernon Area, Charleroi boys earn big shutout wins.

By JOSE NEGRON
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Rob Hrabosky finished with his first career multi-goal game Saturday, netting a hat trick in Elizabeth Forward's 6-0 victory over Avonworth in Section 1-2A play at Warrior Stadium.

Hrabosky scored his first goal 2:20 into the game as he found the back of the net off a feed from Ethan Bowser.

That was the lone goal of the first half, but Elizabeth Forward (2-0, 2-0) turned it on in the second.

Anthony Valerio scored 1:44 into the final frame off an assist by Andrew Smith.

Less than a minute and a half later, Hrabosky scored again off another assist by Bowser.

Then, nearly two minutes later, Hrabosky capped off the hat trick with his third goal of the day. Bowser added his third helper on the goal.

Donovan Woytsek scored midway through the half on an assist by Nick Snyder.

Austin Onofrey made one save and combined for the shutout with Logan Cherpek.

EF finished with 23 shots and 12 shots on goal. Avonworth (0-2, 0-2) had just one shot on goal.

The Warriors resume play Tuesday when they travel to South Allegheny.

Belle Vernon Area 1, Trinity 0

Nick Nagy's second-half

tally is all Belle Vernon Area needed to topple Trinity in Section 3-3A play.

TJ Watson was solid in net for the Leopards (4-0, 4-0), finishing with six saves in the shutout.

Trinity (1-2, 1-2) was held scoreless for the second time in three games.

BVA hosts Uniontown Tuesday.

Thomas Jefferson 5, Albert Gallatin 1

The Jaguars went down 1-0 at halftime before their offense came alive in the second half of a Section 3-3A matchup.

TJ (3-0, 2-0) scored five goals in the final 40 minutes. Alex Folino, Luke Giger, Michael Ngugi, Chris Powell and Jack Sella each found the back of the net.

Albert Gallatin (0-3, 0-3) has been outscored, 16-2, in three games this season.

TJ will look to continue its winning ways at Ringgold Tuesday.

Charleroi 1, Southmoreland 0

Eben McIntyre's first-half goal ended up being the game-winning tally in Charleroi's Section 3-2A triumph over Southmoreland.

Jacob Jericho made a pair of saves in net for the Cougars (3-0, 3-0).

With the loss, Southmoreland (0-3, 0-2) suffered its third straight one-goal defeat.

Charleroi, which has yet to allow a goal in three games this season, hosts Bentworth for a nonsection matchup Tuesday.

Seton LaSalle 2, Bentworth 1

The Bearcats suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of Seton LaSalle in Section 4-A action.

TJ Cherry and Jim Cavanaugh netted goals for the Rebels (2-1, 2-0).

Jaxon Selvoski scored the lone goal for Bentworth (2-1, 2-1).

The Bearcats travel to Charleroi Tuesday.

In other boys action Saturday, South Allegheny suffered a 13-1 loss to Keystone Oaks in Section 1-2A and California fell to Aquinas Academy, 9-1, in nonsection play. No other game information was reported.

Girls
Bentworth 9, East Allegheny 1

Reagan Schreiber, Mallory Schreiber and Tessa Charpentier combined to score seven goals in Bentworth's nonsection win over East Allegheny.

Reagan Schreiber netted a hat trick for the Bearcats (2-2), while Mallory Schreiber and Charpentier each collected a pair of goals. Malena Rokicki and Kenzie Aloe added a goal apiece.

"The girls really attacked well and attacked with confidence. They were not scared to miss opportunities or make mistakes," Bentworth head coach Tyler Hamstra said. "We haven't played East Allegheny in close to 10 years. They have some nice players and we were able to play our game."

East Allegheny is 0-3 to



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Elizabeth Forward's Ethan Bowser had three assists in Saturday's 6-0 victory over Avonworth.

start the season.

Bentworth hosts Waynesburg Central tonight.

Belle Vernon Area 7, Elizabeth Forward 0

The Leopards earned their second consecutive shutout victory over the Warriors in nonsection play.

BVA (2-1), which scored six goals in the first half, was led by Jillian Butchki's hat trick and a two-goal, four-assist performance from Morgan Einodshofer.

Izzy Laurita commanded the midfield and scored a goal for the Leps, while Farrah Reader added a goal and

two assists. Klaira Temoshenka also had a helper.

Grace Henderson and Victoria Rodriguez combined for the shutout.

Elizabeth Forward (2-1) had five shots in the first half and nine in the second.

EF resumes play Tuesday at home against West Middlelin, while Belle Vernon Area hosts Ringgold.

Waynesburg 3, Charleroi 2 (OT)

The Cougars suffered an overtime loss at the hands of Waynesburg Central in nonsection play.

Charleroi (1-2) led 2-1 late

in the second half before it was called for a handling in the box penalty that resulted in a penalty kick.

Ashley Basinger of Waynesburg Central (1-3) scored on the PK with eight seconds remaining, tying the game and sending it to overtime.

Despite giving up the pair of late goals, freshman Addison Conrad had 12 saves and "played like a veteran," according to head coach Traci Fleming.

"She was solid and controlled her box," Fleming said. "They just had some breakaways that they capitalized on."

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