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Leps win showdown with Hil

Jillian Butchki (3) and Izzy Laurita combine for five goals in BVA's 6-2 victory over Trinity

By JEREMY SELLEW

Coming into its game against unbeaten Trinity, the Belle Vernon Area girls soccer team knew there was a

battle brewing.

Trinity was unbeaten, but the Leopards knew why – they hadn't played them yet. BVA got on the board first and used three goals in a span of 17 minutes to race out to of 17 minutes to race out to a 3-0 halftime lead en route to a 6-2 Section 2-3A win and remain one game behind first-place Connellsville in the section standings.

"This was a huge win for us and we needed it," BVA head coach Tracy Lovett said. "We've been preparing for this game and really looking forward to it. I think we had a little chip on our shoulder because it's like some people forgot about us in the sec-

Jillian Butchki finished with a hat trick, with all the goals coming in the second half, and Izzy Laurita scored



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Belle Vernon Area goalkeeper Grace Henderson makes one of her eight saves during Tuesday's game against Trinity at James Weir Stadium.

both of her goals in the first half to lead the Leopards (5-

1, 4-1). While the Hillers (4-1, 4-1) got a pair of second-half goals from Alyssa Clutter, they were stymied from

many others by BVA goal-keeper Grace Henderson. Just hours after winning a cross-country race, Hender-son finished with eight saves, some spectacular, showing off her range and athleticism.

"Grace was fantastic to-night," Lovett said. "As far as this season goes, this was her biggest test and she passed it with flying colors. She made some great, athlet-ic saves tonight."

was made on a hard shot as she dived to her right to get a body on a hard shot from the center of the box.

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"She really showed off her athleticism today and I think that's going to give her even more confidence as we move later in the season," Lovett

The Leopards peppered

The Leopards peppered Hillers' freshman goalie Ruby Morgan with 15 shots on goal and fired 29 shots to-ward the net.

"We won this game in the midfield and had a lot of great chances offensively," Lovett said. "I think our speed in our front seven really caused

our front seven really caused a lot of problems for them on their back line."

Einodshofer, who got the first goal after a throw-in and nice cross from Victoria Rodriguez, picked up two assists in the win. Kataira Rhodes had two assists and Farrah Reader added a helper

Farrah Reader added a helper on a Butchki goal. "I thought despite the rain and a slippery surface, we were really crisp on the ball. We did a good job of keeping our shape and formation for the most part, when we didn't, that's when they got their goals," Lovett said.

"But they're a good team. We knew we had to be careful with the Clutter girl. She's a great athlete. Those are things we're going to

look at."
It looks as though BVA survived a scare when Laurita went down with an apparent leg injury with eight minutes remaining in the game. She was down for some time on the sideline and a cart was brought on to the field. But the senior got up and even-tually walked to the bench under her own power and stayed with her team.

Another detail the Leopards don't want to look too much into is a retribution game Monday against Connells-ville. There's still work to do with a game at Laurel Highlands Thursday and a rivalry game at Ringgold Saturday.

"We definitely have a point to prove in that game, but we still have two more before we get there," Lovett said. "We can't look ahead. This game was a tone-setter and started with that first goal. We need to keep that chip on our shoulder and take care of business in these next two games."



Bentworth's Mallory Schreiber is defended by Charleroi's Marissa Stiffy during Tuesday's game at Bentworth Athletic Field. The lead into halftime before scoring four unanswered goals in the second half of a

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Bearcats topple Cougars for sixth straight victory

Reagan Schreiber finished with a hat trick in the 6-1 triumph.

By JOSE NEGRON

Since dropping down to Class A in 2018, the Bent-worth girls soccer team has dominated in four meetings with Charleroi. The Bearcats swept the sea-con series in each of the last

son series in each of the last two years, outscoring the Cougars, 36-0. While it wasn't the same

dominant performance put on display in years past, Bentworth was once again on the winning side against its Section 2-A rivals Tuesday, Section 2-A rivals Tuesday, capturing a 6-1 victory over visiting Charleroi at Bent-worth Athletic Field. Reagan Schreiber netted a hat trick, while Mackenzie

Mallory Schreiber and Emily Kisner added one goal apiece to help the Bearcats (6-2, 4-2) extend their winning streak to six

"It was a tough one, but we knew that ultimately our depth was going to take over at some point," said Bentworth head coach Tyler Hamstra, whose team held a slim 2-1 lead at halftime. "Charleroi is a really good team and this is the time of year when the attrition battle starts getting you. You al-ways have to have it in your mind that it's a marathon."

Despite seeing her team take the loss, Charleroi head coach Traci Fleming applauded the effort, especially in the first heaft.

in the first half.

The Cougars (2-6, 2-4) were able to collect 11 of their 12 able to collect 11 of their 12 shots in the opening 40 minutes. One of those shots came on their lone goal of the game by freshman Bella Carroto. "That was probably the best

been able to put together, but unfortunately, it's an 80-min-ute game," Fleming said. "We've come a long way from game one to that first half, we just get tired and get worn out as the game goes on. They knew how to play

on. They knew now to play us and they knew they were going to wear us out in the first half and come get us in the second half."

Charleroi was able to get five total shots within the first 10 minutes of play, but they weren't quality chances, sailing either wide of the

net or directly at Bentworth goalkeeper Jasmine Man-ning. Manning had five saves in the win. Bentworth, which claimed the program's 150th win Tuesday, picked up its first shot with just under 30 min-utes on the clock as Mallory Schreiber lifted one that was

BEARCATS · B3

Defense. Pritts' hat trick lead Yough past Elizabeth Forward

Yough head coach Dann Appolonia said the second half was one of the team's "better halves all season.

> By DEAN DELLAMALVA JR. MVI Sports

It has been an up-and-down start to the 2020 season for the reigning WPIAL Class 2A runners-up from Yough. Finding the right mix of players to replace a slew of graduated talent has been a difficult task; however, if the second half of their nonsection matchup against Elizabeth Forward Tuesday is any indication, the Cougars could very well be on the verge of bouncing back. A smothering defense and a hat trick from sophomore McKenzie Pritts helped

from sophomore McKenzie Pritts helped propel Yough to a 5-2 victory over the neighboring Warriors on Cougar Moun-

Junior Hannah Biros also had a strong game for the Cougars (5-3) with two as-

"I think the second half of tonight's game was probably one of our better halves all season," Yough head coach Dann Appolo-nia said. "We're putting together the pass-es and we're on target. We were finding open players, making nice runs and fin ishing, which has been a struggle for us

(3-3) had trouble penetrating the

night.

The two times they got through, Natalie Beinlich was able to get goals. There were not many other scoring chances for the

"We were not getting as many looks as I would like but there were many times we had players wide open and we just could not get the ball to them," Elizabeth Forward head coach Brandon Gerba said "Kudos to Yough, they look a lot better than what they've shown. They look like they are starting to click a little bit." Pritts and Biros connected on three occa-sions. Biros set up two of Pritts' markers

before Pritts returned the favor on another

"(Pritts and Biros) definitely were a good combination tonight, we have been wait-ing for that to happen all year," Appolonia said. "It has taken us three to four games to figure out what kind of formation we were going to use and where people were



Yough's McKenzie Pritts takes a shot during Tuesday's game against Elizabeth Forward. ritts scored three goals in a 5-2 win for the Cougars.

going to fit best. In the past two or three games, we have figured out what seems to working for us

Elizabeth Forward opened the scoring in the 14th minute as Beinlich took a pass from Natalie Moffa and blasted a shot from 25 yards out. The shot snuck in just under the center of the crossbar and over the outstretched hands of Yough keeper Marin Sleith for a 1-0 EF lead.

Marin Sleith for a 1-0 EF lead.

Yough answered quickly just three minutes later. Biros booted a corner kick into the box and the ball was knocked home by Natalie Vilchek, trying the score 1-1.

The Cougars kept the pressure on as Vilchek put a pass down the middle and Pritts beat a Warrior defender to the ball. Pritts entered into the box and sent a low roller past a diving Jordan Cochenour to give Yough a 2-1 advantage that carried into halffune. into halftime.

EF tied the game thanks to a holding call in the goalkeepers box against the Cou-gars. Beinlich shot low to the right for the penalty kick goal in the 47th minute. The game remained at a stalemate until

the 60th minute. Biros carried the ball deep into Warrior net. Cochenour came out to challenge

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New Orleans	4	(54)	DETROIT		
Arizona	3 1/2	(52.5)	CAROLINA		
CINCINNATI	3	(49)	Jacksonville		
DALLAS	4 1/2	(55.5)	Cleveland		
HOUSTON	3 1/2	(54)	Minnesota		
Seattle	6 1/2	(54.5)	MIAMI		
TAMPA BAY	7	(43.5)	LA Chargers		
Pittsburgh	2	(47)	TENNESSEE		
Baltimore	13	(47) V	/ASHINGTON		
LA RAMS	12 1/2	(47)	NY Giants		
KANSAS CITY	7	(53.5)	New England		
Buffalo	3	(52)	LAS VEGAS		
SAN FRANCISCO	7	(45)	Philadelphia		
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Friday				
BYU	23 1/2	(58) Louisiana Tech		
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CINCINNATI	22	(47) South Florida		
FLORIDA	17 1/2	(57) South Carolina		
GEORGIA ST	1	(69.5) East Carolina		
North Carolina	14	(55)BOSTON COLL.		
Virginia Tech	10 1/2	(53.5) DUKE		
TENNESSEE	11 1/2	(48.5) Missouri		
Baylor	3	(54) W. VIRGINIA		
CLEMSON	28	(55) Virginia		
PITTSBURGH	14	(46.5) N.C. State		
Oklahoma	7	(62) IOWA ST		
Memphis	2 1/2	(74.5) SMU		
CENTRAL FLA	22	(71.5) Tulsa		
Arkansas St	3 1/2	(65) C. CAROLINA		
Navy	6 1/2	(48.5) AIR FORCE		
KANSAS ST	2 1/2	(64.5) Texas Tech		
Oklahoma St	21	(53.5) KANSAS		
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ALABAMA	17	(52) Texas A&M		
KENTUCKY	6 1/2	(61.5) Mississippi		
W. Kentucky	7	(53) MID. TENN ST		
FLA ATLANTIC	6 1/2	(62.5) Charlotte		
Ga. Southern	20	(49) UL-MONROE		
GEORGIA	6 1/2	(45) Auburn		
Lsu	20 1/2	(48.5) VANDERBILT		
MISSISSIPPI ST	18	(69) Arkansas		
NORTH TEXAS	1 1/2	(72) Southern Miss		

rican League Wild Card Series

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NY Yankees	Pick'em	(8.5) CLEVELAND	
MINNESOTA	6 1/2-7 1/2	(7.5) Houston	
TAMPA BAY	6-7	(7) Toronto	
OAKLAND	Even-6	(7.5) Chi White Sox	

CHICAGO CUBS	7 1/2-8 1/2	(8.5)	Miami
SAN DIEGO	7 1/2-8 1/2	(7.5)	St. Louis
ATLANTA	5 1/2-6 1/2	(7.5)	Cincinnati
LA DODGERS	10-12	(8)	Milwaukee

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NFL schedule

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y rargers at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m and at Dallas, 1 p.m.

es Monday Atlanta at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m. High school soccer box scores

Section 2-3A Belle Vernon gan Einodshofer. ria Rodriguez, Farrah Reader,

lenver at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.

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at Port Adelaide, Qualifying Final
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7 p.m. - FS1 — PBA: Finals, Centreville, Va.
GOLF
6:30 a.m. (Thursday) - GOLF — EPGA Tour:
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Open, First Round, The Renaissance Club, North Berwick, Scotland MLB BASEBALL 12 p.m. - ESPN — National League Wild Card Series: Cincinnati at Atlanta, Game 1 1 p.m. - ESPN2 — American League Wild Card Series: Houston at Minnesota, Game 2 2 p.m. - ABC — National League Wild Card Series: Miami at Chicago Cubs, Game 1 3 p.m. - ESPN — American League Wild Card Series: Chicago White Sox at Oakland, Game 2

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7 p.m. - ESPN — American League Wild
Card Series: NY Yankees at Cleveland,
Game 2

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Sports Complex, Orlando, Fla.

SOCCER (MEN'S)

8 p.m. - FS2 — Liga MX: Juárez at Tijuana
9 p.m. - CBSSN — UEFA Champions
League: TBA (taped)
TENNIS

5 p.m. TENNIS

Game 2
10 p.m. - ESPN — National League Wild Card Series: Milwaukee at LA Dodgers, Game 1

NBA BASKETBALL The French C
9 p.m. - ABC — NBA Finals: Miami vs. Garros, Paris



Bay Rays host the Blue Jay in Game 1 of the AL Wild Card Series at 4 p.m. on TBS.

LA Lakers, Game 1, ESPN Wide World of

5 a.m. - TENNIS — ATP/WTA: The French Open, Second Round, Roland Garros, Paris 5 a.m. (Thursday) - TENNIS — ATP/WTA: The French Open, Second Round, Roland

VALLEY SPORTS HISTORY

- 20 Years Ago
 Monessen's Greyhounds were on the short end of a 2-1 soccer decision against Brashear of the Pittsburgh City League. Arlee Fafalion netted Monessen's goal.
 Monessen Middle School's girls basket.
- for the winners was Erin Manko with 14 ervice points.

 Ringgold's boys cross-country team split
- a tri-meet with Laurel Highlands at Elizabeth Forward. The Rams beat EF, 18-45, but lost

to Laurel Highlands, 17-45. For the Rams, the top finisher was Don Hutchko, who was

30 Years Ago Sunday – No paper published

 Moniessen Minutes School is giris basket-ball team ran by Bentworth, 33-13, behind the scoring of Charisse Bassett (13) and Alicia Stein (10).

 Ringgold posted a 3-0 volleyball shutout over Uniontown yesterday. Leading the way of the winders with over 160 yards rushing and three ways with the winders with over 160 yards rushing and three ways with the winders with the win touchdowns. Also scoring TDs for BVA were Pete Patellis on a pass from J.R. Puhnaty and Al Jay Daniels on a 65-yard punt return Alex Nagy threw a two-point conversion and Dana Chester kicked the other PAT.

BEARCATS FROM B1

saved by Charleroi keeper her right and extending the Addison Conrad, who finished with four stops.

"It was really big to have "It hought we outplayed "I thought we outplayed "I thought we outplayed "Boots as well as possible be-

them in the first half," Fleming said. "I think we controlled more of the ball, we just didn't finish well. If we finish a couple, it's a differ-The Bearcats cashed in on

their second shot nearly a minute and a half after their first as Buttermore found the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

Eight minutes later, Bent-worth's lead grew to two. Reagan Schreiber capped off a long sequence in her team's attacking third by beating a diving Conrad to

stra said. Charleroi finally capitalized in its attacking third with 4:22 left in the first half. Carroto, who was shadowed by Bentworth defender Tay-lor Leonetti throughout the night, cashed in by beating a diving Manning to her left to cut the deficit to 2-1 heading goal for the first 13 minutes

into halftime.

The goal was Charleroi's first against Bentworth since 2017

cause she's the one who will

until Mallory Schreiber beat a leaping Conrad for a 3-1 Bearcat lead. Reagan Schreiber added

in close with just over three

get it to Carroto most of the time. We just wanted to absorb and counter."

Bentworth did dominate in a true and to lose, but we're young and we're going to mature

iers-Houston Thursday, while Bentworth travels to Steel Valley.
"We've been able to grow

"We defended (Carroto and ber second goal of the night all night," Hamstra said. "At fore Emily Kisner made it



ROUNDUP FROM B2

by scores of 25-23, 25-16 and 25-11.

Jensyn Hartman led the way with 18 kills, while

Kaelyn Shaporka added eight.
Alexis Lovis had 23 assists, Jordin Brundege finished with 14 digs and Makenna Stefancik chipped in with 14 service points. Braylin Salisburg contrib-

uted with three blocks. Fort Cherry 3. California 0

The Trojans were swept at the hands of Fort Cher-

Cal suffered set losses of 25-13, 25-6 and 25-15.

Tayla Pascoe had six kills and Camari Walden added five kills

YOUGH FROM B1

could not corral the ball. Pritts fired at a wide

open cage to give Yough the lead at 3-2.

Just two minutes later, Pritts dished to Biros and she scored from 20 yards out, making it 4-2. Madison Hodge set up Pritts for her third goal in the 69th minute.

"(Pritts) had a good season last year and I told the girls we have to watch her," Gerba said. "(Yough's) gameplan worked, they worked the ball up and found Pritts in the gaps and she turned herself loose."

Elizabeth Forward still has some work to do to get where its head coach wants it. The Warriors were unable to set up their offensive threats, Beinlich and Anna Resnik, enough to

"That is kind of where I am struggling right "That is kind of where I am struggling right now, they have got to find, from the outside back through the middle, ways to get those girls their opportunities," Gerba said. "They're the dangerous ones from 30 yards out."

"Biros and Vilchek, back in the center back

"Biros and Vilchek, back in the center back position, did a really good job and our defense is coming along," Appolonia said. "They are starting four brand new people back there. I knew there was going to be some growing pains, and there were. But the communication was really good today."

Both teams band, back, into, continue, play.

Both teams head back into section play Thursday as Elizabeth Forward hosts Keystone Oaks and Yough travels to McGuffey



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