

Elizabeth Forward will take on South Park in the MVI Game of the

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Ringgold celebrates seniors by downing AG

Senior Faith Bodnar scored a pair of goals in the first half of a 4-1 triumph over Albert Gallatin

By DEAN DELLAMALVA JR.

The Ringgold girls soccer team celebrated senior night with a 4-1 victory over visiting Albert Gallatin in Section 2-3A play Thursday at Joe Montana Stadium.

Four members of the Class of 2021 were

honored before the game and one of those sehonored before the game and one of those se-niors had herself a performance to remember. Faith Bodnar scored two first-half goals and just missed out on a third for Ringgold (3-3, 3-3). Both Bodnar tallies were set up by soph-omore Katelyn Ferrence who had a goal of her own as well.

"Every win is important to me, it affects

how we move as a team, how we work as a how we move as a team, how we work as a team and how we are off the field as well as on it." Bodnar said. "The win tonight just gets us one step closer to the playoffs." Bodnar and her teammates played a good game, but, according to her, not good enough. Ringgold coach Olivia Wilkerson agreed. "We really connected as a team there were

Ringgold coach Olivia Wilkerson agreed.
"We really connected as a team, there were
a few breakdowns," Bodnar said. "We'll fix
it. There's always room for improvement and
we know what we need to do."
"Like Bodnar said, we had some breakdowns but we fixed them," Wilkerson said.
"We came out on top. This team just has a
way about them, it might take a conversation
but they koupee back and fourse it ou!" but they bounce back and figure it out.

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One of the adjustments that occurred was on
the Rams' back line.

There were some miscues back there; however, Ringgold's players figured it out and
readjusted.

"They had some breakdowns tonight, which
includes the state of the state of the state of the
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is uncharacteristic of this team, and I watched and listened to Morgan Walsh just controlling the back line," Wilkerson said. "She just



Ringgold's Katelyn Ferrence takes a shot during Thursday's game against Albert Gallatin at Joe Montana Stadium. Ferrence had a goal and two assists in the Rams' 4-1 victory.

grabbed an older player and helped her with her position. When we can do that from the back, it flows all the way up to the front."

Ringgold got started early in the game as

Ferrence fired a shot off the cross bar and Bodnar knocked it home in the fourth minute for a 1-0 lead.

In the seventh minute, the Rams had a goal nullified on an offside call.

Then in the 17th minute, Ferrence put one in off a feed from Aubrey Esper to push the lead to two

Three minutes later, Ferrence was tripped in the box, which set up senior Madison Bailey with a penalty kick. Despite the prime opportunity, her shot sailed just high of the cross

"(Bailey) is a great ball player and she is

definitely kicking herself for missing that PK," Wilkson said. "But then she came fly-..., INMIT WE DACK line on some overlapping runs and I thought she was going to score that way. Apparently she really just likes to work for it." ing from the back line on some overlapping

Ferrence found Bodnar again in the 23rd minute on a nice clean pass for a 3-0 Rams

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Elizabeth Forward's Emma Gatto (1) delivers a pass to teammate Giovanna Ferraro (13) while being surrounded by a trio of Keystone Oaks defenders during Thursday's game at Warrior Stadium.

EF cruises past KO, 5-0

Four different players found the back of the net for the Warriors.

By JEREMY TEPPER

Brandon Gerba knew his team was in for a good performance before the game even start-

ed.
The day before, the Elizabeth Forward girls soccer team had one of their better, harder practices. And on Thursday, that practice play carried over, as the Warriors dominated Key-stone Oaks in a 5-0 Section 4-2A victory at Warrior Stadium.

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"We focused on all-out effort. Speed of play
has been kind of off for us this year. We've
had days when we practiced slow and we
played slow, and it shows," said Gerba, the
Warriors' coach. "So yesterday was probably
one of the harder practices that they had in

awhile, effort wise. And it showed tonight with more effort and more speed."

Elizabeth Forward (4-3, 4-1) controlled play

from start to finish, peppering 16 shots on net. Keystone Oaks (2-5, 2-4) finished with just four shots

Four different girls scored for the Warriors, with Natalie Moffa getting two and Natalie Beinlich, Anna Resnik and Brianna Hartford

Bennich, Anna Kesnik and Brianna Haritord each getting one a piece. Conversely, Keystone Oaks rarely threat-ened, meandering on offense and never really getting the ball in dangerous spots. After a 7-0 loss to South Park and a 5-2 loss

to Yough, it was exactly the type of rebound performance Elizabeth Forward was looking for.

"Coming off of two losses, this was nice to

come back and get some goals on the board and play stronger defense and play more as a

Growing pains continue for young Cougars

Charleroi suffered its third straight loss in the form of a 5-4 defeat at the hands of Chartiers-

By JEREMY SELLEW

The last time the Charleroi girls faced Chartiers-Hous-ton, the Cougars were blast-ed 7-0.

Charleroi wanted a litthe redemption the second time around when the teams faced off Thursday at Myron Pottios Stadium

The Cougars didn't get the result they wanted but the young team showed they're going to be a force to be reckoned with in years to

Seconds after Bella Carro-Seconds after Bella Carro-to sent a 25-yard blast into the back of the net to tie the game, Chartiers-Houston's Ashley Horvath scored off a long rebound to give the Bucs a 5-4 win over the

Bucs a 5-4 win over the Cougars.

"This is definitely one of those games I have a lot of confidence that we win as soon as next season," Charleroi coach Traci Fleming said. "These are some of the growing pains I knew we were enjure to go knew we were going to go through, but this is one of those games that a young team will learn how to win."

The game mirrored the first meeting between the two teams as the Cougars (2-7, 2-5) had the better play and a number of opportu-

and a futiline of opportunities to put the ball in the back of the net early. Two balls were sent just wide of the goal and the Cougars hit two posts be-fore Chartiers-Houston got

the opening goal.

A ball sent in caught
Charleroi goalkeeper Addison Conrad with the slightest hesitation to come to the top of the box and challenge the play, but the Bucs' Alys-sa Wright just put enough of a bump on the ball allowing COUGARS · B3



Charleroi freshman Bella Carroto (left) smiles after scoring during Thursday's game against Chartiers-Houston at Myron Pottios Stadium. Carroto finished with a hat trick in the Cougars' 5-4 loss

Team MVI



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DALLAS	4 1/2	(56)	
HOUSTON	4	(53.5)	
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ALABAMA	18	(53) Texas A&M
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	Records: Ringgold (2-5, 2-5); Albert Gallatin (2-6
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COUGARS FROM B1

it to slowly roll into the back of the net for a

"That's an experience thing, for sure," Fleming said. "Addison is a new keeper and she made some really good saves for us to-night. But there were little things like that night. But there were little things like that play on the first goal and just holding on to the ball. There were two goals she had in her hands that squirted out and they scored on." Boots DeUnger, another of the Cougars' strong freshman class, got her team on the board after taking a great pass from Carroto, rolling a shot past C-H keeper Madison Smith at the 20:45 mark.
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to, rolling a shot past C-H keeper Madison Smith at the 20-45 mark.
"Boots is going to be one of the best to ever come out of this valley," Fleming said.
"She's a little banged up, but it doesn't matter because she's going to go out there and play. She was great in the midfield tonight and Bella was great finishing."
Just 1:31 later, it was Carroto gathering a loose ball and scoring to vault the Cougars to a 2-1 lead with 19:14 left in the half.
"We have three freshmen that can really go out there and play great soccer," Fleming said, mentioning defender Taylor Ramsdell along with Carroto and DeUnger. "This is frustrating for them, I know that. They're not used to losing. I don't like to lose, either. But watching them improve every game is so exwatching them improve every game is so ex-

"We have four other freshmen out there starting that haven't even played before. Once they start coming along we're going to be really good and tough to stop."

Wright scored the next two goals to push

the Bucs (4-4, 4-3) back in front, but Carroto scored the goal of the game to tie things up. Carroto gathered in a header from DeUnger, ball-handled at the top of the box around a defender, using a couple of touches to free up for a spinning shot to beat Smith and send the teams to the half tied 3-3.

"It's tough sometimes when you have three It's tough sometimes when you have three games in a week. We're tired, all the teams are, then we don't have a lot of subs, so we get worn out quicker," Fleming said. "It's hard to even practice much because the girls need a rest."

The Bucs opened the scoring in the second half when Conrad made a save but had the ball jarred loose when she ran into one of her own players. Lexi Durkacs was there to send a shot into the back of the net for a 4-3 lead for the visitors.

Less than two minutes later, though, Carro-

Less man two minutes later, tnough, carrot showed her touch again, netting a hat trick with a great shot from 15 yards out on the right sideline, bending it over Smith's head. But just 53 seconds later, Horvath got the game-winner when Wright sent a hard shot on Conrad. The ball rolled up her arms, off her chin and right to Horvath's foot for the

her chin and right to Horvath's foot for the shot and goal.

"Sometimes I have to go home and give myself a pep talk, too," Fleming said. "But the future here is bright. The pieces are in place. We have to learn how to win these types of games and continue to improve every game, which we have done so far. From 7-0 to 5-4 against this team, I'll take that. I don't like the loss, but that's a big difference over a couple weeks."

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Series: St. Louis Cardinals at San Diego Pa-

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9 p.m. - ABC - NBA Finals: Miami Heat vs.
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5 a.m. - TENNIS - ATP/WTA: The French
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5 a.m. (Saturday) - TENNIS - ATP/WTA:
The French Open, Third Round, Roland Garros. Paris.

VALLEY SPORTS HISTORY

20 Years Ago • Ringgold's girls ran away from Belle Vernon Area, 10-2, in girls soccer. Dana Galiffa led the winners with three goals and Anna act the winners with the goals and an assist, while Jen Pergola and Stephanie Kuhn each added two goals and a pair of assists. Ruth Frye also had two tallies and Maryann Bassi completed the scoring with one goal.

30 Years Ago

Brian Miller was honored as The Valley
Independent's Player of the Week for his efforts in Ringgold's upset in over Bethel Park.
Playing as a wide receiver, tailback, fullback, flanker and tight slotback, Miller carried the ball 19 times for 104 yards, caught one pass

for 12 yards and threw a pass for nine yards and a touchdown. On defense, he had nine tackles and returned an intercepted pass 70 yards for a TD.

• The number of records Monessen' High product Reggie Allen held at Indiana State University of Terre Haute climbed to five. The latest mark came in the unbeaten Syemores' 27-9 victory over visiting Akron when Allen completed 10 of 14 passes for 147 yards and one touchdown. Allen, who is just three games into his junior season, had already thrown for 2.295 yards, breaking the old standard of 2,159 yards held by Ron Overton.

EF FROM B1

Learn, Gerba said. "It was nice for them to come out and play the way that they did." The Warriors first got on the board when Moffa scored in the eighth minute off of a cross. About 14 minutes later, Beinlich freed a strike from about 25 yards out into the net. Taking a 2-0 lead into the break, Moffa

net. Taking a 2-0 lead into the break, Moffa scored her second goal in the 45th minute, while Resnik scored in the 53rd minute and Hartford the 58th.

"What we've been working on is getting the forwards to check back and play back to the center mids, to play back to Natalie beinlich, to play back to Abigail Beinlich, and play off of them," Gerba said. "Getting them to actually come back and find feet as opposed to dumping it all the time is something we've been working on pretry much all season, and it's starting to show in these last season, and it's starting to show in these last couple of games.

By playing off of the Beinlich sisters, the offense opened up. For the most part, Natalie Beinlich has carried the scoring load for the Warriors this season. But on Thursday, Elizabeth Forward showed more offensive diver-

abeth Forward showed more offensive diversity.

"You don't want to be so one dimensional, but up to this point. Beinlich has had a great season, and everybody tends to focus on her. So when two or three other girls can share, it does help open up options for us and it gets more people involved and people can't just focus on her." Gerba said. "And it gives her more freedom too when they have to worry about two or three girls."

Defensively, Gerba said the strategy was to press a bit more and play tighter instead of

press a bit more and play tighter instead of so spread out. The Warriors executed it well, and turned defense into offense regularly. From top to bottom, it was a performance to build on, and the Warriors will hope to do that when they travel to Deer Lakes on Sat-

that witch they travel to be the surfay.

"We still have a long way to go," Gerba said. "We have a lot to work on to compete with the top teams in 2A, but they played better as a unit tonight no matter who was in there, and I was happy with that."

SELLEW FROM B2

Trojans head to Avella, of all places, for a showdown for the top of the Tri-County South.

Looming later is Carmichaels, but Cal needs to handle business this week.

needs to handle business this week.

After a slow start last week, the Trojans
trounced Mapletown. I trust Ed Woods' offense to get it done. I trust Zach Keefer's defense to pitch a shutout.

Trojans 35, Eagles 0

In other games this week, I like: South Allegheny 47, Brownsville 0 Mt. Pleasant 26, Yough 19 Frazier 25, Waynesburg 6 Mapletown 13, Monessen 12 Bentworth 16, Jeff-Morgan 14

Last week: 9-3 Season: 26-7

