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WEST ALLIS NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL

Football Off to Solid Start at 1-1



It may have gone down to the wire, but the first game with Brandon Ehret as head coach of the Nathan Hale Huskies football team ended in a successful 21-20 win over Lake Geneva Badger.

Senior quarterback **Nick Sotiros** connected with senior wide out **Derek Waller** on a seven-yard touchdown pass—Sotiros' third of the game—with just 20 seconds remaining in the contest to tie the score. Senior **Taylor Manz's** extra point sealed the victory for Huskies.

Hale needed a precision two-minute drill to score the go-ahead touchdown and got just that.

Hale's passing game proved to be an effective weapon all game. Sotiros threw for 265 yards, thanks to time given to him by the play of the offensive line.

Waller scored Hale's opening points of the year, a 70-yard catch and run from Sotiros in the second quarter to tie the score at 7. Sotiros found senior **Taylor Tomczak** later in the quarter to put Hale up 14-7.

For his efforts, Sotiros was named one of two area Players-of-the-Week by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

The victory capped a three-game sweep of Badger, with the Freshmen winning, 40-6, and the JV coming home with a 35-13 win. The younger levels

continued the victory string into the first conference game. The Freshman downed Brookfield Central, 20-0, and the JV took care of the Lancers, 28-6.

The thrill of close games continued in week 2. Hale nearly pulled off a monumental upset, taking Brookfield Central, a team ranked no. 2 in the *Wissports.net* power rankings following week 1, to overtime.

The 21-14 double overtime loss was to one of the best teams in the state, but it was not as a result of a strong effort, especially on defense. After allowing a near touchdown run to open the game, the defense settled and played strong through the remainder of the contest.

The offense found its gear often, and proved to be far more balanced against the Lancers than the previous week, amassing more rushing yards

2012 Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 24	at	LG Badger
Aug. 31		Brookfield Central
Sept. 7		Marquette
Sept. 14	at	Sussex Hamilton
Sept. 21		West Allis Central
Sept. 28	at	Brookfield East
Oct. 5		Menomonee Falls
Oct. 12	at	Wauwatosa East

All games at 7 p.m.

JV plays at home on Thursdays when Varsity is on the road at 6:45 p.m.

Freshmen play at home on Thursdays when Varsity is at home at 4:15 p.m.

(181) than passing (147). Tomczak scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter and Sotiros found senior **Marcel Mundt** on a fourth quarter scoring strike to account for the team's points.

The varsity returns to play on Sept. 7 hosting Marquette with the freshman and junior varsity contests the previous day.

Boys' Soccer Squad a Goal Scoring Machine in Early Season Action

The Nathan Hale Boys soccer team, in its first season under new head coach and Hale alumnus Neil Dombrowski, got off to a fantastic start.

The boys soccer squad opened the year with a 3-0-0 record, outscoring opponents 13-0 in the process.

Four different scorers found the net against University School in a 4-0 season opening victory, but it has been freshman forward **Kevin Mesich**, who has been the prolific goal scorer since, racking up a hat trick (a three goal game) in a 4-0 win over Greenfield.

The defense has been solid and the team started the year playing strong as a unit.

Since the Huskies' hot start, the team has been scoring, but so have the opponents. Currently, the Huskies are 4-3-1 on the year.

The opponents have gotten tougher as well, now that the team has hit Greater Metro Conference play. In two GMC games so far this season, the Huskies have lost to Brookfield

Central (3-1) and Marquette (5-0). Marquette is the defending state champion and did not lose a game a year ago.

2012 Varsity Soccer Schedule

Aug. 14	Univ. School (W, 4-0)
Aug. 16	at Lake Co. (W, 5-0)
Aug. 18	at Greenfield (W, 4-0)
Aug. 21	at Brk. Cent. (L, 1-3)
Aug. 22	at Pius IX (T, 3-3)
Aug. 24	at Greendale (L, 0-1)
Aug. 27	Mil. Luth. (L, 1-2)
Aug. 28	Marquette (L, 0-5)
Aug. 31	at New Berlin Invite
Sept. 1	at New Berlin Invite
Sept. 5	at West Allis Central
Sept. 6	at Cudahy
Sept. 8	Racine Horlick
Sept. 11	Brookfield East
Sept. 13	at Oak Creek
Sept. 15	Brk. Academy
Sept. 18	at Wauwatosa East
Sept. 25	Hamilton
Sept. 27	at Franklin
Sept. 28	at Shorewood
Oct. 1	Union Grove
Oct. 2	at Menomonee Falls
Oct. 9, 11	WIAA Regional
Oct. 18, 20	WIAA Sectional
Oct. 26, 27	WIAA State

Coaches, Team Leaders Get Preseason Training

Rob Miller from Proactive Coaching provided leadership training to nearly 80 Nathan Hale student-athletes and coaches.

Sponsored by the booster club, Miller came to Hale this time to speak directly to student leaders and coaches about the fundamentals of team leadership and growth. It was Miller's third time on campus to speak.

"It's great coming here and seeing the growth of the student-athletes," Miller said. "They are ready to be in leadership roles and want to take on these responsibilities."

Coaches agreed that the seminar was worthwhile.

"I wish we could do this more often," said head boys' basketball coach John Palesse.

Poms Claim Third Place at State Fair Competition

The Nathan Hale Pom Poms team took part in the Badgerette State Fair Poms Competition, as the team continues to grow and improve under first-year head coach Ashley Johnston, earning a third-place finish in the high school team event on Aug. 5.

Hale placed third behind first-place Greendale and second-place Oak Creek. The Huskies were just 10 points out of the second place spot.

At the Midwest Region competition, Hale placed ninth earning it another trip to the Disney All-Star Talent tour this winter. The team also took fourth place in funk and kickline and took sixth in open poms.



The poms team also took part in the Carroll University Camp in Waukesha during the summer.

The squad was one of four to receive superior designation during the camp, joining Oak Creek, Pius XI and Muskego with the honor.

The team received several other honors during the camp, placing fourth in open poms routine, and second in funk and second in short program.

Junior **Kylie Larson** and sophomore **Emily Navarette** were one of nine camp all-stars.

Cross Country Squads See Early Season Success

While many of the fall sports teams have coaches in their first season at Nathan Hale, two of the senior members of the Hale coaching fraternity have their teams poised well to start the season.

On the boys' cross country side, Coach Ron Kurtz got his racers off to a solid start to the season, with a fifth-place finish of 19 teams at the West Bend West Jamie Block Invitational.

Senior **Milan Stojanovic** paced all Hale runners with a time of 17:01.69, placing a very respectable eighth place in what was a deep and competitive race.

Senior **Robert Effinger** was just four runners behind in 12th place, finishing in 17:18.52.

Sophomore **Daniel Nelson** placed 14th and senior **Sam Gagliano** placed 18th, giving Hale runners four finishers in the top 20.

In the girls' race, Hale, under the direction of head coach Terry Labinski, placed 11th in an equally deep field.

Hale's top runners were junior **Ellie Probst**, sophomore **April Koshen** and freshman **Madison**

Mihaljevic.

In its only home meet of the year, the boys' team shined, taking second in a very deep field. The boys, now ranked eighth in the state by wirunners.com, lost only to Arrowhead, the state's top-ranked team.

Stojanovic, Gagliano and Nelson finished 11th, 12th and 13th respectively. Effinger placed 18th to keep Hale's top four runners in the top 20 for the second straight week.

Probst once again led the girls side with a 12th place finish.

2012 Varsity Cross Country Schedule

Aug. 25	at	West Bend West
Aug. 31		BELTZ INVITE
Sept. 8	at	Milwaukee South
Sept. 15	at	UW-Parkside
Sept. 22	at	Cedarburg (B)
		at Muskego (G)
Sept. 27	at	Mukwonago (G)
Sept. 29	at	Burlington (B)
Oct. 4	at	Westosha Cent. (B)
Oct. 5	at	Wis. Lutheran (G)
Oct. 13		GMC Meet
		at McCarty Park
Oct. 20		WIAA Sectional
Oct. 27		WIAA State

Booster Club Meeting Schedule Set for 2012-13 School Year

The booster club has adjusted some of its meeting dates from the traditional first Wednesday of the month time slot. The goal is to choose dates that are less likely to conflict with other Nathan Hale events. All meetings start at 6 p.m. and take place in the teacher's lounge. The following is the schedule of

meetings :

Tuesday, Sept. 4
 Monday, Oct. 8
 Wednesday, Nov. 7
 Wednesday, Dec. 12
 Wednesday, Jan. 2
 Wednesday, Feb. 6
 Wednesday, March 6
 Wednesday, April 12

Girls Volleyball Team Owns Two Early Season Wins

First-year head girls' volleyball coach Leng Sayaovong knew that he would face some bumps in the 2012 season. Replacing several seniors was going to make the early season challenging. Despite the change-over in personnel, the volleyball team is starting to come together and has pieced together two wins in its first seven contest.

Much of the action in the early season has come in the form of best-of-three tournament matches. One of the Huskies' wins came in the Hale quad early in the season against Sussex Hamilton, a team it will face later in the season in GMC play.

Sophomore **Jamie Supple** has been carrying the load on offense. Senior **Marlee Freitag** has been asked to play multiple positions, doing so very well. Senior **Rachel Milani** has been very consistent in the middle and senior **Caitlin Kantowski** has been coming on as of late as the setter.

2012 Varsity Girls Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 22		Hale Quad
Aug. 28	at	Brookfield Central
Sept. 1	at	Muskego Invite
Sept. 5		DSHA
Sept. 8		Hale Invite
Sept. 11	at	WA Central
Sept. 18		Brookfield East
Sept. 21/22		West Bend West
Sept. 25	at	Wauwatosa East
Sept. 29	at	Falls Invite
Oct. 2		Hamilton
Oct. 4		Mukwonago
Oct. 9	at	Menomonee Falls
Oct. 11/13		GMC Tournament
Oct. 18/20		WIAA Regionals
Oct. 25/27		WIAA Sectionals
Nov. 1/2/3		WIAA State

Boys' Volleyball Has Bulk of Schedule Remaining

The latest of the seasons to start is boys' volleyball. The Hale boys will finally hit the hardwood at home against Brookfield East on Sept. 19 in one of its three home contests.

The quad has started the season strong, playing in several tournaments in the early season. The squad opened up play across town at the West Allis Central quad and showed its potential in a 3

-games-to-none win over Kenosha Indian Trail as part of the tourney.

The schedule will continue to be a challenge as GMC foes Marquette and Wauwatosa East continue to be state-championship contenders.

Visits to Arrowhead and Homestead will continue to make coach Dan Hardwick's team battle

2012 Varsity Boys' Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 29	at West Allis Central Quad
Sept. 1	at Kettle Moraine Invitational
Sept. 8	at Racine Park Invitational
Sept. 12	at Waukesha North
Sept. 19	Brookfield East
Sept. 22	at Arrowhead
Sept. 26	Brookfield Central
Oct. 3	at Marquette
Oct. 6	at UW-Oshkosh Invitational
Oct. 10	Wauwatosa East
Oct. 20	at Homestead
Oct. 26	WIAA Regional
Nov. 9-10	WIAA State Meet

Swimmers Hit the Water with New Coach

The girls' combined swim teams are now led by first-year head coach Kristen Chesak, who has positioned her squad to solid start. Despite losses to Waukesha North and DSHA to start the season, several strong

swims have been recorded. Junior **Courtney Wery** paced the team in the 100 free with a winning time of 1:12.66 against DSHA. The JV also has been performing well, taking a 107-62 win from DSHA.

September/October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 LABOR DAY	4 First Day of School Booster Club Meeting	5 SOC at WA Central VB vs DSHA	6 FB vs Marq. (Fr-H/JV-A) SOC at Cudahy SWIM vs Brk. Central	7 TNS vs Milw. King (JV) FB vs Marquette	8 VB — Hale Invt. SOC vs Racine Horlick BVB at Racine Park GVB at South Milw.
9	10 SOC vs Tosa East (Fr.)	11 TNS at Brk. Central SOC vs Brk. East GVB at WA Central	12 SOC at Brk. Cent. (Fr.) BVB at Wauk. North	13 TNS vs DSHA FB vs Ham. (Fr-A/JV-H) SWIM at Tosa EastSOC at Oak Creek	14 FB vs Hamilton	15 XC at Racine St. Cat's SOC vs Brook. Acad. SWIM at Port Wash.
16	17	18 TNS vs Meno. Falls SOC at Tosa East GVB vs Brk. East	19 SOC at Marq. (Fr.) BVB vs Brk. East	20 TNS at Brk. East FB vs WA Cent. (Fr./JV) SWIM at GMC Relays	21 GVB at WB East FB vs WA Central	22 TNS at GMCs (JV) GVB at Brk. East (JV) GVB at WB East (JV) BVB at Arrowhead XC at Muskego
23	24	25 SOC vs Hamilton GVB at Tosa East	26 TNS at GMCs BVB vs Brk. Central	27 TNS at GMCs XC at Mukwonago SOC at Franklin SWIM at Brk. East FB vs Brk. E. (Fr-A/JV-H)	28 GVB at Pius IX (Fr.) SOC at Shorewood FB at Brk. East	29 XC at Burlington GVB at Pius IX (JV) GVB at Meno Falls (V)
30	OCT. 1 TNS at WIAA Sub-Sct. GVB at Riverside (JV) SOC vs Union Grove	2 SWIM at Brk. Central SOC at Meno. Falls GVB vs Hamilton	3 TNS at WIAA Sectional BVB at Marquette	4 XC at Westosha Cent. FB vs M.Falls (Fr.-H/JV-A) SWIM vs MF/Hamilton GVB vs Mukwonago	5 XC at Wis. Lutheran FB vs Meno. Falls	6 BVB at UW-Oshkosh

KEY: XC — Cross Country, FB — Football, POMS, Pom Pons, SOC — Boys' Soccer, TNS — Girls' Tennis, BVB — Boys' Volleyball, GVB — Girls Volleyball

Schedules subject to change.