



SPARTAN SPORTS UPDATE

Spartans Cruise at Cross Keys



By David King

With Hurricane Matthew showers suddenly appearing, North Springs and Cross Keys played the early game at Adams Stadium October 7th. As expected, the Spartans quickly took care of business en route to a 55-0 win. Fred Lyles returned the kickoff to the Spartan 42. After Justin Ruiz gained 13 yards, QB **Rees Viersen** made his only downfield pass of the game to **Vegas Hayden**, who raced for a 45-yard touchdown 41 seconds into the game. **TJ Faust** and **Jahvon Millard** wreaked havoc on Indians' offense, which elected to quick-kick on third down. After a Ruiz TD was waved off for holding, Hayden took a jet sweep 39 yards for a touchdown. **Nate Hardin** helped pin Cross Keys inside their 10. Following a CC punt, Ruiz took the first carry 36 yards for his first TD. **Antonio Suarez** and Hardin stopped CC progress. Viersen found **Josh Vinson** on a rollout screen with a beautiful cutback for a 57-yard TD and 27-0 first quarter lead. **Terry Moore** and Millard made nice defensive plays on the next series. A **Dion Watkins** TD punt return was annulled by a penalty. Three consecutive Ruiz rumbles opened the 2nd quarter, resulting in another TD. **Gralyn Stokes** alertly recovered a fumble at the 19. Ruiz ran right on the first play for another TD.

Cross Keys earned a first down on their next possession. The Spartans finished the half with a screen to Vegas, who then ran to the four before Ruiz punched in a TD for a 48-0 halftime lead. **Caleb Redd** and **Ken Marble** opened the 3rd quarter defense. Caleb Neely followed up a tackle with recovering the muffed Cross Keys punt snap at their 20. **Brian Adams** played QB for the entire second half and ran the conservative offense well. **Zahir Nichols** and **Fred Lyles** got carries. Caleb Neely nearly forced a safety on the next Indians series. **Evan Murphy** also made nice tackles. The brief 4th quarter opened with strong carries by **Jalen Delaney**, **Zahir Nichols**, and **Caleb Neely**, who wrapped up the scoring with a touchdown for the final 55-point margin. The clock ran out, enabling the soggy players to congratulate each other for a game played with outstanding sportsmanship by both squads.

Next Friday, Coach Earthwind Moreland brings his #5 Grady Knights quarterbacked by Cam Newton's brother Caylin to North Springs for a huge test for the Spartans.

Water Polo Places 9th State Tournament

The water polo team finished the state tournament tied for 9th place. We lost 8-5 in a tough game against Wheeler Wildcats A to open the tournament. Goals were scored by **Kevin Hopper (2)**, **Jacob Rothman (1)**, **Jake Rubin (1)**, and **John Cleveland (1)**. We then played Wheeler Wildcats B and won 10-5. Goals scored by **Kevin Hopper (3)**, **Jacob Rothman (3)**, **Jake Rubin (1)**, **Turner Templeton (1)**, **Patrick Casey (1)**, and **Zachary Schneiderman (1)**. The final game was against Collins Hill, and we came up short in another tough battle, losing 10-7. Goals scored by **Kevin Hopper (3)**, **Jacob Rothman (2)**, and **Jake Rubin (2)**. Congratulations on a great season!

Softball finishes 4th at Region Tourney

The **Girls Softball team** began will begin its State playoff run on Thursday after finishing fourth at in the Region 6 Tournament. The team will travel to Buford HS on Thursday for a best of three series. There will be a double-header on Thursday and a possible deciding game on Friday. Good luck at State!

Volleyball Place 3rd at Area Tournament

The Varsity Volleyball team finished third at this past weekend at the Area Tournament. The Lady Spartans suffered a 2-0 loss to Decatur HS to start the tournament, but regrouped to defeat Carver and Grady in the loser's bracket. The girls would then fall to Decatur a second time. The girls punched their ticket to the GHSA State Playoffs. They will travel to Harris County for the first round on Thursday, October 13th for a 1pm match. Congratulations girls and good luck at State!

Homecoming Tailgate Competition

NSCHS clubs, classes, sports teams, friends or individuals can enter their car or truck in our first **Spartan Homecoming Tailgate Competition**. Register the car/truck being entered into the competition on this form and drop it off at the NSCHS front desk (to be put in the SABC lock box). Forms can be found at northspringssabc.membershiptoolkit.com/Home.

There will be three (3) winners in total. The one winning vehicle in each category will receive a \$100 cash prize. There will be one winner in each of these three categories:

- 1. Spartan Spirit 2. Creativity 3. Wackiness**

Vehicles must be registered by Wednesday October 26th at 3:45pm and will be guaranteed a reserved spot in the main parking lot for the Homecoming Game that night.

Tailgate Competition Parking begins at **5:30pm** and judging will be at **6:30pm sharp**.

Rules: No permanent decorative materials may be used! Front windshield and rear view mirrors may not be covered in any way. No paint of any kind may be sprayed or used in the NSCHS parking lot. All decoration materials must be cleaned up and removed by the end of the Homecoming Game. The Spartans Athletic Booster Club takes no responsibility for damage to these cars.

This Week's Events 10/10– 10/15

10/13 – Varsity Volleyball @ Harris County HS 1pm
 Softball @ Buford HS 4pm
 9th Grade Football @ Duluth 7:30pm

10/14 – Softball @ Buford, if needed
 Varsity Football vs. Grady HS (Community Night/Pink
 Out) 7:30pm

***Home events are in bold**

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- Girls Basketball Tryouts will take place October 24 & 25 from 3:45 – 5:30pm. Must have a completed physical. Everyone must wear a white t-shirt for tryouts. If you have questions, please see Coach Frasier in room C110 or email at frasiert@ful-tonschools.org.

