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Cross Country Runs Strong

Tuesday at Patton Park in Hamilton, the GUS cross country team put up a very good showing. The boy's team won fairly handily over the host Generals 21-34, and while the girls did not win the meet they ran very well and showed much improvement over the first meet.



2019 Girls cross country team

It was a good day for a run, a tad warm, but the sun was in and out of the clouds and there was a momentary sprinkle. The Miles River course at Patton Park is 1.52-miles and starts and ends on an athletic field and loops through the neighboring horse pastures.

The girls ran first on this day with 29 girls toeing the line and 8 of them were wearing the GUS singlet. Miles River is a traditionally strong program and their girls team this year was no exception as they took spots 1-4.

Thea Glass finished 5th (11:10) just 17-seconds off the lead. Lucy Grant made her season debut and finished 9th (11:31). Next up for GUS was Claire Lewis (16th, 12:59) who ran a strong race. She was followed by green line made up of Catherine Carroll, Ani Bagley and Emily Geringer who crossed the line 20th, 21st and 22nd. Lia Kermes came next and was followed by Caitlyn Miller. Coach Billings was very happy with the effort of all the girls who each really stepped up for the race.



2019 Boys cross country team

The boys race began soon after the completion of the girls and GUS had 7 of the 22 runners at the start. Miles River took the first spot (10:17) but then it was a line of green with Max Clarke (2nd, 10:19), Cade Furse (3rd, 10:28), Henry Nelson (4th, 10:29), Manny DeAngelis (5th, 10:36), and Carter Long (7th, 10:37). With the top five all finishing in the top seven it was a convincing win for the Runnin' Boars. Charlie Swanson ran very well coming off an injury crossing the line in 12:48 and Wyatt Benchoff ran great down the stretch to hold off a MR runner and finished in 15:41. This is a strong group of runners for GUS and they will make some noise this season especially when we get to the big meets at the end of the season.

The Cross Country team will head back to Patton Park next Thursday for their next meet. They will see the same Miles River team and also the Manchester-Essex Hornets in the tri-meet. It will be a very good test for the Boars.

Girls Soccer Drops 3-1 Decision

On Monday, the GUS girl's soccer team traveled to West Peabody to play the host Covenant Christian Academy Cougars where they dropped a tough 3-1 decision. The temperatures were in the high 80's and the playing field was bigger than the girls are accustomed to, and that led to a bit of a sluggish start for the girls in green as they fell behind 2-0 by halftime. Hustle was not the issue for the girls who played hard but just struggled to get many good chances and when they did the ball did not bounce their way. Barrett D'Orio played goal in the first half and saw quite a bit of action making several good saves. In front of her were Mikaila Bennett and Maggie Delay at sweeper and stopper respectively with Eliza Loring and Ani Stephan at left and right back. Lila Graves, Ava Meyer, Elsa Reulet, Luka Bornhorst began the game in the midfield and were backed by Zoe Moriarty and Kryn Fortune. Piper Shepherd and Anna Leavitt began the game at striker and both played well.

After a much needed halftime break the girls came out stronger and sharper to begin the second half. Over the course of the second half GUS controlled the play and kept the ball in the Cougar end. Their hard work paid off in the 39th minute when left back Loring made a strong kick into the middle to Graves. Graves then passed the ball to Parker Leavitt who moved it over to her sister Anna Leavitt who knew exactly what to do and promptly drilled a shot past the Cougar keeper. The goal was Anna Leavitt's third in the first two games. CCA came right back two minutes later had a breakaway up the middle and their striker was able to score despite the efforts of the GUS goal-keeper Shepherd who really didn't have a chance. Shepherd had moved into goal for GUS in the second half with D'Orio moving into the midfield.

Coaches Bruce Emerson and Holly Shepherd were pleased with the hustle the girls showed throughout the game, especially in the second half. D'Orio and Shepherd both did a good job in goal, Anna Leavitt played very well at striker and Bennett and Reulet both were noted for their strong play throughout the game.

Boys Fall To CCA

Hot and humid conditions under a blue sky greeted the boy's soccer teams from GUS and Covenant Christian Academy Monday afternoon on Bartlett Field. GUS coaches Jeffrey Bartsch and Leo DesBois had their young Boars ready for a traditionally strong CCA Cougar squad on this day and that was on full display through the first half of play, which was played to a 1-1 draw. However, after the halftime break the Cougars slowly took control and forged to a 5-1 victory in the end. The score may have been even higher had it not been for the strong play in goal by Sammy Parisi who made countless saves, a few of which were candidates for Sportscenter's Top Ten.

Max Crafton put the first goal on the board early in the first half to give the Boars a 1-0 lead in the 5th minute of play. Luke Kotwicki sent a nice through ball into the box and Crafton and the Cougar keeper collided as they went for the ball. As a result the ball popped into the air and found its way into the net. The Cougars got the equalizer in the 18th minute when they played a nice through ball to a racing striker who was able to knock it into the net. CCA made a push to take the lead but a pair of diving saves by Parisi sent the game into halftime knotted at 1. For GUS, Ben O'Connor, Leo Bertone, and Crafton rotated at striker. Nathaniel Flynn, Walter Nelson, Freddy Kniker, Cal White, and Ciaran Mohan lined up in the midfield with Marshall Aptt, Luke Kotwicki, Michael Todd, Morgan Proops, and Ethan Watts on the back line.

In the second half CCA began to slowly take a territorial advantage in play and put together a string of goals to reach the final score of 5-1. Despite falling behind, the Boars continued to battle and made the Cougars

fight for everything they got. Coaches Bartsch and DesBois were happy with the effort put forth by the team and feel they are headed in the right direction.

Boys Run Past Brookwood 4-1

On Wednesday, the GUS boy's soccer team put a check mark in the win column with a solid 4-1 decision over visiting Brookwood. It was a beautiful day for a soccer game on Bartlett Field with sunny skies, temperatures hovering around 70 degrees, and just a hint of fall color on the trees lining the picturesque playing field. GUS striker Freddy Kniker put the Boars in front in just the second minute of play. He intercepted a pass, beat a defender on the dribble, and finished with a shot to the lower left corner. Just three minutes later Sammy Kniker made it 2-0 GUS when he one-timed a volley off a great cross from Ben O'Connor. That was all the scoring for the first half as both teams played good defense for the rest of the first 30 minutes. GUS employed Sammy Parisi in goal who was supported by a defense of Marshall Aptt, Luke Kotwicki, Michael Todd, Ethan Watts, Morgan Proops, and Ciaran Mohan. This group was able to turn back any advances that came their way. The midfielders were busy with Nathaniel Flynn, Leo Bertone, Cal White, and O'Connor rotating through the positions with Elliott Thompson. The brothers Kniker took up residence at striker with Watts also logging some time there.

To begin the second half, Brookwood went to work on the offensive end and scored just two minutes in. The goal seemed to spark a new found energy in the visitors game, and they proceeded to control the play for the first 10 minutes. Slowly GUS regained the momentum and tallied two more scores in the final ten minutes to make the final of 4-1. Sammy Parisi, now playing at striker, went on a solo run up the field beating a few defenders and finishing with a shot to the bottom right corner for the third goal. The final goal was put in by O'Connor who received a nice pass from Bertone before driving a shot into the bottom right corner.

The boys will be back in action next week with two games on the road. On Wednesday they will travel with the girls team to Berwick Academy for a 3:45 game, and on Thursday they will head to Marblehead to play at Tower.

Brookwood Nips Girls 3-2

On Wednesday the girl's soccer team made the short trip over to Brookwood and despite a fast start they dropped a tough 3-2 decision. It was a spectacular day for a game with sunny skies dotted by a few passing clouds and temperatures hovering just south of 70 degrees. GUS earned the kickoff to open the game and struck right away. Midfielders Kryn Fortune and Lila Graves lined up with the ball and Fortune fed a pass to Graves who went right down the middle of Brookwood's defense and drilled a shot right through the keeper to give the Boars a 1-0 lead just 8 seconds into the match. The play was back and forth until the 13th minute when Graves brought the ball down the left side and crossed a nice pass into the crease of the goal where Anna Leavitt out-fought the keeper for the ball and buried it in the back of the net giving GUS a 2-0 lead. Moments later, Brookwood cut the lead in half when their striker scored on a penalty kick. The rest of the half was evenly played by both teams.



For GUS, Piper Shepherd and Anna Leavitt played at striker with Graves, Fortune, Luka Bornhorst, Zoe Moriarty, Maggie Delay, Parker Leavitt and Aisling Twombly rotating through the demanding midfield positions. The defense was anchored by Mikaila Bennett at stopper with Ani Stephan and Eliza Loring at right and left back and Ava Meyer at sweeper. Barrett D'Orio was between the pipes and made several good saves.

To begin the second half, Brookwood scored twice in the first six minutes. The first of the pair of goals was a shot that was all but in the grasp off GUS keeper Shepherd but it deflected off of the back of a Brookwood striker and snuck into the net to equal the score at 2. Moments later Brookwood had the pressure on and an open player was able to score from point blank range to push Brookwood to a 3-2 lead. From this point on GUS dominated the play and did everything but put the ball in the net. Anna Leavitt and Graves, along with D'Orio, kept the pressure on the Brookwood net. There were several close calls but the Boars just couldn't get it past a solid Brookwood keeper. All members of the GUS team played their hearts out, especially in the second half and coaches Bruce Emerson and Holly Shepherd were most proud of them.



The girls will play twice next week. On Wednesday they will travel to Berwick Academy, with the boys, for a 3:45 game. On Thursday they will be back on Bartlett Field for a 3:30 game with the Tower Tigers.

GUS MomBall Team Debuts

Momball, a weekend-long softball tournament comprised of mothers with children in Beverly-based schools, celebrated its 20th season this year. The Inaugural GUS team consisted of fourteen players. Kim Fogelgren, Krisie Brown, Dianne Stephan, Andrea Toulouse, Cheryl Tivey, Emily Reulet, Jenny Kelley, Jessica Paul, Julia Long, Julia Graves, Marika Whitaker, Tara Walor, Tanya O'Malley, Katie Stansky, all moms of GUS students, bravely took to Harry Ball Field on September 21 for two eventful games in this double elimination event. Meghan Taylor, a first year GUS mom, kept our books for the tournament. While GUS didn't win the tournament, we brought skill, style, and most notably, good sportsmanship to the diamond.

If you were to see a game, you'd never guess that the GUS Momball team is only in its first year of competition. Sue Whalen, a Momball veteran from the alumni team, agreed to help coach the Mama Boars and did an amazing job. Over several weeks of practices, Sue's experience, along with the knowledge and support of co-captains Krisie Brown and Kim Fogelgren, helped form a group of moms into an athletically competitive unit. This was no small feat, as many of us have never played the game.

After opening ceremonies Friday evening, softball games were played continuously on the two fields by the 17 entrants through Sunday evening. It is known for being a spirited event, where you'll see players in carefully designed uniforms, food trucks, face painting for kids, a physical therapist, and decorated tents for each team where players can find rest, hydration, nourishment, and conversation. When it came to spirit, of course, GUS did not disappoint. Our players and supporters cheered on the boar mascot (costume worn by Aidan O'Malley) who ran the bases before the Mama Boars' first game at 9:00 on Saturday morning against Cove Elementary School.



The GUS MomBall Team

Warned that first-year teams rarely make it further than two games, we went all out trying to beat the odds. The game brought its share of highlights and lowlights, including 2 shut-out innings, and celebrating small victories of catches and outs as they occurred. Andrea Toulouse brought home a couple of runners keeping the game tight. GUS looked like they were putting together a good string but couldn't bring the runners home. GUS managed to make 5 great runs, but in the end it was no match for Cove's 11, and we were knocked to

the losers bracket. We were off to the tent to tend to sore muscles, and prepare for our next game at 3:00 against Hannah Elementary School's Vikings team.

GUS was prepared to meet a more competitive team at 3:00pm but held their own with again creating 2 shut-out innings. The most fun play of the game was a double play by Jenney Kelley who caught a line drive at shortstop, then ran across the diamond and tagged out the runner as they returned to first base. We found ourselves neck and neck throughout the game. In the end, Hannah pulled out two more runs to win 7-5.

Over the 2 game stretch 8 of our 14 teammates scored runs and all of our teammates made it on base at least once.

In short, the GUS Momball team had a blast, and rumor has it our team was received as the friendliest of the bunch. We are grateful to have made stronger friendships among ourselves, proud to have given our best on the field, and honored to have upheld the GUS way. We very much look forward to next year, and are already considering how to incorporate the GUS tartan into the uniform.

Next Week

Mon. Sept. 30	Regular practice day
Tues. Oct. 1	3:00 Dismissal - No Sports
Wed. Oct. 2	Boys 7&8 soccer @Berwick 3:45, return to GUS 6:15 Girls 7&8 soccer @Berwick 3:45, return to GUS 6:15 All others regular practice day
Thurs. Oct. 3	Boys 7&8 Soccer @Tower 3:30, return to GUS 5:15 Girls 7&8 Soccer home vs. Tower 3:30 Cross Country @Patton Park vs. Miles River & Manchester-Essex 3:45

GSP Notes: Many thanks to the Proops and Todd families for providing snacks for the boys games this week. Especially good were the popsicles and italian ice for Monday's game in the high heat... Many thanks also to Evan Cavanaugh and Tom Kotwicki for getting Bartlett Field in tip-top condition... More Alumni in action at the next level... **Fionna Flynn '19** is playing soccer at Newburyport High School and she recently went up against former GUS classmate **Emery Weber-Provost '19** who is playing soccer at Manchester-Essex. **Hannah Gorton '19** was one of only three frosh to make the girls JV soccer team at St. Marks... Many thanks to **Soryn Bornhorst '19** for taking pictures at the girl's soccer game at Brookwood...