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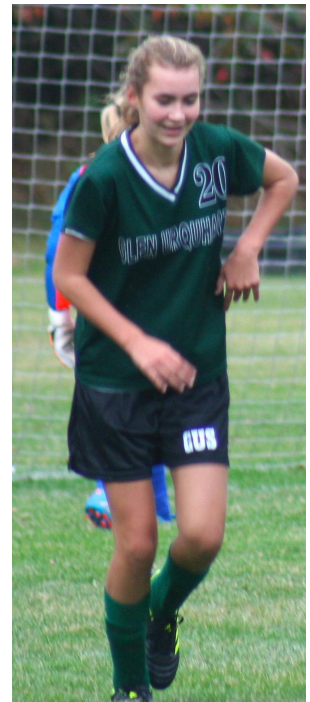
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## Girls Soccer Runs Past Waring

On a cool and overcast Bartlett Field on Tuesday, the GUS girls soccer team produced a dominant 7-0 victory over an overmatched Waring squad. The girls in green scored 3 times in the first half and followed that up with 4 more in the second half to cruise to the victory over their neighbors from Beverly. In the 6th minute of play GUS forged ahead when Lila Graves intercepted a Waring goal kick and went right in on net to score easily. Just 2-minutes later Anna Leavitt made 2-0 GUS when she drilled a shot from 12-yards out past the young Waring keeper. The score remained 2-0 until the final minute of the half when Graves struck again, this time from 12 yards out on the left side. Execution was the story of the game for the Boars as they continued to show improvement with their positioning and spacing on the field. This was true all over the field but especially with the strikers and midfielders who worked well together all day. Piper Shepherd, Zoe Moriarty, Anna Leavitt and Graves spent the majority of time at striker with Parker Leavitt, Elsa Reulet, Maggie Delay, Aisling Twombly and Kryn Fortune in the midfield. On the back line Eliza Loring, Ava Meyer, Luka Bornhorst, Ani Stephan took up residence with Barrett D'Orio in the goal. The defense was not tested much but answered every call they got very well.



To begin the second half coaches Bruce Emerson and Holly Shepherd moved the players around to different positions on the field. Piper Shepherd moved into goal and D'Orio moved to the midfield where she made lots of good things happen. Twombly and Reulet moved to the back line with Loring and Stephan moving up front. Loring immediately made her presence felt up front when she centered a nice crossing pass to a well-positioned Anna Leavitt who one-timed the pass into the goal. Just minutes later Delay scored on a pretty shot from 16-yards out on the left side that traveled just inside the far post. Stephan made it 6-0 GUS when she took an excellent centering pass from Moriarty and beat the keeper with a swift and effective shot. The final GUS goal came from Meyer who outraced several Waring defenders to grab a loose ball in the Waring end and beat the keeper with a hard, low shot. It was a total team effort for the Boars in the victory who are really begin to play well together.



## Waring Edges Boys 3-1

On Tuesday the GUS boys soccer team made the short trek through Beverly to take on host Waring where they dropped a tough 3-1 decision. According to coaches Jeffrey Bartsch and Leo DesBois the Boars played well throughout the game, but especially in the second half, they just came up a bit short on the scoreboard. GUS lined up with for the opening kickoff with Sammy Kniker in net, Marshall Aptt at sweeper, Luke Kotwicki at stopper and Michael Tood and Morgan Proops at wingback. Elliott Thompson and Ciaran Mohan both rotated through at the wing spots. In the midfield Nathaniel Flynn, Freddy Kniker, Walter Nelson and Max Crafton filled the spots with Sammy Parisi, Ethan Watts, Leo Bertone and Cal White sharing the striker duties.

Waring got the scoring started when they struck in the 13th minute on a nice offensive play. In the 18th minute Waring upped the lead to 2-0 when they again scored from close range. Finally in the final minute of the half Waring made it 3-0 after a defensive breakdown by GUS allowed them to get an open man in the box to score.

The boys in green came out strong after the halftime break and got to work on the offensive end. It came to fruition in the 5th minute when Freddy Kniker put one in the net. The play began, as they often seem to, with Nelson gathering the ball wide on the right side. He promptly beat a defender off the dribble and took it deep to the endline where he crossed the ball to well-positioned Freddy Kniker who one-timed in into the net. Parisi moved into the goal for GUS in the second half and with the help of his back line shut down the host team. Sammy Kniker moved to the midfield, and most all other players were in the same positions. Despite playing hard and having some chances GUS could not find the goal again.

## Runnin' Boars Sweep Up North

Yesterday the GUS cross country team headed north to Berwick Academy in South Berwick, Maine for a tri-meet with the host Berwick Bulldogs and Seacoast Waldorf School. When the race ended and the scores were tabulated the GUS boys and girls had both secured victories. The schools combined to put 30 runners, evenly split with 15 boys and 15 girls on the 1.9 mile course. The race begins on a flat area next to a soccer field followed by a brief stint through rolling woods with a loop that takes them through a grassy field before disappearing back into the woods where a large and challenging hill awaits. Once they emerge from the woods, and the downhill that brings them out, it is across a soccer field to the finish.



All the runners ran at the same time under excellent running conditions with a backdrop of spectacular fall foliage. In the boys race GUS finished with 28 to Seacoast Waldorf's 45. Berwick did not have enough runners to score. The GUS boys finished 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14 and 15 to outdistance the others. Manny DeAngelis led the GUS boys in 2nd (13:09) with Max Clarke (13:10.3) and Henry Nelson (13:10.9) right on his heels. Carter Long (13:27) was the 5th place finisher. Johnny Sheridan 13th (15:42), Charlie Swanson (16:13) and Wyatt Benchoff (18:37) completed the GUS contingent.



In the girls race, Thea Glass led the Boars crossing the line first in 13:43. Lucy Grant was 3rd (15:03) and Claire Lewis 4th (15:23), Catherine Carroll was 7th (16:13), Ani Bagley 12th (19:27) and Caitlyn Miller 13th (21:22) to lead the girls to the victory. The final score was GUS 27, Seacoast Waldorf 48 and Berwick did not have enough to score.

## Girls Edge Shore 1-0

Blustery would be the best way to describe the conditions at Shore yesterday where the GUS girls took on a good host Shore squad and collected a hard-earned 1-0 victory. GUS held a territorial edge in ball possession but a stingy Shore defense held strong throughout the first half. GUS entered the game a bit short-handed with four of their regular players out. That left coaches Bruce Emerson and Holly Shepherd with just 11 but they called up a pair of 6th graders, Annie Loring and Ainslie Gorton, to fill the void and they both did great!

In the first half GUS controlled the play with Eliza Loring, Zoe Moriarty and Gorton playing at striker. Lila Graves and Maggie Delay lined up as the center midfielders with Kryn Fortune and Aisling Twombly on the wings. Annie Loring also logged time in the midfield. Piper Shepherd was in goal with Barret D'Orio at sweeper, Mikaila Bennett at stopper and Luka Bornhorst and Ani Stephan at wing back. The group played very well together but could not find the back of the net. When the halftime whistle sounded the score was knotted at 0-0.



The second began a lot like the first with the GUS girls controlling the play. Finally after 45-minutes of play the visiting Boars scored. Graves, who was seemingly everywhere on the field, brought the ball down the right side and made a beautiful arching cross into the box where Eliza Loring did the only thing she could do and bodied the ball into the net

with her midsection for the only goal of the game. For the rest of the game GUS stood tall all over the field and held on for the well earned, total team victory.

The girls will play in a pair of coed games next week. On Wednesday the 7th grade girls will join their male classmates to host Waldorf Moraine at 3:30 on Bartlett Field. On Thursday the 8th grade girls will join the 8th grade boys to play Landmark at the Iron Rail fields in Wenham at 3:45.

## Shore Clips Boys 4-1

Yesterday on Bartlett Field the rain held off enabling the GUS boy's soccer team to host Shore Country Day in their annual matchup. A slow start by the Boars proved to be the difference in the game as the visiting Shore team scored a trio of goals in the first 7-minutes to jump ahead. From that point on the host Boars played their opponents evenly both on the scoreboard and on the field. GUS goalkeeper Sammy Kniker made several fantastic saves to keep the game close and the GUS defense tightened up to keep Shore away from the net until the final couple minutes of the half when Shore upped their lead to 4-0. Freddy Kniker made a valiant attempt to put GUS in the scoring column in the final minute but his strong shot clanged off the post.

After regrouping at halftime GUS came out with renewed enthusiasm to begin the final 30-minutes of play. The game see-sawed back and forth with both teams putting forth a good effort and neither could find the back of the net. GUS finally broke through in the final minutes when an excellent individual effort by Ben O'Connor did the job. After gathering the ball in the offensive end O'Connor beat three defenders off the dribble before chipping a well placed shot over the keeper to the far post.

GUS coaches Jeffrey Bartsch and Leo DesBois were proud of their team for playing hard throughout the game despite falling behind early. They used Luke Kotwicki and Ciaran Mohan at striker with Leo Bertone and Sammy Parisi also seeing action up front. Freddy Kniker, Nathaniel Flynn, Michael Todd and Max Crafton, along with Elliott Thompson lined up in the midfield. Ethan Watts, Morgan Proops, O'Connor and Cal White were stationed as the back line. Sammy Kniker and Parisi split the goaltending duties.

The next games for the boys will be a pair of coed games to be played next week. On Wednesday the 7th grade boys and girls will host Waldorf Moraine in a coed game on Bartlett Field. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30. On Thursday the 8th grade boys will join the 8th grade girls for a coed game against Landmark at the Iron Rail Fields in Wenham at 3:45 game.

## 5th & 6th Update

The 5th and 6th graders continue to do well on the soccer field each day. Whether it is drill work on their skills or full field scrimmages the group has been progressing very well. Unfortunately we have been unable to schedule any games with other schools. We just couldn't find an opponent with a similar program with a common free date and a free field. We will continue with our scrimmaging and drill work for a couple more weeks before we begin the annual "Fruit Cup" intramural tournament later this month.

The Fruit Cup is an annual intramural tourney. The 5th and 6th graders will dividing into teams, which they will name themselves. The name must contain a fruit and are usually quite creative. The tourney takes place during the regular sports period and will last a few weeks ending the Monday before Thanksgiving.

# Next Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 14</b>	<b>Columbus Day - No School</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 15</b>	<b>Regular practice day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>7th grade coed soccer home vs. Waldorf Moraine 3:30</b> <b>All others regular practice day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>8th grade coed soccer @Landmark 3:45, return to GUS 5:15</b> <b>Cross Country vs. Landmark at Iron Rail Fields 3:45, return to GUS 5:15</b>

**GSP Notes:** Many thanks to parent Kenny Grant for snapping some pictures of the cross country at Berwick yesterday. In fact the fan support for all of the GUS teams has been excellent this fall, and is very much appreciated... In the event any game or meet needs to be cancelled for any reason a decision will be made around noon. An email will be sent home letting all families know of the changes....