



Another "Rebuilding" Year for the Orioles

THE O'S UNDERWENT ANOTHER ROLLERCOASTER SEASON DESPITE A SEEMINGLY SUCCESSFUL OFF-SEASON

By Ellen Brooks

Baltimore is an intense city by any standards. First of all, there's that drug and murder problem. Then there are political issues that divide households. But most importantly, our sports provide a source of passion. Baltimore is, as described by Sports Illustrated, a "sports-made" city. We have the Ravens, the Blast, the Bayhawks, high school lacrosse, and, of course, the good old Orioles. Old, yes. Good, not so much.

From an out-of-shape Sidney Ponson to a chronic-slumper Rafael Palmeiro, the Orioles have had some terrible luck when it comes to baseball in the 21st century. To fully understand what the permanently

rebuilding Orioles have put its fans through in 2004, we must backtrack a year. Keep your arms and legs inside at all times and hold on tight—it's going to be one wild ride.

On December 12th, 2003 the Orioles signed shortstop Miguel Tejada to a six-year, \$60 million dollar contract which included an unprecedented \$12 million dollar signing bonus. Tejada, the 2002 AL MVP, had hit 27 homeruns and 106 RBIs for the Athletics in 2003. Ten days later, the Orioles signed Atlanta Braves catcher Javy Lopez to a three-year, \$22.5 million dollar contract. Javy, coming off a career season with the Braves, had hit 43
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Varsity Football Contest Draws Huge Fan Support

ON SEPTEMBER 10th SCORES OF ENTHUSIASTIC GILMAN STUDENTS TRAVELLED TO DEMATHA

By Simon Landau

The evening of Friday September 10th was the scene of an amazing event for the Gilman athletic program, and moreover, the Gilman community as a whole. After a winter and spring in which fan support began to increase, the senior class of 2005 took it upon themselves to add to that momentum and start the 2004 Fall Sports season of with a bang. Following school President Paul Stack, as well as spirit leaders Tyler Hoffberger

and Noel Fetting-Smith, carpools of Greyhound devotees made the inter-city trek from Baltimore to Washington, D.C. to support the Gilman Varsity Football team take on the Dematha Stags. Dematha, ranked first in Maryland at the time of the match, not to mention ninth in the country, were matched pound for pound both on the field, and in the stands.

Masses of screaming
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Varsity Soccer Gets Seal of Approval

NEW GILMAN COACH JON SEAL HOPES TO BRING THE PROGRAM BACK TO THE TOP OF THE MIAA

By Matt Todd

This year, we at Gilman are lucky to have the soccer team's highest a high school soccer team's high scorer on our sideline. Unfortunately, the team referred to is McDonogh's, and Mr. Jonathon Seal is no longer playing soccer. Fortunately, however, he is the new coach of Gilman's Varsity Soccer program. As his impressive resume displays, Coach Seal held McDonogh's all-time goal-scoring record and the single season scoring record from 1988-2000. In 1999, Seal was inducted into McDonogh's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a fiery competitor in his high school days, and nothing, it seems, has changed, as he brings that very intensity to Gilman's sidelines.

Fueled by heavy ambition, Seal is set on being a perennial contender for the MIAA A-



Varsity Soccer Coach Jon Seal gives Paul Stack ('05) tips about defending (Photo by Redmond Farba)

Conference championship. After familiarizing himself with Gilman's team for a little less than a month, Coach Seal has already implemented a completely new system from the previous coach,
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Andrew Pyke

VARSITY FOOTBALL

By Teddy Davidson



Photo by Jake Klein ('05)

For the Gilman Varsity Football team, there are certain expectations that must be upheld. A winning, if not undefeated, season and a MIAA championship trophy are anticipated, and the 2004 season is no different. With these expectations in mind, it is the hard work, dedication, and strong leadership from veteran Andrew Pyke that will undoubtedly bring the Greyhounds back to the top of the Maryland football ranks.

As one of four senior captains, Andrew Pyke has quietly stepped up into his role as a model for younger players to work towards. There is no question that his effort day in and day out is admirable, to say the least. "He's got a great work ethic," says teammate Alex Zarzecki '05, "probably one of the best on the team, if not the best." Fellow senior Ryan Summers explained how he and Pyke, along with several other players, go in each day before

practice even begins. Just as you can't go into an exam without having studied the information, the same applies for football. Andrew Pyke has put forth the effort each and every day, and has come out a truly successful athlete. Senior teammate Patrick Lee is familiar with Pyke's regimen, saying "He probably has the best work ethic on the team. Sometimes I don't like to go to practice because of him."

But Pyke does more than simply train hard to get in shape. He is a very committed team leader who others can look to for guidance. "He's a great leader on the field," says Summers. "Everyone looks to him when we are having a bad practice." For the first time in the last few years there is an absence of a defined all-star on the squad, so Pyke and a few other players have risen to the occasion and filled their shoes. "He's a great example for the younger kids," says Jordan Tucker '05. "He's always coaching up the younger guys." It is one thing to work hard for your own interests. But to achieve real success, you work for others as well. All in all, Pyke knows what it means to be a positive role model.

Despite how impressive his efforts are in practice, Andrew Pyke's real prowess comes on display when he's on the game field. Says Zarzecki,

VITALS

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 210 lbs.

Experience: 3 years Varsity, 1 year Junior Varsity

2003 Stats: 78 tackles, 10 sacks, 5 fumble recoveries

He Said It: (About the 9/10 DeMatha game) "We played hard, and we should have won; we can beat the #9 team in the nation. But we are looking forward to our league games, and we have to work really hard for the rest of the season."

"when you see Pyke pull you know you better get ready for a blow because he gives his 100% all the time." Whether he's delivering a crushing tackle or blocking against blitzing linebackers, you can be sure Pyke won't let you off easily when you go head to head. "Andrew really sets a tone for the entire team," says Tucker. "His intensity and his love for the game inspire us to play better." To Pyke, it's all in a day's work. "His leadership is by showing...not saying," says Ryan Summers. When he's working, Andrew Pyke may appear to be just another face on the Gilman football team. But if you get to know him, you will see in living color the stuff that champions are made of.

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Photo by Will Finney ('08)



Varsity Football Update 5-0 as of 9/19/04

9/3 - Dunbar - 28-14 Win
9/10 - DeMatha - 9-12 Loss
9/18 - Boys Latin - 24-6 Win
9/23 - St. Paul's
10/2 - Georgetown Prep

Junior Varsity Football Update 2-0 as of 9/19/04

9/9 - DeMatha - 14-29 Loss
9/15 - Boys Latin - 21-18 Win
9/22 - St. Paul's - 3-0 Win
10/2 - Georgetown Prep

Fresh-Soph Football Update 1-0 as of 9/19/04

9/14 - St. Paul's - 12-6 Win
9/22 - Calvert Hall
9/29 - Georgetown Prep

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Mr. Ned Harris.

After three straight losses to start off the season, the Coach is not phased, as he commented that after five or six years of using his system with McDonogh's Varsity Soccer team, he knows that it does not reach its high point until mid-October. The coach has faith in the system to ultimately win games by the end of the season. In continuing with his logic, Seal remarks, "we need to get in the playoffs to put ourselves in a place we can take advantage of." The coach comments that achieving his goals depend on, "how quickly we can come together and adapt to the system." The system of which he speaks so highly is simply a zone in which the players swing to encompass the ball.

Coach Seal has surrounded himself with soccer for majority of his life. Before Gilman, Coach Seal implemented the system very successfully at McDonogh School where he assumed the role of the Assistant Varsity Soccer coach from 1992-2003. Under his leadership, the Eagles went to six consecutive



The man Coach Jonathon Seal replaced, Mr. Ned Harris, jogs and imparts soccer wisdom on Varsity defender Tauren Kagwima ('05)

MIAA A-Conference championship games, winning two titles in this span.

As for his career outside of high school coaching, Seal coaches the Casa Mia's Bay Under-16 Boys team. Currently, Casa Mia's is ranked number one in the country. In the last year and a half, Coach Seal's Casa Mia's Bays team has won ninety-eight games, all the while only losing one game and tying one more. It's no wonder Coach Seal has such high expectations for this young but talented Gilman team.

After leaving McDonogh, Seal applied for Gilman's coaching job; on his resume for the coaching position at Gilman, Seal wrote, "My expectations extend beyond [the players] physical ability." He wrote that he demands that his players put in 110% of both physical and mental effort everyday. Senior team captain Will Schoeberlein said of his coach, "he

really expects a lot out of us."

The transition from Coach Harris to Seal has gone smoothly, though senior team defender Marc Walsh commented, "it's a big change coming from Coach Harris." Athletic Director Mr. Tim Holley said, "Harris' input was terrific, and he has passed on the baton." Holley, who ultimately hired Coach Seal, is very enthusiastic about the new coach and commented, "he has been a wonderful infusion of energy into the soccer program." In hiring the new coach, Gilman was looking for a candidate with

a general interest in youth soccer who would improve Gilman's whole soccer program from middle school to varsity. Seal not only fit that criteria but is, like Harris, an excellent player with an extensive knowledge of the game. Captain Will Schoeberlein declared that though the coach and the team are still getting used to each other, "we have a legitimate chance of making the playoffs and going from there."

Seal's experience, determination, and, most importantly, focus on his "system" bodes well for the future of Gilman Soccer.

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Rishi Mucchala ('05) watches as Coach Seal works on correcting a player's mistake (Photo by Redmond Farha)

Varsity Soccer Update

3-5-1 as of 9/21/04

8/31 - Park - 3-0 Win
9/2 - Loyola - 2-3 Loss
9/7 - Curley - 1-4 Loss
9/9 - St. Paul's - 0-2 Loss
9/11 - Boys Latin - 2-1 Win
9/14 - John Carroll - 4-1 Win
9/15 - Calvert Hall - 1-2 Loss
9/18 - C.Milton Wright - 1-1 Tie
9/21 - Landon - 2-1 Loss *

Junior Varsity Soccer Update

1-4-1 as of 9/21/04

9/2 - Loyola - 0-5 Loss
9/7 - Curley - 0-6 Loss
9/9 - St. Paul's - 0-0 Tie *
9/11 - Boys Latin - 1-0 Win
9/14 - John Carroll - 0-2 Loss
9/15 - Calvert Hall - 0-1 Loss
9/18 - C.Milton Wright - postponed

Fresh-Soph Soccer Update

1-4-0 as of 9/21/04

9/7 - Calvert Hall - 1-2 Loss
9/11 - Curley - 1-2 Loss *
9/14 - John Carroll - 0-5 Loss
9/17 - Loyola - 1-0 Win
9/20 - Mt. St. Joe - 0-3 Loss

* Implies Overtime

Photo Feature: Summer Sports

DURING THE SEASON, FALL SPORTS TEAMS PREPARED FOR THEIR UPCOMING SEASONS, AND THE GSN CAPTURED ALL OF THE ACTION



Sam Poggi (07) and Mark Cleeland ('08) stares in dismay over an empty water bucket after his second practice of the day (Photo by Redmond Farba)



New Water Polo coach Jody Driscoll demonstrates the correct way to hold an imaginary ball (Photo by Redmond Farba)

Varsity/JV Coach Neil Gabbey teaches his players to step into the hit (Photo by Redmond Farba)



Varsity Soccer team captain Will Schoeberlein awaits instruction from new coach Jon Seal (Photo by Redmond Farba)



Christian Flow ('06) plays defense on Paul McBride ('06)
(Photo by Redmond Farba)



Kyle Weiman ('07) slamming a set from teammate Rip Fridell ('07)
(Photo by Redmond Farba)



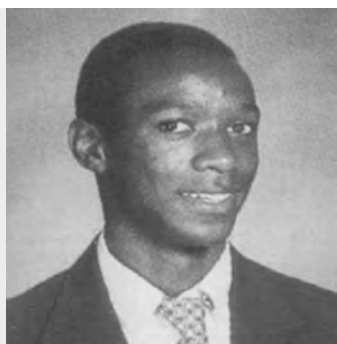
Reed Hartman ('07) sets up a teammate in hitting drill
(Photo by Redmond Farba)



Jason Mattison (07) shows poise and a good arm in summer workouts
(Photo by Redmond Farba)



Player Profile



Tauren Kagwima

VARSITY SOCCER

By Ruben Khan



As the new school year begins, certain individuals seem to be emerging as the leaders of Gilman. Such men are well rounded individuals who take pride being part of Gilman, and Tauren Kagwima is one of these men. Not only has Tauren been a leader in school by becoming the Senior class president, but he also is one of the three captains for the Varsity soccer team.

The soccer players of all levels look at Tauren as a leader who can provide support both off and on the field. On the field he is a threat with his blazing speed and shifty moves. Tauren controls his area of the field whether he is put in at halfback or fullback, and he never asks to come out of a game.

Furthermore, Tauren's skill level allows him to survey the field with his head up to assess the situation. He can keep the ball under control while thinking about his next move. Moreover, Tauren directs the people in front of him in check. Since Tauren plays in the defensive part of the field primarily, he can see the whole field and find the weaknesses in the Gilman defense to stop any offensive chances. Will Schoeberlein said, "Tauren can provide us with a quick counter-attack because he can win the ball in the air and put the ball back into our offensive zone." The team also relies on Tauren's height to win any balls which are played his way. The team also uses Tauren's height as an offensive weapon on corner kicks and free kicks because he creates a screen for the opposing goalie. In addition, Tauren's composure places confidence in his teammates' mind's; they trust his decisions on the field completely. Furthermore, since Tauren has not received a penalty card in his Gilman career, proving that people can play a clean game and still be successful.

Tauren has also proven to be a great leader off the field as well. He listens to any advice from each and every player, and

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Height: 5'11"

Weight: 169 lbs.

Experience: 3 years Varsity, 1 year Junior Varsity

Position: Right Fullback

He Said It: (About Gilman's 1-4 start) "I think we can still make the playoffs. We might've stumbled a little bit, but we can come back. We are going to have to win just about every game from now on- every game matters."

School Spirit

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Tyler Hoffberger ('05) is a leader of the spirit committee (Photo by Adrian Kostrubiak)

he considers the advice with care because he wants to help every person on the team. Furthermore, Tauren does "not want to hear any negative comments from any players against each other." When asked to elaborate, he said, "If any player has any problems, either on the field or off, he should come to me before causing any further damage to this team or to him." Tauren provides the team with support both mentally and physically.

Playing most, if not all eighty minutes of each game, Tauren is a great physical threat to every opposing team. His knowledge of his importance to the team allows him to play intelligently. Lastly, when asked about any advice he can give to other soccer players, he said, "Have fun because people get so caught up in the game that they lose sight of that."



Greyhound fans packed the stands, bringing the noise to say the least. Even better, they kept it clean. Whether it was the ridiculous, yet hilarious calls of Patrick and Owen Slevin ('05) about Middle Earth, or Marcus Singleton ('05) dancing to the beat of Britton Nyce's ('05) drum, the Gilman fans were impressive in the support of their team, in whatever manner they chose to display it. School President Paul Stack was very pleased with the fan turnout, saying, "The fan support was just terrific. To get fifty to seventy people to come to a Friday night game in Washington, D.C. is outstanding."

On the field, there was a game being played, as Gilman came out with the intensity and spirit that they so desperately needed to compete with the premier team in the state of Maryland. After Senior kicker Luke Bell had been a perfect three for three on field goal attempts for the night, his name was called with the score Dematha: 12, Gilman: 9. This attempt, however, was from fifty-one yards away, a tall task for a high-school kicker. Unfortunately, Bell could not stay perfect, and the Stags went on to win by a score of 12-9. Despite the loss, the effort was commendable, for both the team as well as the fans. With the leadership of the class of 2005, as well as the sale of the 2004-2005 Spirit Committee tee shirts, entitled "Super-Fan", fan-support for this year's Gilman athletic program looks incredibly bright.

Editorial: The Sad State of Professional Sports

IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY INCONCEIVABLE CONTRACTS AND STEROID CONTROVERSY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO PROFESSIONAL SPORTS?

By Redmond Farha

Waking up in the morning and watching Sportscenter used to be one of my favorite things to do. On summer mornings, I would wake up at 9 a.m. to see highlights of all of the baseball games from the previous day and maybe catch news from NFL training camp or NBA trades. I watched Sportscenter until my eyes hurt, and it felt good. It felt really good. This scenario prevailed years ago, back in the era of Culbertson. Now, my favorite TV show has become a joke, and the fault lies not with the folks at ESPN; rather, professional (and college, at times) sports are to blame for this now-tainted show.

I recall a certain two-week period this past summer, an interval in which I almost completely lost faith in all that has been so good to me the past few years. ESPN saw in the Lakers' "downfall" immeasurable success and ratings for its premier program. Phil Jackson, the legendary coach who, despite being plighted by utterly miserable rosters of untalented players, always managed to win championships, was let go of. Shaquille O'Neill danced with the idea of leaving LA for good- he has. Kobe Bryant, already in a sticky situation in Boulder, Colorado which involved rape charges (which have recently been dropped), toyed with the idea of joining LA's other franchise, the Clippers. And for the proverbial icing on the cake, the Lakers had been in contact with celebrated NBA coach Rudy Tomjanovich and Duke Blue Devils coach Krzyzewski. As you can imagine, Sportscenter was on Cloud 9. Meanwhile, millions of sports fans, myself included, were going crazy.

I remember thinking to myself, what have we done to deserve this punishment? I have seen the same interview with Shaq

17 times today, and, as touching as a Duke student's emotional "Stay, Coach K" letter is, I can't bear to watch any more. Needless to say, I turned off the TV, like any sane fan would. What I did next would, unfortunately, only lead to greater despair.

Turns out, Michael Lewis is Major League Baseball's antichrist. Baseball has reached its all-time low point, and Michael Lewis' best-seller proves it- no one cares about the game of baseball any more. My own faith in Baseball had been depleting, withering away, for the past two years, at least. And when it wasn't informing me of what Kobe Bryant ate for lunch today, Sportscenter threw in a few

Meanwhile, millions of sports fans, myself included, were going crazy.

Baseball highlights; an Orioles beatdown caught my eye.

The Orioles, who this past offseason spent tens of millions of dollars to bring in three star players, were supposed to go places this year. If not win the division, the least they could have done was make the pennant. As I am writing this, Baltimore stands 17.5 games out of the Wild Card spot; the worst part about this disappointment of a season, however, is the fact that I could not care less about Major League Baseball right now. Games are long, trading cards are gone, fantasy games are in, and Moneyball has drained every last ounce of interest in baseball out of me.

Thanks, Mr. Lewis. No, not you, Michael- I'm talking to Jamal. During my two weeks of hell, I tried to stay optimistic. Hey, I thought to myself, we've still got the Ravens,

who have a 2,000-yard rusher, a developing quarterback, and one of the nastiest defenses in NFL history. Turns out, Jamal Lewis was intending to "distribute cocaine" in 2000. But hey, Red, we just signed Deion Sanders. Sure, Primetime has reported to Ravens training camp, but a cocaine-dealer rushed for 2,000 yards in a competitive, parity-filled National Football League- I think something's wrong.

Where am I going with this? Well, it's simple- professional sports have run amuck. Ricky Williams retired from the NFL at 27 to pursue a career in...smoking weed? The National Hockey League is facing a possible lockout in the 2004-05 season, and for what? The league wants to put a limit on team spending, on account of the debt it has compiled. Cheering for the home team has become a thing of the past with fantasy sports dominating our culture. America can't even win an Olympic Gold Medal without its validity in question. What has happened to the state of professional sports?

I have no solution to solving the numerous problems in sports today, but even if I did, my opinion wouldn't matter much. Maybe that is the problem? Professional sports are known now as a "business," because players come and go, and contracts get bigger and bigger, but what ever happened to the basic concept of these athletes enjoying the game? Whatever happened to players like Cal Ripken, Jr., whose intentions were never questioned because he kept the fans happy, and that was what mattered. Professional sports, from MLB to Nascar, need to reassess their goals- for now, however, I will enjoy the post-game handshakes with other teams, the camaraderie of my hockey team, and I will love every minute of my last year of high school athletics.

Letters to the Editor

If you would like to voice your opinion about the most recent editorial or any of the preceding articles, we would love to hear it. If you want to submit a letter or e-mail, please put the letter in either Redmond Farha's or Simon Landau's mailbox. If you would like to submit your letter electronically, please e-mail it to us as an attachment to gilmansports@yahoo.com. We thank you sincerely,

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Interviews

The *GSN* is always interested in interviews with sports personel or athletes on the professional level. If you know someone who might be a good interview, please send e-mail to gilmansports@yahoo.com. Please include your name, the possible interviewee's name, as well as your association with him/her.

Thanks once again,
Editors-in-Chief
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O's Up-and-Down Season

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homeruns and drove in 109 runs in the 2003 season. To complete this trio of highly paid studs, the O's brought Rafael Palmeiro back to Baltimore, luring him in with a one-year, \$4 million dollar contract; Raffy had 38 homers and 112 RBIs with Texas the previous year.

Not only did the O's bring in offensive firepower, but they resigned star pitcher Sidney Ponson. Ponson, who was traded to the Giants last year (at the time, he had a 14-6 record), was enticed by a \$22.5 million dollar contract, and he stayed true to the Orioles. Ponson complemented a solid rotation involving the likes of young guns Matt Riley, Eric DuBose, and Rodrigo Lopez. For the first time in a while, the O's were looking good on the mound.

The O's hit the ground running. The Birds flew through the first few games of the season, and

as of April 21st had won 5 straight and were in sole possession of first place with an 8-4 record. Moreover, Javy was hot. Many were predicting a wild card race; Ponson was being praised; MLB attendance, in general, was up, with Camden Yards being no exception.

That very evening, the Orioles lost, and all those beautiful hopes and dreams so brashly predicted during the off-season were all but ground into mud by the cleats of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

April finished and May followed with many close defeats, and some not so close. On May 11th for example, the Orioles lost 15-0 to the White Sox. Ouch doesn't even come close to describing the loss. Not only did Ponson continue his terrible play (in his last four starts, he went 0-4 with a 10.29 ERA, allowing 38 hits in 21 innings) but Tejada went down in the first inning with a leg injury. Only eight days later the Orioles were again shut out, this time at the hands of the Mariners, 11-0. April and May, however, were great compared to June. In June, the Orioles could only salvage seven win in 27 games.

Heading into the All-Star Break, Mazzilli and the rest of the O's were less than pleased. And they had a right to be: with a

nasty-looking record of 37-48, the team had not won a home series since the weekend of May 8th when they swept Cleveland. Tejada managed to give the Orioles some momentum with his hard-earned appearance in the

All-Star game and his replacing Jason Giambi in the Homerun Derby. Unfortunately his 26 winning homeruns in the derby could not be redistributed into the following games of the season. The O's managed to win nine of the next seventeen mid-summer games. Then came the shocker.

The Orioles won an amazing eleven out of the first fifteen games in August. This included an eight-game winning streak and a peek at .500. It appeared as though Baltimore was finally coming around. Could they finish strong? Get back to .500 and stay there? In predictable fashion, however, the O's once again faltered.

What has come to be known as the "dirty dozen" took Orioles fans on a heart-wrenching plunge into despair. How was it possible to drop off of eleven solid wins into a pit of 12 straight? Only the Orioles. But, again, things changed, and the Orioles won six straight. The O's reached a high point in the steak when they finished their season series against the Devil

Rays; they have successfully won 57-56 all-time. The other two wins were against the Yankees, who are limping into the fall. These wins seemed encouraging nonetheless. After a recent 9-1 Blue Jays defeat in which new pitcher Bruce Chen improved his ERA to 1.93 (in four starts with the O's), maybe things are on the rise again.

All of the ups and downs make it tough to be an O's fan. It is rare that the Orioles are consistent enough to give fans an idea of what kind of team they are cheering for. Instead, Baltimoreans have to deal with the abundance of huge disappointments and small surplus of sound wins.

The Orioles don't have a stupid goat or a great Bambino to curse them. We have a rich history of baseball. There is no reason for the fans to endure distress for so long because a team can only rebuild for so long. The O's did take a big step forward in 2004, but the big names haven't produced as much as their contracts should entail. Raffy and Javy have only hit a combined 35 homeruns, and the team only has two players batting over .300. The O's must end this rebuilding process and make a commitment to winning games or things will just get worse- that's a dangerous thought. [GSN]

He Said It:

This year, the GSN will attempt to have a section providing readers an inside look at issue occurring in the college sports world. We will do this by featuring a "He Said It" section, including quotes by several Atlantic Coast Conference Coaches. This weeks question posed to the coaches was the following: "Now that the ACC has added football powerhouses Miami and Virginia Tech, as well as Boston College next year, where does it stack up with the best college football conferences in the country?" Here were their thoughts:

Coach: Ralph Friedgen
School: Maryland

He Said It: "Well I think it stacks up with the very best. If those three teams were in our conference last year, we would have had nine teams in bowl games. And then when you put that with the media markets that are involved in the ACC, I think it's probably one of the strongest conferences in the country."

Maryland is 2-1 overall, 0-0 ACC

Coach: Chuck Amato
School: NC State

He Said It: "Well, I think it's hard to say whose league is the best in the country. But we do have the right to say that, because we have three teams who have been in BCS Championships in the last five years or so, but there's more to it than that."

NC State is 1-1 overall, 0-0 ACC

Coach: Frank Beamer
School: Virginia Tech

He Said It: "Well, I think strengths will change year to year. However, I believe that now year in and year out, the ACC will be one of the best if not the best football conference in the country. I think when you look at it, you've got to put the ACC there."

Virginia Tech is 2-1 overall, 1-0 ACC

Coach: Jim Grobe
School: Wake Forest

He Said It: "Well, obviously I think we stack up pretty well- I don't think there is any question about that. I don't think that there's a better football conference in the country. We will find out over the next few years how we stack up."

Wake Forest is 2-1 overall, 0-1 ACC

Letter to the Editors

First allow me to congratulate you and your staff on the second year of Gilman Sports News. I particularly enjoyed the two player profiles of Andrew and Tauren, two young men who are fine role models for others. Allow me, also, to express a gnawing concern: while it would be obviously outrageous for me to insist upon articles about the beloved Yankees or the less-loved Cleveland Browns, I should, at least, be able to read in your publication about one of the most important stories not only of recent years but also in the entire history of the world, i.e., the imminent demise of the National Hockey League. To ignore this story and its implications (I think there is a passage in the

Old Testament that warns if hockey ceases, the world will end!) is unconscionable and inexcusable.

I should add that you have also not even placed the smallest boxed item to indicate that Canada won the World Cup of Hockey, clearly the most important sporting contest of all time.

Please do keep up the good work but please try, also, to devote some space, alongside Orioles, Ravens and assorted other issues, to the noblest sport invented by humans (a category that does, despite some slanderous remarks from seniors, also include Canadians!).

Your friend,
Jon McGill

Response

I would like to thank you for your readership, as well as your concern for the current state of the National Hockey League. As you know, I too am a hockey player and enthusiast, and the absence of professional hockey will make for a tough winter; instead, maybe Gilman Hockey will fill that void! I also would like to apologize to you and the (hopefully) numerous NHL fans at Gilman.

It is very seldom that huge professional sport leagues like the NHL strike. While I do agree that the NHL strike is certainly a matter that is worth discussing, the Gilman Sports News might not be the right medium for this discussion. Each and every week, sports sections from daily publications across the country contain articles with seemingly repetitive information about the strike. After all, it is the job of said newspapers to cover these types of issues in sports. However, the job of the Gilman Sports News is not to cover stories in professional sports, and it is seldom that feature articles are written about pro sports.

If this is the case, then why was one of the feature articles in our first issue about the Baltimore Orioles? Simply put, the Orioles are a local team. We feel that Baltimore's professional baseball team, no mat-

ter how bad they might have been last season, deserved space in our publication because of their locality and prevalence in our community. So, while the NHL strike is undoubtedly relevant in today's sports world, it is not held in the highest regard by most Gilman students.

It is hard for me, a hockey player and fan, to admit that the NHL might not be very popular at our school, especially knowing the level of excitement and tradition that accompanies the NHL. It is especially disappointing now, knowing that I will not be able to watch my beloved Avalanche for at least another year nor will I be able to enjoy the prolonged but exciting NHL playoffs in the spring of 2005.

So, Mr. McGill, we share a common bond in our passion for hockey, but we also now share a common bond in our distress over the nonexistence of the National Hockey League this year. As for the Gilman Sports News' coverage of the NHL strike, I cannot guarantee that feature articles will be written to discuss the strike, but I can guarantee that the GSN will try to take a more broad-based approach to our reporting of professional sports.

Sincerely,
Red Farha

Allan Accepts Assistant Coach Job at JHU

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involved with Gilman Lacrosse. "It was easy to make a decision to leave during the summer, but as soon as I got back to Gilman in the fall, it was tough for me to look the juniors and seniors in the face and tell them that I wouldn't be back this year."

Senior Defenseman Andrew Watkins said of Coach Allan, "What I'll miss most is the way he pushes each player to the limits of their potential and his knowledge of the game." Fellow senior

Defenseman Hal Turner added "He brings a loving atmosphere to the team that brings all the players together." The players hold their now former Coach in high regard, and he is a respected member of not only the Gilman community but area, at large.

Mr. Allan stresses that he did not want to leave the program, but his reasons for leaving are valid if not commendable. "This is the second time I've been offered this job, and it came very out of the blue. I realized that my next birthday would be my 60th and I know I can't coach forever. I thought that it would be best for the program to turn it over to someone a bit younger, and this way I can finish up my career as an assistant and then just fade out of the coaching aspect of lacrosse."

The "someone" that is set to replace Mr. Allan is none other than Brooks Matthews, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who currently teaches English and History in the Middle School. He won a national championship at UNC and is more than qualified to take over the reins from Mr. Allan. When asked what the lacrosse players are



Mr. Matthews, formerly an assistant for the Varsity lacrosse program, now takes over as Head Coach with the departure of Coach Allan (Photo by Adrian Kostrubiak)

looking forward to most about the Matthews era, Watkins said, "His will to win and knowledge of the game, especially on the defensive side of the ball is amazing." Turner also focused on his intensity saying, "He's so intense in practice that it will raise the level of intensity throughout the team."

There appears to be a bittersweet sentiment throughout the lacrosse team regarding the departure of Mr. Allan. He will certainly be missed, but no one can deny the credentials of Mr. Matthews. Mr. Allan comments, "Mr. Matthews will do a great job with the boys this year, I'm just sad I can't be there on the sidelines with them."

While Mr. Allan will not be found with the Gilman Lacrosse team this year, he will be no stranger to Gilman, as he will remain the student counselor for the Upper School. Good Luck to both Mr. Matthews and Mr. Allan in their new endeavors, as we are sure they will be successful.

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Perspective: Fantasy Sports, Not Just a Game for Some

FANTASY SPORTS HAVE BECOME A MAINSTAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS NOWADAYS, BUT IS THIS REALLY A GOOD THING?

By Ellen Brooks

I was elated. As I walked out of Ravens Stadium on that warm Monday night, I couldn't keep a huge smile from spreading across my face. The Ravens had just gotten it handed to them by the previously 0-3 Chiefs. Priest Holmes had just embarrassed my hero Ray Lewis and his defense by rushing for 125 yards and two touchdowns. And yet I was on Cloud 9. Why? Priest just happens to be one of the running backs on my fantasy team, The Malibu Barbies, and he single-handedly won my game by scoring 24 oh so sweet points.

I've deceived you. Priest is actually a member of my opponent's team, and Ray a member of my own squad. Needless to say, I had an awful night- both the Ravens and my Barbies were defeated. The incident I described happens a lot, maybe too much. Parity in the NFL is one thing, but actually cheering against your own team is ridiculous- that is what fantasy football has done to many fans.

To cite one specific example, I recall the opening game against the Steelers last year- the Ravens were all but dominated, but Hines Ward, one of the receivers on my fantasy team, was on fire. One of my teams won, but the more important of the two, the Ravens, lost to the Steelers, whose outlook for the season was supposed to be bleak. I was embarrassed for myself so much that this year I made sure not to draft any Steelers.

I am one of the many Americans who has been consumed by what many consider to be a "sport," even despite the lack of physical activity involved. Fantasy sports have become a phenomenon in the recent years. It seems like everyone participates in a league, whether it be fantasy football or fantasy Nascar. The variety of sports that one can "manage" a team in started simple

but has since become quite broad; who knows what might come next? Fantasy Poker? Seems a bit excessive to me.

Don't get me wrong, I love my fantasy football team; there is a certain sense of accomplishment that comes along with destroying teams in male-dominated leagues (being the only girl does have its advantages), and there are many other positive aspects of fantasy sports. It gives many of us an excuse to watch even more football than before, which seems indisputable in its goodness. Even if the Ravens are playing a Monday Night Football game, Sunday can still be dedicated

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to the television and nfl.com, for one must always be monitoring his or her fantasy players. Conversely, the intense competition that goes hand-in-hand with fantasy football can get out of hand.

Just last year, I joined a fantasy league with many of my aquatic-oriented teammates. Not to brag, but with a lineup boasting the likes of Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Laveranues Coles, and Ahman Green, the Malibu Barbies were stacked. Starting the season 10-0 drew quite a frustrated response from many of the guys in my league, who frequently voiced their distress via shockingly offensive insults. Naturally, I used the message board to retaliate, and I did my fair share of online trash talking. My team hit some minor bumps in the road, but, going into the playoffs with the #2

league ranking, I won my first play-off game. Then things got ugly.

Apparently, my opponent in the semifinals had made an under-the-table deal with another league member, who non-reluctantly traded his best players to my rival. The semifinals proved to be my final showing in this league, and I was nothing short of completely disgusted. Sure, it was an unfair deal, and that was frustrating, but the more important concept to grasp is that fantasy sports are not real, as the name suggests. To think that a few guys were willing to sacrifice their self-respect and dignity just to win a fantasy football game is truly discouraging, to say the very least.

Before the start of this season, I made sure that I would not be exploited and the said atrocities would not be committed yet again. I am now in a league with all boys, fresh, younger faces, which helps my case. My team is no where near as dominant as last year's; I have crummy receivers, a semi-consistent running back in LaDainian Tomlinson, and the bright spot of the team is Donovan McNabb. I'm in fifth place this year, not first, but I've learned that winning isn't everything (sort of).

My experience with fantasy sports has had its share of ups and downs. Animosity and obsession make victims out of many innocent fans, but fantasy sports, in my opinion, give one more perspective, a greater appreciation, for teams in the NFL besides one's favorite team. Fantasy sports can further one's interest in his or her favorite sport, from baseball to college basketball to any number of sports, but you must remember (and repeat after me)- it's just a game, it's all just a game.

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Letters to the Editors

If you would like to voice your opinion about the most recent editorial or any of the preceding articles, we would love to hear it. If you want to submit a letter or e-mail, please put the letter in either Redmond Farha's or Simon Landau's mailbox. If you would like to submit your letter electronically, please e-mail it to us as an attachment to gilmansports@yahoo.com. We thank you sincerely,

Editors-in-Chief
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Simon Landau

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Out of Bounds: John Jones

HE PLAYED TIGHT END FOR THE RAVENS DURING THEIR SUPER BOWL SEASON, AND NOW HE IS AN NFL FREE AGENT

Interview by Simon Landau

Gilman Sports News: Question about Ray Lewis.

John Jones: Oh, behind the scenes, he's pretty much just a regular guy. When everybody sees Ray on television, they see this intense guy flying around and making tackles, screaming, and kicking his legs up and everything, but when you get into the locker room he's pretty much just laid back. He's a little bit of a jokester, he likes to play jokes and what not. But, you know, it's just football, and he just has fun in the locker room. So, pretty much, he's just a regular guy outside of football.

GSN: Question about Superbowl.

JJ: Well, for me, it was really awesome, because I came in as an undrafted free agent. Then the Ravens brought me into their training camp, and I was a rookie when we went to the Super Bowl. So, I was first of all just happy to make the team, but on top of that to win the Super Bowl as a rookie, I mean there are guys who play in the league for ten or fifteen years and never get a chance to play in the Superbowl, let alone win a Superbowl ring, so it was like a double plus for me.

GSN: This is the rapid fire (or word association) section. First name- Brian Billick.


JJ: Oh, (laughter), Very, very, oh, (more laughter). Wow Brian Billick? Arrogant. Very arrogant.

GSN: Touchdown or pancake block?

JJ: Touchdown.

GSN: Why?

JJ: Because there's nothing like catching a touchdown pass. I scored one touchdown against Pittsburgh and the feeling was just overwhelming.

John Jones Vitals:	
	Photo from: www.yahoo.com
Height: 6'4"	
Weight: 265 lbs.	
Essentials: Jones, who was an undrafted free agent out of Indiana(PA), was signed by the Baltimore Ravens at the beginning of their historic championship season. With the help of Varsity football assistant coach Keith Kormanik, Jones managed to give the <i>GSN</i> time from his busy schedule for an interview. Jones told the <i>GSN</i> , that he has tryouts with Tampa Bay and Buffalo on the horizon.	

GSN: Linebacker or defensive back?

JJ: Linebacker.

GSN: Why?

JJ: No linebacker can cover me in the NFL.

GSN: Best TE in the game today?

JJ: Todd Heap.

GSN: Best TE ever?

JJ: Shannon Sharpe. No no no, John Macke.

GSN: TE you modeled your career after?

JJ: Ben Coates.

GSN: Who is the one defensive player who you don't want to see charging towards you?

JJ: Wow(pause), no one.

GSN: NCAA Football or John Madden?

JJ: John Madden.

GSN: George Bush or John Kerry?

JJ: Kerry.

Midseason Update for Varsity Teams

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thus far, and Landon. The next and final three opponents that Gilman faces are Loyola, Calvert Hall, and McDonogh. Each of these three games is a league game and is of very much importance to the Varsity team's successful season. The Loyola game is especially meaningful, as Justin Wiley speculates, stating that "whoever wins this game will win our league."

Varsity Football has a trying three weeks ahead of them, and there is not much that can stop the Hounds from winning the MIAA-A Conference Championship. Coach Poggi sees the upcoming game versus Loyola, at home on Saturday, October 23rd, to be the Hounds biggest challenge. But, "if we can play our very best Saturday," says Poggi, "then we have a good chance of being champions."

Throughout this season, Gilman's Varsity Cross-country team has battled injuries, adversities, and bummer, stronger squads, and yet, the Hounds' have managed to hold their own. After losing one of their Senior runners in Teddy Davidson, the team looked to combine youth and experience to make a run at the championship.

Led by senior stud en Small, as well as three sport stars the Benitez brothers ('05) the Greyhounds defeated Archbishop Curley by a score of 26-29. After falling victim to a tough Calvert Hall team, the squad ran into trouble against 5th ranked Spalding 17-45. The team also ran in the Annapolis "Doc Jones" Invitational. They finished 3rd out of 9 competitive schools.

Along with the strong finish, the team welcomed back Senior Teddy Davidson from injury. As Small says, "T-Diddy (Davidson) made his return to glory with a strong race and a 38th place finish." Combined with the senior leadership, the team has very good underclassmen led by Sophomore Jonathan Koch and Freshman Patrick Fiske.

With this mix of talent, experience, and leadership, the Hounds look to finish the season with, in the words of Small, "finish the season with a very respectable 3-5 record."

In the second full season as an interscholastic sport, Gilman Varsity Volleyball is looking to continue their domination of the MIAA. After coming off a very strong first season, the squad has lost only two times this season, to powerhouses Loyola and John Carroll. After these two disappointing results, the Senior-loaded squad surged back and conquered Loyola in their second battle by a score of 3-2. The team looks to forge ahead and win the championship in the second year of their existence. Their true journey truly begins on the first of November, when the playoffs commence.

Amongst the incredibly successful Fall athletic season, the Water Polo program has been somewhat overlooked. With difficult losses to two very strong teams in Calvert Hall and Loyola, the team entered the meat of their season with an 0-2 record. In these two games, the Hounds were outscored 45-7, resulting in great disappointment. However, the team, led by Seniors Ryan "Super-Q" Smith, and Chris Morrow, the team refused to give up. Although the team remained winless and finished their season 0-15, there is no question that they continued to improve and stay positive throughout the testing season. With youngsters such Freshman Tyler Pacey, and returner Andrew Clark, the Greyhounds hope to have a much better season next year.

With fan support, and success on the fields and in the so-called "Deaf Dome"(for Varsity Volleyball), there is no doubt that the Gilman athletics program will end the season with much success.



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Gilman School

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Taking Care of Business ...and working Overtime

By Chris Rockwell

The start of school each fall means reuniting with classmates and teachers, the perfunctory homeworks, tests, and quizzes, and, of course, the return of the Gilman Football program. Though Coach Poggi maintains that the football season never ends, the simultaneous commencement of the official season with school gives the team an opportunity to set the tone for the entire school year. The varsity Football team has clearly done so, and the team is set to take on McDonogh on Saturday, November 12 and uphold its undefeated season. Besides being the culmination of a great season and the chance to play archrival McDonogh, Saturday's game will decide the MIAA "A" conference champion.

The season began on an incredibly high note with a 22-19 defeat of rival powerhouse DeMatha, and then soared even higher with a 22-19 overtime victory over St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. These victories, especially that over #12-ranked St. Joseph's Prep, catapulted Gilman to national prominence. Senior wide receiver Steven Thomas said of these games, "Obviously we knew we could win, but we definitely overestimated our opponents and underestimated ourselves." Instantly the bar was raised. Now this group is being compared to the 2002 Gilman team that, featuring Ambrose Wooden and Victor Abiamiri, finished the season ranked #14 in the nation.

The dream season nearly came to a shocking crash on September 24 against Georgetown Prep. Coming off two huge wins and facing a homecoming crowd, as well as a

team making its MIAA A Conference debut, "[Gilman] just came out flat," says senior quarterback Marco Simmons. "It was as if they weren't going to be much of a contest. Obviously we found out differently". The senior captain himself had to save the game in overtime, diving for the pylon on a ten-yard touchdown run. It appears as if the Greyhounds have made the best of the close call, as their next three games resulted in blowout conference victories over Mount St. Joe, Curley, and Calvert Hall.



Kevin Niparko '08 (left), Billy Mathews '06 (center) and Jason Palaigos '07 (right) wait to return the serve (photo by Ryan Fackler)

The Greyhounds are currently ranked #1 in the Baltimore metro area, #1 in Maryland, #2 in the East, and #21 in the country. Says Simmons, "Staying grounded is our biggest obstacle. We have to try not to get full of ourselves,

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Volleyball loses in Finals But Varsity and JV Volleyball flex their muscle in the MIAA "A" conference

By Ned Worthington

Surprisingly enough, the late August squeaks heard from the Old Gym as the new school year approached were not those of cleaning crews or children enjoying the last days of fleeting summer. Instead, the sounds were those of spiking, hitting, jumping and grunting, the early signs of hard work that would propel one of Gilman's most successful fall athletic programs to yet another great season.

Two months later, it is clear that the demanding preseason training has paid off, as both the varsity

and junior varsity teams made a go at MIAA A conference championships. Under the leadership of head coaches Mr. Neil Gabbey (V) and Mr. Ian Brooks (JV), the volleyball program has shined this season, with varsity maintaining a 14-1 record and JV a 9-1 record in only the sixth year of the program's existence. The extensive knowledge of each of the coaches has certainly helped to propel the team to its celebrated triumphs this year over rivals such as Calvert Hall, Mount St. Joseph, and the perennially strong Loyola Dons; however, the dedication of the players has also been a major factor in the drive and effort of the team in pursuing its lofty goals.

Specifically, senior leaders such as Billy Mathews, Brendan Gunning, and David Marshall have propelled the team to astonishing new heights. Billy and Brendan followed the program all the way from its Middle School intramural roots, and Dave joined the program just last year. For obvious reasons, Gilman's record this year against area teams has been quite impressive, but perhaps most impressive of all

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Player Profile: John Pagliaro



photo by George Sourlis

—VITALS—

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 200

Experience: 2nd year on Varsity

Position: RB/LB/FB

He Said It:

"I just want to win the MIAA championship"

"Even though I experienced it last year, I didn't have as big of a role as I do now"

Why the all-purpose junior is essential to the team's success

By Matt Chriss

VARSITY Football

"I want you to watch Pags," diehard Gilman football fan Stephen Salsbury cries out on the opening kickoff of Gilman's first game of the season against national powerhouse DeMatha. "I guarantee he will make a play," he continued, "and if not 'the play', he will certainly put a kid on the ground."

Salsbury was right in his prediction - junior running back, linebacker, and special teams contributor John Pagliaro, known to most as "Pags", not only knocked one of the bigger blockers on DeMatha's gargantuan receiving unit to the ground, but also helped bring down their shifty returner. "That's what Pags does," senior leader Kevin Carroll informs. "He just makes plays."

Though he was deep in the lineup for running backs last year, sitting as the number two fullback and number three tailback, Pagliaro still managed to amass 400 yards on the ground with few carries, a display of his natural ability in running the football, as well as his earnest desire to help the Gilman team. After a summer defined by vigorous training, during which he increased both his speed and size, Pagliario has assumed a more important role this season on Gilman's nationally ranked squad. With the reputation as one of the most hardworking and versatile players on the team, he is known for his fantastic blocking

ability at fullback and his knack for hitting the open holes with speed and force at tailback, an act that usually results in the gain of several yards after first contact on each of his carries. In addition to his playing two positions on offense, Pagliaro frequently starts games at linebacker; a position which many think is his best. "Pags makes a lot of clutch tackles," Carroll says. "He is one of the hardest hitters on the team." Besides appearing at these positions, Pagliaro also starts every play on special teams - an opportunity for him to exhibit his speed and skill in tracking down an opposing player before delivering a huge hit.

Pags, however, is not all about his yardage numbers or his tackle counts. He wants to help the team as much as he can, a clear

explanation for his multi-faceted playing ability. "I just want to win the MIAA championship," Pagliaro said, exhausted after a tough practice the week of the Loyola game. "Even though I experienced it last year, I didn't have as big of a role as I do now." With the season winding down, and only one more game left, against archrival McDonogh, John Pagliaro knows that he must make the plays he is renowned for executing. "I think I can really help us achieve our team goals of going undefeated, defending the MIAA crown, and maintaining our national ranking as long as I do everything I can to win games. That may mean playing fullback, linebacker, tailback, as well as doing special teams - if it will help us win, I'll do it."

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John Pagliaro ('07) leads the way for quarterback Marco Simmons ('06). Picture by Ben Daly ('08)

Editorial: Excessive Penalties Ruining NFL Competition

By Teddy Minch

You have ostensibly been here before; it is third down and seven, you are strategically positioned in your favorite chair, watching the game, desperately wanting your team to pull through just as much as, well almost as much as you attentively wait for the next batch of your mother's chili to magically make its way down the stairs and into your bowl. The quarterback drops back under center, playactions his way a few yards behind the line of scrimmage, sets up and unleashes a beautiful - or if you are watching the Ravens, it is a wobbly and unsure - pass across the middle, connecting with the receiver for a gain of twelve yards, first down. You stand up to cheer, well aware of the fact that you are all alone, wearing sweatpants and a shirt you picked up from your dirty clothes hamper earlier in the afternoon, and are almost home free, even past the bowl of chili sitting delicately on the table, when you see it. It - that blessed or accursed yellow handkerchief of a flag lying on the ground. You convince yourself that it is positioned on the defensive side of the ball, but both you and the commentators really know that this beautiful play is coming back. The referee makes the signals you were hoping not to see as the replay plays on your screen, mocking you, just asking for you to put a large object through the screen. "Holding happens on every play," you think to yourself, "why, why now?"

Welcome to the world of the professional official, the only place, other than journalism, where a person can make a living by being overly critical. The ideal purpose of the referee in sports is to ensure a fair playing field. Keeping competition fair in the NFL has, over the course of the last few seasons, morphed into making the game equally unfair for both teams. Rather than opting to throw the flag less and let the two teams play football, the league of-

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Article Ideas

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NHL Revives and Revamps for 2005-2006 Season

How the NHL plans to bounce back after an embarrassing year without play

By Peter Fallon

On October 5th, the National Hockey League (NHL) resumed play after a bitter ten-month contract dispute that cancelled the entire 2004-2005 season. The owners' lockout ended when the players and owners settled their major difference by instituting a salary cap. However, the protracted strike and the cancelled season had taken a heavy toll on the viability of the league. Fans had defected to other sports. Several of the NHL's stars, including Mark Messier, have retired. ESPN decided to drop its coverage of NHL games for the upcoming season, banishing hockey to the Outdoor Life Network. Therefore, hoping to lift the NHL out of post-strike obscurity, the resolution of the labor dispute included significant changes to take effect upon the league's resumption in October. With the new season came new realities – significant team roster changes, fundamental rule changes, and stricter officiating -- aimed at increasing fan popularity, team solvency, and regaining television contracts.

The teams that have emerged after an energetic free agency period in August and September bear little resemblance to the pre-strike teams of the NHL. The implementation of the new \$39 million salary cap has led to numerous changes in team rosters. Now, without a lineup card, even an avid fan will have trouble recognizing players. Over 100 players have changed teams, the equivalent of five full NHL hockey teams. Free agency has changed the look of most teams; significant players such as Peter Forsberg, Paul Kariya and Brian Leetch have all switched teams. The shuffle has made this a difficult season to handicap, but early results are showing a definitive change in the NHL's hierarchy,

with the emergence of the Nashville Predators, New York Rangers, and Los Angeles Kings. Widespread free agency and a strict salary cap are two ingredients with which the NHL hopes to regain financial stability and parity among its teams.

In addition, the NHL hopes to reestablish the role of the league's most skilled scorers by amending various rules to increase offense and speed. Most notably, the NHL is allowing the two-line pass by essentially eliminating the middle red-line, similar to the more open European and Olympic style of play. To also increase scoring throughout the league, the NHL has instituted restrictions on goalie equipment, decreasing the size of goalie pads. Lastly, the NHL has erased the tie from the standings. Previously, if a game finished the first overtime period in a tie score, the result would be a draw for both teams. Now, with the idea of establishing a more exciting game, the NHL has decided to implement a shootout to decide all ties. Under the new rules, there will only be wins and losses in the score column. By amending the rules to increase offensive play, the NHL hopes to combat its image as a boring league, thereby increasing fan support. Indications are that the new rule changes are working; since they have come into effect, scoring throughout the league has increased, and saves by the goalie have decreased.

Not only have rules been changed, but the way the game is officiated has also changed. Gone are the days of loose interpretations of the rulebook. By showcasing the offensive skill of its players, the league hopes to increase fan popularity and excitement.

Perhaps the most exciting move made by the NHL since the

lockout had nothing to do with rule changes or the salary cap. With the first pick in this past NHL Draft, the Pittsburgh Penguins selected Sidney Crosby, an 18 year old prodigy from Nova Scotia. Wayne Gretzky has dubbed Crosby the "best player [he has] seen since Mario Lemieux." Crosby, a gifted center with a knack for scoring, has become the new face of the NHL. The Penguin's center has created much enthusiasm about this season, only adding to the anticipation surrounding the new NHL.

The NHL has reestablished itself as an exciting, fast, and skilled league. With the new rules, players, and officiating in place, the NHL is poised to reaffirm its glory. Scoring is up, hooking and grabbing is down, and excitement once again fills NHL arenas throughout North America. After ten months and one season without hockey, the NHL is ready for a great new season. By increasing scoring and enhancing the offensive skill of its players, the NHL is once again fun to watch.

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Photo Feature: The Fall Season



Quarterback Giancarlo Simmons ('09) consults with Coach Ledyard during a JV game. (photo by Ben Daly)



(left to right) Seniors Max Dalury, Justin Levitas, Keith Blackman, Griff Shay, John Williams, and Kirby Preroff cheer on the varsity football team at homecoming. (photo by Ben Daly)



Arthur Worthington '09 (#20) and Chris Siliciano '08 (#23) watch as Tyler Alfriend ('08) keeps the point alive. (photo by Ryan Fackler)



Sam Jackon ('06) running hard as usual. On November 2nd, Sam Captured the MIAA "A" conference title with a time of 16:15 for 3 miles, a pace of 5:25 per mile. (photo by Gabe Schwartz)



Barney Ehrmann (#42) watches as Kevin Carroll (#14) and Reggie Fugett (#8) bring down a DeMatha ball-carrier. (photo by Ben Daly)

Up and Comer: Cooper Brown

VARSITY SOCCER

By Will Keigler



Cooper waiting for play to resume (photo by Ben Daly)

A freshman. That is the first thing you think when you see the 5'5" 130lb kid joking around on the soccer field, yet Cooper Brown was a starting offensive player for the 2005 Gilman Varsity Soccer team. A fiery, fast, and determined addition to the team, Cooper Brown does not play like it is his first year in high school. Normally, a freshman on a team with eight starting seniors would walk in feeling a little intimidated. Nevertheless, Cooper Brown fit right in with the entire team and was not the least bit shy or intimidated, "Having Greg on the team [fellow freshman and Paul McBride's ('06) younger brother] really made it easy for me to become friends with the upperclassmen." While feeling confident hanging around upperclassmen, Cooper Brown was also very curious about the Gilman Upper School atmosphere, and his relentless questions made him a constant target of playful ridicule. He eased even the hardest practices by taking the brunt of many of the teams light-hearted jokes. "I just got made fun of a lot."

As the season wore on, and with the injury of Sean Murphy, the team looked toward Cooper Brown and Paul McBride for scoring. Initially, haunted by the pressure, Cooper



Cooper displaying his aggressive style of play (photo by Ben Daly)



Cooper dribbling down the field (photo by Ben Daly)

—VITALS—

Height: 5'5"

Weight: 130

Experience: 1st year Varsity

Position: Forward

He Said It:

"Varsity soccer in the MIAA 'A' conference was a lot more physical, bigger, and faster than what I was used to."

per Brown struggled against Curley, barely missing various opportunities to score. Following the loss, Coach Seal moved Cooper from striker to right wing, where Cooper could utilize his speed more effectively, thus solidifying him as a feared scoring threat.

Often, Cooper provided the fiery spark the team needed. During the Homecoming game against McDonogh, experienced senior Wade McHugh (soon to play at Notre Dame) and Cooper were caught in a struggle that turned into a fight and ended when Cooper threw McHugh to the ground. Although receiving a yellow card, his aggressive attitude inspired the rest of the team which led to a series of scoring opportunities late in the game.

Although the transition from Middle School soccer to that of the competitive MIAA "A" conference, usually a very difficult one, Brown seemed to cope with the changes, particularly the speed of the game relatively easily.

Throughout the entire year, Cooper Brown's speed, passionate playing style, and clear knack for the game were key factors to Gilman's playoff birth. More impressively, he was able to have such an impact as a freshman, "Varsity soccer in the MIAA 'A' conference was a lot more physical, bigger, and faster than what I was used to." With this much success as a freshman, look for Cooper Brown to im-

prove drastically as he matures and gains even more size, speed, and strength. Along with other notable underclassmen such as freshman Greg McBride with sophomores Evan Redwood and Giff Brooks, the future of the Gilman Soccer team is bright.

As the 2005 soccer season came to close with Gilman's 2-0 loss against McDonogh, look for Cooper on the lacrosse field where his speed and aggressive nature are sure to make him an excellent lacrosse player for the future.

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Cooper Brown takes the ball from two McDonogh players and attempts to pass it to Paul McBride (photo by Ben Daly)

Flag Football

A Year to Remember

By Mike Fallon and Peter Rogers

A new era of Gilman Flag Football arrived early this year when experienced flag-football players, seniors Mike Fallon, Justin Levitas, Keith Blackman, and Dustin Rogers-Little, sought to improve competition in the league by instituting a draft. They discussed the possible change with Mr. Malkus, and with little hesitation, Mr. Malkus agreed on having a draft for the 2005 Flag Football season. It has always been “the most prestigious intramural sport in Gilman Athletics,” (Tim Naughton '06, LA Riots) but now it finally has the opportunity to be “fun and competitive at the same time.”

“I trained all season –including two-a-days in late August. I’m not going to let all the hard

work go to waste.”
- Jamie Sinclair

In years past, Gilman Flag Football did not have an organized draft. Mr. Malkus, coach and player, would assign team-captains daily. The teams would be different everyday. Without a draft, there was much less camaraderie and team spirit. The seasons lacked exciting rivalries and missed out on a race through the playoffs to the Super Bowl. All of this has come to an end.

The newly instituted draft has revolutionized the program. There was a lot of buzz going around the campus about the first draft. Everyone wanted to know who would go in the first round. Everyone was eager to find out what team they would be playing with the whole season. As Jamie Sinclair ('06, Danisbetter), who ended up being picked first in the draft, pointed out, “I trained all season –including two-a-days in late August. I’m not going to let all the hard work go to waste.” Overall, everyone was extremely excited for the 2005 Flag Football season and everyone was hungry for the Super Bowl. At the beginning of the sea-

son, Keith Blackman added, “I’m a playmaker. Primetime players step up in big games, and I’m going to carry my team to victory day in and day out.”

With the new improvements the draft has brought to the league and Mr. Otto’s (coach and player) re-energized passion on the field, it is easy to say that this year’s Flag Football season was the best Gilman has ever seen. Jamie Sinclair ('06) says, “The draft has already brought serious competition and excitement to the league. Things the previous years lacked. This year is a definite turning point for Gilman’s Flag Football program.”

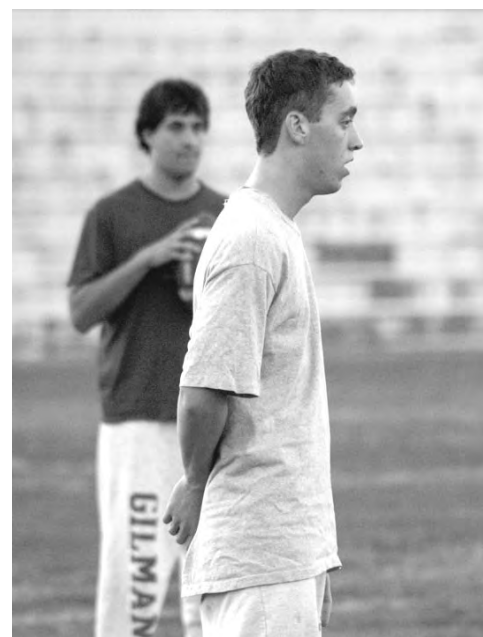
The enhancements to the competition have led to the casting of rivalries, and the rivalries have led to serious trash talk.

Keith Blackman, the unofficial team leader of the LA Riots, said about The Dustin captain Dustin Rogers-Little who wears cleats while competing that, “Dustin’s cleat wearing is very questionable.”

While forming bitter rivalries between the four teams, the draft also gives the league much more stability and consistent play. The teams were picked early in the fall season, and the season is coming to a close with the standings very tight. Although Tim Naughton might disagree, as when he stated “even though our records may be close, they’re really not,” each of the four teams has a legitimate shot at becoming Gilman’s 2005 Inter-mural Football Champions. With the playoffs still underway, it is too early to tell which team will be crowned champion, but one thing is for certain; the new improvements of the 2005 Flag Football season will make this year a year to remember in Gilman Flag Football history.



Alex Kelly signals over to Jamie Sinclair - Justin Levitas and Anton Lande wait for the play to start (photo by Ben Daly)



First round pick Jamie Sinclair takes a breather; quarterback Alex Kelly waits for play to resume in the background (photo by Ben Daly)



Tyler Graham follows the lead block of Alex Kelly. Zahir Rahman and Mike Fallon attempt to stop him. (Photo by Ben Daly)

Editorial: NFL

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ficials seem to have decided that the NFL's official color is yellow, calling more phantom penalties and infractions over the past several seasons than ever before. Games are won and lost nowadays not on guts, glory, and the stuff of legends as in the days of old; rather they are won on penalties for obscure infractions.

To elucidate how much the officiating in the NFL has overstepped its bounds, one need not look further than players' reactions to plays. Each time a pass is incomplete, and a defender happens to be within cell phone range of the receiver, the receiver – plausibly thinking how original he is being – looks for a flag, for a pass interference call. Each time a pass into the corner of the endzone is thrown and fall incomplete, the crowd erupts, calling for a penalty flag, even though Randy Hymes just dropped it. Every time the opposing offense runs an excellent sweep or establishes the corner, we look to the official for a holding penalty. The fact that people know NFL officials by their first names – Bernie, Johnny, and Paul to name a few – indicates that an overemphasis is being placed on the officials in this league.

Alarm bells should start ringing when a team is capable of committing twenty one penalties in one game; granted that one team was the Ravens, listening to the calls reverberate through the Ford Field sound system was risible. What about defensive line holding? Calling a defensive lineman for grabbing and twisting the jersey of an offensive lineman is like arresting a girl scout for selling cookies; the penalties – from nosetackle holding, to illegal jumping, to illegal kicking, and from unnecessary roughness, to excessive celebration – are beyond ridiculous. By creating a new penalty seemingly every Sunday, the NFL has dramatically decreased the quality of play during games. The players are simply too afraid to commit a penalty – at the snap, offensive lineman are hoping their hands are exactly three inches

from the outside of the shoulder pads, positioned lovingly and carefully on the middle of the opposing player's chest. By the way, that opposing player is about 6'4", weighs about two hundred sixty five pounds in raw muscle, and just got out of prison.

Over-officiating has begun to erode away the traditional football experience; overzealous officials trying to create a plump dossier of all the calls they have made have trickled from the NFL to college football and even to high school football. The recent explosion of over-officiating came to national attention over the past two seasons, with multitudes of players receiving fines for hits they put on players of the opposing teams. Even now, some players are fined for playing the game of football and for putting a bone-crushing, jaw-dropping massive hit onto another player. The "Big Hit, Big Bucks" campaign by the NFL has in no way reduced the number of big hits each Sunday afternoon, rather it has created a new generation of players who stick their facemask into an opponent's earhole and then reach into their back pockets, reaching for their Visa card, so the referee can swipe it and fine him for playing the sport of which he is a professional athlete. This over-officiating is a perverted sort of political correctness; showing that violence is not the answer and that superior athleticism and awareness at any given moment deserve to be frowned upon, rather than applauded. As the NFL officials become increasingly more stringent and more absurd in their calls, the time may not be far off when the fans are flagged for "excessive noise," or better yet "illegal drunkenness." In short, the NFL officiating crews have become exponentially blind while seeking to become equally aware.

Much of this over-officiating can be accredited to the wonderful commissioner of the NFL, Paul Tagliabue. Tagliabue, in his typical sage, strong-willed manner, has been giving in constantly to critics

of the NFL and negative press on the league; instead of considering the source of criticism (see Quakers and others advocating non-violent lifestyles) and using the sheer size of the NFL to keep the games entertaining and above all else, fairly played and officiated, Tagliabue has moved along with his very critics. To crack down on the "violence" present in the NFL, Herr Commissioner has beefed up the number of penalties; the number of penalties in games has equated to beating a wasp nest with a rake, further agitating players and coaches, which in turn incites more violence and outbursts. It is impossible to understand Tagliabue, for he has before him – with no thanks to his own tenure as commissioner – a wonderfully woven tapestry, covering the floor of the lavishly furnished living room that is America, and is worried about the shredding of a tassel on the corner of the fabric, overlooking the rest of the beautiful textile. In keeping that one corner from shredding, Tagliabue has effectively ruined the remaining fabric, and finds himself left with an unsightly cloth with a corner tassel of pure, unshredded material. In short, Tagliabue has forgotten about the essence of football, the pure beauty inherent in the game, and in doing so, has tarnished the NFL.

So the next time you find yourself standing mouth agape in front of the television, or stifling an expletive directed at Johnny Grier because your girlfriend does not like that language or football anyway, do not hesitate. Go ahead, scream out that word, and if your girlfriend storms out, who cares, for she obviously does not understand the direness of the situation. The National Football League is plagued by over-officiating. If the "zebras" do not stop trying to be more important than the actual players and coaches, the NFL will soon find itself second to NASCAR on Sundays. Do not call penalties just because you have a yellow flag in your belt; just let the boys play. GSN

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Varsity Football Gears up for McDonogh

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and I don't think we will [get full of ourselves]." But nothing seems to get in the way of the 8-0 Greyhounds. For example, on October 29, Gilman marched into Loyola and blanked the Dons, 14-0, in front of a loud, obnoxious Loyola crowd. Last week, the team went down to Landon for a Friday afternoon game and defeated Landon 14-0 in front of a small Gilman crowd.

Forged by daily three-hour practices, Simmons cites toughness as the team's greatest strength. "Nothing gets us down and no one plays harder than us," he says. Thomas agrees, adding, "Our scout team is tougher than our opponents. The games seem easier to us because of the effort and toughness our scout team gives every day in practice."

The team concept is not, however, just a trite quote above the door in the locker room. Says Thomas, "The team doesn't end off the field. We're all great friends in the classroom too." Simmons agrees, saying, "I don't think people realize the strength of the bonds on this team." Citing the second half of the DeMatha game, Thomas says, "We can pick each other up when we're down. If we all play together, we're impossible to beat." Clearly, Gilman not only has the talent necessary to accomplish their goal of an undefeated season, but the intangibles as well.

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Gilman VS McDonogh
Saturday, November 12
1:00 p.m. @ McDonogh



#32 Brian Carroll ('06) and #30 John Pagliaro ('07) lead the way for quarterback Marco Simmons ('06) during their game against Curley (photo by Ben Daly)

Bittersweet end to Volleyball Program's Season

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was their showing in a recent tournament in Rochester, New York that the team has attended for the past few years. Each year, the program has built on its past successes, and this year was no different, as Gilman took fifth in a bracket filled by club teams that play year-round.

Approaching the conference playoffs, both teams looked quite strong as well. Varsity finished its season with a win over the John Carroll Patriots, thereby clinching the number one playoff seed. In fact, with this win, the Greyhounds would also clinch home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, a distinct advantage aided by the rabid Gilman fans.

Furthermore, the JV team, having already clinched the number one seed in its playoff bracket with an October 24th win against Calvert Hall, found success in the post season as well, winning a very tough championship match against Calvert Hall, their second victory over the Cardinals in two short weeks. Idy Iglehart, a sophomore returner on the JV team, stated, "One could never know how proud I am of this program. Winning one championship is something to be proud of,

but two in a row? That's just unbelievable."

Unfortunately, the varsity Greyhounds would not be so lucky, losing to Loyola (at Loyola, even though Gilman drew the number one seed) in a tough five game match in the MIAA championships despite the hard work of three seniors that Mr. Gabbey has said are, "impossible to replace." Said senior captain Billy Mathews, "It would be a lie to say that we are not disappointed by the final outcome of the season, however, I can say that I am tremendously proud of the work we did to get [to the championship]."

Luckily, the future of the Gilman volleyball program looks bright. Waiting in the wings, junior talents such as Jason Palaigos and Kyle Weiman are sure to lead the team to new heights in 2006. Moreover, the strong sophomore presences of Edward Wiese, Jeff Erwin, and Kevin Niparko, in the words of Marshall, "contribute greatly to the well-being of the program," and are sure to propel the varsity team to great successes in the future.

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Sean Price ('06) tries to break the tackle of a Curley defender (photo by Ben Daly)



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Varsity Basketball, Hockey Defend Championships

CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE 03-04 SEASON HAVE MADE VARSITY BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY THE TEAMS TO BEAT IN THE MIAA

By Will Shikani



Center John Williams ('06) prepares to make a pass up ice (Photo by Ben Daly)

On February 18th of 2004, nearly one hundred loyal Gilman students attended their first MIAA Championship Hockey game, which turned out to be an historical event, as the Hockey team won its first championship ever. Five days later, these same fans piled into the hot Finney Arena to see another winter team win a Championship- Varsity Basketball team defeated Severn in convincing fashion, outscoring their opponents by 15. Almost a full year has passed since this memorable season, but both Champions have put themselves in position to once again win the "B" League Championship.

Last winter season was a bit of a surprise, but a very welcome one. Gilman Varsity Basketball and Varsity Ice Hockey came from

seemingly nowhere to take the spotlight. Both teams played great late in the season and won their conference championships, Hockey taking its first title ever and Basketball winning for the first time since 1980-even history, it seemed, was working against both of these teams.

With the playoffs less than a week away, Basketball is close to undefeated in its conference at 13-1, and the Hockey team, although it recently lost its first conference game of the season to St. Paul's, is still atop the division at 6-1. Though there is consid-

erably more pressure in defending a title and staying at the top than in getting there, both teams have handled it well. When asked what it's like to no longer be an underdog, Varsity Hockey captain Peter Cornbrooks responded, "Knowing that you have a target on your back and knowing that every team is looking to play their best against you every week pushes you to play better." Even though 12 seniors from last year's team graduated, giving way to a younger, inexperienced roster, Cornbrooks does not see that as an issue. "We realized that we can't count on the seniors who graduated, and the team really stepped up," he said. As a result, he sees this team

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Varsity Squash Enjoys Quiet, Successful Season

EVERY YEAR, VARSITY SQUASH GOES VIRTUALLY UNNOTICED BUT MAKES AN IMPACT IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

By Greg Stamas

Over the past couple of years, one of Gilman's most successful teams, the Varsity Squash team, has gone highly unnoticed. While other varsity teams are competing for a conference championship, and in some cases a "B" Conference championship, the Squash team is typically capable of winning the Mid-Atlantics, an end of season tournament which includes the best high school teams from Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Even with the loss of Jake Himmelrich, now the number two player at the University of Pennsylvania (who led Gilman to a championship in 2002), and the loss a few key seniors every year, the team has remained competitive over the years. In 2003, the varsity team "was the clear favorite heading into the Mid-Atlantics" according to junior Peter Hawkins who was on varsity as a freshman in 2003, but the tournament was cancelled due to snow. In 2004, the team lost in



Peter Hawkins ('06) practices his forehand before a match (Photo by Matt Bressler)

the finals of the Mid-Atlantics to Potomac. No current players on the squash team has won a Mid-Atlantic championship, so can the team win the championship this year and finally end its three-year drought?

So far, the team has fared well, and in its first ten Varsity matches, the team has compiled a 9-1 record, with a convincing 14-2 win over Mercersburg and shutouts

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Player Profile: Justin Wiley

VARSITY WRESTLING, FOOTBALL

By Greg Stamas

For Justin Wiley, like many other seniors who play both a fall and winter varsity sport, this November produced mixed feelings because it featured the end of one sport but the anticipation of another. Although he will miss playing football at Gilman, he still has other goals that he wishes to accomplish in wrestling. "This was a great season for us in football. I will never forget coming back against McDonogh and beating Loyola. Also, I will miss playing under Coach Poggi," Wiley said.



Wiley escapes a hold from a Caraval School opponent (Photo by John Koch)

Throughout the last couple of years, Justin Wiley has become known for his competitiveness in games and even in practice. Bobby Davis, one of Wiley's teammates in both football and wrestling, said, "Wiley is not the person who you want to run into when you're carrying the ball. He separated my shoulder in practice when I was the fullback running the scout-team offense. That's how intense he is." Another teammate, Jack Tilghman, said "going against Justin in practice was really tough, because at any

moment he could put you on the ground."

Wiley's aggressiveness on the field helped him become one of the key components of the Gilman defense, which gave up only thirteen points a game. Barney Ehrmann, a starting defensive end for the football team said of Wiley, "He is an intense competitor, and next years the [defensive] tackles will have to step up to replace him and [Andrew] Pyke." Wiley made the first team all- MIAA as defensive tackle and first team all-metro. In

addition, he was selected to play in the Baltimore Touchdown Club all-star game, which was a city versus county game.

Although Wiley is coming off of a long yet successful season, he did not get to enjoy Gilman's championship too long because the wrestling season kicked off only a few weeks later (December 4th).

Coming off of a conference championship in football, Wiley faced personal as well as team challenges in wrestling. Last year, Gilman wrestling finished 2-3 in the MIAA, and 7-8 overall. Personally, Justin went 17-10 and came in fourth in both the private schools state championship and the MIAA championships in his weight-class, the heavyweight division (less than 275 pounds). Justin made a point of saying, "We wrestled pretty well as a team last year, but we all have room for improvement. Like in all sports, setting personal goals before the season starts is always good motivation." That said, Wiley's personal goals at the beginning of the season were to come in first in the Maryland Independent Schools State Championship and the MIAA Championship, as well as finishing in the top three in the National Preps.

Wiley, having envisioned a successful year, has, in fact, been very productive and helpful

VITALS

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 275 lbs.

Experience: Football- 3 years

Varsity, Wrestling- 3 years Varsity

He Said It: (About the wrestling season in general) "This year was kind of a disappointment. We didn't do as well as we expected ourselves to do. We have a few more tournaments left, so we can try to turn it around in those tournaments."

Varsity Wrestling Record:

MIAA "A" League- 1-5

Overall- 10-11

to his team. He is 20-6, but he "plans to make that 24 wins this weekend, along with an MIAA title." Wiley's confidence is evidently one of his great attributes, but many other aspects of his game are great, as well, starting with his size. However, "my greatest strength as a wrestler is my balance when I'm on my feet," says Wiley. "I have a strong base, which makes it harder to take me down." Thus far, he has proven this to be the case.

Wiley's proudest moment of the season came in the Ray Oliver tournament. With Gilman down by two points, Wiley won his match, the last match, in the final second, leading the team to a title.

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against St. Andrews and Boys' Latin. The team's only loss so far came against Potomac in a closely contested match, 6-3. Matches against distant opponents such as Potomac and Mercersburg are typical for the squash team. Zach Bradley, a junior who is currently the number three ranked on the nine man squad, said, "There isn't strong competition in the Baltimore area, so we have to travel pretty far, sometimes out of state, to play tough matches." Because most of the local teams are inexperienced compared to the Gilman Squash team, Head

Coach David Doherty has been able to use some of the JV players in the Varsity matches. Some of these include contests against Roland Park, Gonzaga, Loyola, and Bryn Mawr.

The team has a couple of important away matches coming up later in the season, including contests against Episcopal, the Navy JV team, and a rematch against Potomac. Max Dalury says of the rematch, "The Potomac match is always the biggest one of the season, and we are looking forward to avenging our last two losses to

them." After the Potomac match, the top six Varsity players will head up to Mercersburg to compete in the Mid-Atlantics.

The future looks bright for the Varsity Squash team. This year there are only two seniors on the team, Mike Silber and Austin Minkowski, the fourth and eighth ranked players, respectively. The top three players, including Max Dalury (captain), Peter Hawkins (2), Zach Bradley (3), are all juniors. The team also includes three sophomores. If the team does not win the Mid-Atlantics this year, it will have a good shot at the title next year with seven of the top nine returning, including four of the top five players in the current rankings.

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Varsity Squash Head Coach David Doherty talks to the team before an upcoming game as team captain Mike Silber ('05) looks on (Photo by Matt Bressler)



Varsity Basketball, Hockey Defend Championships

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Varsity Hockey goalie Patrick Farha ('07) has been a pleasant surprise as a first-year starter for the team (Photo by Ben Daly)

as even better than last year's. He is confident that Gilman hockey will continue to play well and capture another title.

Basketball Captain Paul Stack shares a similar confidence to Cornbrooks's, saying, "I know we can win. We just have to put in the work and we'll do it." Though being defending champs has put consider-

ably more pressure on the team, he said, "Team chemistry is strong." Because the team returned all its starters, "everyone knows how everyone else plays. The continuity of our offense improves so much." As long as the team keeps working hard, Stack sees another basketball title within reach this year.

Both teams are confident in their championship title defenses, but neither team can rely on confidence to repeat. The toughest stretch of their respective seasons is yet to come, and neither team expects the title defense to be simple.

The last two of the Varsity Basketball team's games are league contests. Similarly, Varsity Hockey's last game, versus Sts. Peter and Paul, is a league game and will determine how the team's postseason looks. If the Hockey team, who is 1 point ahead of perennial rival St. Paul's in the standings, beats or ties Peter and Paul, it will earn a bye into the Championship Game (Friday, February 18th at Piney Orchard). The 13-1 Basketball team is at the top of their league and at the top of their game, and they are poised for easy entrance into the playoffs and possibly a first round bye.

Hockey and basketball both started the season with a second consecutive title as the team goal, and needless to say, they have brought themselves to the brink of achieving it. As the winter season comes down to the wire, they are both playing at their best and have earned the rank of favorites for the championship. Get your ladder ready, Mr. Holley, because come February, it looks like you're going to have to add a year to the basketball and hockey championship banners.

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Up and Comer: Paul McBride

VARSITY BASKETBALL, SOCCER

By John Williams

This winter, Paul McBride made his annual switch from his fall sport, soccer, to basketball. This transition is just another testament to his superb athletic ability. Paul's athleticism enables a quick change from the speed, footwork, and endurance of Varsity Soccer to the hand-eye coordination and ball handling skills of Varsity Basketball.

Being a returning Varsity Soccer player, Paul stepped up his level of play tremendously. As a sophomore, McBride started most games but was somewhat disappointed with the team's final record. Coming into the season, Paul was extremely excited to have a new coach, John Seal, who offered an entirely new approach to the year. Coach John Seal enthusiastically stressed reaching the playoffs as a team goal, a feat that has not been achieved in many seasons. Also, Coach Seal forced his players to come to every game with the mindset that they were going to win, even against powerhouse teams like McDonogh and Calvert Hall.

Over the course of the season, Paul's role on the team was always changing. His position varied from center midfield, to stopper, to forward, and then to right fullback. Not only was McBride forced to frequently change his position, but also, he was assigned to stay on the opponent's top player. When asked about his strengths as an individual, McBride responded, "Because I don't have the biggest foot and I'm not that strong, I try to make up for it with ball control and good vision of the entire field." At 5'9" and 130 pounds, McBride's friendly physical appearance quickly disappears as he steps onto the field. McBride is constantly seen soaring over opponents for head balls and barely ever loses a loose ball battle because of his mental toughness and desire to succeed.

Looking back on the outcome of a very successful season,

McBride expresses his satisfaction, saying, "We came into the season not knowing where we would stand in

the league. We made it a team goal to make it to the playoffs, and we achieved that goal. As the season progressed, we defeated soccer rival Loyola twice including one victory in the semi-finals of the A conference playoffs." Although the team suffers some crucial losses of individual talent for next year, Paul is excited to take a leadership role as a senior and to take his level of play up a notch.

With the soccer season long gone, Paul now focuses on his basketball skills. Paul's style of play on the basketball court mirrors his style of play on the soccer field. On the court, where McBride plays point guard, he constantly confuses defenses with his great vision allowing him to feed the open man, and his amazing "handles," or ball control. Having accepted a limited role on this year's Varsity squad, Paul still enjoys basketball, as it is his favorite sport. Paul recalled how the JV team chemistry was extremely important in their success last year and hopes that same chemistry can remain on this year's Varsity team. "All of us on the team were friends. The team chemistry was important because it was all about the team and never about the individual."

McBride is the third point guard on the Varsity depth chart, behind two seniors, but he has still made an impact on the court with his unrivaled energy. The Varsity Basketball team is currently 20-6, and McBride hopes to do what we couldn't do last year- help his team win a championship.

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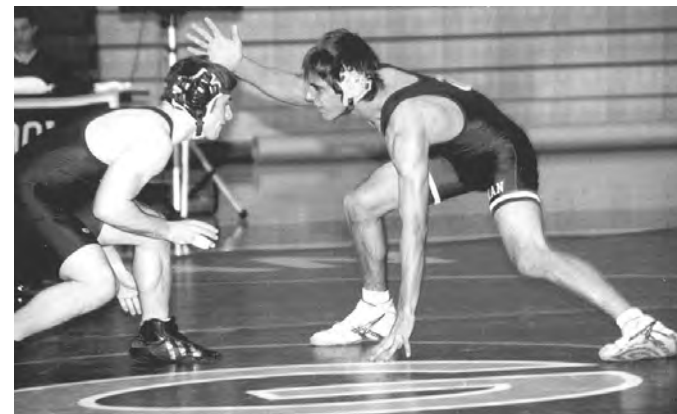
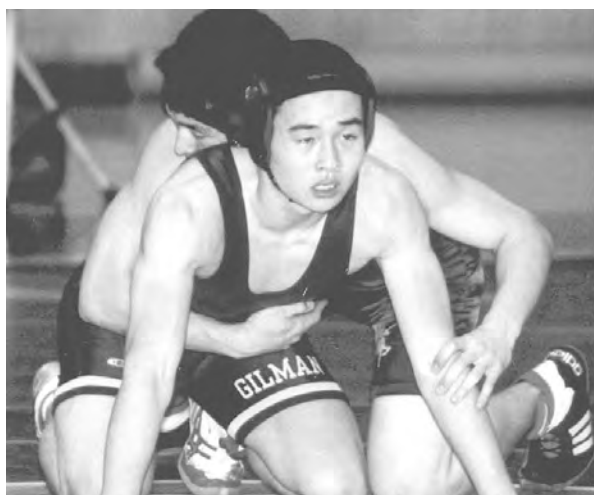
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What Were They Thinking?

Perspective By Peter Brockmeyer

The NFL had its share of great quotes and press clips from around the league this year. The Raiders found themselves in the spotlight for a short period of time not because of success but because of Charles Woodson's arrogance. Last year, Woodson claimed that the problems of the Raiders team were completely the fault of former head coach Bill Callahan. Callahan is gone, and the Raiders went 5-11, finishing in last place in the AFC West. Another dismal performance by the Raiders, who are only two years removed from an AFC Championship, provokes the question, who is to blame now, Charles? Warren Sapp, who had one of the worst seasons of his career this past year, blames Norv Turner, but no coach can be scapegoat for the failings of the Raiders.

Terrell Owens, oh TO. What goes through this guy's head? The things that come out of TO's mouth

never cease to amaze America. Yes, there is no doubt in my mind that he was this year's most dominant wide receiver in the NFL, but that doesn't excuse what he says. In the span of the past year, he challenged Jeff Garcia's sexuality, used Ray Lewis's murder trial as a defense for his own antics, and called shouting at McNabb his attempt to motivate his QB. Out of control, some might say, but no NFL officials are complaining- Terrell Owens brings notoriety and, most importantly, cash to the league.

Keyshawn Johnson, Dallas wide receiver and radio personality. By now, we all know what Keyshawn did. He yelled at his offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon when the Cowboys were losing. The Cowboys' struggles were nothing new to anyone who followed the NFL at all, and Keyshawn seemed to be tired of his new team in only his 8th game for Dallas. Yelling at

the coach, which is already pretty bad, is not what puts Keyshawn on my list, however. What Keyshawn said on his radio show about Pam Oliver from FOX earns Johnson a spot. After he yelled at the coordinator, Oliver reported during the telecast what had happened- this seemed to have upset Keyshawn. On his show, Johnson said that he needed to fly to wherever, find Oliver, and spank her with a ruler. I wonder what Pam thinks. It runs in the family.

Chad Johnson, star wide receiver for the Bengals and cousin of Keyshawn. Chad sent some pepto bismol to the homes of the Browns' secondary to prepare them for the Bengals-Browns game on October 17. The package had a note on it to the effect of - just wanted to add a little color and relief to your week. Chad then had one of the worst games of his career when, dropping multiple passes while only gaining 37 yards. Karma, anyone?

Edgerton Hartwell, middle linebacker for the Baltimore Ra-

vens. I can't decide whether Ed Hartwell is blind, deaf, or both. After a game earlier this season, Hartwell claimed that he is considered the "Sheriff" on the Ravens' infamous defense. A sheriff, to me at least, is an authority figure who strikes fear in the eyes of the villains, who in this case are Ed's opponents. Has Hartwell seen who is on his defense, much less the guy he lines up next to? Has he heard what is said about the Ravens' Defense, more specifically Terrell Suggs, Ed Reed, and Ray Lewis? I know Hartwell gets his head knocked around a lot during the game, but come on, can we be real here?

These specific instances are only a few of my favorite moments from an exciting NFL year which had its share of controversy. The Superbowl is over now, though, and, knowing that all teams (even the Redskins) are undefeated, a brash player is bound to make a stupid comment soon enough. I can't wait.

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