

Sports

Field hockey has 4-0 first week streak

By Dave Oda

The OHS Field Hockey regular season kicked off this past week after the Jills rolled through an undefeated preseason. After wearing out the elderly Alumni in that preseason tilt they swept through their league rivals at the annual preseason scrimmage in Cincinnati.

Regular season league play began as the Jills welcomed a team they have not beaten for five years to Irving Field: Ursuline Academy. Typical of games against UA you can expect a physical grinding game where the mentally tough survive. This game was no different. The 2009 squad led by Senior Tri-captains Lucy Shafer, Erin Maher and Sarah Oda is probably the deepest and most talented squad Oakwood has fielded for some time. They needed this ability as the UA squad was playing to slow down the superior speed of the Jills and to keep the match tight. UA accomplished this goal through most of the match.

After a seesaw beginning, the Jills got on the board with an unassisted score by dynamic forward Peanut Johnson. After that goal the intensity and physicality ratcheted higher. In the second half with about 13 minutes to play and the score unchanged, the Jills were forced to play short a girl for five minutes after they drew a yellow penalty card. This is where their experience and teamwork was most evident. The ten Oakwood players on the field not only held their own but actually pressured the UA squad by playing smart team ball. Back to full strength and as the clock wound down, the

intensity picked up even more as UA attempted to tie the game. Instead, Oakwood put an exclamation point on the board as Lucy Shafer scored with an assist by Sara French and the shutout home win 2-0.

In the JV game both Anna Johnsen (assist E. Skill) and Emily Skill (assist Emily Feldmiller) scored goals in a nice comeback to knot the final score at 2-2.

Next up was crosstown rival Fairmont at home on Thursday. This game was a classic Oakwood vs. Fairmont contest. Spectators saw a well played full field battle royal of speed on offense, strong elastic midfield play, stingy defenses and a couple of goalies that made some fabulous stops. While the Jills had more penalty corner scoring opportunities neither team could score during regulation play sending this one into ten minute sudden victory overtime. With pared down squads playing 7 vs. 7, the Oakwood lineup was geared toward speed, range and flexibility. Shortly after the OT began the Jills killed a Fairmont penalty corner then moved the ball down toward the opponents goal. Another whistle and then it was the Jills chance to score on a penalty corner. Hannah French injected the ball to Lucy Shafer. The Fairmont defense collapsed to their left, smothering Shafer's shot. The ball was deflected out to center circle to an unmarked Sarah Oda who drove it into the goal for the score and exciting win.

As a positive sign for Jills prospects in future cross town battles, the JV squad dominated the Fairmont JV in their game 3-1. The Jills

scores were again by E. Skill and E. Feldmiller (2) (assists Anna Johnsen, Maddie Maney). All of the Oakwood scores were on the board before they gave up the lone Firebird score late in the second half. Be sure that Fairmont will be looking for payback when the Jills visit their field next month!

The weekend games in Columbus began with a fairly easy game against Worthington with the Jills winning 3-0. Peanut Johnson was just warming up for the day with two scores (assist -Brittany Hemmelgarn) and Anna Johnsen scored the third goal. The JV also easily handled the Worthington JV winning 4-0 with scores by E. Feldmiller (2), E. Skill, and Katja Molinaro (assists - Skill, Audrey Beasore, Allison Henderson).

The second varsity game of the day was against Dublin Jerome. This was the Jills first game of the year on fast field turf. Dublin came out quickly putting the Jills back on their heels scoring the first goal against Oakwood on the year with five minutes elapsed. This seemed to wake up the squad as they scored seven unanswered points until Dublin scored a goal with four minutes remaining. Peanut Johnson got the double hat trick with three goals and three assists. Other scoring was two goals by Maddie Maney and one by L. Shafer and B. Hemmelgarn winning 7-2. This first successful week sees both Oakwood squads off to fast starts. The Jills next travel to Cincinnati to take on Summit and then a challenging home game against St. Ursula at home on Thursday.

Volleyball 6-1 on 2-week tally

Varsity girls volleyball began regular season play on Monday, Aug. 31 by hosting Division 1 schools Northmont and Fairborn in a Trimatch tournament. Oakwood was victorious in both matches winning each in three. On Tuesday they hosted SWBL rival Brookville and played hard but lost in four. On Thursday they again played at home easily defeating Waynesville in three. Week two of the season saw them travelling to Milton Union on

Tuesday for another victory. On Thursday Oakwood hosted SWBL rival Bellbrook and beat them in an exciting, hard fought five set match. Celebration followed with a ringing of the victory bell and a lot of smiles as seen in the photo shown here. On Saturday, Oakwood played at Clinton Massie recording their sixth victory.

This year's team is composed of seniors Breanna Hutten and Channon Connor, juniors Brooke Trauthwein, Ellen Smith, Karin

Mueller and Riki Sagraves and sophomores Emily Kugel, Heather Saunier, Kaila Ryan, Allison Felkley and Meaghan Malloy. Karin Mueller leads the team in digs with 113 and in aces with 25. Brooke Trauthwein leads in blocks with 26 and kills with 47. Heather Saunier leads in assists with 171.

The team's next home game is Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. against Franklin. Come on out to "Pack the Pit" and watch the fastest sport in Oakwood.

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Donations accepted Sept. 10 through Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Town and Country Shopping Center. People and companies interested in donating can visit the organization's website at www.giveshoes.org, and follow the instructions.



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