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NWC Sportsmanship meeting Friday

DELPHOS — Jefferson High School Principal John Edinger has announced the Northwest Conference will continue its mission for developing student-leaders with the NWC Sportsmanship Team.

Last year was a great start with over 200 students (grades 8-12) from the conference gathering at the Delphos Eagles and creating a Mission Statement with discussions on Sportsmanship. In accord with this continuing theme, the NWC will hold another meeting 10 a.m. Friday at the Eagles with over 100 students (juniors/seniors, the same number as last year) from all 10 schools and concluding by 1:15 p.m.

Schedule is as follows: 10 a.m. - Welcome; 10:20 a.m. - Rusty Thompson on "Leadership and what it means"; 11:20 a.m. - Lunch; 12:10 p.m. - NWC Project Introduction and Group Assignments as follows: Delphos/Crestview; LCC/Bluffton; Spencerville/Columbus Grove; Allen East/Paulding; Lincolnview/Ada; 12:40 p.m. - Discussion/Plan; 12:45 p.m. - Vote; 12:55 p.m. - Draw for order of weeks to work on project; 1:10 p.m. - Wrap-up.

Defiance shuts out Lady Beavers

DEFIANCE — The Bluffton University women's soccer team traveled to Defiance College on a summery Wednesday and battled the Yellow Jackets for 90 minutes, coming up just short as a Defiance cross slipped inside the back post in minute 70 for the only score of the match. The Beavers fell to 3-11-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the Heartland Conference following a disappointing loss to their rivals, while DC improved to 9-5-4 and 4-2-2 in the HCAC.

Bluffton controlled much of the action during the first half, piling up a 5-2 advantage in shots to go along with a slim 2-1 edge in corner kicks. The match remained a scoreless tie until Lindsay Bubnick curled the ball inside the back post at the 69:07 mark. Bluffton was unable to force extra time as Defiance held on for the victory.

The Jackets stormed back in the second half with eight shots for a 10-9 advantage overall. The home team forced one more corner kick (5-4) while committing one more foul (8-7).

Freshman keeper Ashley Knippen (Wapakoneta) turned away three Defiance attempts in the loss. Leading the Bluffton offense was sophomore Taylor Fultz (Camden/Preble Shawnee) who finished with four shot attempts.

Bluffton will put the wraps on its 2012 season when the Beavers welcome Transylvania University noon Saturday on Senior Day.

Second-half surge lifts DC over Beavers

By Keisha Holtsberry

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DEFIANCE — The Bluffton University men's soccer team fell to rival Defiance College on Wednesday by a final count of 3-0. Bluffton slipped to 2-13 overall and 0-7 in the Heartland Conference, while Defiance improved to 3-14-1 overall and 3-4-1 in the HCAC.

Both teams showed off their defense in the first half as the score was deadlocked at 0-0 after 45 minutes of action. Bluffton was outshot by Defiance 5-2 in half one with freshman keeper Jeff Yoder (Elkhart, Ind./Bethany Christian) collecting two saves.

Defiance came out in the second half ready to score. Less than 10 minutes into the second

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stanza, the Yellow Jackets put their first goal in the net. Ryan Edwards was assisted by Chad Brooks for tally number one. The Beavers kept it a 1-0 game until the 78:14 mark when Brooks put the ball in the back of the net. With less than three minutes to play, Defiance scored its third and final goal which came from Kevin Arriola.

Defiance finished with a commanding 19-7 edge in shots while also forcing two more corner kicks than Bluffton, 5-3. The Beavers were led by freshman Adrian Ramirez (Archbold) who fired two shots.

Bluffton will wrap up its 2012 season when the Beavers host Transylvania 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Beavers clinch berth in HCAC tournament despite loss at Defiance

By Meghan Mohr

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DEFIANCE — The Defiance College volleyball team could do no wrong, defeating Bluffton University in every statistical category and ultimately winning the match 3-0 (25-21, 25-18, 25-16) on Wednesday. The Beavers are now 14-13 (4-4 HCAC). The Defiance victory snapped a string of six straight Bluffton wins over the Yellow Jackets.

Despite the loss, Bluffton secured its berth in the upcoming Heartland Conference tournament where it will enter as the #6 seed. The Beavers will travel to Terre Haute, Ind., Tuesday to battle #3 seed Rose-Hulman at 7:30 p.m.

The Beavers struggled offensively, hitting only .049 on the match with the top hitters at eight and five kills. Freshman Kendra Parmenter (Grove City) hammered eight spikes while freshman Jenny Brown (St. Marys/Memorial) and senior Heather Schierer (Crescent Springs, Ky./St. Henry) both slammed five kills. Freshman setter Mackenzie Lauber (Mansfield/Madison) dished out 18 assists for the Beavers.

Defensively, Schierer led the Beavers with 10 digs. Junior libero Lindsay Krohn (Marysville, Ind./New Washington) followed with nine digs.

The Beavers will take on their final conference opponent 7 p.m. Friday when Bluffton travels to Franklin College for a matchup with the Grizzlies.