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9 p.m.

ESPN — Premier Champions, Devon Alexander vs. Aron Martinez (welterweight)

GOLF
11 p.m.

GOLF — LPGA Tour: KEB-HanaBank Championship, first-round, at Incheon, South Korea

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
4 p.m.

FS1 — American League Division Series Game 5, Texas at Toronto

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NHL HOCKEY
8 p.m.

NBCSN — Chicago at Philadelphia

WNBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.

ESPN2 — Finals, Game 5, Indiana at Minnesota

LOCAL GAMES

Boys High School Soccer
Lincoln at Liberty, 7 p.m.

Girls High School Soccer
Lincoln at Liberty, 5 p.m.
Tyler Consolidated at South Harrison, 7 p.m.

Prep Volleyball
Buckhannon-Upshur at University
Lincoln at Liberty

THURSDAY, OCT. 15
Boys High School Soccer
Lincoln at Bridgeport, 8 p.m.
Elkins at Buckhannon-Upshur, 7:30 p.m.
Lewis County at Philip Barbour, 7:30 p.m.
Fairmont Senior at Robert C. Byrd, 7:30 p.m.
East Fairmont at South Harrison, 7 p.m.

Girls High School Soccer
Lincoln at Bridgeport, 6 p.m.
Elkins at Buckhannon-Upshur, 5:30 p.m.
Lewis County at Philip Barbour, 5:30 p.m.
Fairmont Senior at Robert C. Byrd, 5:30 p.m.
East Fairmont at South Harrison, 5 p.m.

Prep Volleyball
Buckhannon-Upshur (Quad) vs. Hampshire, Elkins, Lewis County
Fairmont Senior at Robert C. Byrd
Lincoln at Bridgeport
North Marion at Preston

College Football
Glenville State at Alderson Broaddus, 7 p.m.

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University earns shutout win over Bridgeport



Photo by Joe Signorelli

Bridgeport's Stephanie Alvaro plays a ball off her chest during Tuesday's match against University.

by Zach Hayhurst
CORRESPONDENT

BRIDGEPORT — The girls soccer match Tuesday night between University and Bridgeport was a tale of two halves, with Bridgeport controlling the match for the first 40 minutes and University dominating the second half.

Fortunately for the Hawks, Bridgeport was unable to score on any of its five first-half shots and, after being held to only one shot in the first half, University flipped the script. The Hawks scored three goals on six second-half shots to earn a 3-0 victory over the home-standing Indians.

"I thought out girls played

well in the first half," Bridgeport coach John Reese said. "Then, I don't really know what happened in the second half. The first couple went in and that killed us."

University's Braden Pickett scored on a penalty kick and a free kick in the second half to pace the Hawks offense. Pickett's free kick in the 51st minute was a thing of beauty and gave the Hawks a three-goal advantage.

"We always seem to play better in the second half," University coach Kat Devlin said. "We step it up and control the game on our own terms."

Bridgeport had opportunities to take the lead in the first half, but University keeper Bai-

ley Heubi made four saves and the Hawks defense put enough pressure on the Indians to keep the score tied at zero.

After using the first half to feel out Bridgeport, University turned to the attack in the second. The Hawks scored twice in the 44th minute to steal all momentum and break the Indians spirit.

"Our defense is always very solid," Devlin said. "This team seems to take the first half to get the other teams number and get into the game. Our defense really allows us to do that. They are very solid and consistent. They get the job done."

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Tough task awaits

Explosive Baylor may be out for revenge against WVU

by Bob Hertzell
FOR THE EXPONENT TELEGRAM

MORGANTOWN — Baylor coach Art Briles says revenge is not a motivating factor for his No. 2 Bears when they host West Virginia at noon Saturday in Waco, Texas.

Right — and you get beef from chickens and the sun sets in the East.

If ever there was a revenge game, this is it. Except maybe last year when these teams met.

Or the year before. It seems like these two schools are forever at each other's throats.

It started back in 2012 when Baylor came to West Virginia and was beaten 70-63, a tough loss and one in which the Bears defense was mauled so badly that they spent their entire off-season hibernation figuring out ways to beat WVU.

And oh did they beat them, 73-42 at Baylor in 2013, running for eight touchdowns and gaining an incredible 872 total yards.

That, of course, did not sit very well with WVU, who was itching for revenge last year and got it in spades, ruining Baylor's perfect season with a 41-27 upset that would prove to keep the Bears out of the first College Football Playoff.

No revenge? Sure. However, that's what Briles



Photo by Kyle Jenkins

Linebacker Jared Barber (42) and the West Virginia defense will have their hands full with an explosive Baylor offense that may be seeking revenge from the Bears' only regular-season loss last season.

is saying. "As silly as it sounds, revenge is not something that is really thrown into our vocabulary," the coach said. "If there's any revenge, it needs to be on us. Are we going to blame them for beating us?"

The way we look at it is that it's our fault — my fault.

"We didn't take care of business. They're supposed to try and beat us. That's everybody's goal every time they step on the field, and that's our goal every time we step on

the field. They just did their job and we didn't do ours. That's what it comes down to every Saturday and we'll have the opportunity to do our job on Saturday."

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Bob Hertzell
Sports Columnist

Harper's faith helps him pull through

MORGANTOWN — In football, unlike in life, having your knees on the ground is a sin.

The whistle blows and play stops, the referee ruling you down.

To Jarrod Harper, getting upon his knees is anything but a sin. The man who has replaced Karl Joseph at bandit safety for West Virginia is a deeply religious Catholic who uses it to guide him through life and through the football wars.

So, let us warn you right now, if you come across Harper this week, do not even try to tell him his Mountaineers do not have a prayer against Baylor, even if they are a 20-point underdog.

A journey into his Twitter account reveals the depths of his devotion.

"You can't expect people to understand your dreams because God never gave them your vision," read one recent posting that followed this warm, personal comment that gave us a window into his soul.

"I use to pray for days like this to see my momma smile. But I know she smiling down on me from heaven #MyGuardianAngel"

We mention this, of course, because Harper has chosen to play a game that is filled with violence, a game where you pray to come out of a game healthy and victorious and where you pray you can accept defeat if it comes.

Each Saturday, it is a life wrapped up in 60 minutes of action, complete with much to be thankful for and things, such as Karl Joseph's sickening ACL injury in a non-contract practice drill, that require pure faith to accept, for there is no way for the common man to understand the why and the how of it.

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Lofton's success at tailback leads to Game Face

by Greg Carey
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

TENNERTON — Buckhannon-Upshur's Marcus Lofton has made a name for himself mostly as a defensive back and wide receiver throughout his high school career.

With the Buccaneers short on running backs, Lofton, to no surprise, is starting to stand out at in the backfield.

In last Friday's 21-7 win against Hampshire, Lofton rushed 16 times for 160 yards and all three of his team's touchdowns, leading to him being the recipient of the Week 7 Game Face honor, conducted through online voting by area football fans.

Lofton received 47.3 percent of the more than 450 votes, narrowly edging South Harrison's Chase Jenkins for the honor.



Photo by Austin Schimmel

Buckhannon-Upshur's Marcus Lofton rushed for 160 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries last Friday in a 21-7 win against Hampshire.

Robert C. Byrd's Juwan Jones-Wright was also in the mix.

"I feel a lot more natural back there instead of being out

wide," Lofton said. "I grew up playing running back and I have a lot of experience with looking at the field while running. My

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cuts aren't the best, but whenever I make my cut, I can usually make up for it with my explosiveness to get on track to where I need to be."

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