

Sports



SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Wirt 44
Roane 36

GOLF

Roane 1st in match
at South Hills

Roane d. Parkersburg South

SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 3

GOLF

Roane, Tyler Consolidated,
Webster, Gilmer at
Roane County G.C. (4:00)

VOLLEYBALL

Clay, Calhoun, Webster
at Roane (6:00)

FOOTBALL

Walton at Kenova (6:00)
Ravenswood at Spencer (6:00)

Friday, September 4

FOOTBALL

Roane at Ritchie (7:30)

Saturday, September 5

CROSS COUNTRY

Roane in St. Mary's Medical
Center Invitational
at Cabell Midland (6:30)

Monday, September 7

FOOTBALL

Ritchie at Roane JV (6:00)

Tuesday, September 8

GOLF

Spencer, Marietta St. Mary's
at Woodridge (4:00)

VOLLEYBALL

Roane, Doddridge
at Braxton (6:00)

Wednesday, September 9

GOLF

Roane, Wirt, St. Marys
at St. Marys G.C. (4:00)

SOCCER

Braxton at Spencer (6:00)

VOLLEYBALL

Spencer at Geary (6:00)

BOWLING

Monday Night Women's League	
Team	W-L
Cottrell Farms	10-6
John H. Taylor Funeral Home	10-6
Hughes Jewelry	8-8
Prine Surveying	8-8
First Neighborhood Bank	6-10
Just for Fun	6-10
Week's Highs	
Scratch Game	Pauline Conley 178
Handicap Game	Debbie Carpenter 245
Scratch Series	Debbie Carpenter 477
Handicap Series	Pauline Conley 667
High Average	Millie Arnold 163
Bowler of the Week	Pauline Conley
	67 pins above average

Tuesday Night Women's League	
Team	W-L
Chappie's	18-6
Harden Insurance	18-6
Mullen Farm	14-10
Chenoweth Stables	8-16
King's Welding	8-16
McDonald's	6-18
Week's Highs	
Scratch Game	Millie Arnold 191
Handicap Game	Sue Blauvelt 231
Scratch Series	Millie Arnold 536
Handicap Series	Millie Arnold 644
High Average	Kari Mullen 154

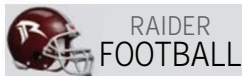


Drew Kinder scoots past a Wirt County defender as Raider teammate Tyler Ricker looks to block Friday at County Stadium.

JIM COOPER/SPENCER NEWSPAPERS

BAD MOON RISING Mistakes, breaks help Wirt to LKC win over Raiders

By JIM COOPER
Sports Editor



It must have been the full moon shining high above County Stadium.

Other than some celestial intervention, Roane County fans had no other explanation for their team's 44-36 loss to Wirt County Friday to kick off the 2015 football season.

"At one point in the second half I almost had to chuckle," RCHS head coach Paul Burdette said. "I just wondered what else could go wrong."

Roane was heavily favored heading into the opener against a team it had throttled 52-14 on the road a year ago. But the Class A Tigers wasted no time in making sure the Raiders knew this was a brand new season.

Wirt kicked off to start the game and recovered the mistaken squib effort near midfield when the Raider front line dropped back to block. Roane stuffed the Tigers for two plays, but on the third Cam Nelson broke loose and scampered 41 yards for a touchdown.

It was the first of many big carries to come for Nelson, who finished with 237 yards on the ground and five TDs.

"He's a big old thick kid, a strong hard runner with deceptive speed," Burdette noted.

Burdette had a similar player at his disposal in Tyler May and turned him loose on the next possession that ended with a 28-yard jaunt to the end zone.

May also had a monster night on the ground as he amassed 261 yards and four scores.

Roane took the lead at 12-6 when Cole Hoff recovered the ball in the end zone after a May carry. A

fumble on a punt return by Drew Kinder put Wirt back in business, and the Tigers countered with Nelson's 76-yard scamper to go back on top, 13-12 after the first quarter. Mike Burns hooked up with Drew Burns for a 35-yard TD and Brant Freeland found Nelson for a 42-yard score, both in the second quarter, and Roane managed a 3-yard TD run from May, followed by a Frankie Beckett to Ethan Myers PAT pass.

Up 26-20 at halftime, the Tigers came out and stretched the lead on Nelson's 3-yard TD run. May added a 1-yard TD followed by a May to Kinder PAT conversion, but Nelson came right back with a 5-yard scoring dash.

May electrified the home crowd with a 75-yard run to paydirt in the fourth quarter and ran it in himself for the conversion to draw the Raiders within 38-36. The Tigers put the game away on a second Burns to Adams hook-up, this one from 48 yards out with 1:34 on the clock.

Along with May's performance, Roane also had other strong individual efforts, including the 10 solo tackles turned in by Garrett Burnside. That was not enough to offset a night that featured seven fumbles, two lost, by the home team. Many were dropped snaps by the quarterbacks, May and Beckett.

"I don't understand that," Burdette said of the bobbles. "Both of them thought they were Ben Roethlisberger and wore a glove on their left hands. That's not going to happen any more."

Burdette said his team would

have to put the disappointment behind them to be successful in their next game, another LKC contest Friday at Ritchie County. The Rebels are 0-1 after being blasted by St. Marys 55-8 in their opener.

"We have to forget about it and move on," Burdette said. "We've got to be better than we were last Friday to get a win. It was just one of those nights where anything (bad) that could happen did happen."

And thankfully for the Raiders, this week the moon won't be full.

Wirt County (1-0) 13 13 6 12 - 44
Roane County (0-1) 12 8 0 16 - 36
WC - Cam Nelson 41 run (kick failed)
RC - Tyler May 28 run (kick failed)
RC - Cole Hoff fumble recovery in end zone (pass failed)
WC - Nelson 76 run (Levi Mason kick)

► BAD / 11A



Roane County defensive back Brandon May soars to pick off a pass against the Tigers.

Football, softball, golf and an itchy bottom



JIM COOPER
Sportsline

High school football kicked off last weekend, the college guys this weekend and the pros are next.

It's a great time of year, isn't it?

But you need something to do while you're waiting for your favorite team to take the field.

I guess you could sit around and watch the garden and lawn turn brown - How dry has it been? I saw a tree chasing a dog the other day. - or, you could spend a little time pondering the following sports shorts.

Here goes. □□□

Tyler May had himself one heck of a game last Friday in the season opener for the Roane County Raiders.

All the junior quarterback/running back/linebacker did was run for 261 yards on 26 carries and score four touchdowns. For good measure, he passed for 82 yards, ran for a PAT and made 10 tackles.

Not a bad night.

But as the final seconds ticked off the County Stadium clock, May was on the sideline with his facemask buried in the turf. He had given his all, and it wasn't enough as the Raiders were upset 44-36 by Wirt County.

"He takes it all to heart," Raider head coach Paul Burdette said. "He puts it all on his shoulders. That's what makes him special."

It's clear that May is leading the Raiders on the field, and off. He bounced up from that moment of anguish, by the way, and went out to shake hands with the victors.

Expect this Friday at Ritchie County to be another May day. □□□

One of May's teammates, Ethan Myers, was injured midway through the fourth quarter Friday and will miss at least the next two games.

Myers, a junior who plays H-back and defensive end, reportedly suffered a broken rib and blacked out for a time, a condition that will be treated like a concussion. Stetson Moore will fill in at defensive end in Myers' absence, with Brandon May and Dale Locklear taking his spot on offense, depending on the formation.

Let's hope Myers is well and able to return soon. □□□

Former Lady Raider standout Cassidy Taylor will have at least one of her freshman collegiate seasons cut short by injury.

Taylor, recruited to play both basketball and softball at

Glenville State College, was playing in a softball tournament in Wheeling one week before classes started at GSC. She tore the ACL and MCL in one of her knees and was scheduled to have surgery Sept. 11.

According to her mother, Marilyn, Cassidy will need about six months to fully heal and should be ready to take the field with the Lady Raiders come softball season.

Basketball will have to wait. □□□

Former Spencer High golfer Steve VanHorn, who has lived in Morgantown for several years, had the Little General Low Round of the Day while winning a WVGA Senior Series tournament Thursday.

VanHorn fired an even-par 72 at The Raven at Snowshoe Mountain to win the Senior division by four shots over runner-up and fellow Yellow Jacket golf alum, Rick Moore of Spencer.

Moore medalists as Roane rolls along

Roane County swept a pair of golf matches during the past week to improve to 94-4 on the season.



The Raiders got a medalist round of 32 from Cam Moore Thursday as they defeated four LKC foes at Worthington Golf Course in Parkersburg.

Back in Parkersburg Monday, the Raiders scored an eight-shot win over Parkersburg South at South Hills Golf Course. Caleb Moore led the way with a medalist round of 37 for the Raiders.

Roane's B-team fell to South by 53 shots. Casey Jones and Ben Fox each carded 54 as the low rounds for the Raider reserves.

at Worthington Golf Course

Team scores: 1. Roane County 142, 2. Williamstown 173, 3. St. Marys 181, 4. Ritchie County 191, 5. Parkersburg Catholic 21

Roane scores: Cam Moore 32, Cole Moore 34, Caleb Moore 37, Hunter Thompson 39, Dalton Simmons 41, Grayson Watson 48

at South Hills G.C.

Team scores: 1. Roane County 154, 2. Parkersburg South 162, 3. South B 180, 4. Roane B 233

Roane A scores: Caleb Moore 37, Hunter Thompson 38, Cam Moore 39, Cole Moore 40, Dalton Simmons 44

Roane B scores: Casey Jones 54, Ben Fox 54, Grayson Watson 61, Sierra Holcomb 64, Chase Starcher 70

How to get in the sports section

Making it into the sports section has never been easier! Coaches and representatives of scholastic teams or adult and youth leagues are encouraged to report their results and schedules to The Times Record and Roane County Reporter—and there are several ways to do it.

- Bring information to the Spencer Newspapers office at 210 East Main Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or use the drop box on the lobby door for after-hours submissions.

- E-mail Sports Editor Jim Cooper at jcoop@thetimesrecord.net.
- Call Cooper at 304-927-2360 or send information by fax to 304-927-2361.

A deadline of 5 p.m. Tuesday is set for all regular sports submissions. An exception is made for the results of Tuesday evening events, which should be reported by 8:30 Wednesday morning to make it in that week's newspaper.

Late reports may not be accepted.

Another Spencer resident, Garlan Miller, carded an 87 and was 18th in the Silver division.

VanHorn was second with a one-over 73 and Moore third with a 77 the previous day during an event at Canaan Valley Resort.

The Senior Series resumes with a tournament Sept. 9 at The Greenbrier. □□□

And finally, an interestingly named outdoors event is set for Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Myers Farm, 9881 Clay Rd., at Left Hand.

It is billed as the "Itchy Bottom Outdoors Archery Shoot." It promises prizes and a cook-out.

A word of advice: If you decide to sit down, make sure there's no poison ivy around that will make your bottom itchy.

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Lady Raider returners looking for the next level

By JIM COOPER
Sports Editor

A familiar cast of characters will be on the floor today (Thursday) as the Roane County High volleyball team gets its 2015 season underway.

Coach Danylle Popp's Lady Raiders return five starters from last year's team that finished 21-25-1 after falling to Oak Glen in the regional semifinals.

"After losing only one senior (Hannah Thompson) from last year, we're picking up right where we left off," Popp, now in her second year, said.

Three seniors will lead RCHS as Kirsty Lawrence, Caitly Hudnall and Alli Ross all bring a wealth of experience to the roster.

Lawrence, a libero, was first team all-LKC and honorable mention Class AA all-state a year ago. She was at 84 percent on over 600 serves received and averaged 4.4 digs per set.

"We'll rely on her for a majority of the passing and digging," Popp said. "She's able to read opposing hitters well."

Hudnall, honorable mention all-conference as a junior, is a middle hitter noted for her hitting and blocking prowess at the net. A good leaper, she had 229 kills and 40 blocks last season.

Ross averaged 3.7 set assists per set as a junior.

"She has great control of the ball and is great at running quick sets for hitters," according to the coach.

Cailyn Reynolds and Sam Williams are juniors returning to the lineup.

Reynolds is a middle hitter who was second team all-LKC as a sophomore. She had 229 kills and 23.5 blocks last season.

Williams, an outside hitter, improved greatly during the course of last season. Her strength, Popp said, is placing the ball to open areas while hitting.

Hannah McKown, a sophomore who saw varsity time as a freshman, is the other starter, at outside hitter.

"She's a strong hitter with good ball placement," Popp noted.

Junior Hailey Sloan, in her first year with the Lady Raiders, provides some height as a reserve. Two sophomores, Kayla Strickland and Chasity Drennen, also figure to see action. Strickland is a consistent hitter, Popp said, while Drennen is learning to be a setter.

"We're trying to work on building a stronger blocking defense on the right side for when we play teams with strong outside hitters

like Ritchie County and Clay County," Popp said. "We're also working on becoming more efficient with our defensive and offensive coverage."

Roane hosts LKC foes Calhoun County, Clay and Webster County

for the opener. The schedule includes the first Don Williams LKC Challenge at home on Sept. 19, a Volleyball Showcase match at the Charleston Civic Center Sept. 24, the Queen of the Hill tournament Oct. 3 at George Washington, the

Rebecca Crockett Memorial tournament Oct. 17 at Buffalo and the LKC Night of Champions Oct. 24 at Ritchie. Sectional play begins Nov. 3.

Popp said advancing to the regional tournament last year gave

the Lady Raiders a chance to see what it takes to make it to the next level.

"It was an eye-opener to the caliber of teams we will play on that level," Popp said, "and what we need to do to prepare."

"We'd like to place first on our side of the LKC with a chance to play for the LKC championship," she added. "And we have aspirations of returning to regionals as well as going to the state tournament."



Roane County's Lady Raiders are set to open the 2015 season today (Thursday) with a home match. Team members are, from left: Chasity Drennen, Hailey Simmons, Brooklyn Harper, Linzey Nichols, Macie Higginbotham, Kim Waggoner, Lauren Gorman, Cailyn Reynolds, Veronica Jeffers, Kirsty Lawrence, Caitly Hudnall, Alli Ross, Hailey Sloan, Hannah McKown, Kayla Strickland, Sam Williams, Silken Harlan, Jordyn Starcher, Halle Farmer and Sierra Miller.

SUE KNOTTS PHOTO

ROANE COUNTY LADY RAIDER VOLLEYBALL				
2015 SCHEDULE				
September	3	Calhoun/Clay/Webster	Home	6:00
	8	Braxton/Doddridge	Braxton	6:00
	10	South Charleston/Nitro/Buffalo#	Home	6:00
	12	Princess of the Hill*	George Washington	9:00
	14	Ravenswood/Hoover/Ripley	Home	6:00
	15	Sissonville#	Away	6:00
	17	Gilmer/South Harrison	Gilmer	6:00
	19	Don Williams Challenge	Home	9:00
	22	Ravenswood	Away	6:00
	24	Independence/Spring Valley	Charleston Civic Center	6:00
	26	Don Williams Classic*	Home	9:00
	28	Clay/Buckhannon-Upshur/Capital#	Home	6:00
	30	South Harrison/Gilmer	South Harrison	6:00
October	3	Queen of the Hill	George Washington	9:00
		Herbert Hoover tournament*	Away	9:00
	5	Ravenswood	Away	6:00
	8	Calhoun/Clay	Calhoun	6:00
	12	Clay	Away	6:00
	15	Sissonville/Ripley/Parkersburg Catholic#	Home	6:00
	17	Rebecca Crockett Memorial	Buffalo	9:00
		Saint Albans Invitational*	Away	9:00
	20	Doddridge/Braxton/Ravenswood	Home	6:00
	22-24	LKC placement/night of champions	Ritchie	6:00
	27	Parkersburg Catholic#	Away	6:00
	29	Capital#	Away	6:00
November	3-5	Sectional tournament	TBD	TBD

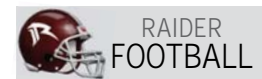
**JV only #JV at 5 p.m. All others varsity only*

SECOND Sports

BAD From 12A

WC - Drew Adams 25 pass from Mike Burns (Mason kick)
RC - May 3 run (Ethan Myers pass from Frankie Beckett)
WC - Nelson 42 pass from Brant Freeland (kick failed)
WC - Nelson 3 run (kick failed)
RC - May 1 run (Drew Kinder pass from May)
WC - Nelson 5 run (kick failed)
RC - May 75 run (May run)
WC - Adams 48 pass from Burns (kick failed)

TEAM STATISTICS		
	WIRT	ROANE
First downs	12	15
Rushes-yards	48-249	38-269
Passing yards	162	85
Total yards	411	354
Comp.-Att.-Int.	5-6-1	7-14-2
Fumbles-lost	2-0	7-2



Punts-Avg.	3-27	1-38
Penalties-yards	11-65	4-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Wirt rushing: Cam Nelson 29-237
Roane rushing: Tyler May 26-261, Dale Locklear 1-2, Cole Hoff 5-24, Frankie Beckett 5-(-25), Drew Kinder 1-6
Wirt passing: Mike Burns 4-5-1, 120; Brant Freeland 1-1-0, 42
Roane passing: May 5-9-1, 82; Beckett 2-5-1, 3
Wirt receiving: Drew Adams 4-120, Nelson 1-42
Roane receiving: Brandon May 1-32, Stetson Moore 2-22, Kinder 3-27, T. May 1-4

Raider JV whips Wirt

The JV football season got off to a successful start for Roane County Monday in Elizabeth with a 38-20 victory over Wirt County.

Dylan Cornwell of the Raiders tossed touchdown passes to Ethan Moffatt and Daniel Cottrill, while Alex Cox, Ryan Smith and Cottrill each scored on the ground.

Roane led 38-0 before the Tigers could get on the board.

The Raiders host Ritchie County Monday at 6 p.m.

Roane County (1-0)	6	16	16	0	38
Wirt County (0-1)	0	0	6	14	20
RC - Ethan Moffatt	85	pass	from	Dylan Cornwell (run failed)	
RC - Alex Cox	31	run	(Daniel Cottrill pass from Cornwell)		
RC - Cottrell	7	pass	from Cornwell (Cornwell run)		
RC - Ryan Smith	61	run	(Cornwell run)		
RC - Cottrill	5	run	(Jake Nichols run)		

ROANE STATISTICS
Rushing: Ryan Smith 1-61, Alex Cox 1-31, Daniel Cottrill 4-15, Dylan Cornwell 12-14
Passing: Cornwell 3-5-0, 99
Receiving: Jake Nichols 1-7, Ethan Moffatt 1-85

Local teams 1-0-1 in youth soccer play

Local PATCH soccer teams came away with a win and two ties in youth action Thursday in Ripley.

The 6 and under team, Swallowtail Soaps, and the Red Ninjas tied 7-7. Swallowtail goals came from Alex Barbee (three), Kylie Caudill (three) and Kylie Clarkson. Colt Jett had four assists.

Board-DePue tied the Rowdies 0-0 in 8 and under play.

In 10 and under action, B&G Heating and Cooling romped to

a 12-0 decision over the Polar Girls. Goals were made by Kallie McCutcheon (two), Carter Gaughan (two), Kelton Black (two), Zach Sinclair (two), Katie McCutcheon (two), Peyton Harper and Lillian Sotomayor.

Madison Lawson (right) moves upfield for B&G in youth soccer action at Ripley.



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Starcher leads Jackets at Golf Club of WV

Spencer Middle placed third in a three-team golf match Thursday at Golf Club of WV.

Isaac Starcher's round of 49 was low for the Yellow Jackets (0-4).

at Golf Club of WV
Team scores: 1. Williamstown 181, Hamilton 192, Spencer 205
SMS scores: Isaac Starcher 49, Garrett Simon 49, Gavin Black 49, Cole Ellis 58, Bailey Lawson 59, Bryson Watson 64

The Old Perdictor

Now I don't ritely like to kiss 'n tell, but I's gonna make a eggseptshun in this partickler case.

You see, I onct had me a li'l fling with a purty gal by the name o' Phyllus Diller. I don't know where she is nowadays, but as I rec-co-leck, she was kind o' a cross betwixt Hidee Klume, Tayler Swift 'n Ronda Rowsey when it comes to looks. (Jest Googlefy her if'n you don't beelieve me.)

Leestways that's how I recomember ol' Fillus, but I did git myself kicked in the noggin by a mule jest before I met up with her.

Anyhoo, she warn't only a looker, but it terns out she wuz rite smart to. Hear's a few things she tolt me whilst we wuz a-goin' out:

"The reeson wimmenfolk don't play football is 'cause you'd never catch eleven o' 'em a-warin' the same outfit."

Coarse she also had this li'l gem:

"A batcheler is a feller who never made the same mis-take onct."

Well, I took that last one to hart 'n have stayed un-hitched ever sinct.

Sorry Phyllus. But you're loss is wimmenkind's gain.

Well, its on to the pigskin pickershun's fer annuther week.

You kin bet someone else's farm on these hear pigskin pickin's:

Roane County 30
Ritchie County 13

They won't be no full moon to discomboobulate our Raiders this week, 'coarse I mite jest git mad at the refs 'n shoot one there way fer spite.

WVU 41
Georgia Southern 17
I'm perdicterfyin' big thangs

up in Mo-town this season, 'n I ain't even talkin' 'bout some o' the gals what goes to the games.

Marshall 48
Purdue 37
Perdue mite be good at makin' chikin, but they cain't match the Herd when it come to pigskin.

More shure thangs: Clay over Braxton... Chapmanville over Hoover... Lincoln over Philip Barbour... Ravenswood over Webster... St. Marys over Wirt... Magnolia over Williamstown... Scott over Lincoln County... Nicholas County over Poca... Wayne over Sissonville... Calhoun over Sherman... Tyler Consolidated over Doddridge... South Harrison over Gilmer... Notre Dame over Parkersburg



Catholic... Morgan-town over Brooke... Cabell Midland over Winfield... Capital over South Charleston... Hurricane over Nitro...

University over Parkersburg South... Preston over Lewis... Point Pleasant over Ripley... Riverside over Saint Albans... South Carolina over North Carolina... TCU over Minnesota... Baylor over SMU... Michigan State over Western Michigan... Boise State over Washington... Glenville State over Ubana... Stanford over Northwestern... UCLA over Virginia... BYU over Nebraska... Penn State over Temple... Auburn over Louisville... Texas A&M over Arizona State... Notre Dame over Texas... Alabama over Wisconsin... Ohio State over Virginia Tech...

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