

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB BRIEF

DCA Fall Sports Wrap-up

An action-packed DCA fall sports season was highlighted by our football team playing to a 12-2 record (losing in the semi-finals to the eventual 2A state champs). In the process, the Wildcats earned their first ever Region 5 2A regular season title. And the team's heart-stopping 35-28 win over cross-town rival Goodpasture provided 'football parents' with a lifetime memory.

Cross Country

Our boys and girls cross country teams had their best performance in DCA history at their Region Championship in the fall. The girls finished in the top five overall and the boys team placed in the top ten. Eight of our runners came away with medals in the event and four achieved career best times.

Volleyball

Another impressive season found our volleyball team

winning the Regional Tournament by beating Harpeth in the semi-final game and Goodpasture in the finals.



Team Tent—Standing in front of the Cross Country 'team tent' bought by the Athletic Booster Club (shown l. to r.) are Gregory Whaley, Austin VonAlmen, Kayla Joslin, Todd Underwood, Lauren Terrell, Casey Burrell, Katelynn Mayberry, Heather Runyon, Alli Elliott, Ian Hammond, Nathan Hunter and Coach Huth

They then advanced to the TSSAA State Tournament for the third year in a row with a win over Summertown. They ended their season going 1-2 in pool play.

Girls Golf

DCA fielded the 'dream team' of girls golf as the group went

undefeated in regular season play, won the District Championship at Riverside Golf Course and—for the first time in DCA women's golf history—won the Regional Championship at Montgomery Bell State Park. Not yet satisfied with their accomplishments, our golfing Lady Wildcats earned DCA's first ever State Championship with a 9 stroke win over Anderson County in the TSSAA A/AA finals in Murfreesboro. Congratulations!

Boys Golf

Girls golf was a tough act to follow this year, but the DCA boys team had a competitive season capped by a fifth place finish in the District Tournament.

Girls Soccer

A very successful girls soccer season was kick-started by a strong runner-up finish in the

Ladies Championship Tournament in early September. The Lady Cats beat Dickson County, Hillsboro and Mt. Juliet before falling 1-0 to USJ. A 6-0 win over MLK on senior night concluded a 10-5-1 regular season. After district play, the Lady Cats were 13-6-1 on the year.

Mark Your Calendar!

- January 17—Wrestling at David Lipscomb.
- January 18—Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys Basketball at Greenbrier
- January 19—Middle School Winterfest Basketball Games in the High School Gym; 9 AM, 6th Grade Boys, 10:15 AM, 6th Grade Girls, 11:30 AM, 7th Grade Girls, 12:45 PM, 7th Grade Boys, 2 PM, Middle School Girls, and 3:30 PM. Middle School Boys. All games vs. Friendship Christian School.

Football Banquet 1/24! Reservations Required.

The annual DCA Varsity Football Banquet is Thursday, Jan. 24. Things get underway at 6:30 PM at the Old Hickory Country Club. Cost is \$25 per person, with steak, chicken and smashed potatoes on the menu. No charge for varsity players.

DCA Athlete News

The Athletic Booster Club recognizes the following DCA athletes for their exceptional accomplishments: 2007 Girls Soccer All-District Selections, **Jamie Loftis**, **Shelby Pigue**, **Sloane Fry**, **Leighton Williams** and **Whitney Loftis**. For the fifth time, **Jamie Loftis** named to the Tennessee Sportswriter Association's All-State Team. The Tennessee Coaches Athletic Association's All-State Girls Soccer Team included **Shelby Pigue** and **Jamie Loftis**. Earning All-State Football team honors from the Tennessee Sportswriters Assoc., **Jeremy Worden** and **Seth White** (Seth's second All-State nomination). Jeremy also named to the Tennessee Football

Coaches Assoc. All-State Team. **Emily Lancaster**, named to the Tennessee Sportswriter Assoc. All-State Volleyball team. **Lauren Terrell**, ran her fastest Steeplechase time of the year at the State Championships. **Ashley Birdwell**, **Jordan Hollinshead**, **Alex Renshaw** and **Sarah Harris**, team members of our State Championship girls golf team coached by Presley Ramsey. **Craig Stem**, committed as a pitcher to the Western Kentucky Univ. baseball program. **Chris Pierce**, breaking a 19-year-old DCA record by throwing 20 touchdown passes in a single season. **Courtney Patton**, selected Volleyball Regional Tournament MVP and **Katelyn Hearne** and **Emily Lancaster**, making the All-Tournament Team. **Seth White**,

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Thanks (again)! We Couldn't Have Done it Without You.

An awful lot of volunteer help goes into making DCA's athletic events happen. We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you (again) to all the helpful parents and outside support we received this school year, beginning mid-summer when the bleacher construction crew finished with what was beginning to feel like a life-long project!

Early season projects included the production and ad sales for our annual DCA Football program, spearheaded the past several years by *Shannon Linville*.

The football reserved seating, parking passes and new Wildcat Club pass sales were again handled by *Martee Harris*.

And this year *Connie Williams* was replaced as the concession volunteers 'scheduling queen' by *Rhonda Warren*. By the way, that scheduling is for ALL the games when the concession stand is open, not just Friday night football. It's a fairly gru-

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accepted a football scholarship from Western Kentucky Univ. **Laruen Terrell** and **Alli Elliott**, named first team All-Metro as third and sixth best A-AA cross country runners in Metro Nashville for 2007. **Todd Underwood** and **Kayla Joslin**, named second team All-Metro as two of the top ten. **Ian Hammond** and **Casey Burrell** were in the top twenty. **Ashley Birdwell**, named The Tennessean's second team All-Mid-State girls golf team; **Jordan Hollinshead**, made third team selection. Senior volleyball players making their third consecutive State Tournament appearance, **Emily Lancaster**, **Nikki Lemonis** and **Shelbi Turner**. Congratulations to these outstanding DCA athletes!



Billy Jones—Chief DCA concessionaire extraordinaire!

eling process, and we appreciate *Rhonda's* efforts (and she'd love to hear from you for basketball concession sign ups right now!).

We have one volunteer who can't possibly have a 'real job,' because he seemed to be working 24/7 on concession stand planning, preparation, stocking and operation: *Billy Jones* was a fixture around those facilities from the pre-season on, and not enough can be said about the effort he put into making this year's food sales a success.

Speaking of grueling, *Jerry Worden* and *Kenny*

Gross teamed up this year to completely refinish the goal posts on the football

field. It was an ALL-DAY job during the heat of summer, and their results were pretty outstanding! While the superlatives are flowing, let's give props to *Barry Brooks* for the awesome upgrades to our stadium press box and special thanks to *Greg Comer* who volunteered his expertise to do extensive electrical rewiring in the press box to accommodate the new PA system.

Jim Henry is the DCA dad who coordinated the complete upgrade of our football stadium's PA system. Anyone in the stands this season can attest to the success of that project. Jim made this transformation happen by working with one of his vendors, *David Young*, owner of *Pierremont Acoustics*, who contributed a majority of his time to the project. Jim, David and his staff nearly pulled an all nighter on the original installation, and then came

back several times to fine tune the sound. The results were more than we could have hoped for!

Thanks to all the regular game-night cooks that made sure we had burgers and hotdogs in the concession stand this season. I'm certain to miss some folks here, but I recall regularly seeing *Kelly* and *Stacey White*, *Richard Davis*, *Barry* and *Pam Brooks* and *Jeff Anderson*.

Kelly and *Stacey* also made sure our players came off the field after every game to a large cooler filled with suit-



Martee Harris—Inviting you to take a seat, or two!

able fluids, as well as an assortment of post-game snacks.

If you've bought a Wildcats t-shirt, sweat or ball cap in the

last three years, that was made possible by the tireless planning, stocking and selling efforts of *Karen Davis-Clare* and *Tonia Goodman*, both of whom have rearranged schedules an endless number of times to have the Wildcats Spirit Trailer open after school or on weekends. Those sales directly benefit the Athletic Booster Club, creating revenue we use to support our athletes.

Finally, this writer has officially turned over the

football field spray paint striping cans to *Jeff Anderson* and his crew for next year. The field-striping crew varied from week to week, but some of our regular painters included *Jeff Anderson*, *Kelly White*, *Gary Loftis*, *Tim Harris*, *Jim Henry*, *Jerry Worden*, *Billy Jones*, *John Warren*, *Frank Hickman* and *Jeff May*.

Our sincere apologies to anyone who has been overlooked in this brief summary. Please know that your volunteer efforts always will be very much appreciated!



Rhonda Warren—She's got your number and e-mail address...or will have soon!