

WHAT YOU MISSED

SOFTBALL

Senior softball player Margo Hutchison broke the MHS record for homeruns in a season against Lakota East on April 27. The former record was five. Hutchison finished the regular season with a GMC best 9 homers.

BOYS' LACROSSE

The Mason boys' lacrosse team finished the regular season with an overall record of 12-4. They finished on four game winning streak.

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The boys' and girls' track teams, the boys' tennis team and the varsity baseball team all won the GMC title for their respective sports. Mason has won the trophy every year since joining the conference in the 2007-2008 school year.

BOYS' BASKETBALL PLAYERS COMMIT

Last week senior forward Michael Van Kleunen committed to play basketball at Hanover College. His fellow teammate, senior point guard Tim Reale, will be pursuing basketball at St. Andrews Preparatory School.

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"We have been successful because of the seniors and their leadership," Thomas said. "Our offense is better than in previous seasons because we have great seniors on the front line. We have grown really close as a team. ...The positive attitudes that everyone brings [have] helped us. ...The seniors are willing to teach us and [the underclassman] are willing to learn."

Sophomore varsity volleyball player Anthony Lokar said that senior Richardson has played a key role this season for the Comets.

"I think [Richardson] has become of major part of our team," Lokar said. "[On Wednesday May, 9] Richardson got 200 kills, which is a major accomplishment."

Richardson said he not only thinks of himself as a leader on the team, but also the comic relief.

"Being a senior and a leader on the team has motivated me to step up," Richardson said. "I like having the upperclassman look up to me and I like being the guy that my teammates come to. But, sometimes I say crazy things, like whenever we come together [as a team] I say things like, 'Let's go ladies' because I think it is important to practice hard, but also it is cool to bond as a team."

According to Melnick, he has also recognized a strong bond between the guys.

"This team believes in the team concept," Melnick said. "The play for each other, they are coachable, and they are unselfish."

The talent level has also improved this year due to Junior Olympic volleyball, which is an off-season club volleyball league, Richardson said.

KILLIAN'S STATS

Senior
6'5"

Games Played: 64

Kills: 208

Errors: 67

Times Attacked: 473

Kill Efficiency: 0.298

Kill Percentage: 0.440

Serve Aces: 27

Serving Percentage: 0.890

Blocks: 100

Digs: 15

Pass: 2.26

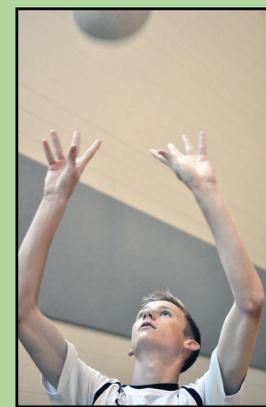


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"When I get a kill, it just feels like everything comes off my shoulders and the team is getting amped up for the next point."

"We have a lot of kids playing [Junior Olympic] volleyball," Richardson said. "It prepares us to come together as a team."

Regardless of the post-season outcome, Coach Melnick said that he is proud of the team's improvement.

"We had great senior leadership," Melnick said. "Practices [this season] were very competitive. We got better every day we practiced. We tried to have a purpose at everything we did."

THE NUMBERS

9:44

Tom Clark is ranked first in the GMC 3200 meter run with a time of 9 minutes and 44 seconds. This time is 5 seconds less than the second place runner from Colerain.

9

Softball player Margo Hutchison leads the GMC conference with 9 home runs this season.

14-2

The boys' varsity tennis team won the GMC with an overall record of 14-2.

0.00

Mason baseball pitcher, Cody Apking, is four-way tied for first in the GMC with a run average of 0.00.

2:24.10

Girl's track and field distance runner Monica Lake is ranked third in the GMC with an 800 time of 2:24:10.