



Varsity Interscholastic Teams Midseason Update

THE FALL SEASON IS ALREADY HALFWAY OVER, AND THE GSN TAKES AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HOW TEAMS ARE FARING

By Redmond Farha



David Johnson ('06), Varsity Football halfback, gets into the open field in the Hounds' home game against Landon on 10/16/04 (Photo by Will Finney)

found itself poised to make a potent run in the playoffs this year.

The Varsity Soccer team, as of 10/17/04 sits at 4th place in the MIAA-A Conference with a 7-7 league record (10-8-1 overall). This ranking, which has caught many conference teams off guard, came as a result of "hard work, determination, and a desire to win," star striker and team captain Will Schoeberlein ('05) affirmed. The desire to win could not have come at a better time; after the first nine games resulted in a 3-5-1 record, Gilman settled in to the "system" that Coach Seal speaks so affectionately of, and the Hounds hit a midseason streak of

7-3-0, beginning with a 5-2 trouncing of Spalding on September 23rd. In that 10-game streak, the Hounds outscored their opponents 22-9.

The recent success of the team can be attributed to a lineup which shows no major weaknesses. At forward, Schoeberlein is one of the top three conference goalscorers (20 of the team's 37 total goals) and is surrounded by two hardworking Juniors, Sean Murphy and David Song. Will Frew ('06), in the midst of his first year at the goalie position, posted three straight shutouts against Loyola, #5 in Maryland,

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From Blue and Grey to Hopkins Blue Jay

AFTER MANY YEARS AS THE VARSITY LACROSSE HEAD COACH, MR. ALLAN HAS TAKEN A JOB WITH JHU

By Wes Donehower

This spring the Gilman Lacrosse team will be without a familiar face. The man who will not be gracing the Lacrosse team with his knowledge and experience is Mr. David Allan. Allan has been the head lacrosse coach for the 'Hounds for ten years. Even though he is leaving Gilman's Lacrosse program, Coach Allan is staying very much involved in the sport, as he has accepted an assistant coaching job for the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays.

A Gilman alumnus whose favorite sport throughout high school was baseball, Mr. Allan attended Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia where he, the late St. Paul's alumnus Bruce Cornbrooks, and a small group of others founded the Randolph Macon lacrosse program. Mr. Allan's coaching career began in 1968 at Gilman where he stayed until 1979. He took a not-so-brief break from coaching from '81- '87, at which point he became an assistant coach at Loyola College. He was given



David Allan retires as the Head Coach of Varsity Lacrosse, but he will remain the Guidance Counselor at Gilman (Photo by XXX)

a coaching job at Gilman again in 1994, which is the position he has held until this summer.

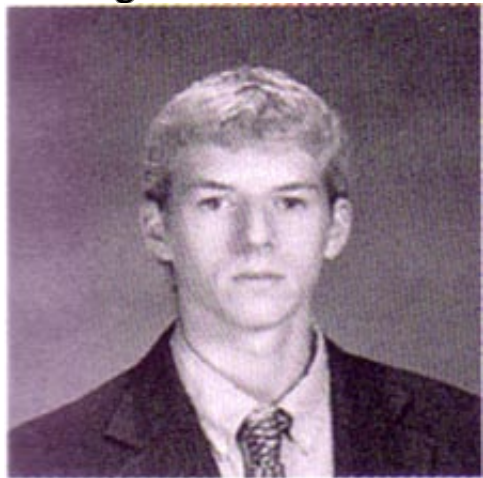
While Coach Allan insists that there are too many fond memories to pick his favorite, he finally revealed that the "One that really meant a lot to me was when I came back in '94 and got to coach my son." He also mentioned that what he would miss most were all the players and people

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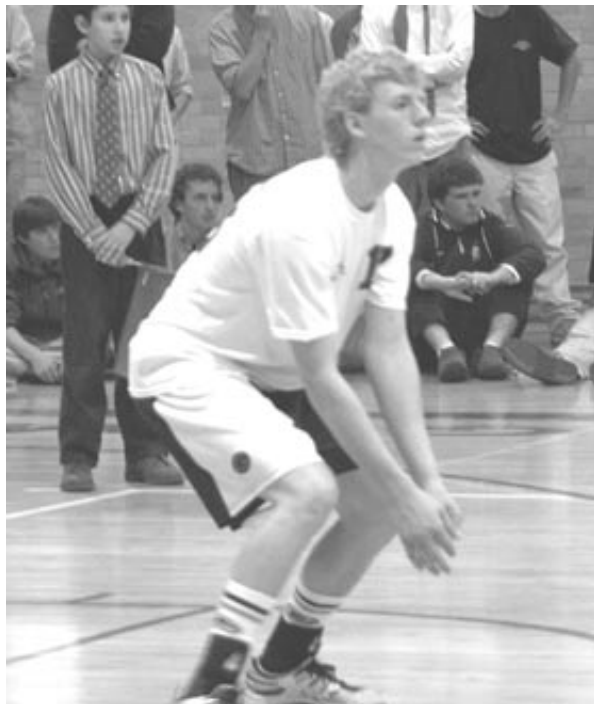
Player Profile:



Pell George

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

By John Williams



Pell George preapres to set up an offensive play for the Hounds, who are 9-2 as of now (Photo by Ethan Philipson)

With the 2004 volleyball season well underway, certain individuals have already emerged as leaders on this stellar varsity squad. Pell George is a perfect example of a well rounded student athlete who contributes to his team on and off the volleyball court. Not only is Pell a leader in his grade having been elected a Student Council member, but also he recently received the prestige honor of being Gilman's representative for University of North Carolina's Morehead Scholarship. As well as being a leader on his teams, Pell is a three sport varsity athlete; he plays volleyball, lacrosse, and runs indoor track.

As a back row specialist, Pell's main responsibilities on the court are to "dig" the incoming balls,

which have just been hit by an opposing player, to hit that ball to the setter, Hal Turner, and also to go up to the net on defense and block the kill from the other team's best hitter. George's position would be described as a down and dirty position where not much recognition is received, but requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Although Pell admits that he does not stand out on the team considering he is surrounded by some quality players, he does try his hardest to motivate the team with some encouraging leadership. He says, "I don't hit the hardest, and I don't pass the best, but I do try to be a leader on the team because I am a senior." Pell succeeds in his attempt of being a leader on this team and he does so by always offering words of positive encouragement and inspiration. Junior Billy Mathews remarks, "He is the one that the team relies on to get us pumped up mentally for a match."

Along with George, there is a core group of about 10 seniors of the varsity team this year who are all incredible leaders. Pell commented on how he thought his class in

— VITALS —

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 165 lbs.

Experience: 2 years Varsity

Position: Opposite Hitter/Back Row Specialist

He Said It: (about playoff hopes)

"Ever since the Pennfield tournament we've really stepped up our game. We're playing with intensity, and if we keep playing like we've been playing, I can't imagine any other team in the league being able to beat us."

particular contributed to building the volleyball program the most because of the amount of players from their class. Not only did this years seniors help build the program, but George also comments on his coaches role in the program. "Coach Gabbey and Coach Brooks has put in a tremendous amount of effort into volleyball. Their enthusiasm and their drive to make us better players has helped make this program what it is today." The team recently took a road trip up to Rochester, New York where they unfortunately lost in the finals, but it was still a great experience for the team.

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Pell George after a winning point (Photo by Ethan Philipson)



Varsity Volleyball Update

(League) 5-2 as of 10/19/04

(Overall) 9-2 as of 10/19/04

9/27/04 - Boys Latin - Win 3-1
9/30/04 - John Carroll - Loss 1-3
10/1/04 - Annapolis Area Christian - Win 3-0
10/4/04 - Mt. Carmel - Win 3-0
10/7/04 - Calvert Hall - Win 3-0
10/18/04 - Loyola - Win 3-2
10/21/04 - Mt. St. Joe (away)
10/25/04 - John Carroll (away)
10/27/04 - Calvert Hall (home)

Junior Varsity Volleyball Update

(League) 7-0 as of 10/19/04

(Overall) 7-0 as of 10/19/04

9/20/04 - Loyola - Win 2-0
9/23/04 - Mt. St. Joe - Win 2-1
9/27/04 - Boys Latin - Win 2-0
9/30/04 - John Carroll - Win 2-0
10/7/04 - Calvert Hall - Win 2-0
10/18/04 - Loyola - Win 2-0
10/21/04 - Mt. St. Joe (away)
10/25/04 - John Carroll (away)
10/27/04 - Calvert Hall (home)

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Midseason Report

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Curley, #3, and the rival St. Paul's Crusaders. The team defense, anchored by senior captain Tauren Kagwima and including the likes of the quick and determined Paul Stack ('05), strong-footed Brent Rosenberg ('05), and Marc Walsch ('05), known for his stamina and ball-handling skills, has rallied around the concept of team play. "They [the defense] have basically been the goalie for me," says Frew. "I haven't really had to make many saves except for a few easy saves every game."

Now that the Hounds have secured a playoff spot, it is the match-ups that are most important. As of now, possible first-round opponents include the Curley Friars, Loyola Dons, or the Mt. St. Joseph's Gaels. This season, the Hounds are 1-1 against Curley, 1-1 against Loyola, and have the upper hand in its series with the Gaels, having won their only game thus far.

The three teams who are capable of getting byes to the second round are McDonogh (ranked #1 in the state), Calvert Hall (11-2-1), and Curley (10-3). Assuming



In the 10/16 matchup versus Landon, John Pagliaro ('07) breaks loose from a group of would-be tacklers. Dave Jablonski ('06) provides a pancake block (on the far left) (Photo by Chris Flint)

that Gilman were to make it to the later rounds in the playoffs, Stack commented, the Hounds will "have to learn how to play on larger fields and learn not to lose our shape and get spread out."

The Varsity Soccer team's upcoming games are against Spalding (10/19) and Poly (10/22), where the Hounds hope to improve on their 7-7 league record.

Not unlike the Varsity Soccer team, the Varsity Football team had its respective troubles to overcome at the outset of the 2004 season. Having lost at least a handful of their senior players and a starting quarterback,

the Hounds were forced to resort to their plethora of youthful but inexperienced talent. Now, in the midst of a 6-1 season, Coach Biff Poggi attributes much of the team's success to the senior leadership. "They [the seniors] work really hard, and they lead by example. And that really makes the younger kids work harder,

much harder than we expected."

That said, it has been the play of juniors Marco Simmons, quarterback, Sean Price, halfback, and Brian Carroll, two-way starter, that has made all the difference to the Varsity squad. Simmons, who has shown poise and an accurate arm in and out of the pocket, has a very well-rounded backfield in Price and David Johnson ('06), who have had much of the input into the team's rushing total. Price and sophomore Ben Eaton bring much power to the

rushing game, whereas Johnson's elusiveness and speed completes the exciting trio.

Another factor contributing to the team's effective rushing game has been the offensive line's ability to successfully thwart opposing teams' attempts to stop the run. The line, which features two of the four team captains, Justin Wiley ('05) and Andrew Pyke ('05), has not only given backs Price, Johnson, and Eaton lanes to run through, but has also helped quarterback Simmons find his comfort zone in the pocket. Simmons, obviously gracious of the teammates in his backfield, says "they've really taken a lot of pressure off me." Marco added that the "running backs, offensive line, and defense have made my job easy this season."

The Hounds are one of the better teams in the area, and their 6-1 record proves it. The team's only loss was to D.C. powerhouse DeMatha; the Stags, who were ranked #1 in the state on the date of the game (September 10th), only managed to put up 12 points on their home field in handing Gilman its only defeat of the season.

Since the DeMatha game, however, the Hounds have won five games and lost none. Averaging 28.4 points scored per game and only allowing 11.0 points per game, the Gilman defense has showed flashes of brilliance under the familiar leadership of Coach Ehrman, whose philosophy is three simple things to remember: first, to start fast; second, to play the defense called (each player must know his responsibility); thirdly, have fun. The defense and special teams, which are known for their ability to execute year in and year out, have found a nice compliment in the run-happy offense, which has become one of the more potent in the area.

In the five-game undefeated streak, the Hounds have posted impressive wins versus the likes of Georgetown Prep (Homecoming), Mt. St. Joe, the only league game

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Sean Murphy lines up to kick the ball during a Varsity Soccer team practice (Photo by Jonathan Koch)



Photo Feature: Homecoming

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, GILMAN ATHLETES AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING CEREMONIES, AND THE STUDENTS SHOWED TRUE SPIRIT

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Up and Comer:



Ben Eaton

VARSITY FOOTBALL

By Peter Fallon



In the opening game of the 2004 season, the Gilman Varsity Football team played Dunbar, a respected and highly-ranked cross-town rival from Baltimore City's Division I. The match-up was non-league and ordinarily would not attract a lot of notice – except that Gilman sophomore standout Ben Eaton was set to compete against a team coached by his father, Ben Eaton Sr. In a contest that seemed scripted by Hollywood, the younger Eaton broke the game open on an 80 yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, solidifying the Greyhounds' 28-14 victory.

To label Ben Eaton as an up-and-comer is somewhat misleading to anyone who follows Gilman Football. It is clear that sophomore sensation Eaton has already arrived. As a Varsity fullback and linebacker, Eaton has been a force on both sides of the ball since his freshman year.

With Eaton's physical presence and field sense on offense, he has been able to lead block for running backs Sean Price ('06) and David Johnson ('06), while also getting his share of carries. On defense, where Eaton plays middle linebacker, his favorite position, he constantly swarms the ball, frustrating opponents.

At 5'9" and over 200 pounds, Eaton's physical stature is imposing and intimidating, to say the least. Fellow Sophomore and Varsity Football player Ned Lundvall, when asked about Ben's stature, stated simply, "Ben is a beast." While his overall size is clearly an advantage, it is speed that gives Eaton the ability to dominate opponents. Eaton specifically attributes his quickness to running spring track for Gilman. Ben uses track as conditioning for football. While his formidable size and speed enable him to start on both offense and defense, it is Eaton's work ethic that is most noticed by his teammates. Says teammate Jonathon McMaster ('07), "Ben's dedication and passion for the game is what makes him a great player." Since the age of five when he started playing football for the Northwood Recreational League, Eaton points to his effort as one of the main reasons for his success, stating, "I will always try my hardest and be coachable."

Ben's style is quiet and modest yet punishing on the field. When asked about the highlights of the season for him, Ben's response had nothing to do with personal stats or

— VITALS —

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 215 lbs.

Experience: 2 years Varsity

Position: Middle Linebacker
, Fullback

He Said It: (about Loyola game)

"This game is basically going to decide the championship for the MIAA. They [Loyola] are the best team that we're going to face, and they're #1 in Baltimore. This is the most important game of the entire season."

Varsity Football Update

(League) 1-0 as of 10/19/04

(Overall) 6-1 as of 10/19/04

9/3/04 - Dunbar - Win 28-14

9/10/04 - DeMatha - Loss 9-12

9/18/04 - Boys Latin - Win 24-6

9/23/04 - St. Paul's - Win 27-7

10/2/04 - Georgetown Prep -
Win 44-14

10/9/04 - Mt. St. Joe - Win
35-21

10/16/04 - Landon - Win 12-7

10/23/04 - Loyola (home) - 1 pm

milestones, rather with the team as a whole. While the Dunbar game was a highlight reel performance covered by local media, Eaton claims his most memorable moment of the season came at the DeMatha game on September 10th. "I enjoyed being part of such an intense game where we [the Varsity team] showed great effort even though we lost.

It is Ben's "modesty while leading by example" that makes him one of the key components of the team, says McMaster, who plays defensive back. As for the team's prospects for the future, Eaton again remains unassuming, never once mentioning his own successes, saying "we have a great team with good leadership and we play hard."

This young talent bodes well for the future of Gilman Football. When asked about Ben's potential

in coming years, Ned Lundvall ('07) says "even as a sophomore, Ben is one of the biggest and best players on the team. The team has him now and in the future." The future seems like it can only get brighter for the sophomore linebacker and fullback. MIAA rivals will get a heavy dose of Eaton for two more years, whether it is receiving his hard hits from middle linebacker or whether it is opening up lanes for Gilman's two halfbacks, Price and Johnson. And while Eaton hopes to play football in college, he will remain content dominating the MIAA until then. Coaches and players on the Varsity Football squad might already hold Ben in high regard, but his upside is undeniable, his future is bright, and his presence is a necessity.

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Letter to the Editors

First allow me to congratulate you and your staff on the second year of Gilman Sports News. I particularly enjoyed the two player profiles of Andrew and Tauren, two young men who are fine role models for others. Allow me, also, to express a gnawing concern: while it would be obviously outrageous for me to insist upon articles about the beloved Yankees or the less-loved Cleveland Browns, I should, at least, be able to read in your publication about one of the most important stories not only of recent years but also in the entire history of the world, i.e., the imminent demise of the National Hockey League. To ignore this story and its implications (I think there is a passage in the

Old Testament that warns if hockey ceases, the world will end!) is unconscionable and inexcusable.

I should add that you have also not even placed the smallest boxed item to indicate that Canada won the World Cup of Hockey, clearly the most important sporting contest of all time.

Please do keep up the good work but please try, also, to devote some space, alongside Orioles, Ravens and assorted other issues, to the noblest sport invented by humans (a category that does, despite some slanderous remarks from seniors, also include Canadians!).

Your friend,
Jon McGill

Response

I would like to thank you for your readership, as well as your concern for the current state of the National Hockey League. As you know, I too am a hockey player and enthusiast, and the absence of professional hockey will make for a tough winter; instead, maybe Gilman Hockey will fill that void! I also would like to apologize to you and the (hopefully) numerous NHL fans at Gilman.

It is very seldom that huge professional sport leagues like the NHL strike. While I do agree that the NHL strike is certainly a matter that is worth discussing, the Gilman Sports News might not be the right medium for this discussion. Each and every week, sports sections from daily publications across the country contain articles with seemingly repetitive information about the strike. After all, it is the job of said newspapers to cover these types of issues in sports. However, the job of the Gilman Sports News is not to cover stories in professional sports, and it is seldom that feature articles are written about pro sports.

If this is the case, then why was one of the feature articles in our first issue about the Baltimore Orioles? Simply put, the Orioles are a local team. We feel that Baltimore's professional baseball team, no mat-

ter how bad they might have been last season, deserved space in our publication because of their locality and prevalence in our community. So, while the NHL strike is undoubtedly relevant in today's sports world, it is not held in the highest regard by most Gilman students.

It is hard for me, a hockey player and fan, to admit that the NHL might not be very popular at our school, especially knowing the level of excitement and tradition that accompanies the NHL. It is especially disappointing now, knowing that I will not be able to watch my beloved Avalanche for at least another year nor will I be able to enjoy the prolonged but exciting NHL playoffs in the spring of 2005.

So, Mr. McGill, we share a common bond in our passion for hockey, but we also now share a common bond in our distress over the nonexistence of the National Hockey League this year. As for the Gilman Sports News' coverage of the NHL strike, I cannot guarantee that feature articles will be written to discuss the strike, but I can guarantee that the GSN will try to take a more broad-based approach to our reporting of professional sports.

Sincerely,
Red Farha

Allan Accepts Assistant Coach Job at JHU

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involved with Gilman Lacrosse. "It was easy to make a decision to leave during the summer, but as soon as I got back to Gilman in the fall, it was tough for me to look the juniors and seniors in the face and tell them that I wouldn't be back this year."

Senior Defenseman Andrew Watkins said of Coach Allan, "What I'll miss most is the way he pushes each player to the limits of their potential and his knowledge of the game." Fellow senior

Defenseman Hal Turner added "He brings a loving atmosphere to the team that brings all the players together." The players hold their now former Coach in high regard, and he is a respected member of not only the Gilman community but area, at large.

Mr. Allan stresses that he did not want to leave the program, but his reasons for leaving are valid if not commendable. "This is the second time I've been offered this job, and it came very out of the blue. I realized that my next birthday would be my 60th and I know I can't coach forever. I thought that it would be best for the program to turn it over to someone a bit younger, and this way I can finish up my career as an assistant and then just fade out of the coaching aspect of lacrosse."

The "someone" that is set to replace Mr. Allan is none other than Brooks Matthews, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who currently teaches English and History in the Middle School. He won a national championship at UNC and is more than qualified to take over the reins from Mr. Allan. When asked what the lacrosse players are



Mr. Matthews, formerly an assistant for the Varsity lacrosse program, now takes over as Head Coach with the departure of Coach Allan (Photo by Adrian Kostrubiak)

looking forward to most about the Matthews era, Watkins said, "His will to win and knowledge of the game, especially on the defensive side of the ball is amazing." Turner also focused on his intensity saying, "He's so intense in practice that it will raise the level of intensity throughout the team."

There appears to be a bittersweet sentiment throughout the lacrosse team regarding the departure of Mr. Allan. He will certainly be missed, but no one can deny the credentials of Mr. Matthews. Mr. Allan comments, "Mr. Matthews will do a great job with the boys this year, I'm just sad I can't be there on the sidelines with them."

While Mr. Allan will not be found with the Gilman Lacrosse team this year, he will be no stranger to Gilman, as he will remain the student counselor for the Upper School. Good Luck to both Mr. Matthews and Mr. Allan in their new endeavors, as we are sure they will be successful.

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Perspective: Fantasy Sports, Not Just a Game for Some

FANTASY SPORTS HAVE BECOME A MAINSTAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS NOWADAYS, BUT IS THIS REALLY A GOOD THING?

By Ellen Brooks

I was elated. As I walked out of Ravens Stadium on that warm Monday night, I couldn't keep a huge smile from spreading across my face. The Ravens had just gotten it handed to them by the previously 0-3 Chiefs. Priest Holmes had just embarrassed my hero Ray Lewis and his defense by rushing for 125 yards and two touchdowns. And yet I was on Cloud 9. Why? Priest just happens to be one of the running backs on my fantasy team, The Malibu Barbies, and he single-handedly won my game by scoring 24 oh so sweet points.

I've deceived you. Priest is actually a member of my opponent's team, and Ray a member of my own squad. Needless to say, I had an awful night- both the Ravens and my Barbies were defeated. The incident I described happens a lot, maybe too much. Parity in the NFL is one thing, but actually cheering against your own team is ridiculous- that is what fantasy football has done to many fans.

To cite one specific example, I recall the opening game against the Steelers last year- the Ravens were all but dominated, but Hines Ward, one of the receivers on my fantasy team, was on fire. One of my teams won, but the more important of the two, the Ravens, lost to the Steelers, whose outlook for the season was supposed to be bleak. I was embarrassed for myself so much that this year I made sure not to draft any Steelers.

I am one of the many Americans who has been consumed by what many consider to be a "sport," even despite the lack of physical activity involved. Fantasy sports have become a phenomenon in the recent years. It seems like everyone participates in a league, whether it be fantasy football or fantasy Nascar. The variety of sports that one can "manage" a team in started simple

but has since become quite broad; who knows what might come next? Fantasy Poker? Seems a bit excessive to me.

Don't get me wrong, I love my fantasy football team; there is a certain sense of accomplishment that comes along with destroying teams in male-dominated leagues (being the only girl does have its advantages), and there are many other positive aspects of fantasy sports. It gives many of us an excuse to watch even more football than before, which seems indisputable in its goodness. Even if the Ravens are playing a Monday Night Football game, Sunday can still be dedicated

I am one of the many Americans who has been consumed by what many consider to be a "sport," even despite the lack of physical activity involved.

to the television and nfl.com, for one must always be monitoring his or her fantasy players. Conversely, the intense competition that goes hand-in-hand with fantasy football can get out of hand.

Just last year, I joined a fantasy league with many of my aquatic-oriented teammates. Not to brag, but with a lineup boasting the likes of Tom Brady, Randy Moss, Laveranues Coles, and Ahman Green, the Malibu Barbies were stacked. Starting the season 10-0 drew quite a frustrated response from many of the guys in my league, who frequently voiced their distress via shockingly offensive insults. Naturally, I used the message board to retaliate, and I did my fair share of online trash talking. My team hit some minor bumps in the road, but, going into the playoffs with the #2

league ranking, I won my first play-off game. Then things got ugly.

Apparently, my opponent in the semifinals had made an under-the-table deal with another league member, who non-reluctantly traded his best players to my rival. The semifinals proved to be my final showing in this league, and I was nothing short of completely disgusted. Sure, it was an unfair deal, and that was frustrating, but the more important concept to grasp is that fantasy sports are not real, as the name suggests. To think that a few guys were willing to sacrifice their self-respect and dignity just to win a fantasy football game is truly discouraging, to say the very least.

Before the start of this season, I made sure that I would not be exploited and the said atrocities would not be committed yet again. I am now in a league with all boys, fresh, younger faces, which helps my case. My team is no where near as dominant as last year's; I have crummy receivers, a semi-consistent running back in LaDainian Tomlinson, and the bright spot of the team is Donovan McNabb. I'm in fifth place this year, not first, but I've learned that winning isn't everything (sort of).

My experience with fantasy sports has had its share of ups and downs. Animosity and obsession make victims out of many innocent fans, but fantasy sports, in my opinion, give one more perspective, a greater appreciation, for teams in the NFL besides one's favorite team. Fantasy sports can further one's interest in his or her favorite sport, from baseball to college basketball to any number of sports, but you must remember (and repeat after me)- it's just a game, it's all just a game.

[GSN]

Letters to the Editors

If you would like to voice your opinion about the most recent editorial or any of the preceding articles, we would love to hear it. If you want to submit a letter or e-mail, please put the letter in either Redmond Farha's or Simon Landau's mailbox. If you would like to submit your letter electronically, please e-mail it to us as an attachment to gilmansports@yahoo.com. We thank you sincerely,

Editors-in-Chief
Redmond Farha
Simon Landau

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Thanks once again,
Editors-in-Chief
Redmond Farha
Simon Landau

Out of Bounds: John Jones

HE PLAYED TIGHT END FOR THE RAVENS DURING THEIR SUPER BOWL SEASON, AND NOW HE IS AN NFL FREE AGENT

Interview by Simon Landau

Gilman Sports News: Question about Ray Lewis.

John Jones: Oh, behind the scenes, he's pretty much just a regular guy. When everybody sees Ray on television, they see this intense guy flying around and making tackles, screaming, and kicking his legs up and everything, but when you get into the locker room he's pretty much just laid back. He's a little bit of a jokester, he likes to play jokes and what not. But, you know, it's just football, and he just has fun in the locker room. So, pretty much, he's just a regular guy outside of football.

GSN: Question about Superbowl.

JJ: Well, for me, it was really awesome, because I came in as an undrafted free agent. Then the Ravens brought me into their training camp, and I was a rookie when we went to the Super Bowl. So, I was first of all just happy to make the team, but on top of that to win the Super Bowl as a rookie, I mean there are guys who play in the league for ten or fifteen years and never get a chance to play in the Superbowl, let alone win a Superbowl ring, so it was like a double plus for me.

GSN: This is the rapid fire (or word association) section. First name- Brian Billick.


JJ: Oh, (laughter), Very, very, oh, (more laughter). Wow Brian Billick? Arrogant. Very arrogant.

GSN: Touchdown or pancake block?

JJ: Touchdown.

GSN: Why?

JJ: Because there's nothing like catching a touchdown pass. I scored one touchdown against Pittsburgh and the feeling was just overwhelming.

John Jones Vitals:	
	Photo from: www.yahoo.com
Height: 6'4"	
Weight: 265 lbs.	
Essentials: Jones, who was an undrafted free agent out of Indiana(PA), was signed by the Baltimore Ravens at the beginning of their historic championship season. With the help of Varsity football assistant coach Keith Kormanik, Jones managed to give the <i>GSN</i> time from his busy schedule for an interview. Jones told the <i>GSN</i> , that he has tryouts with Tampa Bay and Buffalo on the horizon.	

GSN: Linebacker or defensive back?

JJ: Linebacker.

GSN: Why?

JJ: No linebacker can cover me in the NFL.

GSN: Best TE in the game today?

JJ: Todd Heap.

GSN: Best TE ever?

JJ: Shannon Sharpe. No no no, John Macke.

GSN: TE you modeled your career after?

JJ: Ben Coates.

GSN: Who is the one defensive player who you don't want to see charging towards you?

JJ: Wow(pause), no one.

GSN: NCAA Football or John Madden?

JJ: John Madden.

GSN: George Bush or John Kerry?

JJ: Kerry.

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thus far, and Landon. The next and final three opponents that Gilman faces are Loyola, Calvert Hall, and McDonogh. Each of these three games is a league game and is of very much importance to the Varsity team's successful season. The Loyola game is especially meaningful, as Justin Wiley speculates, stating that "whoever wins this game will win our league."

Varsity Football has a trying three weeks ahead of them, and there is not much that can stop the Hounds from winning the MIAA-A Conference Championship. Coach Poggi sees the upcoming game versus Loyola, at home on Saturday, October 23rd, to be the Hounds biggest challenge. But, "if we can play our very best Saturday," says Poggi, "then we have a good chance of being champions."

Throughout this season, Gilman's Varsity Cross-country team has battled injuries, adversities, and bugger, stronger squads, and yet, the Hounds' have managed to hold their own. After losing one of their Senior runners in Teddy Davidson, the team looked to combine youth and experience to make a run at the championship.

Led by senior stud en Small, as well as three sport stars the Benitez brothers ('05) the Greyhounds defeated Archbishop Curley by a score of 26-29. After falling victim to a tough Calvert Hall team, the squad ran into trouble against 5th ranked Spalding 17-45. The team also ran in the Annapolis "Doc Jones" Invitational. They finished 3rd out of 9 competitive schools.

Along with the strong finish, the team welcomed back Senior Teddy Davidson from injury. As Small says, "T-Diddy (Davidson) made his return to glory with a strong race and a 38th place finish." Combined with the senior leadership, the team has very good underclassmen led by Sophomore Jonathan Koch and Freshman Patrick Fiske.

With this mix of talent, experience, and leadership, the Hounds look to finish the season with, in the words of Small, "finish the season with a very respectable 3-5 record."

In the second full season as an interscholastic sport, Gilman Varsity Volleyball is looking to continue their domination of the MIAA. After coming off a very strong first season, the squad has lost only two times this season, to powerhouses Loyola and John Carroll. After these two disappointing results, the Senior-loaded squad surged back and conquered Loyola in their second battle by a score of 3-2. The team looks to forge ahead and win the championship in the second year of their existence. Their true journey truly begins on the first of November, when the playoffs commence.

Amongst the incredibly successful Fall athletic season, the Water Polo program has been somewhat overlooked. With difficult losses to two very strong teams in Calvert Hall and Loyola, the team entered the meat of their season with an 0-2 record. In these two games, the Hounds were outscored 45-7, resulting in great disappointment. However, the team, led by Seniors Ryan "Super-Q" Smith, and Chris Morrow, the team refused to give up. Although the team remained winless and finished their season 0-15, there is no question that they continued to improve and stay positive throughout the testing season. With youngsters such Freshman Tyler Pacey, and returner Andrew Clark, the Greyhounds hope to have a much better season next year.

With fan support, and success on the fields and in the so-called "Deaf Dome"(for Varsity Volleyball), there is no doubt that the Gilman athletics program will end the season with much success.