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## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

### O'Fallon, Springfield stalled by Mother Nature in Metro Cup

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**BELLEVILLE**  
O'Fallon and Springfield were poised to do battle in the championship game of the Nike Bracket of the Metro Cup Tournament on Saturday night at Belleville West, but lightning postponed the match.

The teams waited more than an hour, but the lightning never stopped. The game has tentatively been rescheduled for Oct. 4 at a time and place to be determined.

O'Fallon reached the championship game by defeating Mater Dei 3-1 and Marion 2-1. Springfield, one of the top Class 2A teams in Illinois, advanced to the title contest with victories over Highland (6-0) and Althoff (7-2).

Coaches Jason Turkington of O'Fallon and Pat Phillips of Springfield both were eager to play the game, but once it got to be 9 p.m. and lightning continued to flash, it made no sense to wait considering the Senators still faced a two-hour bus ride to the state capital.

Illinois High School Association rules stipulate that following each lightning burst, there must be a 30-minute delay before a game can begin.

## MARION 6, ALTHOFF 2

In a game stopped by lightning with 24 minutes, 3 seconds remaining, the Wildcats (2-1) claimed third place behind a barrage of second-half goals that wiped out Althoff's 2-1 lead.

Sophomore defender Nathan Petry scored for the Crusaders (1-2) to give them their one-goal advantage at 41 minutes, 36 seconds. Marion then scored two goals in 29 seconds, one apiece by junior Josh Szidik and sophomore Tyson Stoecklin, to take a 3-2 lead.

Senior Connor Riem, Szidik and Stoecklin closed the scoring for the Wildcats (2-1) in a span of just under six minutes. Stoecklin, who also scored in the first half, finished with a hat trick.

The officials gave Marion and Althoff an oppor-

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

### Hazelwood Central quarterback shines against O'Fallon

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**FLORISSANT, MO.**  
Hazelwood Central quarterback Antonio Triplett broke down the O'Fallon Panthers defense

and while the Hawks defense bent it didn't break on Saturday afternoon in a high school football game at Hazelwood Central High School.

Setting the tone early, the elusive Triplett ran 58 yards for a score on the

Hawks' third play from scrimmage and Hazelwood Central never trailed as it went on for a 21-7 win.

Triplett, who accounted for nearly 200 yards in the Hawks' 26-14 win over DeSmet last week, added

a 62-yard touchdown pass to Paul Sullivan to give the Hawks (2-0) a 14-7 lead. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Triplett then added a 68-yard scoring run midway in the third quarter against an O'Fallon team that committed three turnovers and had two touchdown passes called back by penalties.

Triplett would finish the day with 312 yards of total offense — 197 of which came on just 14 rushing attempts.

"He's a playmaker," Hawks coach Van Vanatta said of Triplett. "On the first touchdown run it seemed like they (O'Fallon) had him bottled in, but he broke a tackle or

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**WE MOVED THE FOOTBALL WELL AT TIMES, AND WE DID SOME THINGS WELL AS A TEAM.**

O'Fallon coach Brandon Joggerst

two and got into the secondary. The thing I liked most about his performance today was that he didn't force anything. When he had the opportunity he took advantage of

SEE O'FALLON, 2D



St. Louis' Greg Garcia slides safely into second base to beat the tag by Oakland Athletics shortstop Marcus Semien for a leadoff double Saturday in St. Louis.

## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

### A's rally for 2 runs in 8th, edge Cards

Associated Press

**ST. LOUIS**  
Khris Davis hustled home on an infield grounder in the eighth inning and the Oakland Athletics rallied for two runs, beat-

ing the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 Saturday night.

St. Louis starter Mike Leake was scratched because he was still recovering from having shingles. The Cardinals fell to 1-8 in interleague games at Busch Stadium this season.

Oakland trailed 2-1 in the eighth when Davis singled with one out against Matt Bowman (2-5) and Ryon Healy doubled, extending the longest active hitting streak in the majors to 13 games.

Seung Hwan Oh re-

lieved and Max Muncy hit a grounder that Brandon Moss stopped with a dive, but Davis easily beat the throw to score the tying run. Brett Eibner followed with a sacrifice fly.

A's starter Zach Neal pitched a career-best six innings. Oakland pitchers held the Cardinals without a hit after the fourth inning, retiring the last 17 batters.

Daniel Coulombe (2-1) and Liam Hendriks combined for two perfect innings to set up Ryan Madson, who pitched a perfect ninth for his 26th save.

Cardinals rookie Alex Reyes made his first major

league start, giving up one run on two hits and four walks in 4 2-3 innings.

Zach Duke relieved and hit pinch-hitter Danny Valencia to load the bases, then walked Davis to force home a run. Reyes had started his big league career with five relief appearances, pitching 9 1/3 scoreless innings.

Randal Grichuk hit his 18th homer, a 431-foot drive in the second. The Cardinals have homered in 16 straight games, one shy of their season best.

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CRIDDLE'S RIDDLES BY DEAN CRIDDLE

Who wore No. 2 for St. Louis?



Today's question: This St. Louis Cardinals second baseman wore No. 2 for nearly all of his career, which spanned from 1945 until his trade to Milwaukee in 1956. He has nearly 1,800 hits with the club while playing in 1,795 games. Who is this 10-time All-Star? Yesterday's answer: Butch Reed and Ron Simmons. They were brought in by the Steiner Brothers. Doom competed in the late 1980's and early 1990's and were managed by a "corrupt" referee turned manager Teddy Long.

FOUR-GAME PLANNER

The next four games for area professional teams.

Table with 5 columns: Team, Date, Time, Location, Broadcast. Rows include Cardinals, Grizzlies, Brewers, and Miners.

ON THE AIR

AUTO RACING: 6:30 a.m. NBCSN — Formula One, Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium. BASEBALL: 9 a.m. ESPN — Little League World Series, Consolation (third place) game, Augadulce, Panama-Seoul loser vs. Endwell, N.Y.-Goodlettsville, Tenn. loser, at South Williamsport, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Edwardsville stuffs Quincy in season opener

BY MAT MIKESELL Special to the News-Democrat

QUINCY The Edwardsville football team had to wait another day to know the outcome of its season opener. A stop in the red zone helped decide it. After thunderstorms suspended Friday's game with the Tigers leading 14-0 with 8 minutes, 33 seconds remaining in the third quarter to Saturday afternoon, Quincy marched to Edwardsville's 4-yard line on the same drive after the game was resumed. The Tigers, however, kept the Blue Devils out of the end zone and A.J. Epenesa blocked a 22-yard field goal attempt. Edwardsville answered with an 80-yard scoring drive to push the lead to three touchdowns en route to a 35-6 victory at Flinn Stadium. "That was nice to see," Edwardsville coach Matt Martin said. "That was some adversity. If it's 14-7 we have a ball game."

Instead, the Tigers (1-0) used a 14-point swing to pull away. After Epenesa blocked Quincy's field goal attempt, Edwardsville went on a seven-play scoring drive, and had plays that gained 10 or more yards on the series. Quarterback Brenden Dickmann hit receiver Dayleon Harris on a 22-yard touchdown pass on third and 17 to extend the Tigers' lead to 21-0 with 1:33 left in the third quarter. "I thought that was the backbreaker," Quincy coach Rick Little said. "A 21-point lead is tough enough, but just the way they did it. That made it a really tough challenge." Quincy (0-1) finally got on the board when running back Jirehl Brock turned a fourth and 1 into a 47-yard touchdown run on a sweep play to the left side. The PAT, however, was blocked by Epenesa that pushed the ball to the right of the upright to keep the score at 21-6 with 10:13 remaining in the game. "I take a lot of pride in not letting them score,"

Epenesa said. "But it was a fun game. I like those long drives because they really test you." Edwardsville answered Quincy's score with another when Epenesa punched it in from 2-yards out to push the lead to 28-6 with 6:19 to play. After Quincy went three-and-out on its next series, running back Dionte Rodgers busted for a 53-yard run on the first play of the ensuing drive to make it 35-6. "We were trying to run the clock out," Martin said. "We ran the ball inside and I think one of our wide outs was blocking well, and (Rodgers) just found a seam outside." Before the lightning delay hit Friday night, Edwardsville scored on its first two possessions of the contest. Running back Daval Torres scored the game's first touchdown on a 19-yard run with 1:24 remaining in the first quarter. The lead was extended to 14-0 when Rodgers scored his first touchdown of the game on a 4-yard score with 10:21 remaining in the

first half. Quincy was on its first possession of the second half when the thunderstorms rolled in, and it faced a second and 15 from its own 46-yard line. "We tried to put a big emphasis on keeping our heads locked in," Epenesa said. "Quincy does a really job, and I knew they were going to try and come back out and kick our butts. We just had to stay focused." The Tigers victory, however, came at a cost as wide receiver Joseph King exited with a broken left leg with 3:18 remaining in the third quarter. He had to be carted off the field with an air cast on his leg. "He's a great kid and he's the heart and soul of our team," Martin said. "We're going to have to make some adjustments without him in there. It breaks my heart." Rodgers led Edwardsville 109 rushing yards on 11 carries and two touchdowns, while Chris McCartney rushed for 44 yards on eight carries. Dickmann was 8 of 10 through the air for 111 yards and a touchdown pass. The Tigers outgained the Blue Devils 233-188 in rushing yards and 344-247 overall in the contest. "It wasn't fun," Martin said of having to make another trip to Quincy. "But a win definitely eases the pain."

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tunity to wait out the lightning, but with the game being one-sided and with Marion also facing a long drive home, the game was stopped. "We had four guys in the first half that went down with (injured) ankles and backs and knees, different things like that," Althoff coach Skip Birdsong said. "No excuses, obviously. (The Wildcats) came out and finished. They have a number of nice players and are always a good team. They always play hard and they're a very quick, physical team." Sophomore Stone Galloway scored Althoff's other goal. Galloway (back) was one of the four Crusaders who were slowed by injuries in the game. The others were juniors Jimmy Monken (knee) and Dillon Birdsong (ankle) and sophomore Mitchell Kidd (ankle). Freshman Derrick Mark missed the game with a hamstring injury. Althoff has allowed 13 goals in its last two games. "We're moving guys all over the place," Skip Birdsong said. "We're only in game three, so we haven't

had a lot of game time to work through some of these things. We'll regroup and sort some things out moving forward. We've got two games this week, Tuesday and Thursday against Freeburg and Centuria. We'll try to get right those two games." GIBAULT 3, BELLEVILLE WEST 2, OT The Hawks erased two one-goal deficits to post a victory in the fifth-place game. Senior Dalton Scace nailed the clinching penalty kick with 2:41 to play in overtime, after a handball call in the box against West senior Austin Firestone. Scace missed a penalty kick earlier in the game. "You've got to get that out of your head to start out with," Scace said. "Then when you come back in, it's all about going through your routine and doing what you do every time. You've just got to concentrate on the moment and forget about what happened earlier. "It's a great feeling to come away with the win.

Gibault, which will play at West again on Saturday, improved to 2-1-1. Maroons coach Rob Thornberry didn't contest the handball on Firestone, but he wasn't convinced it happened inside the box. "It was definitely a handball," Thornberry said. "It was disappointing because it was so close to the penalty area. When there's doubt, it's hard to award such a kick." West, which received goals from junior Joey Pearson and senior Trevor River, fell to 1-2. Senior Ben Mueth scored Gibault's other two goals, giving him six this season. Hawks coach Matt Reeb said there never was any doubt who would take the penalty kick in overtime, even though Scace had missed his other attempt in the first half. "I'm going to go with him because he's my guy," Reeb said. "He's been in a little bit of a funk the first part of the season, but I figured the way to get him out of it is to get his confidence back, and I knew he would come through. He kept his composure."

WE'RE ONLY IN GAME THREE, SO WE HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF GAME TIME TO WORK THROUGH SOME OF THESE THINGS. WE'LL REGROUP AND SORT SOME THINGS OUT MOVING FORWARD. Althoff coach Skip Birdsong game of the Adidas Bracket, played at Freeburg High, the Eagles improved to 4-0 with a one-goal win over the Indians (2-1). Caleb Bassett and Keante Hardimon scored for Civic Memorial. Hardimon's goal snapped a 1-1 tie with 27 minutes to play. Michael McKinley scored Mascoutah's goal. The game was tied 1-1 at halftime. David Wilhelm: 618-239-2665, @DavidMWilhelm

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it." KEY SEQUENCE O'Fallon didn't take advantage of many of its opportunities on this hot, humid and muggy Saturday afternoon. Getting a good first-half effort from junior quarterback Christian Perez (9-of-17 for 120 yards) and senior running back Mason Hewitt (14 carries for 82 yards), O'Fallon tied the game on a first quarter touchdown pass by Perez. Triplett gave the Hawks a 14-7 lead when he connected with Sullivan on a

FROM PAGE 1D CARDS Prior to the game, the Cardinals inducted former players Joe Torre, Chris Carpenter and Terry Moore, as well as former club president Sam Breardon, into the team's Hall of Fame.

TRAINER'S ROOM Athletics: LHP Sean Doolittle (shoulder) did not make his scheduled rehab appearance this weekend for Triple-A Nashville after his shoulder didn't feel well enough

for him to throw in a game. Cardinals: Manager Mike Matheny said Leake first displayed symptoms of shingles on Monday and has been healing slowly. UP NEXT Athletics: RHP Andrew Triggs (0-1, 4.38 ERA) will be making his fifth career

major league start. The A's will be trying to win their first road series since taking two of three from Texas Rangers from July 25-27. Cardinals: LHP Jaime Garcia (10-9, 4.37 ERA) will be making his first career start against Oakland. He is 1-1 with an 11.00 ERA in his last two starts.

62-yard strike late in the second quarter. O'Fallon, which marched the ball inside the Hawks 35-yard line on four straight possessions from midway in the second quarter until midway in the third period, threatened to tie the score right before the end of the first half. But a questionable no-call on an apparent pass interference call stalled the drive. "We moved the football well at times and we did some things well as a team. We just couldn't capitalize on our chances and we didn't help our-

selves with penalties and mistakes — especially by having a pair of touchdowns called back with penalties from behind the play," O'Fallon coach Brandon Joggerst said. "They (Hazelwood Central) played last week and this was our opener and so I think that may have benefited them. But hopefully we've learned from our mistakes and we'll execute better next week. "But we got a lot of kids a chance to play today. That was good." KEY PERFORMER Triplett gave the Hawks some breathing room midway in the third quarter. Taking the second half

kickoff, O'Fallon marched deep into Hawks territory again but Perez had his pass intercepted inside the Hazelwood Central 30 yard line. Three plays later, Triplett sprinted up the middle, then broke left and once again outran the Panthers defense — this time for a 68-yard score — to give his team a two touchdown lead. The Hazelwood Central defense did the rest. With Hewitt, one of several Panthers struggling with muscle cramps on the 95-degree temperature day, missing most of the second half, O'Fallon couldn't get into the end zone. "We gave up a lot of yardage," Vanatta said.

THEY (HAZELWOOD CENTRAL) PLAYED LAST WEEK AND THIS WAS OUR OPENER AND SO I THINK THAT MAY HAVE BENEFITED THEM. BUT HOPEFULLY WE'VE LEARNED FROM OUR MISTAKES AND WE'LL EXECUTE BETTER NEXT WEEK. O'Fallon coach Brandon Joggerst "Probably too much. But our defense came up big. Aa the saying goes, we bent but we didn't break." UP NEXT O'Fallon will host Nor-