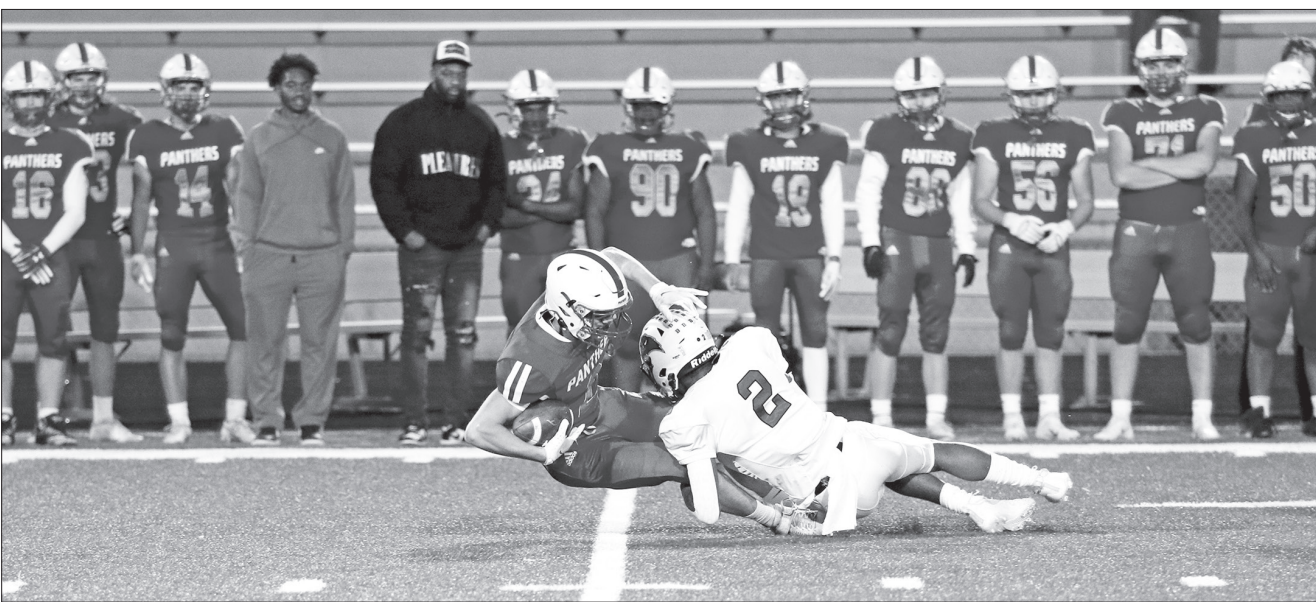


SPORTS & SCHOOL NEWS

Bison nearly upset two top-seeds



Buffalo senior Carter Jackson tackles Spring Lake Park quarterback Aaron Clausen during the first half of Buffalo's 14-9 Section 6, Class 5A playoff win on Oct. 26 over the No. 3 seeded Panthers. (Photo by Rob LaPlante)

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safety and let the defense win the game.”

Like the entire game, the defense did make the final big play. A squib kick recovered by the Panthers at the Bison 40 allowed one final attempt, but Talso's Hail Mary was picked off in the end zone by senior Antonio Bluiett.

Buffalo's defense allowed just 21 yards through the air. They also forced nine total turnovers – three on downs, two fumbles, and two interceptions.

A jubilant Bison squad celebrated their second playoff win in their last three games. A Covid outbreak canceled last year's playoff appearance.

Another near upset

Buffalo's 28-20 loss in last Saturday's semifinal game at Park Center ended the season, but gained the respect from Pirates' Head Coach Jordan Sallis, who saw first-hand Buffalo's playoff upset at Spring Lake Park.

“I was at that game,” Sallis said. “We've play Spring Lake Park in years past during the season, and they have handled us pretty well, so I knew we were in for it. I knew they would be tough. I knew they would be hard-nosed. They made us play four quarters. Testament to Buffalo.”

Buffalo struck first when Soeffker scored on a 10-yard rushing score with 3:16 left in the first quarter.

The Bison's defense again was stingy. Park Center was forced to punt on its opening three possessions. The Pirates were stuck in their own end for all but one play in the first half. The only play they got burned on was a 77-yard passing score from Marcus Freeman to Austin Ayobamidele with 4:07 left in the half.

“It was just missed communication on that score,” said senior linebacker Matt Barter. “We were there, but we couldn't finish the play. I think it was a lucky play for them, but they took advantage of their opportunity and scored.”

For Barter, he was just happy to have the opportunity to play football again after suffering a season-ending injury a year ago on the same field in Buffalo's neutral-site game against Andover.

“It's kind of weird to be out here – the same place where I broke my leg,” Barter said. “Seeing the field, I could remember all the details from when that happened.”

Barter and the defense were put to the test early in the third quarter when the Pirates took a 14-7 lead. It was the beginning of a crazy quarter, which started with the Bison failing to convert a fourth and one at its own 35-yard line.

The turnover on downs led to a 12-yard touchdown pass from Freeman to Micha Hobin. It was the first of three touchdown scores in the game for Hobin, who would later score on an 80-yard kickoff return, and 26-yard run with 22 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

After the contest, Lachowitz stood by his decision to go for it on fourth down deep in his own zone. “Fourth and one, we had the trust in our offense to gain a yard, and trust in our defense to make a stop if we didn't make it,” Lachowitz said. “Hindsight is 20-20. If we get the first down, it's a great call. If we don't get it – I'm an idiot. If I had the chance to do it again, I would.”

Twenty of the 27 points scored in quarter three came in the final 36 seconds. Soeffker's second touchdown run from seven yards tied the score 14-14. Hobin's kickoff score made it 21-14 with 22 seconds to play.

Antonio Bluiett answered with a 90-yard kickoff return as time expired in the quarter.

“It was fun. I definitely thought the momentum was going to change a little bit once we capitalized on those opportunities,” Bluiett said. “Obviously, it didn't turn out the way we wanted on the scoreboard.”

Part of the momentum of Bluiett's score ended when Buffalo missed the point-after attempt. Park Center led 21-20 after three quarters.

The one-point proved big, as Park Center's defense contained the Bison running game, led by sophomore Trenton Radloff, who carried the ball 19 times for 71 yards.

With time running low and no timeouts left, Hobin's 26-yard rushing score on third down made it 28-20. Hobin could have ended the game with the first down and taking a knee to stay in-bounds, but elected to score instead, which gave Buffalo one final failed attempt on offense.

“He got excited. They're high school kids,” Sallis said. “We told Micha, next time we're in that situation, we have to sacrifice scores for the good of the team. He understood that. We haven't been in that situation where we had to take a knee to kill the clock.”

Park Center will play at No. 1 Rogers in the section finals on Friday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. Buffalo's season ended one win and one or two big plays from being the first team to play in a finals since the 2009 squad lost 33-20 in the Section 8-5A championship game.

“As soon as the regular season was over, we looked at the playoffs as being a 0-0 team,” Bluiett said. “I thought we did a good job of doing that. The playoffs were anyone's game to win, we just came up short today.”

“I think it leaves a legacy for Buffalo football,” Barter said. “Coming into the season, nobody looked at us as a threat. We went 0-5 last year, but every single one of these football players worked as hard as they could.”

Section 6-5A Quarterfinals Buffalo 14, Spring Lake Park 9 (Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Spring Lake Park)

#6 Bison 7 0 7 0 - 14
#3 Panthers 0 0 0 9 - 14

Scoring:
First quarter
B – Owen Herbst 97 fumble recovery return (Eastman Esson kick) 5:38.

Second quarter
No scoring.

Third quarter
B – Carson Giddings 90 interception return (Esson kick) 4:28.

Fourth quarter
SLP – Nick Ojile 2 run (Brayden Comer kick) 8:21.

SLP – Evan Soeffker runs out of end zone for 17 safety, 0:33.

Individual stats (unofficial):
Bison leaders:
Passing-Comp-Yds – Evan Soeffker 2-8-10, INT. Totals: 2-8-10, INT.

Rushing-Yds – Trenton Radloff 6-35; Soeffker 8-16; Carson Giddings 1-6; Owen Herbst 2-3; Caden Uecker 2-(-2). Totals: 19-58.

Receiving-Yds – Carter Jackson 1-5; Uecker 1-5. Totals: 2-10.

Tackles-sole – Matthew Henson 17-12; Matt Barter 13-9; Noah Karels 11-6; fumble recovery; Carter Walker 11-6; Giddings 9-6, INT, TD; Uecker 9-6; Herbst 8-5, 2 forced fumbles, fumble recovery, TD; Radloff 6-3; Cody Grossinger 5-3; Antonio Bluiett 4-2, INT; Macray Klohs 2-1; Nick Munsterteiger 1-1; Johnny Schmidt 1-1; Cody Curtis 1-1; CJ Fogelquist 1-1; Wyatt Osterbauer 1-0. Totals: 103-65, 2 fumble recoveries, 2 INTs, 2 TDs.

Pathers leaders:
Passing-Comp-Yds – Brayden Talso 3-11-21, 2 INTs. Totals: 3-11-21, 2 INTs.

Rushing-Yds – Talso 17-79; Brayden Comer 12-50; Nate Litke 17-49; Nick Ojile 16-33, TD; Aaron Clausen 5-37. Totals: 67-248, TD.

Receiving-Yds – Mikey Say 2-20; Aaron Clausen 1-1. Totals: 3-21.

Tackles-sole – Jackson Smith 7-2; Ojile 6-4; Nathaniel Weniger 6-1; Litke 5-2; Caden Carsen 4-2; Traven McMiller 3-2; Seth Johnson 3-2; Kyree Shaw 3-2; Markell Taylor 3-1; Owen Spencer 2-1; Freddie Anthony 1-1, INT; Nolan Hendrickson 1-1; Clausen 1-0; Alen Ullman 1-0. Totals: 46-21, INT.

Section 6-5A Semifinals Park Center 28, Buffalo 20 (Saturday, Oct. 30 at Park Center)

#6 Bison 7 0 13 0 - 20
#2 Pirates 0 7 14 7 - 28

Scoring:
First quarter
B – Evan Soeffker 10 run (Eastman Esson kick) 3:16.

Second quarter
PC – Austin Ayobamidele 77 pass from Marcus Freeman (Zach Jensen kick) 4:07.

Third quarter
PC – Micha Hobin 12 pass from Freeman (Jensen kick) 7:07.

B – Soeffker 7 run (Esson kick) 0:36.
PC – Hobin 80 kick return (Jensen kick) 0:22.

B – Antonio Bluiett 90 kick return (kick failed) 0:00.

Fourth quarter
PC – Hobin 26 run (Jensen kick) 1:00.

Individual stats (unofficial):
Bison leaders:
Passing-Comp-Yds – Evan Soeffker 5-8-27; Grady Guida 4-5-47. Totals: 9-13-74.

Rushing-Yds – Trenton Radloff 19-71; Soeffker 9-31, 2 TDs; Carson Giddings 2-22; Caden Uecker 5-10; Antonio Bluiett 2-10; Nick Munsterteiger 1-1; Owen Herbst 1-0; Guida 1-(-9). Totals: 40-136, 2 TDs.

Receiving-Yds – Bluiett 2-29; Munsterteiger 5-27; Ty Kosek 1-11; Soeffker 1-7. Totals: 9-74.

Tackles-sole – Herbst 9-5; Giddings 8-3; Matthew Henson 6-4; Noah Karels 5-3; Macray Klohs 4-3; Matt Barter 4-2; Carter Walker 4-2; Cody Grossinger 3-2; Wyatt Osterbauer 3-2; Radloff 2-2; Munsterteiger 2-1; Jack Griffith 1-1; Bluiett 1-1; Carter Jackson 1-0, INT. Totals: 32-56, INT.

Pathers leaders:
Passing-Comp-Yds – Not available.

Rushing-Yds – Talso 17-79; Brayden Comer 12-50; Nate Litke 17-49; Nick Ojile 16-33, TD; Aaron Clausen 5-37. Totals: 67-248, TD.

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BUFFALO BISON SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11
BUFFALO BISON BOYS CROSS COUNTRY							
		State Meet (St. Cloud) 9:30 a.m.					
BUFFALO BISON GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING							
		Buffalo Dive Invite Noon					Next: Nov. 12 Section 8AA (Sartell)
BUFFALO BISON GIRLS HOCKEY							
							Brainerd 7:00
BUFFALO BISON GYMNASTICS							
				Opening Day			

Bold games are home. All times listed as afternoon/evening. Keep up to date with Buffalo High School cancellations and postponements with the Bison inademate weather hotline at 763-682-8180. Schedules are also posted on-line at www.lakeconference.org. Buffalo Coyotes' Adapted Soccer home games are played at Monticello Middle School. The Adapted Floor Hockey home games will be played at St. Michael-Albertville Middle School West, and the Adapted Softball Season will be played at Buffalo High School. For complete schedules for the Coyotes, visit Monticello Magic at Mississippi 8 Conference website for soccer, and STMA Knights and Buffalo Bison at Lake Conference.

Buffalo Gun Club

Jackpot Week 7 Results (Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021)

Class	Name	Total	Prize
A1	Alexis Kubista	48x50	\$31.00
A2	Mark Jelkin	46x50	\$20.50
B1	Alexis Kubista	43x50	\$31.00
B2	Troy Smith	43x50	\$20.50
C1	Joe Hadac	39x50	\$31.00
C2	Cali Gutknecht	39x50	\$20.50

- 31 entries (tiebreaker long run from front)
- \$155 payouts • \$1,255 yearly payouts

Upcoming events

Sunday, Nov. 7 Jackpot Event Week 7, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Toys-for-Tots Drive)

Sunday, Nov. 14 Jackpot Event Week 8, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20 Turkey Shoot Event, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

FALL TRAP LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	WEEKS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	CLASS
Hard Chargers		91	98	95	94	98	96	95	97	764	A-1st
B.G.C. #1		97	94	95	97	95	97	94	95	764	A-1st
Rusty Nuts		98	95	96	93	95	97	90	98	762	A-3rd
Berg Auto		93	92	96	95	96	95	94	91	752	B-1st
Shiney Washers		93	94	92	93	92	96	94	94	748	B-2nd
Neil's Floor Covering		92	92	94	97	89	95	96	93	748	B-2nd
Alpha Griffins		92	97	92	97	92	90	93	94	747	B-4th
Trueman-Welters		91	93	93	95	93	95	91	93	744	C-1st
Team Crux		86	90	94	94	96	93	94	93	740	C-2nd
B.G.C. #2		86	96	92	93	94	89	95	93	739	C-3rd
Yosemite Sams		91	91	95	89	94	94	88	736	C-4th	
Where's Frank?		86	93	91	95	89	92	66	71	683	D-1st
Tony Who?		72	83	83	82	89	82	69	63	623	D-2nd
Chipper		66	84	82	86	80	90	62	65	615	D-3rd
Grumpys		69	68	73	72	45	49	48	46	470	D-4th

Bold teams received \$100

2021 STANDINGS

Lake Volleyball

Team	Conf	Overall
Wayzata	6-0	30-0
Eden Prairie	5-1	18-6
St. Michael-Albertville	4-2	23-6
Minnnetonka	3-3	20-10
Edina	2-4	14-13-1
Hopkins	1-5	10-16
Buffalo	0-6	8-21

Wright County Volleyball East Division

Team	Conf	Overall
Southwest Christian	5-0	27-3
Delano	4-1	17-10
Hutchinson	3-1	19-11
Holy Family	2-3	11-12-1
Jordan	1-4	3-23
Mound Westonka	0-6	10-17

Mississippi 8 Volleyball

Team	Conf	Overall
Monticello	6-1	22-8
Big Lake	6-1	17-6
Cambridge-Isanti	5-2	16-9
North Branch	5-3	19-9
Chisago Lakes	4-3	12-9
Princeton	2-5	9-17
Becker	0-6	3-18
St. Francis	0-7	3-17

West Division

Team	Conf	Overall
Watertown-Mayer	8-0	22-5
Annandale	5-2	22-4
Rockford	5-2	18-6
Glencoe-Silver Lake	4-4	17-12
Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted	3-5	17-11
Dassel-Cokato	2-5	15-12-1
New London-Spicer	2-6	14-12-2
Litchfield	1-6	9-20

East Central District Football South Division

Team	Div	Overall
Dassel-Cokato	6-0	10-0
Annandale	4-2	7-2
Watertown-Mayer	4-2	7-3
Litchfield	3-3	7-3
Glencoe-Silver Lake	2-4	3-6
New London-Spicer	2-4	5-5
Holy Family	0-6	0-9

Central Minnesota Volleyball

Team	Conf	Overall
Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa	6-0	19-6
Maple Lake	6-1	18-9
Paynesville	6-2	22-3
Eden Valley-Watkins	4-2	17-10
Kimball Area	2-5	11-13
Royalton	1-5	7-12-1
Holdingford	1-6	5-21
Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City	0-5	2-12

Metro District Football Gold North Division

Team	Div	Overall
Maple Grove	5-1	8-1
Minnnetonka	5-1	8-1
Wayzata	4-2	7-2
Centennial	4-2	5-4
St. Michael-Albertville	3-3	5-4
Blaine	2-4	5-4
Totino-Grace	1-5	1-8
Champlin Park	0-6	0-9

Lake Girls Soccer

Team	Conf	Overall
Edina	11-0-0	19-0-0
Hopkins	6-4-1	12-5-1
Minnnetonka	6-5-0	11-7-1
Wayzata	5-4-2	12-5-2
Eden Prairie	4-6-1	9-7-2
St. Michael-Albertville	3-9-0	4-12-1
Buffalo	0-7-0	4-12-0

Mid-State District Football Blue Division

Team	Div	Overall
Kimball	8-0	9-1
BOLD	7-1	9-1
Upsala/Swanville	6-2	7-2
Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa	5-3	7-3
Browerville/Eagle Valley	4-4	5-5
Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City	3-5	3-6
Benson	3-5	3-6
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg	2-6	2-7
Maple Lake	1-7	1-7
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle	1-7	1-8

Wright County Girls Soccer

Team	Conf
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