

Football team undergoes several changes

New season, new coach, new goals

By Steven Gantzer

Much like the high school, the New Richmond Lions football team went under construction over the summer due to new head coach Dan Scholz. Scholz has spent the past seven years coaching inside linebackers and special teams at Colerain High School. With him he has brought many traditions from Colerain and has been instilling them into the high school football program here at New Richmond, many of which were new to all of the players on the team.

One of the first things Coach Scholz began was mandatory off-season weight lifting four days a week.

"I had the players lift weights four days a week, and spent all summer learning to work hard," he said.

The weight lifting program was said to be difficult, especially at first, but then slowly got easier as players progressed.

Sophomore Mike Maupin expressed his thoughts and feelings about how hard it could be at times. "At first I was stiff and sore for a while after all of the weight lifting, but as the weeks went by I was less and less stiff until I never got sore the next day. But after a while it became somewhat monotonous because we didn't change our workouts so it was difficult to concentrate without an immediate reward but I knew it would pay off in the future," he said. "Now that it is over I'm glad that everyone pushed through it because we are all better for

it."

Also the Junior Varsity and Varsity players did something you usually only see in movies, an off-campus mini camp. Three days of three-a-days, sleeping in a dorm room, eating as a team, the works. Not only was this obviously a venture made to help the players get better but also it was a team building experience, which has helped players build confidence in their teammates.

One of those players was Jake Wilson. One thing he was confident about for this season was that the team would stick together through the good and the bad. "We have worked hard and everyone that is on the team now has invested a lot in the team and this season," he said. "Plus we have all been through a lot of team building experiences such as Thomas Moore where the only people you saw were the people that were going to be on the field with you on Friday nights."

Scholz said he was confident about was establishing pride in the community with the football team's play.

"I'm confident that we will establish the football team as a source of pride for the school and community," he said.

But that wasn't all Scholz had up his sleeve for the off-season, the toughest part of all was the thirteen days of two-a-days in the blistering heat.

Overall the experience was worth it to the

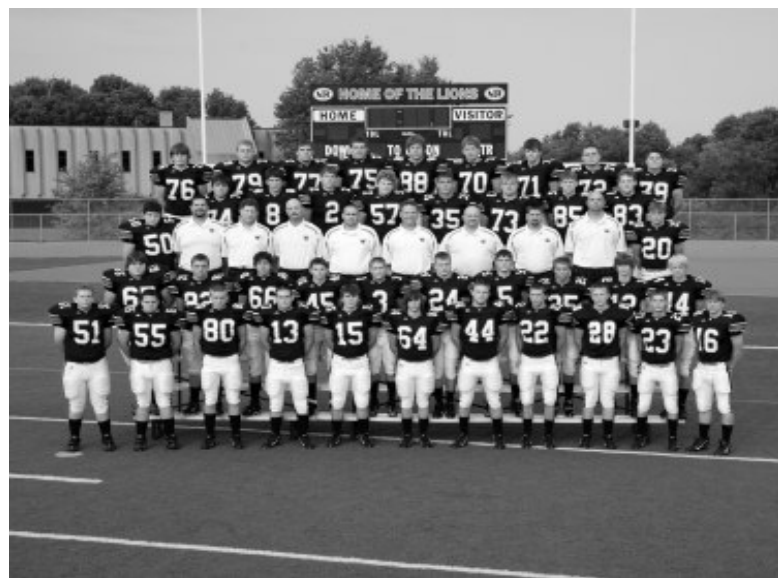
players. Maupin explained why it was worth it to him. "I think it was a good learning experience for the team as a family. Also, all the players became smarter and better players, so I think it was worth it," he said.

Scholz said he was looking forward to improving the team and shaping his players.

"I find it rewarding to help high school guys mature into disciplined men and building meaningful relationships the players. So I look forward to doing all of these things this season," he said.

This year Coach Scholz said he had five goals.

"My goals for this year and for as long as I coach at New Richmond are to be undefeated at home, be undefeated through the regular sea-



Varsity Football. (front row) Chris Dean, Greg Sheldon, Adam Case, Kyle Frizzell, Tyler Williams, Randy Hull, Nick Wilson, Josh Daniels, Andy Case, Kevin Hamilton, Steve Gantzer (second row) Dylan Smith, Justin Burdine, Marc Miller, Brian Mazzaro, Drew Benjamin, Scott Elam, Andrew Kappes, Mike Maupin, Clayton Hawkins, Mike Skaggs (third row) Jason Preston, Coach McOwen, Coach Hawkins, Coach Warden, Coach Dunn, Head Coach Scholz, Coach Stark, Coach Peterson, Coach Bird, Andrew Nealan (fourth row) Bryan Curless, Jake Wilson, Brandon Branson, Logan Wolfe, Bryan Martineck, Bryan Gelter, Andrew Pollard, Tyler Jones (top row) John Wooten, Ty Singleton, Robby Bowman, Josh Hayslip, Nolan Darland, Kody McCormick, Joey Smith, Jake Dall, Ray Leen. Photo/ R. Glutz.

son, win the league, make the playoffs, and the ultimate goal, win the state championship," he said.

Players, coaches, optimistic about rest of girls' soccer season

Rough start with beginning of the year

By Heather Newberry

The 2007 season is underway for girls' soccer and there are two new faces in the crowd this year. Last year's boys' varsity coach, Bill Harris, is now the coach of the girls' varsity team and the junior varsity team is now coached by Brennan Workman.

Harris said his goal for the team this season is the same goal he always has.

"I expect to win the American division of the SBC. That's what we always play for," he said.

Although the team got off to a rough start with a 2-0 loss in a non league game against Fayetteville, Harris and most players feel optimistic about the rest of the season.

Harris said upcoming games will show how the rest of the season will go.

"We have some big games coming up and if

we can get through them then we'll be okay. Hopefully we start to get the hang of things and our record will improve. I do think we will be a better team at the end of the season than we are now," he said.

The leaders of this years team are senior captains Erin Dean and Karlie Mazzaro and also seniors Jamie Lavelly and Patty Abellanida. All the seniors agreed that this will be a good season for the team. The captains said they are expecting a lot from this season.

"I want a fun and winning season and to make it far in the state tournament," said Dean.

A new coach changes several factors for the team and the girls are still adjusting to the new management, although the team said there isn't a big difference between Hopewell's and Harris's coaching style.

"They have their differences, but they are similar for the most part so it didn't take long at all to adjust," said Lavelly.

Most coaches have a dis-

tinct way of coaching, but Harris said that he has a versatile style of coaching, meaning he adapts to the various situations that occur.

"I'd like to be a players' coach but I get frustrated when players aren't focused or don't put the team first," Harris said.

In order to meet Harris's goal of winning the American division of the SBC, the girls said they need to make a few changes.

"We do really well with passing and moving the ball but we need to work on talking to each other," said Mazzaro.



Girls' Varsity Soccer (front row) Karlie Mazzaro, Patty Abellanida, Molly Gross, Erin Dean, Jamie Lavelly (middle row) Emily Hauke, Kelli Bosse, Heather Newberry, Paige Diers, Holly Loreaux, Cassie Grooms, Carrie Willis (back row) Coach Bill Harris, Dannie Knierim, Amanda Chapman, Morgan Byrd, Megan Nieters, Noelle Schickling, Sarah Theiss, Michelle Sweet, Megan Troxell, Carley Grogan, Assistant Coach Brennan Workman. Photo/R. Glutz.

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