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ALAN RITTER, CHARLEVOIX

The Rayder junior running back picked up 167 yards rushing for Charlevoix in their contest against Boyne City. Ritter would score twice on touchdown runs of 83 and 39 yards.

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MOLLY BURCH, BOYNE CITY

The Rambler senior libero would have an outstanding night in the teams home opener, recording 22 serve receptions and 18 digs, to lead the way to a LMC victory over Grayling.



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FOOTBALL

Boyne edges Rayders for first win of season

BOYNE CITY 29 CHARLEVOIX 21

BOYNE CITY — Coming off a loss in their opener a week earlier, one would expect their team to be ready for the next challenge.

Tack on the fact that it would be against one of their biggest rivals in all sports, there should be no need to have to look for any extra motivation.

That would be the case for both Boyne City and Charlevoix as the two teams each dropped their first game of the season and looked to get on track as they head towards conference play.

In the end it would be the Rambler pulling out a 29-21 victory in front of the home crowd at Earl Brotherston Field in Boyne City.

The Ramblers would take advantage of fresh legs en route to rumbling for nearly

250 yards on the ground, chewing up valuable clock as well as real estate to keep the Rayders at a distance after Charlevoix knotted the score at 8-8, on an Alan Ritter 83 yard run with 4:26 left in the second quarter.

Boyne City would respond to the Rayder score with a drive of their own, capped by a 16-yard touchdown run up the middle by Dillon Sulak with just under two minutes to play in the half. A conversion pass from Ethan Hills to Max Vondra would put BC up 16-8, a lead they would carry into the break.

The Ramblers would take their largest lead of the night 22-8 at the 7:30 mark of the third as Sulak broke numerous tackles on his way for a 9-yard score.

Ritter would make sure the Rayders didn't go quietly though as he sliced his way through the BC defense, and sprinted 39-yards for his second score of the evening just over a minute



Rayder junior, Jake Snyder (10) picks up extra yards after the initial hit during first quarter action. . (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Rambler junior, Peter Calcaterra (11) goes up for a catch in the Ramblers victory against the Rayders. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



Boyne City senior, Neal Hautz (22) pushes for more yardage as Charlevoix's Thomas Rudolph (3) tries to bring him down. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

after the Boyne score to pull Charlevoix to within 22-15.

Neal Hautz would put the Ramblers back up by two scores with a 7-yard rumble with 6:27 to play, a drive highlighted by a 35-yard run by freshman Bobby Hoth.

Charlevoix would then score on a Cole Wright keeper with 2.1 seconds to play in the game, making it 29-21 BC, but the ensuing onside kickoff attempt would be recovered by the Ramblers who would run out the clock.

Sulak would finish with two touchdowns for 112 yards rushing on 25 attempts to lead Boyne, while Hautz added 26 yards and a score, Hoth would race for 43 yards.

Ethan Hills finished with 112 yards through the air, going 8-of-19, including a 24-yard touchdown to Trevor King.

Hautz, Pete Calcaterra and Max Vondra combined for seven catches and 88 yards receiving.

The Charlevoix offense was led by Ritter with 167 yards rushing on 13 carries and two scores, while Wright finished 7-of-17 passing for 80 yards and added 44 yards on the ground.

Thomas Rudolph hauled in three passes for 41 yards.

The Ramblers (1-1) host Cheboygan at Earl Brotherston Field on September 7, while the Rayders play at home the same night at Kipke Field when St. Ignace comes to town. Both games are at 7pm.



Charlevoix's Jason Mueller (77) returns the ball early on in the contest against Boyne. (Photo by Chris Fiel)



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VOLLEYBALL

Boyne sweeps Grayling in LMC play

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City volleyball team weathered both the storm outside the gymnasium and the visiting Grayling Vikings.

With a weather service tornado warning being issued for Charlevoix County just prior to 7pm, Boyne school officials took action and sent the teams to their respective locker rooms and fans to a

neutral location in the main building until the storm passed and it was deemed safe to move forward with the contest.

30 minutes later, both teams took the floor and got to work, going back and forth, with neither able to pull away and having Boyne emerge with a 28-26 victory.

The Ramblers stepped their play up in the next two

sets, routing the Vikings 25-15 and 25-17.

“The girls were extremely excited for their conference home opener and I must say I was extremely nervous after the 30 minute tornado drill,” BC coach Mallory Slate said. “We seemed to lose all momentum and excitement that they had built up throughout the day. Our team goal this year is to finish and that’s something we have struggled with so far but tonight the girls were able to do it.”

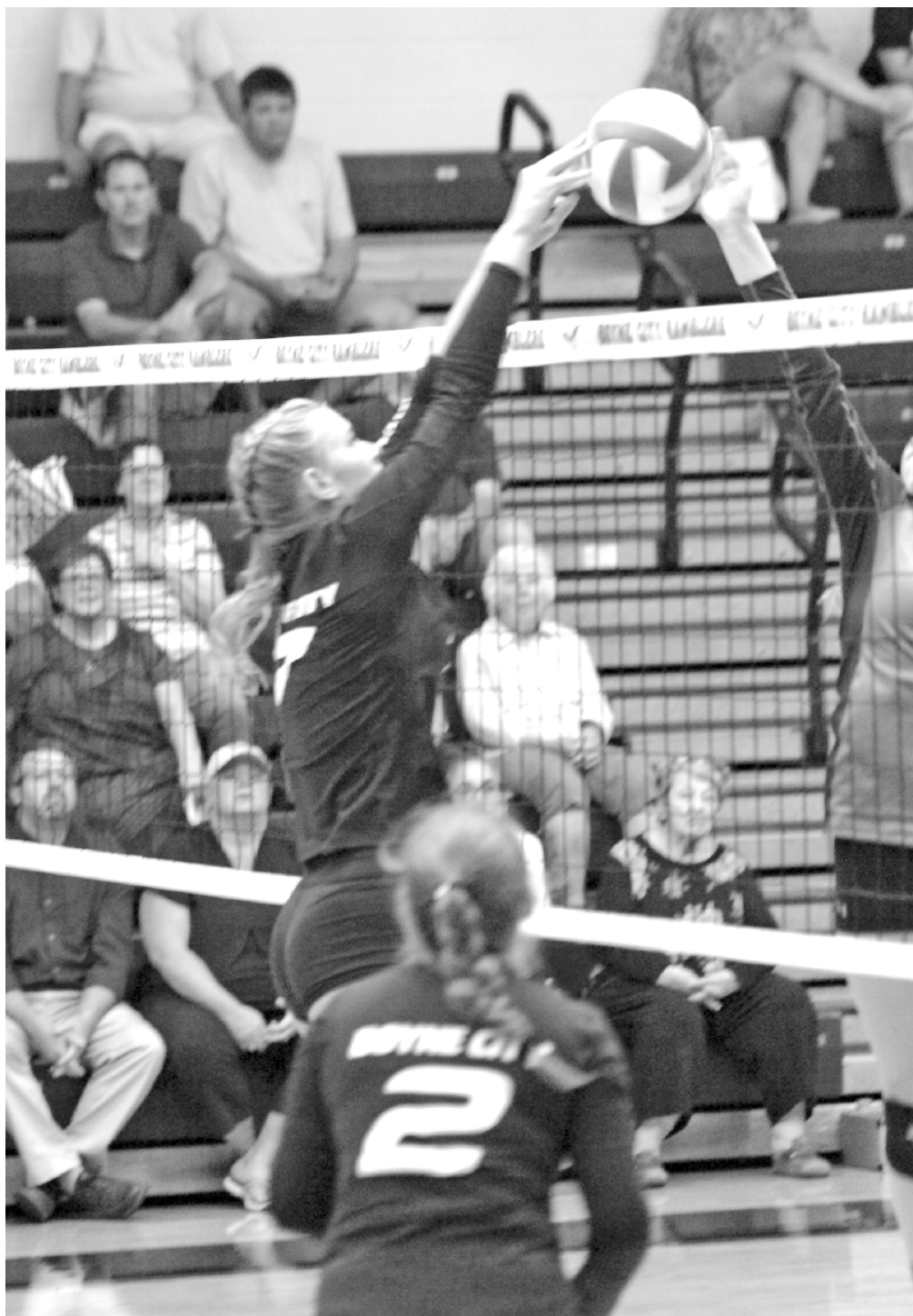
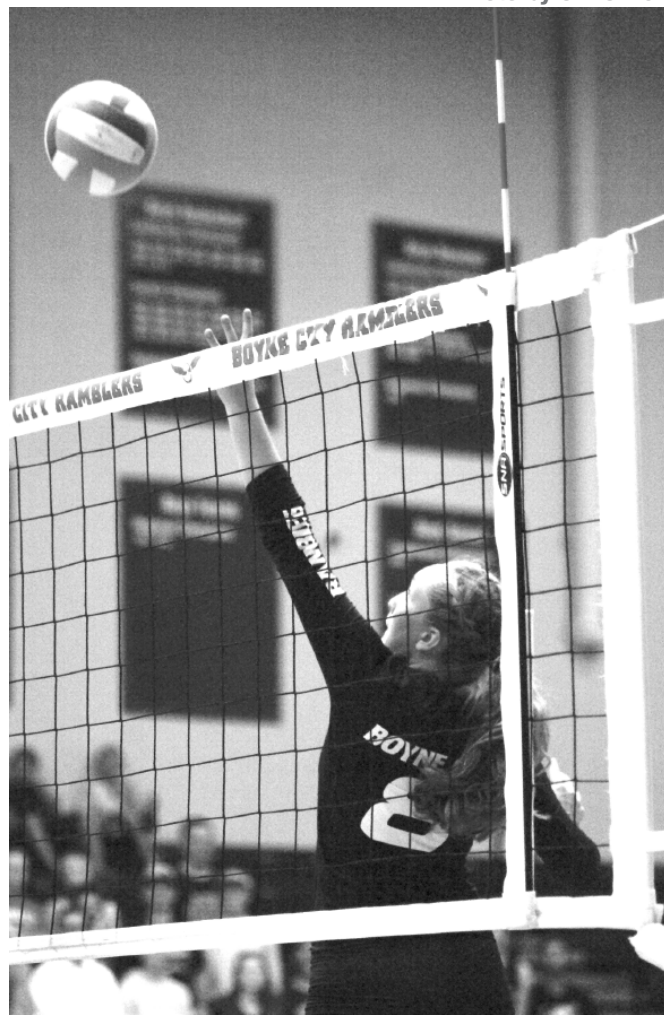
“The first set kept going back and forth but the girls never gave up and hustled for every point, which is how they were able to pull it out. I feel confident in saying this was a team effort tonight and everyone put forth 100% effort to come out with the outcome we wanted. We have a long holiday weekend ahead of us but are focused with a tough first week of September, traveling to Harbor Springs for our second conference match up and then to Birch Run September 8, for a tournament.”

Leading Boyne on the night was senior libero, Molly Burch with 22 serve receptions and 18 digs, while junior Annabelle Seelye tallied 22 assists, 35 digs, four kills and four aces.

Junior Jillian Cain was credited with her best game of the season after putting in a six kill effort at the net, juniors Gabby Musser 11 digs and six kills, along with Katelyn Gabos 19 digs, four kills rounded out the notable scoring.

Rambler Gabby Musser (8) tips the ball over for a point during Boyne's Lake Michigan Conference win over Grayling.

Photo by Chris Fiel



Boyne City's Jillian Cain (7) elevates for a block during set two.

Photo by Chris Fiel

Football Conference Standings

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEGACY

Team	Conf	Ovr
Harbor Springs	1-0	2-0
Gaylord St Mary	1-0	1-1
St Ignace	1-0	1-1
Joburg-Lewiston	0-0	1-1
East Jordan	0-1	0-2
Inland Lakes	0-1	0-2
Newberry	0-1	0-2

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEGENDS

Team	Conf	Ovr
Benzie Central	1-0	2-0
Grayling	1-0	1-1
Kingsley	0-0	2-0
St Francis	0-0	2-0
Boyne City	0-0	1-1
Cheboygan	0-1	0-2
Kalkaska	0-1	0-2

NORTHERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE-LEADERS

Team	Conf	Ovr
Elk Rapids	1-0	2-0
Frankfort	0-0	1-1
Mancelona	0-0	1-1
Charlevoix	0-1	0-2
Glen Lake	0-0	0-2

NORTH STAR LEAGUE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Rogers City	1-0	2-0
Oscoda	0-0	1-1
Alcona	0-0	0-2
Mio	0-0	0-2
W-P	0-1	0-2

BIG NORTH CONFERENCE

Team	Conf	Ovr
Alpena	0-0	2-0
Gaylord	0-0	2-0
TC Central	0-0	2-0
TC West	0-0	1-1
Cadillac	0-0	0-2
Petoskey	0-0	0-2

MIDWEST CENTRAL MI 8 PLAYER FOOTBALL CONF-EAST

Team	Conf	Ovr
Au Gres-Sims	1-0	2-0
Hillman	1-0	2-0
Onaway	1-0	2-0
Posen	1-0	2-0
Charlton Heston	0-1	1-1
Atlanta	0-1	0-2
Hale	0-1	0-2
Pellston	0-1	0-2

MIDWEST CENTRAL MI 8 PLAYER FOOTBALL CONF-WEST

Team	Conf	Ovr
Onekama	1-0	2-0
Suttons Bay	1-0	2-0
Forest Area	0-0	2-0
Tri-unity Chr	0-0	2-0
Bellaire	0-1	1-1
Central Lake	0-1	0-2

FOOTBALL



Chandler Bartig (12) of East Jordan battles for extra yardage against the Elks defense. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

Red Devils look to rebound following loss to Elk Rapids

ELK RAPIDS 62, EAST JORDAN 0

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan football team has found itself facing an upward climb after the first two weeks of the young season.

The Red Devils now 0-2 overall, 0-1 in the Northern Michigan Football League - Legacy Division, have to start searching for answers following their

62-0 loss to visiting Elk Rapids on August 30.

From early on in the contest, it was pretty evident that the passing attack of the Elks, combined with the Red Devils inability to move the ball consistently, that it would be a long night for the home team.

A pair of first quarter turnovers would give Elk Rapids good field position and before anyone realized it, the Elks were up 14-0, barely five

minutes to the contest.

Another score by Elk Rapids before the quarter ended would give the Elks a 21-0 cushion headed into the second, a rough go during that quarter would see the Red Devils trail 48-0 at halftime.

The EJ defense would give up six passing touchdowns on the night and 337 yards through the air, and added over 150 yards and a pair of scores on the ground.



East Jordan's Jackson Raymond (18) moves in for a tackle early in the second quarter against Elk Rapids. (Photo by Chris Fiel)

NCAA FOOTBALL AP RANKINGS TOP 25

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1 ALABAMA(48)	1-0	1511	14 WEST VIRGINIA	1-0	762
2 CLEMSON(12)	1-0	1467	15 MICHIGAN STATE	1-0	684
3 GEORGIA	1-0	1350	16 TCU	1-0	632
4 OHIO STATE	1-0	1262	17 USC	1-0	628
5 WISCONSIN(1)	1-0	1258	18 MISSISSIPPI STATE	1-0	538
6 OKLAHOMA	1-0	1251	19 UCF	1-0	407
7 AUBURN	1-0	1236	20 BOISE STATE	1-0	391
8 NOTRE DAME	1-0	1080	21 MICHIGAN	0-1	318
9 WASHINGTON	0-1	870	22 MIAMI	0-1	241
10 STANFORD	1-0	865	23 OREGON	1-0	217
11 LSU	1-0	801	24 SOUTH CAROLINA	1-0	125
12 VIRGINIA TECH	1-0	777	25 FLORIDA	1-0	89
13 PENN STATE	1-0	768			

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