

GAME



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Above, Boonton sophomore Michelle Morrison takes the ball down the field during a game in late September. **Left,** Boonton senior Katie Gambuti, center, follows the action during the same game. Both play for the Bombers' coed team.

Bombers

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"It takes a certain type of girl to be on the team, a hardworking person, tough, because you're just playing at a different level."

Friends since they were toddlers, Morrison and Gambuti both began playing soccer at age 5. Morrison was part of the Lincoln Park Predators, a coed recreational team, but switched to an all-girls Player Development Academy team at age 11.

Nosal invited Morrison to try out for the Bombers when she was a freshman. She talked it

over with her family and PDA Fire coach Tom Anderson, and decided to train independently instead, doing sprints until her legs felt like Jell-O. But Morrison changed her mind this fall, both to get the recognition that comes with playing for the high school team and to become more aggressive.

Strong and skillful, Morrison was obviously different from the other Bombers girls — and boys. She had more experience than nearly all of them, and used it to her advantage. But Morrison's high school season came to a premature end on Sunday, when she suffered a concussion in the second half of Boonton's Morris County Tournament match

against Morris Catholic.

"She's been playing at a higher level her whole life," junior goalkeeper Steve Villada said. "Michelle's a more technical player, a better passer. I kind of like playing with her in midfield."

Gambuti was the first Boonton girl to score a goal, heading in a corner kick in a junior varsity match against Kinnelon last fall. Not to be outdone, Roller notched the first varsity goal in school history against University. Gambuti had an assist in the same match.

Morrison picked up her first point in the season opener, a corner kick which senior midfielder Agim Bauta converted into the

Bombers' lone goal in a 6-1 loss to Mountain Lakes. Gambuti scored again against University on Sept. 28, and the guys on the bench gave her a standing ovation.

"They treat you like you're their own," she said. "I'd rather play with boys than girls any day."

Added Morrison, "While all the guys are talking about whatever they're talking about, we're in the corner together. It's just different. It's just fun."

All the girls admitted they'd like to have a team of their own, but the issue has been caught up in a question of both numbers and budget dollars.

With about 470 students,

Boonton is one of the smallest Group I schools. The field hockey team has been particularly successful, and there are also girls cross country and tennis teams. There have been rumors for years about launching a girls soccer team at Boonton. It is the only high school in Morris or Sussex County without a separate team. Sussex Tech had coed soccer until this fall, when it started an independent girls program.

Girls soccer is the fastest-growing high school sport, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations, with 402 boys and 365 girls teams in New Jersey. But Boonton has cut high school

golf, boys tennis and swimming in the past several years, as well as several freshman and middle-school sports. District teachers are currently working without a contract.

"Maybe if you had enough talent to generate a team, you could prove your point," Bill Morrison said. "It might help Boonton get on the map with a girls team, or to give a kid who has talent an opportunity to play somewhere else. ... She took the licks out there with the best of them, got up off the ground and played on."

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Rothstein, Okereke lift Montville

BOYS SOCCER

Jason Rothstein and Ekene Okereke scored second-half goals as Montville defeated Mountain Lakes, 2-0, on Monday afternoon. Senior Josh Lewis made five saves to earn his third-straight shutout, and the Mustangs' seventh of the season.

Montville 0 2 - 2
Mountain Lakes 0 0 - 0
Goals: Jason Rothstein (M), Ekene Okereke (M).
Assists: Kyle Feather (M).
Goalkeepers: Josh Lewis (M) 5, Dillon Hamill (ML) 13.
Records: Montville 8-1-1.

Sparta 2, Vernon 0

Sophomore midfielder Anthony Ciccone and senior striker Ricky Brown scored second-half goals five minutes apart. Senior Connor Boushell made four saves to earn his ninth shutout.

Sparta 0 2 - 2
Vernon 0 0 - 0
Goals: Anthony Ciccone (S), Ricky Brown (S).
Assists: Spencer Lalk (S).
Goalkeepers: Connor Boushell (S) 4, Jake Costello (V) 6.
Records: Sparta 11-1, Vernon 8-3.

Delbarton 7, Hudson Catholic 0

Junior midfielder Donny MacMaster, a Madison resident, had a goal and two assists. Sophomore Matt Kastner added a goal and an assist.

Hudson Catholic 0 0 - 0
Delbarton 6 1 - 7
Goals: Theo Patsalos-Fox (D) 2, Donny MacMaster (D), Shane Conlin (D), Alec Taylor (D), Matt Kastner (D), Logan True (D).
Assists: MacMaster (D) 2, Kastner (D), Jeremy Liebler (D), Ethan Borel (D), Matt Mulligan (D).
Goalkeepers: Will Walsh (D) 0, Joshua Gochiz (HC) 0.
Record: Delbarton 12-0.

Kinnelon 8, Science 0

Senior striker Mike Tavares and junior midfielder Connor Gregoire each notched two goals and an assist. Terrence Hausser added a goal and an assist for undefeated Kinnelon.

Kinnelon 8 0 - 0
Science 0 0 - 0
Goals: Mike Tavares (K) 2, Connor Gregoire (K) 2, Ben Tabor (K) 2, Devin Cavagnaro (K), Terrence Hausser (K).
Assists: Tavares (K), Gregoire (K), Hauser (K), Christopher Clark (K), Mark Lattanzio (K), Kolben Pritchard (K).
Goalkeepers: Eric Makinen (K) 4, Christopher Valentine (S) 5.
Records: Kinnelon 12-0, Science 3-9.

Gill-St. Bernard's 9, Ranney Prep 2

Senior midfielder Pete Bednarsky had his first hat trick of the season. Juniors Andrew Williams of Harding and Michael Jablonsky each scored twice.

Ranney 2 0 - 2
Gill-St. Bernard's 9 2 - 9
Goals: Pete Bednarsky (G) 3, Andrew Williams (G) 2, Michael Jablonsky (G) 2, Karl Schroeder (G), Tyler Merck (G), Dan Turtel (R) 2.
Assists: Roman Jablonsky (G) 3, Schroeder (G), Merck (G), Andrew Bednarsky (G), Mazar Zhdan (G), Tom Plate (G), Tim O'Leary (G), Russ Howell (R), Will McGinty (R).
Goalkeepers: Jon Vnenchak (G) 6, Dan Berlinger (R) 15.
Records: Ranney 6-6, Gill-St. Bernard's 10-1.

DePaul 4, Butler 1

Senior striker Brendan Pontidis scored Butler's goal.

Butler 1 0 - 1
DePaul 4 2 - 4
Goals: Brendan Pontidis (B), Rich Haggerty (D), Kevin Guillen (D), Vinny Ward (D), Nicola Mariella (D).
Assists: Justin Driesse (B), Haggerty (D), Mark Elia (D).
Goalkeepers: Tyler Marion (B) 8, Zade Hasbsh (D) 3.
Records: Butler 4-7, DePaul 4-6.

Kusik's goal gives Randolph win over Morris Hills

FIELD HOCKEY

Freshman forward Michelle Kusik scored the decisive goal with 2:03 left, lifting Randolph to a 2-1 victory over Morris Hills in a Iron Hills Conference interdivisional field hockey game on Monday.

Kusik's senior sister, Lauren, assisted on the gamewinner.

A sophomore, Tori Kiss, gave the Rams a 1-0 lead by connecting for her first varsity goal six minutes after halftime.

Krupa Patel knotted the score, 1-1, for Morris Hills five minutes later.

Kristie Obrenski finished with 11 saves for the Rams (4-6).
Morris Hills 0 1 - 1
Randolph 0 2 - 2
Goals: Tori Kiss (F), Michelle Kusik (F), Krupa Patel (M).
Assists: Elanah Chassen (MH), Erica Borgo (R), Lauren Kusik (F).
Goalkeepers: Jessica Kirsch (MH) 15, Kristie Obrenski (R) 11.
Records: Morris Hills 2-9, Randolph 4-6.

Madison 3, Millburn 0

Vanessa Charlton, Emily Kole and Chelsea Davies had the Dodgers' goals when they blanked Millburn.

Davies had an assist and Kim Eng had two assists for Madison (12-0).

Madison 1 2 - 3
Millburn 0 0 - 0
Goals: Vanessa Charlton (MA), Emily Kole (MA), Chelsea Davies (MA).
Assists: Davies (MA), Kim Eng (MA) 2.
Goalkeepers: Avery Koepp (MA) 1, Sofia Benmoufok (MA) 1, Katie Fore (MI) 9.
Records: Madison 12-0, Millburn 6-2.

Morristown 4, Chatham 1

Senior left wing Caitlin O'Keefe had the Colonials' two first-half goals. O'Keefe scored 11:43 and 4:03 before halftime.

Chatham 0 1 - 1
Morristown 2 1 - 3
Goals: Caitlin O'Keefe (M) 2, Ali Blankmeyer (M), Danielle Rudolph (M), Alex Poeton (C).
Assists: Blankmeyer (M), Julie Tahan (M), Katie King (M).
Goalkeepers: Chelsea Havelock (C) 9, Alexa Barry (M) 5.
Records: Morristown 11-0-1, Chatham 5-4-2.

Jefferson 1, Lenape Valley 0

Eryn Veninata, a senior inner, drove in the lone goal off the Lenape Valley goalkeeper's pads with 4:42 left in the game.

The assist on the goal went to Brook Goldsberry. Alyssa Rowen, the Falcons' goalie, had 15 saves.

Jefferson 0 1 - 1
Lenape Valley 0 0 - 0
Goal: Eryn Veninata (J).
Assist: Brook Goldsberry (J).
Goalkeepers: Alyssa Rowen (J) 15, Kimber Eriksson (LV) 5.
Records: Jefferson 6-6, Lenape Valley 6-5.

Walkill Valley 5, Sparta 1
Abby Tilton knocked in two goals and Katie Rago, Lina Agnor and Erin Burdzy had one apiece for the Rangers. Meghan Redding scored Sparta's goal with 17:30 left in the first half.

Walkill Valley 2 3 - 5
Sparta 1 0 - 1
Goals: Abby Tilton (WV) 2, Katie Rago (WV), Lina Agnor (WV), Erin Burdzy (WV), Meghan Redding (S).
Assists: Kara Buds (WV) 2, Tilton (WV), Lauren Sweller (WV), Erin Peterson (S).
Goalkeepers: Ashley Ross (WV) 5, Deanna Peck (S) 6.
Records: Walkill Valley 9-2, Sparta 3-8.

Newton 4, High Point 1

Newton, buoyed by two goals by Paige Mosner, beat High Point.

Also scoring for the Braves were Leanna Grottyhann and Christina Francisco. Amanda Miller had two assists for Newton (11-0-1).

High Point 1 0 - 1
Newton 3 1 - 4
Goals: Paige Mosner (N) 2, Leanna Grottyhann (N), Christina Francisco (N), Van Orden (HP).
Assists: Amanda Miller (N) 2, Mosner (N).
Goalkeepers: Dani Jones (N) 13, Hensal (HP) 12.
Records: Newton 11-0-1, High Point 6-5.

Summit 1, Morris Knolls 0

Clare O'Malley scored from the top of the circle 12:40 into the first

half and the goal stood up, boosting Summit over Morris Knolls.

Morris Knolls 0 0 - 0
Summit 1 0 - 1
Goals: Clare O'Malley (S).
Assists: None.
Goalkeepers: Jeanne Farrelly (MK) 3, Cece Cramer (S) 5.
Records: Morris Knolls 7-4-2.

Pope John 3, Kittatinny 1

Casey Homa, a junior forward, had a pair of goals and Taylor Clayton, a freshman forward, scored once for the Lions. Homa put in the first two scores with 19:06 and 10:04 left before the break. Senior goalie Stephanie Keller had a career-high 17 saves for Pope John.

Pope John 3 0 - 3
Kittatinny 0 1 - 1
Goals: Casey Homa (PJ) 2, Taylor Clayton (PJ).
Assists: Kate Hennighan (PJ), Mallory Clark (PJ), Homa (PJ).
Goalkeepers: Steph Keller (PJ) 17, McCaskill (K) 5.
Records: Pope John 5-6, Kittatinny 7-4.

Mount Olive 6, Parsippany Hills 0

Junior left wing Emily Archer netted a pair of goals and senior midfielder Stephanie Heasman collected four assists as the Marauders sank the Vikings.

Mount Olive 4 2 - 6
Parsippany Hills 0 0 - 0
Goals: Emily Archer 2, Hailey Urbach, Amanda Agostino, Gabby Perazzo.
Assists: Stephanie Heasman 4, Sam Piccoli.
Goalkeepers: Noelle Diana (MO) 7, Katie Davis (PH)

Pontrella helps lead Whippany Park over Jefferson

VOLLEYBALL

Junior Megan Pontrella had two aces and five assists as Whippany Park held on to defeat Jefferson, 25-14, 24-26, 25-20, on Monday afternoon. Sophomore outside hitter Sarah Caughy added three aces and three digs for the Wildcats (6-8). Senior opposite Kelly Stock had one ace, two assists and two kills.

Chatham 2, Parsippany 0
Junior setter Marika Racibarskas had 18 assists,

three aces and five digs as Chatham topped Parsippany, 25-15, 25-11, in an Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division match. Senior outside hitter Katie Fobben added four kills and four aces for the undefeated Cougars (12-0).

Pope John 2, Montville 0
Senior setter Kristin McGinn

led Pope John to a 25-17, 25-14 victory over Montville with two kills, seven digs, an ace and eight assists. Junior outside hitter Kathleen Oroho added four kills and eight digs for the host Lions (12-1). Senior Tiffany Cruz added four digs and an ace.

Park Ridge 2, Sparta 0
Senior outside hitter Leslie Stenkamp had four digs and three kills in Sparta's 25-23, 25-9

loss to Park Ridge. Junior middle hitter Courtney Thompson added two kills, a block and an ace for the Spartans (8-7).

Union Catholic 2, West Morris 1
Junior outside hitter Kylie Mazon had 14 kills and 10 digs as West Morris fell to Union Catholic, 26-24, 20-25, 27-25. Junior middle hitter Mary Consol added eight kills and a block for the Highlanders (10-4).

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