

## FOOTBALL

### Knights rule over Parkview-Albany



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Parkview-Albany's Christian Hobon (20) gets hemmed in by a horde of Knights' defenders.

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ORFORDVILLE — The offense was efficient and the defense was stout for Benton/Scales Mound/Shullsburg as the Knights improved to 3-1 overall on the season with a 58-0 victory over host Parkview-Albany at Parkview High School on Friday, Sept. 9.

The Knights scored touchdowns on six of their 25 first-half plays from scrimmage and also added a score on defensive en route to a 51-0 halftime lead.

Senior fullback Colin Montayne rushed for two touchdowns and senior wide receiver Charlie Wiegel hauled in two TD receptions for BSMS in the first half, while senior halfback Nate Lawrence had a rushing TD and a passing TD and senior quarterback Jacob Duerr tossed a TD and returned an interception for another score.

Lawrence nearly fumbled the ball away approaching the goal line on the Knights' opening drive of the game, but senior guard Landon Leahy was there to pounce on the loose ball in the end zone to put the guests ahead 6-0 just over two minutes into the contest.

Montayne ran one in from a yard out and Wiegel hauled in a 15-yard scoring strike from Lawrence on an option keeper to extend the BSMS lead to 22-0 by the close of the first quarter.

Lawrence ripped off a 55-yard TD jaunt and Montayne hit pay dirt from 34 yards out in the second quarter, while Duerr returned an interception 37 yards for a score and also hooked up with Wiegel on a 40-yard bomb to bump the advantage up to 51-0 at the intermission.

BSMS finished the first half out-gaining the Vikings (0-4) by a 340-82 margin. In addition to the pick-six, the Knights' defense forced the

hosts to punt twice and turn the ball over on downs four times in the first half.

In the second half, the Knights' second-team unit got into the scoring act on a 9-yard TD run by freshman Parker Mullen. The second-team defense forced the Vikings to punt once and turn the ball over on downs twice in the second half to preserve the program's shutout for the first time since a 28-0 week two win over Cambridge in the Knights' inaugural season in 2019.

Lawrence ran 12 times for 160 yards with a TD, completed his one pass attempt for 15 yards and a score, and had one catch for six yards. Montayne rushed four times for 44 yards and two scores, while Wiegel had two catches for 55 yards and two scores.

Duerr completed 5-of-6 passes for 108 yards with a TD. He also helped the Knights convert six of their eight point-after tries, completing a pair of two-point conversion passes to Max Wiene and Wiegel, running in another two-pointer and also booting two extra-point kicks. Lawrence ran in the other two-pointer.

Leahy registered a quarterback sack in the game to go along with his fumble-recovery TD. For the game, the Knights recorded 11 tackles for loss in the game and also knocked down four passes.

The Vikings ended the night with 91 rushing yards and 13 passing yards. Christian Hobon rushed 17 times for 44 yards and Karson Redman ran 12 times for 41 yards to lead the Vikings. Greyson Cramer was 3-of-12 passing for 13 yards with a pick.

BSMS finished this year's Six Rivers-SWAL crossover games posting a 2-0 record. These games count towards the team's playoff-qualifying standard, but do not count towards a conference title.

Parkview-Albany is 0-4 and hosts No. 5 Darlington in Week 5.



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**ABOVE:** Monroe defensive linemen Sean Rufenacht (71) and Jordan Klocke bring down Evansville's Caleb Maguigad in the backfield on a red zone run attempt in the first quarter of their Week 4 game Sept. 9. On the next play, Monroe's Keatin Sweeney intercepted a pass in the end zone. The top-ranked Cheesemakers would score the next 41 points in the game, earning a shutout and staying unbeaten.

### No. 1-ranked Monroe brings the boom on offense, defense in 41-0 rout of Evansville

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MONROE — It took a quarter to get going, but once the Cheesemakers got into a groove it was impossible for Evansville to stop them. Top-ranked Monroe went on to win running away 41-0 on Sept. 9 in Week 4 on Senior Night.

"We didn't really warm up very well. You could tell this was maybe in the making a little bit," said Monroe coach Toby Golembiewski. "Maybe the Senior Night affected them a bit. These guys are very routine-orientated. When there's a change in routine (like the pregame honors), it affects that routine

a bit. Who knows if that's the reason, but we definitely were flat — flat on offense and flat on defense."

The Cheesemakers had 73 yards in 1 1/2 drives in the first quarter, with the first drive ending in an interception. Evansville's first two drives finished in a turnover on downs and an interception in the end zone by senior Keatin Sweeney.

"I think they saw the writing on the wall that if we didn't get our stuff together, this was going to go south real quick," Golembiewski said.

The rest of the way Monroe collected nearly 400 yards and scored six touchdowns, with the only noticeable blemish being missed extra points.

"We had to probe them a little bit, but as soon as we had their guys narrowed down and where they would be, we had them," Golembiewski said.

Junior QB Ethan Rosenstiel made his first varsity start, replacing George Brukwicki, who is recovering from a shoulder injury and could return within a week or two. When he entered in Week 3 against McFarland, he found success right away. Against Evansville, his first drive ended in an interception, quickly returning him back down to earth.

"It was kind of an 'Oh, shoot' moment," Rosenstiel said, adding that

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## SWIMMING

### Young, shorthanded MNG making most of season

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MONROE — The Cheesemakers have just 13 swimmers on this year's roster, which isn't helpful in head-to-head dual meets. However, the smaller lineup just means the girls can come together a little bit more.

"This year is different, but exciting — 8 of our 13 girls are freshmen," said Monroe-New Glarus co-coach Rachel Root after their 107-63 loss to Oregon in the home opener Sept. 8. "The team dynamic is really great this year with how they support one another. And they definitely work hard at practice and push each other."

Fellow co-coach Haley Kaiser said the freshmen have transitioned well from club swimming to varsity.

"There's obviously a lot of differences, but they just kind

of jumped in and ran with it," Kaiser said. "I think our upperclassmen have done a great job at being leaders. You don't really see a difference in age — they have all really meshed well together."

Two days later, the Cheesemakers participated in the Lodi Invitational, narrowly finishing second out of five teams.

"During the season, during the dual meets, they are going to be tired, because we're going to be pushing them in the starts, the turns and all of that. But if you want to be able to rest at the end of the season for their endurance, you have to push really hard during the season," Root said. "The end of the season meets are the more important ones."

Against Oregon,

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**ABOVE:** Monroe-New Glarus swimmer Megan Chapman swims the 100-meter breaststroke Sept. 8 against Oregon. **LEFT:** Anna Zentner won the 200-meter Individual Medley against Oregon.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Brodhead wins its own tournament

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BRODHEAD — The Brodhead Cardinals won its annual tournament on Sept. 10, dominating New Glarus in the championship 25-7, 25-4.

In the semifinals, Brodhead beat Evansville 25-16, 25-20, while New Glarus edged Mineral Point in three sets, 25-20, 23-25, 15-7.

In pool play, Brodhead went unbeaten in Pool A at 4-0, with Mineral Point going 3-1, Albany 2-2, Monroe 1-3 and Juda 0-4.

In Pool B, New Glarus, Monticello and Evansville each went 3-1. The tiebreaker was based on points allowed, with New Glarus (106) and Evansville (112) finishing ahead of Monticello (114), which went into the Silver Bracket. Monticello

swept Turner 25-17, 25-17; lost to Evansville in three sets 20-25, 25-18, 8-15, and beat New Glarus 16-25, 25-21, 15-10. The Ponies also swept the Brodhead JV squad 25-9, 25-7.

In the Silver Bracket, Monticello cruised past Monroe 25-6, 25-12, and then beat Turner 25-17, 25-15 in the fifth-place match.

Monroe defeated Albany 26-24, 25-10 in the seventh-place match.

The Monticello Ponies swept Argyle in a Six Rivers East match-up Sept. 8, 25-11, 25-13, 25-20.

Also on Sept. 8, Brodhead swept Turner 25-11, 25-16, 25-11. Abbie Dix had 12 kills, four blocks and two aces. Addison Yates had three aces. Alexis Kammerer tallied 28 assists and two aces. Kaidynce Bevars had three aces.



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Brodhead Cardinals players celebrate a point in a pool play win over Monroe Sept. 10 at the annual Brodhead varsity volleyball tournament. The Cardinals went on to win the tournament.

**BARABOO 3, MONROE 0**  
MONROE — The Cheesemakers lost in straight sets

to the Thunderbirds Sept. 8, **See VOLLEYBALL, Page B3**

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### Cards, 'Birds, Warriors roll

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BRODHEAD — The unbeaten Cardinals (4-0) used a big second quarter and a dominant defensive performance to shut down Platteville in Week 4, winning 41-0.

Sean Huffman put Brodhead-Juda on the board with 2:19 left in the first quarter on a 2-yard rush. Less than four minutes later Isaac Saunders got in on the action to make it 14-0. With 6:49 left in the second, Blake Matthys erupted for a 77-yard TD run. Saunders scored again from 12-yards out three minutes later, and Huffman hit paydirt from 4-yards out before halftime, making it 35-0 and ensuring a running clock in the second half. Dakota Day had a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth to cap the scoring.

Matthys finished the night with 180 yards

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## Monroe

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getting thrown into the first in Week 3 and then taking the first-team reps for Week 4 was an experience unlike he's seen before. "It was a little nerve-racking at first, but we settled in. It was a good week of prep, and in the end, it feels good to come out with the win."

The Blue Devils threw quick slants and out routes on the following drive, eating up chunks of yards at a time. Evansville reached the Monroe 6 with a first down, but two plays later QB Bennett Keller's pass to the flat was tipped by Monroe's Tucker Markham, with Sweeney pulling it down on a tippy-toe catch in the back of the end zone for an interception.

Monroe marched down the field in just six plays, with

Markham, a senior, bullying his way 14 yards to the end zone on the first play of the second quarter to put the Cheesemakers ahead 6-0.

"I'm getting more and more touches every week. Me and (Kaden) Kuester are really working that right half, and it's paying off for us right now," Markham said. "Our linemen are doing a really great job."

The Cheesemakers stepped up on defense, getting a quick 3-and-out, and on Monroe's first snap of the next possession, Kuester, a junior, hit the left edge and scored on a 66-yard run.

Evansville gained just 19 yards on the ensuing possession before punting again. The Cheesemakers then marched 67 yards in nine plays, with Markham scoring for a second time with 2:39 to go in the half. The Blue Devils struggled on their next possession again, as James Seagreaves had a big sack,



**LEFT:** Austin Fuchs clears a path for Tucker Markham, who leaps through a defenders grasp on a run in the first quarter of No. 1 Monroe's 41-0 win over Evansville Sept. 9 in Week 4. **RIGHT:** Kaden Kuester breaks off a 58-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.



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and a punt with 1:34 left gave the Cheesemakers one final possession of the half, which was capped just 78 seconds later on a 12-yard TD run by Kuester to go up 28-0 at half-time.

"(Isaac) Bunker is the guy I give credit to. He's the one out there pancaking everyone and giving me lanes to run through," Kuester said.

The score worked even further in Monroe's favor, as the Cheesemakers were set to receive the second half kick-off. Evansville's defense then worked Monroe to a quick fourth down after just three plays. However, Monroe hadn't punted all season, and opted to go for it from their own 42. Golembiewski called a sweep to the left, which panned out, as Kuester took it 58 yards to the house again. A missed PAT left Monroe

ahead 34-0, one point shy of a running clock.

Evansville again couldn't find any offense, as the Cheesemakers made the necessary adjustments to mitigate gains on the dink-and-dunk passes. Monroe took over again at its own 38.

That's where Markham did his best impression of Marshawn Lynch's "Beast Quake" run— a Cheese Quake, if you will. Markham found himself fighting off tacklers just past the line of scrimmage, but instead of going down or getting pushed back, he found a way to wiggle out of swarm of Blue Devils and then muscled his way for a 20-yard gain, igniting both the crowd and the sideline.

"I don't know what was happening. Right away it looked like it was going to get

blown up with two guys there. I had like three guys on me, and I felt it loosen up, so I kept going," Markham said. A defender tripped him at his ankles from behind, momentarily halting another long TD run. "I almost broke it loose."

The Cheesemakers scored seven plays later with Sweeney waltzing in at the right pylon with 4:11 left in the third — the final score of the game.

Monroe gained 444 yards on the ground and 468 total — Rosenstiel hit Drew Indergand for a 24-yard strike down the sideline on a pass in the first half. Kuester had 181 yards and three TDs on nine rushes, while Alex Hernandez had a workman-like 116 yards on 15 carries. Markham finished with 48 yards on four rushes, and added nine tackles on defense. Sweeney had

41 yards on seven totes. Rufenacht and Seagreaves each had two sacks, with Charlie Wiegel adding another sack. Evansville had 146 yards.

Golembiewski said that Kuester and Markham have brought a spark to the offense when running with the ball, especially given that running to the left behind the seal blocks of Sweeney and all-conference linemen Isaac Bunker and Sean Rufenacht. However, Markham and Kuester themselves still have room for improvement as blockers.

"Sweeney is not the benefactor of their good blocking. Sweeney is anchoring that side, so those guys (Markham and Kuester) can have some success, but those guys aren't always on queue. It's tough, some guys can't go offense and defense and do everything right all the time, so we have to find a way to get their retention up so Sweeney can take advantage, too," Golembiewski said. Sweeney had 1,370 yards rushing a year ago, averaging 9.6 yards per carry and 105.4 per game. This year he has just 239 total, averaging 6.5 per carry and 59.8 per game.

Of note, the Cheesemakers punted for the first time this season in the fourth quarter, as the reserves faced a 4th-and-10 from midfield. Brukwicki is the team's designated first-team punter, but Kuester made the kick, which netted just 14 yards.

Monroe had 23 first downs to Evansville's seven. The Blue Devils gained just one first down in the second half. Monroe held time of possession for 27:18.

Up next for the Cheesemakers is Jefferson, which graduated 20 seniors, has a new coach, and a new offensive system. The Eagles (0-4) used to run a somewhat similar triple-wing option offense, rarely passing. This year, with a new coach and personnel smaller in stature than in year's past, the Eagles are spread out wide and sling it.

"They're going to come up with something, but we're going to have to worry about ourselves and make sure we're doing us and not worrying about their program and their situation," Golembiewski said.

The game will also represent the first home game during Cheese Days weekend since 2008, which could offer fresh distractions, somewhat similar to Homecoming Week. Markham isn't just preparing to be a team leader as a senior and help navigate the younger players through some of the distractions

"For the younger guys, they have to keep focused and work hard and know that they do have a role on this team," Markham said.

Golembiewski isn't worried about the festival going on downtown, as much of the events kick off downtown and are during and after the game.

However, Golembiewski is interested to see what kind of crowd shows up — really big with returning alumni coming to watch, or a small crowd, with many spectators getting pulled to the Square.

"I'm wondering how many people are going to show up. It's either going to be a lot, or it's not going to be many," Golembiewski said.



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