

Varsity Football

BY KAYLA TAYLOR

If the *Ledger's* Brandt Merritt is any indication of what was coming for the Jackets game against Haines City, the match up with the 2-3 Hornets should have been a close match that tipped in Bartow's favor. The Jackets 4-3 record (now 5-3) and 258.7 yards per game rushing should have given them an advantage. Unfortunately the advantage didn't play in their favor as the Hornets won by a touchdown in the last minute of play, 13-7.

This week's match against Lake Region's Thunder and next week's Lake Wales' Highlanders offer the Jackets opportunities to repeat their easy victories, or to come home with difficult defeats.

The Jackets have had a season not without its highlights. The 34-0 Homecoming win against Okeechobee was a highlight of week's activities, and adding greatly to a night of royalty, recognition and revelry. The Jackets marched again and again down the field against the Brahmas, scoring and showing their superior abilities.

Looking back over the season, other impressive games included the match with Jenkins that resulted in 326 yards on the ground, with Tyre Brooks racking up 127 impressive yards. That game was also a shut-out, 36-0. Clearly, the Jackets had their game on during a match that featured the talents of players including Jarvis Wiley, Rod Smith and Ben Johnson.

For this coming Friday's game, Killets is hoping to bring out some of the strengths in those games against the Thunder. For Jacket fans it's a game worth the price of admission.

Not only is it sure to be a great match, but it's also a fairly certain win. Going into the game with a 5-3 record and with both of the final season games on home turf, the Jackets are sure to have the determination to add to their record and advance to regional playoffs in November.

JV Football Season Ends

BY MATT KEEN

The triumphant march of the Yellow Jacket JV football team went unchallenged as the team ended their season with a 6 – 3 record, winning their final season games. Lake Gibson's Braves sought to bring the Jackets down, but were defeated in a 21-8 loss.

"We passed the ball effectively and did a really good job," says BHS freshmen Derrick Sullivan. Along with practices going smoothly and wins coming in right and left, these young Jackets couldn't be more enthusiastic about their future in BHS football history.

Part of their secret was not getting overconfident, but in gaining just the right amount.

"In the first few weeks, I was really nervous before games but that's really gone away now," confided Sullivan. Gabriel Al-Shaer, freshman IB student, predicted, "we're going to play Lakeland

in the championship." While the JV Jackets didn't quite make that prediction come true, they got close.

Another part of the Jackets success was consistency in practice.

A week before the season ended, players were "still doing high knees, lunges, stretches and the same stuff," said freshman Terrence Commons.

Al-Shaer agreed. "Practice was pretty much the same start to finish." For these Jackets, the season was successful for these two reasons and more.

"There were no star players really," said Sullivan. "We're a whole team, one unit."

It was a winning game plan for this year's JV Football team – a plan that will help them move up into the next level, into varsity, 2010.

Fundraising Supports JV Jerseys

BY NNEKA OUFANI

During September, the J.V. volleyball team began to promote fundraisers in order to raise enough money for the team's jerseys.

The team members wanted to receive their own customized jerseys for their season of volleyball. The fundraisers were held during the J.V. football games on Thursday nights. The team sold cookie dough, and candles, all while supporting fundraisers for breast cancer.

"The Yankee Candle fundraiser has earned the most benefits and success.

I was so excited for that fundraiser because I was able to help freshen up people's homes." said BHS freshmen, Danielle Brown.

The J.V. team gained numerous supporters such as Publix, Yankee Candle, and, of course, the numerous Jacket fans.

"We are so grateful for our supporters for our fundraisers. We are working extremely hard for our jerseys." said BHS freshman, Nicole Smith.

Our Lady Jackets were able to gain over \$300 during their fundraisers and were able to receive their jerseys customized with the team members' names or nicknames on the jerseys' back.

The J.V. team ended their season after their last game on October 13th, against Auburndale High School.

Unfortunately, our Lady Jackets were not able to win their last game, but were able to end their season with six out of eleven games. Still, the J.V. team was extremely thankful for the support and help that was given during their season and their season's fundraisers.

"We thank all of our supporters for helping us achieve our goal for this season. I will wear my jersey with pride." said Brown.

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