

# Tigers split tri-match

Tribune Staff Report

LEWISBURG — On Monday night, the Marshall County Tiger wrestling team split a tri-match, beating Lawrence County in convincing fashion, while falling to Cascade.

Against the Wildcats, the Tigers recorded several wins via pin, with Carson Henderson defeating Isaac Brunelle via pin at the 132-pound weight class.

Anthony Chavez also pinned his opponent at the 160-pound class, before Anthony Smith recorded the final win on the mat of the match against Lawrence County at 195.

It was tough sledding against the Champions, with Chavez marking the only win on the mat with a pin over Cascade's Max Drefsky at 160 in the second period.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Youth baseball signups

There will be several upcoming dates in which Marshall County athletes can register for spring ball.

Boys and girls must be age four by April 30, 2023.

Signups will be held at the Richard Cashion Sports Complex from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on January 14, 21 and 28; from 5-8 p.m. on February 1, and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on February 4.

Signups will be held at Cornersville High School on Saturdays only.

Cost is \$60 for the first player per family, and \$20 per additional player.

All fees are due at signup.

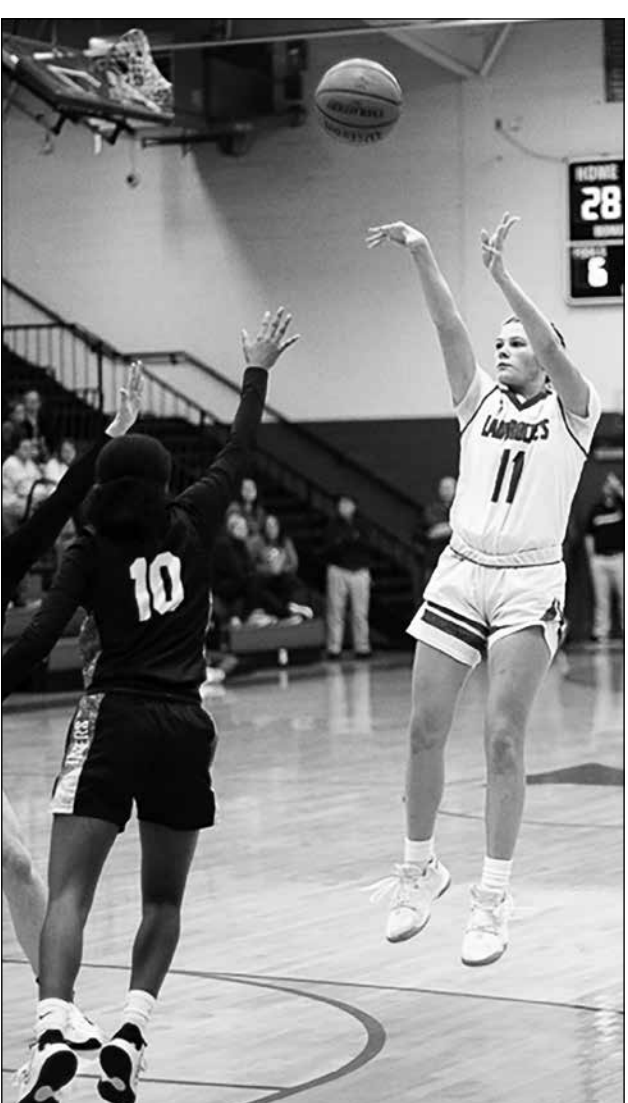
Games are played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and the season will run from March until May.

Age groups for boys are A (T-ball 4-5), AA (coach pitch 6-8), AAA (kid pitch 9-10) and Ozone (kid pitch 11-12).

Age groups for girls are Sweet Tees (6U), Angels (8U), Darlings (10U), Ponytails (12U), Belles (senior 13-15).

The league is also looking for umpires and coaches.

If interested, contact Matthew Cashion, Chuck Grooms or Mike Wright for boys information and Zach McCormick for information on the girls' league



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Kinslee Inlow launches the three. Inlow ended in double figures.

## Rockets

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in the third. Forrest closed the gap within a few minutes to give Central Magnet only a single digit lead, with Kirby and Kinslee Inlow both having their biggest quarter of the game with eight points each.

But the turnovers and lack of rebounding continued to keep Forrest out of reach.

The Lady Rockets did a good job of moving the ball and driving to the basket during the second half, but it was too little too late.

The Tigers continually answered made baskets at the other end of the court.

Kirby led the Lady Rockets with 27 points and Inlow contributed 13.

The Tigers had multiple players in double digits, Olivia Hart leading her team with 19.

The Lady Rockets will travel to Unionville Friday night to take on the Community Viqueens.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Central Magnet 16 16 16 14 — 62  
Forrest 7 11 18 13 — 49

Central Magnet: Olivia Hart 19, Bethany Jackson 13, Addison Melton 12, Reese Carlisle 11, Reagan Brand 4, Reilly McMillan 3  
Forrest: Macyn Kirby 27, Kinslee Inlow 13, Megan Mealer 4, Samantha Hopkins 2, Kaylin Pope 2, Josie Brown  
3-point Goals: Central Magnet (9): Carlisle 3, Jackson 3, Melton 2, Hart; Forrest (4): Kirby 4  
Halftime score: Central Magnet 32, Forrest 18.

# Bulldogs grapplers outlast Tigers in county clash

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LEWISBURG — It was an all-out brawl on the mat between county rivals Cornersville and Marshall County on Tuesday night.

Both teams recorded several key wins, but in the end, it was the Bulldogs edging out the Tigers for the 30-27 win.

There were plenty of body blows in Tuesday night's match.

Julius Foster outlasted Cor-

nersville's Joshua Bennett in the 113-pound weight class and earned a pin in the third period.

After a forfeit at 120 for the Tigers, it was Cornersville who struck back with Austin King at 132, who pinned Marshall County's Carson Henderson in the first period.

The Bulldogs piled up wins via forfeit at 138 and 145, but at the 152-pound weight class, Aaron Powell outlasted Cornersville's Joseph Cole in a 4-3 decision.

The Tigers made things even

more interesting with a hard-fought pin by Anthony Chavez, who defeated Jonathan Zuniga, in the third period at the 160-pound class.

In the end, it was Xavier Vizcaino who pinned Marshall County's Anthony Smith in the first period that proved to be the key victory in landing the Bulldogs a win.

The Tigers will be on the road on Thursday night, traveling to Community, while Cornersville will travel to Fairview.

# Hamlin injury leaves lasting impact on NFL



Chris Siers

The Extra Point

It's been over a week since the terrifying injury to Damar Hamlin and it's safe to say that single injury may have changed the NFL forever.

During the first quarter last week, the Buffalo safety stepped up to make a routine tackle on Bengals receiver Tee Higgins, and what followed were perhaps the scariest moment on a football field in decades.

Usually after an injury, even serious ones, injured players will give a thumbs up, or show signs of how everything will be OK.

Spectators and players alike got none of that from Hamlin after the injury.

Instead, what we got was the horrified look of Bills and Bengals players on the sideline, fighting back tears—grown men openly sobbing on the field.

At this point, everyone began to realize the play in which Hamlin went down was anything but routine.

After the initial contact, Hamlin stood up, then collapsed and went completely limp.

In the crucial minutes following the injury, trainers and first responders rendered CPR and administered a defibrillator to resume Hamlin's heartbeat.

As journalists, we're trained to report whatever it is we're covering with as much detail as possible and I've got to hand it to the ESPN crew, from Joe Buck and Troy Aikman in the booth, to Lisa Salters on the sidelines, to Booger McFarland, Adam Scheffer and Suzy Kolbe did their best to continue coverage during the time until the game was canceled.

While print is nothing like broadcast, their professionalism can't be overlooked.

One of the biggest issues I had with the whole ordeal was as soon as Hamlin was in the ambulance and transported off the

field, both teams returned to their respective locker rooms and it was reported the NFL gave teams five minutes to get ready to return to play.

At this point, nobody knew the condition of Hamlin and I don't care what level of sport you're participating, seeing someone receive CPR can 100% take you out of the mindset to play.

But the almighty greenback rules all and there's no doubt the NFL wanted to resume play against arguably one of the biggest games of the year between two Super Bowl contenders.

In the week since the injury, Hamlin has shown remarkable improvement and was extremely active on Twitter during the Bills' regular season finale against New England on Sunday.

At the end of the day, football is a game.

Sure, there are inherent risks that can result in extreme bodily injury, or even death, as Hamlin nearly suffered.

But the outpouring

of support for a single player has never really been seen in a national capacity.

During Sunday's finale, teams across the NFL wore shirts in support of Hamlin and his recovery.

Speaking to Hamlin's character, he's a big supporter of donating for a toy drive and the support has reached his fundraising efforts as well.

At the time of this publication, Hamlin's fundraiser has reached nearly \$9 million.

I feel like at times, journalists, coaches, players and fans forget that football is a game.

Hamlin's injury shook everyone who saw it to their core, from every aspect of the game.

From journalists covering the game, to fans in attendance, everyone was behind Hamlin and his recovery.

And that's the kind of event that can leave lasting imprints on a game forever.

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# Damar Hamlin's toy drive nears \$9M in donations

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin plans to support young people through education and sports with the \$8.6 million in GoFundMe donations that unexpectedly poured into his toy drive fundraiser after he suffered a cardiac arrest in the middle of a game last week.

He will also use proceeds from the sale of new T-shirts, emblazoned with "Did We Win?" along with his hands in the shape of a heart, to raise money for the trauma center in Cincinnati that treated him.

Hamlin, who livetweeted through his team's victory over New England on Sunday, tweeted Tuesday that he has returned to Buffalo but is still in the hospital being evaluated.

The 24-year-old has teamed with The Giving Back Fund, a nonprofit that helps athletes and celebrities manage their charitable giving, to host the "The Chasing M's Foundation" Charitable Fund. GoFundMe representatives told The Associated Press the crowdfunding platform will soon transfer the donations that have come in since Hamlin's injury Jan. 2 to the new fund.

Chasing M's is Hamlin's apparel company.

Hamlin and his family "are humbled by the tremendous support that has been shown as he recovers," according to his marketing representative, Jordon Rooney. "They are incredibly grateful for the continued prayers and outpouring of concern that has been exhibited by people all over the world," Rooney wrote in an email, adding that they plan to communicate with donors over time. The new fund is now soliciting donations online and via text.

"We are working as a team to facilitate the transfer as soon as practical," said the Giving Back Fund. It plans to disclose the final total of all donations, which include support from star quarterbacks Tom Brady and Russell Wilson. As a fiscal sponsor for the donations, The Giving Back Fund is compensated for collecting the funds. The University of Cincinnati Medical Center did not respond to a request for comment.

Hamlin's injury and recovery have created a boomerang of solidarity within the football community with fans donating, players honoring him and Hamlin tweeting appreciation back at all of them.

The largest public donation to Hamlin's GoFundMe as of Tues-

day was \$33,333 from the Staten Island, New York-based ADCO Electrical Corp. Owner Gina Addeo didn't want to give an interview, but the donation itself shows support — repeating Hamlin's jersey number five times.

Similarly, Carl Fochler decided on a donation of \$25,003 on behalf of the sustainable laundry company Sheets Laundry Club he co-owns. He stayed up late the night of Hamlin's injury waiting for an update on his health. The next morning, he logged on looking for news and saw a link to a video of Hamlin talking about his fundraising for kids.

"I just knew right then it's something we had to do," he said, after talking with his business partner.

Fochler said he was born in Buffalo and adopted at six weeks old, adding another reason, besides being a die-hard Bills fan, to donate to Hamlin's work to give children hope.

"I know how lucky or unlucky you can be. Paths can change quickly," Fochler said.

Anna Isaacson, the NFL's senior vice president of social responsibility, was watching the donations roll in, even as Hamlin's health remained the priority. She began reaching out to "make sure that we all

surrounded Damar and his family with the resources to really take on this massive project, which is going to be millions of dollars worth of contributions back to youth in the community."

The league's Player Health & Safety team is already reviewing their practices and policies following Hamlin's injuries, which Isaacson said was part of their responsibility.

"People are watching our games and we have fans all over the country. And with that comes a responsibility to give back and to use these moments, often tough moments in time, and challenges to impact our society for the better," she said.

Fochler hopes the Bills make it to the Super Bowl, a dream for him and many fans. Asked how he was making sense of a moment with so many emotions mixed together — of watching a terrible injury and then the rebound of generosity, he said Damar had already made sense of it for him.

Pointing to a tweet where Hamlin wrote that he'd rather be running out of the tunnel at the start of the game with his teammates but, he said instead, "God Using Me In A Different Way Today."