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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

CROSS COUNTRY

■ Gilmour senior stalwart Bekka Simko rolled to the Division III girls title at the **Edgewater Park District**, recording a time of 19 minutes, 42 seconds, good for a margin of victory of 39 seconds over runner-up Jamie Lombardo of Trinity. Berkshire's Alex Bowers was third in 20:42, and the Hawken duo of Ally Markovich and Mackenzie Harris were fourth and fifth, respectively.

The Badgers won the team title with 47 points, with Noelle Jurcak backing Bowers with a sixth-place finish in 20:58.

Gilmour's Bart Merkel won the Division III boys race in 15:56, good for a six-second margin of victory over Independence's Ryan Polman. The Lancers were second as a team with 57 points.



Simko



Merkel

GIRLS GOLF

■ Kenston's Nikki Henry carded a 78 at Ohio State's Gray Course to finish in a tie for 10th at the **Division I state tournament**. Henry was five shots off the pace of state champion Tiana Jones of Alliance.

BOYS GOLF

■ Chardon's Holden Pahr shot an 81 to finish in a tie for 25th at the **Division I state tournament**. Pahr bounced back from a 43 on the front nine to card a 38 in his final nine holes.

TENNIS

■ Kenston's Victoria and Mandy Marchant and Mayfield's Mitsuki Fukamachi and Joy Warner bowed out in first-round matches at the **Division I state tournament**. The Marchants fell in three sets to West Chester Lakota West's Ashleigh Witte and Tori Turner.

■ Gilmour's Ali Althans and Chagrin Falls' Emily Mazzola each won their first-round matches but were eliminated in the second round of the **Division II state tournament**. In doubles competition, Hawken's Taylor Johnson and Surya Khadlikar and Chagrin Falls' Anna Benson and Erica Leone took a similar route to their area singles counterparts, winning in the first round but bowing out in the second.



M. Marchant

FOOTBALL

■ Gilmour picked up its second win of the fall, getting two returns for touchdowns in a 28-7 over nonconference foe John Adams. After taking a 2-0 lead into halftime on a second-quarter safety, the Lancers (2-7) took control with 20 points in the third quarter. Ricky Layton returned a fumble 53 yards for a score, Zach Buehner had a 47-yard TD run and Sam Handy contributed an eight-yard punt return. John Harper rounded out the scoring with a 1-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

VOLLEYBALL

■ Ledgesmont bowed out in a Division IV sectional final, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21, 26-24, to **Windham**. Stephanie Ziegler paced the Redskins (13-10) with 16 points and 30 digs.

— Staff reports

