

Darien Players in Greens Farms Academy Sports Dispatches: Oct 23

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It was Homecoming Week at Greens Farms Academy and the Dragons capped it off with four victories in five varsity outings.

— *an announcement from Greens Farms Academy*

Here's a rundown of how the entire week went for the Dragons:

BOYS SOCCER

The Dragons saw their five-game winning snapped at the hands of league rival St. Luke's on Tuesday.

After GFA dominated the possession game for the first 30-plus minutes, giving the Storm just a few rushes on goal, the Dragons saw two defensive miscommunications within minutes of each other turn into a 2-0 St. Luke's lead.

The Dragons cut that lead in half just minutes later though when a Henry McDonald (Westport) cross found the foot of Ethan Lior (Fairfield), who got off a shot and scored to make it 2-1.

By the time the first half was over, however, St. Luke's would score again to take a 3-1 lead into intermission.

In the second half, the lone goal came off the foot of GFA's McDonald, who got the Dragons within a goal with 2:02 left.

Despite one last-gasp effort by Charles Kolin (Greenwich), which just missed its mark, GFA couldn't find the equalizer.

Max Yates (Fairfield) made five saves for GFA.

The Dragons eked out a 2-1 win over Wooster School on Thursday.

McDonald and Scott Yenor (Greenwich) scored goals for GFA while **Aidan Murphy (Darien)** and Will Whelan (Fairfield) had assists.

Yates made five saves.

GFA outshot Wooster 16-8.

Yates penalty kick save late in the second half preserved a lead and the host GFA Dragons scored again even later to post a 5-3 win over King on Saturday at Homecoming.

Lior scored twice and added an assist to pace the GFA offense, which led at the half by a 3-2 score.

Josh Kitt (Norwalk) added a goal and an assist while McDonald and Kolin also found the back of the net for GFA.

Whelan, Jack Seegers (Stamford) and Tyler Bierman (Bridgeport) also had assists for the Dragons.

Yates made five saves, but none bigger than his PK top in the late going.

GIRLS SOCCER

Elyse Kimball (Westport) scored three goals and Lauren Lior (Fairfield) added two goals and an assist as GFA defeated Wooster 6-1 in Danbury on Tuesday. Georgia Grabowski

(Stratford) scored her third career goal for GFA while Clare Foley (Southport) notched an assist.

Lane Murphy (Darien) had three saves while Marygrace Dellisanti (Wilton) had two as they combined duties in goal.

Murphy made 16 saves and shutout the Gators over the course of the second half, but still GFA fell on the road to Greenwich Academy on Thursday.

The Dragons were limited to just three shots--one each by Kimball, Lior and Ava McCormick (Westport).

The girls bounced back to get a Homecoming Saturday off to a great start with a 3-1 win over King.

Lior, Ryan Boyle (Southport) and Elyse Kimball scored the goals for GFA while McCormick and Emma Smith (Southport) were credited with assists.

Murphy made six saves in the game.

FIELD HOCKEY

Zoe Koskinas (Fairfield) had two goals and two assists to lead Greens Farms Academy to a 5-0 shutout of King during Saturday's Homecoming game.

Keely O'Shea (Darien), Caroline Cooper (Westport) and Laci Raveis (Fairfield) had the other goals for GFA, which led 3-0 at the half.

O'Shea also had an assist.

Nikki Farber (Westport) made the only save she needed to in order to record her sixth shutout of the season.

The Dragons are now 9-2.

VOLLEYBALL

The Dragons rolled to a 25-15, 25-10, 25-15 win over Canterbury School on Wednesday.

GFA had 21 kills in the game, balanced out among five different players. Sammy Freeman's (Shelton) 7 led the charge while Madison Gordon (Stratford) had five and Cayla Bernstein (Norwalk) four more.

Freeman also had five blocks while Gordon had three. Meg Nesi (Fairfield) had 11 assists while Tess McCormick (Westport) had five aces and Jemma Siegal (Westport) added four more.

In a match that was much closer than the final score indicated, the GFA Dragons fell to league power King 25-13, 25-21, 25-23 on Saturday inside the Coyle Gymnasium.

Bernstein had six kills for GFA while **Ava Ewing (Darien)** had five. Nesi notched 15 assists for the day while GFA's front line blocked the taller King squad a total of 17 times Freeman had seven of those denials while Gordon had four and Ewing turned away three.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Greens Farms Academy cross country dominated both ends of its Homecoming meet against King and Christian Heritage on Saturday.

The girls team put five runners into the top six slots to score just 17 points to best King (47) and CHS (56) while the boys put all five scorers in the top 10 to score 25 points. Christian Heritage was second with 44 points with King finishing with 51.

Caroline McCall (Westport) won the girls race in 19:29 with Georgia Palmgren (Fairfield) coming in second at 20:37 and Grace Horton (Fairfield) third in 20:38. **Paige Parisi (Darien)** was fifth in 23:19, Katie Gabriele (Westport) was sixth in 23:26 and Kaitlin Reed (Southport) was eighth in 25:03.

In the boys meet, Larson Palmgren (Fairfield) placed second in 17:04. Thomas Prendergast (Westport) was fourth in 17:45 with Sam McDonald (Stamford, 18:10), **Owen Minson (Darien, 18:24)** and **Conor Minson (Darien, 18:30)** placing sixth, seventh and ninth, respectively.