



# SPARTAN SPORTS UPDATE

## Unfinished Business vs. KIPP = 6 Point Defeat



### Officials Call Game due to Lightning

Friday Night's home opener for the Spartans was definitely a strange one. The Spartans (0-1) welcomed the Warriors of KIPP Academy for what would be a pretty good matchup. It was a back-and-forth battle for through three quarters. Both teams defenses were the pillars. After a three and out by the North Springs offense, our defense would bend but not break. After holding KIPP's offense to a field goal attempt, **Antonio Suarez** would get through the line to block the kick which was recovered by the Spartans. The next sequences would be three and outs for both teams. On the next offensive possession, QB **Rees Viersen** would complete three pass to **Jalen Delaney**, **Nick Keou**, and **Vegas Hayden** to place the Spartans first and goal at the 1-yard line. On the next play an uncostly fumble would stifle the scoring opportunity. Suarez would again come up big for the defense pinning the Warrior ball carrier in the end zone for a safety and a 2-0 lead. Both offenses would be pretty quiet for the next few possessions, until Viersen connected with

Hayden on 18 and 15-yard passes. Then Keou would make a catch to place the Spartans at the 10. Penalties would back the Spartans up, but Viersen would connect on a 31-yard field goal. The Spartans would enter the half with a 5-0 lead. North Springs would start the second half with a bloop kick that was recovered by the Spartans at the Warrior 30-yard line. The offense stalled again. The defense would do its job again, when **Jahvon Millard** intercepted a Warrior pass at the Spartan 12. A few plays later, the Warriors picked off a Viersen pass which led to a couple of explosive runs and a Warrior TD, to put them ahead 6-5. A couple series later, **Terry Moore** would intercept a Warrior pass and return it to the 15-yard line. A Viersen to Cortez Roberts pass was short of the first down marker, which led to second Viersen field goal to put the Spartans back in front 8-6 late in the third. The rest of the third seemed to belong to KIPP. KIPP scored on a touchdown run and converted on a two point conversion to go ahead 14-8 with seconds left in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thunderstorms quickly moved into the area sending the game into a 55-minute delay. Ultimately, having the officials to call the game.

### Softball Splits with Walton and Lithia Springs

Our Spartan's Softball Team (6-5) split games this past week, losing to Walton 10-2, but bouncing back with a 2-0 shutout vs. region opponent Lithia Springs. **Jessie Deyo** and **China Wright** both had RBIs in the loss to Walton. The Lady Spartans scored two runs in the first inning vs. Lithia Springs and played great defense to preserve the shutout for pitcher **Sophie Laupus**. The team host Grady tomorrow night in a Region 6 game.

### Volleyball Showing Improvement

Lady Spartan Volleyball team (0-4) hosted North Atlanta HS and Sprayberry HS on Tuesday. The girls fell to N. Atlanta in two sets 25-17 and 25-20. Against Sprayberry, the girls fell 25-9 in the first game, but bounced back to win the second 25-22. The Lady Spartans fell 25-16 in a hard-fought third game. JV Blue got their first win of the season on Wednesday, defeating Marietta 25-6; 25-14. All teams travel to Centennial tomorrow.

### Water Polo tops Wesleyan

On Tuesday, Water Polo defeated Wesleyan 6-5. Goalie **Charley Plumly** had 12 saves to keep the Spartans in the game. **Jake Rubin (3)**, **Kevin Hopper (2)**, and **Reed Carlson (1)** all scored goals.

### Cross Country Competes at Saucony Battle of Atlanta

Girls and Boys Cross Country teams traveled to Hampton, GA for the Saucony Battle of Atlanta. **Sophia Charanis (21:29.38)** led the girls. **David Glass (18:31.65)** led the boys.



## Girls Track honored with State Championship Rings

Friday night at halftime of the football game, we took a few minutes to honor our 2016 State Champion Girls Track Team and their coaches **Patty Carroll** and **Antonio McKay**. These girls are the two-time defending GHSA State Champions. The 4x400 meter relay team currently holds the nation's top time as well as the fastest time in Georgia history. Congratulations Ladies!!!

### **This Week's Events 8/22-8/27**

**8/30** – JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Centennial 5pm  
**Softball vs. Grady 5:55pm**

**8/31** – Softball @ Chamblee 5:30pm

**9/1** – Varsity Volleyball @ Kennesaw Mt. /Pope (at Kennesaw Mt.) 5pm  
**JV Volleyball vs. Northview 5:30pm**  
**JV Football vs. Centennial 6pm**  
Freshman Football @ Centennial 6pm

**9/2** – Varsity Football vs. Towers HS 7:30pm

**9/3** – Cross Country @ Berry College Clara Bowl 8am (Berry College, Rome, GA)

**\*Home events in bold**

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