



SPARTAN SPORTS UPDATE

Football Races past Towers



By David King

Spartan quarterback **Rees Viersen** orchestrated a North Springs flying circus that produced five touchdown passes in route to a convincing 34-18 home win over the Towers Titans. **Coach Daniel Devine's** team delivered a strong performance on offense, defense, and special teams. Towers started strong, with a long pass and subsequent TD jump-ball pass to a tall, high-leaping receiver on the drive. After an unsuccessful opening drive, the Spartans defense led by **Tahmaj Faust** and **Nate Hardin** stopped Towers at the Spartan 32. The second quarter started with fireworks, as QB **Rees Viersen** hit a streaking **Vegas Hayden** on a right fly pattern for a 73-yard touchdown and 6-6 tie. A later Spartan fumble gave Towers a short field from which they scored using a screen pass for a 12-6 lead. The next Spartan drive illustrated their passing versatility with Viersen completions to **Justin Ruiz**, two to **Josh Vinson**, to **Jalen Delaney**, and a TD pass to **Cortez Roberts**. A high snap on the PAT forced holder **Vegas Hayden** to scramble and throw a perfect pass to wide open **Nick Keou** for 2 points. Towers appeared ready to retake the lead before half after another long pass to the jump ball specialist. At the NS 6, the Titans handed the ball to a huge lineman to power into the end zone; however, a crushing hit from

linebacker **Nate Hardin** forced a fumble recovered by **Jalen Willingham**. **Viersen's** arm did not cool off during halftime. In a deja vu moment on the opening 3rd quarter series, he hit Hayden for a 62-yard fly pattern TD and 21-12 lead. **Amir Atwood**, **TJ Faust**, and **Hardin** made strong defensive plays on the next series, which ended with a fumble recovery at the Spartan 17. Viersen decided to spread the wealth by throwing to speedy **Cortez Roberts**, who raced down the right sideline for a 65-yard touchdown. **Zahzee White**, **Antonio Suarez**, **Willingham**, and **Hardin** defensive plays led to a Towers punt. North Springs drove 63 yards before a high snap from shotgun formation gave up a fumble early in the 4th quarter. **Atwood**, **Suarez**, and **Hardin** ended the next Titan drive. Having scored with so many quick strikes, the Spartans decided to "feed the beast" by handing the ball to strong senior back **Justin Ruiz** for five consecutive nice carries. **Viersen** then hit **Cortez Roberts** for a 27-yard touchdown and 34-12 lead with 5 minutes left. A late Titan score in mop-up time produced the final 34-18 margin. North Springs next hits the field September 16th at Decatur High for the first Region 6 match-up of the season.

Water Polo Tops Wesleyan

The Water Polo team beat Wesleyan for the second time this season, winning 10-7 on Thursday night. The team is now 6-1 on the year and in second place in our division. Goals in Thursday night's game were scored by **Kevin Hopper (6)**, **Jake Rubin (2)**, **Reed Carlson (1)**, and **John Cleveland (1)**. **Charley Plumly** had seven saves in goal as well. Our next game is Sunday, September 18, at 2PM at the Mountain View Aquatic Center where we will take on the #1 team in our division, Wheeler.

Softball begins Region Play with win over Grady

The **Lady Spartans Softball Team (8-6; 2-0)** got their first Region 6 win over Grady HS on Tuesday, 17-2. **Sophie Laupus**, **Mia Schwartz**, **Jessica Hopper**, **Caroline Bernstein**, and **Chyna Wright** all had hits. The team suffered an 11-3 loss to Chamblee and a 2-0 loss to Kennesaw Mountain to end the week.

Cross Country has great showing at Berry

Girls and Boys Cross Country both won the open race at Berry College this weekend. **Josh Patton**, **Jordan Lewis**, **Sophia Charanis** and **Katie Alexander** all finished top ten.

This Week's Events 9/6 – 9/10

9/6 – **Volleyball vs. Riverwood/Pebblebrook 5PM**

Softball vs. Banneker 5:55pm

9/7 – **Softball vs. Centennial 5:55PM**

JV Volleyball @ Fellowship Christian 6PM

9/8 – **Softball @ Carver 6PM**

V. **Volleyball @ Blessed Trinity 6PM**

JV Football @ Pope 6PM

Freshman Football vs. Pope 6PM

9/10 – **Cross Country @ Covered Bridge Run (Roswell, GA)**

***Home events in bold print**

Athletic Announcements

- There will be a Boys Lacrosse Parent meeting on September 20th at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

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