



THE YARDMARKER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We have reached the half-way point of the season and we have 2 undefeated squads. The Junior Varsity and Varsity squads continue to roll, both posting impressive wins over a very tough Taylor Cobra team.

The Freshman played very hard in what was a tough loss. They were matched up against a veteran Taylor team that was substantially bigger than our boys. It all comes down to 1 or 2 plays each game and their team came up with a nice catch at the end of the half that proved to be a game changer. Despite the size difference, our kids did not back down. I am very proud of the way they are playing. They are starting to come together and I still believe we can have a great season. Hang in there boys, we are turning the corner.

Junior Varsity is running on all cylinders. The coaching staff is doing a great job exploiting their talent. I was especially impressed by the defense. Taylor has one of the best running backs in the league but our boys kept him bottled up all day. Keep it up boys.

I have to tell you, I love watching the Varsity squad. They are something to see. If you have not watched a Varsity game I suggest you stick around just to witness the kickoff. This is a special team and the coaching staff has really done a great job.

Once again I was impressed with the number of fans in the stands, especially for an away game. We out-numbered the fans for the home team and they can't feel real good about that. Thank you for your support.

You have to appreciate the effort that the cheerleaders put forth every week. I was watching them during the Junior Varsity game from under my umbrella. It was raining pretty hard at the time and they continued to cheer just as loud as ever. Great job, girls.

This week we host Dearborn Silver. I expect the same result as the last home game we hosted. Let's get another SWEEEEP this Saturday.

George Mrla
President, Grosse Ile Junior Devils Football



FOOTBALL & CHEER AWARDS BANQUET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009

TICKETS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT THIS WEEK'S HOME GAME. STOP BY THE TABLE AND GET YOURS!

“Speed, strength and the inability to register pain immediately.”

-Reggie Williams, when asked his greatest assets as a football player.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Grosse Ile Jr Devils Varsity team moved to 4-0 with a 26-18 win over the Taylor Cobras. Although a win is a win, our team's performance was not where it should have been and that includes my coaching job. It was not the best I could give.

So we move on, correcting our mistakes and preparing for Dearborn Silver to come to the Island this Saturday. Our team will be better prepared and will need to show ALL what they are capable of against Dearborn.

Cheerleaders - GREAT JOB! Parents, I thank you again and we will give you 100 Percent effort this Saturday.

Fire-up Big Red!

Coach Woods

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JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Grosse Ile Junior Varsity improved their record to 4-0 this weekend after a hard fought 16-6 victory over a very good Taylor Cobras team. This was a very important victory for us. Many of the key players from the Cobras played on the Riverview team that we beat in the Peanut Bowl two years ago. This victory essentially knocks the Cobras out of the playoffs.

The defense was outstanding. We held two of the best running backs in the league to 6 points. Coach Nitzkorski preached pursuit this week and that is exactly what we did. We did an outstanding job of gang tackling. Loren Sauve and Hunter Johns played very well at linebacker and made several key plays. Zack Townley had the hit of the year at a key time in the game that shut down the best player on the Cobras. Neil Smorch and Avery Doyle kept everything inside and prevented the big play. Holden Green came up with a huge fumble recovery late in the game.

The offense was led by Neil Smorch, who continues to mature at the QB position. Great players make key plays in big games and that is what our backs did this week. Hunter Johns broke a 50 yard run to set up the opening score. Tim Beach made two exceptional catches at key times during the game. Neil Smorch scored both of our touchdowns and Avery Doyle ran hard to pick up two first downs to ice the game for Grosse Ile. The line was strong. Christian Short played his best game of the year. Townley made every snap despite the weather and Vega knocked his man all over the field.

Tim Beach continues to be a strong weapon for our team. His ability to make the extra point kick is unmatched in our league. The kickoff coverage was strong this week. We did not allow the big play.

The Cheerleaders were loud and kept the players excited throughout the game. The half time cheer is really coming along. You have made a tremendous improvement since the first day and should be very proud of what you have accomplished. The crowd was in full force despite the weather. It amazed me how many people could fit under two tents in the stands. You people must really like each other.

The best part of the weekend and the season was watching Aaron Blanz play his first game in two years. He not only played, he excelled. The coaches are very proud of you, Aaron. Your heart and tenacity is an example for all of us.

We play Dearborn Silver this weekend. They won the Peanut Bowl in the lower division last year. They run a lot of misdirection and will direct snap to the backs. They do a good job of hiding the ball. We must contain and do our job. Do not overlook this team. They are a tough defensive team and points will be at a premium this week.

Fire Up Big Red!
Coach Mrla

“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.”

- Jim Rohn, motivational speaker

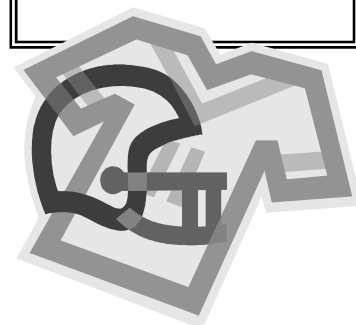
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 JACKETS NOW**

AVAILABLE!

**YOUTH & ADULT
 SIZES**

**MAKES A GREAT
 CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

SEE NICOLE!



YEARBOOK

TIME

2009 Grosse Ile Junior Devils Yearbooks will be made available again this year. The yearbooks, which are complimentary, will be distributed to every football player and cheerleader at the annual banquet. The yearbook makes a great keepsake of the season.

Personal Ads:

Spirit Quote	\$ 8.00
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FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Too often it seems our few fundamental breakdowns come back to haunt us in the worst way. We aren't making many mistakes, but our opponents are certainly capitalizing on those that we do. When I reflect on the Taylor game, it seems the difference in the outcome of the game came down to a handful of plays. I really do commend these players for fighting as hard as they did the entire game. The team played hard, but Taylor was just a little bit bigger than us and we just wore down.

We need, as a team, to understand that the typical football game involves as much as 144 individual plays. Never will the winning team win every play – they may actually only win a little more than half. As players, you have to be mentally tough. If you make a mistake, have a short memory and don't let it happen again. Crying or allowing it to affect your play further is the worst thing you can do. Nobody is perfect, but the players that remain focused on the ultimate goal usually succeed.

We will continue to work as hard as possible. This is a good team and I truly feel we can play with anyone. We have been competitive in every one of our games. We are going to win football games because we are willing to outwork others. As part of this staff, I know we will continue to do the things that are necessary to get our boys winning games. We will continue to get better every practice and every game.

Dearborn Silver thinks they're hot. They believe that they can rough us up and shove us around. We will be fully prepared to hand them a loss on Saturday.

I would like to thank all of you for showing such great support for this team.

Coach Cam

GAME SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time/Game Order</u>
September 12*	Huron River	Home	11:00 F-JV-V L-W-W
September 19	River Rouge	River Rouge HS	11:00 F-JV-V L-W-W
September 26	Dearborn Blue	Home	11:00 F-JV-V W-W-W
October 3	Taylor	Kennedy HS	12:00 V-F-JV W-L-W
October 10	Dearborn Silver	Home	11:00 F-JV-V
October 17	Dearborn Heights	Away - TBD	11:00 F-JV-V
October 24	Wyandotte	Home	11:00 F-JV-V
October 31	Woodhaven	Woodhaven HS	11:00 F-JV-V
November 7	TBD	Playoff	TBD
November 14	TBD	Peanut Bowl	TBD



Flying is the
second best thrill
to a cheerleader:
being caught is
the first.



VARSITY CHEER

We are loving the new cheers! The crowd was awesome this week! Way to get them to respond! Good Job cheering through the cold, wind and rain! The halftime was fabulous and we are so very proud of you girls for all of your hard work on the dance & cheer both.

Keep up the hard work and focus this week girls. This all leads up to the competition and anyone who cheered last year knows that it's so worth it!

You can wear layers under your warm ups to games if you need to and you can wear headbands to cover your ears when it's cold like it was on Saturday. Please try to use red, grey or white so they match our uniforms! When we wear our warm ups you don't have to wear your skirt, but always keep it in your bag just in case (spankies too). Layer your clothes at practice. We are outside until further notice, so keep that in mind when getting ready. Remember no hoods, kangaroo pockets, buttons or zippers - we are working on stunts and these types of clothing are not allowed.

Go Varsity!

Kate, Emily & Sandi

JV CHEER

What an awesome game on Saturday, It was cold and raining but you girls did a great job! Congratulations to Katy for winning the spirit bear this week; you were loud and smiled even when it was nasty.

The competition cheer and dance is coming along nicely. I need the girls to dress for the weather. Sometimes we are in the school but we will mostly be outside, so dress warm and in layers.

Let's Go Big Red!
Coach Alex & Coach Kim

FRESHMAN CHEER

Great job at the game; you were a lot of fun and got the crowd to participate, that is what cheerleading is all about, lead in cheers!!!

Attendance for practice is very important for the rest of the football season, we are moving rapidly through the cheers and dance portion for competition, so everyone must be there. Please do not wear hoodies, zippers or kangaroo pockets on your shirts and no pockets or strings on their pants; we cannot do stunts if they are wearing such clothing. Practice is getting harder, keep up the good work.

Parents please try to make it to the event for Aaron Blanzly on October 16th, it is very important to support one of our fellow teammates.

Go Devils!
Coach Laura Zajac

GET TO KNOW...

FRESHMAN CHEER COACH LAURA ZAJAC

Do have cheering experience?

I was a junior coach in my younger days.

How long have you been coaching and how did you get involved with GIYRA?

This is my first year coaching. We were looking for a place for our daughter Mary to cheer and Ronnie Lako said "come to GIYRA, you will love it", and he was right. When I heard that Sandy Shores was looking for a coach for Freshman Cheer, I told her I would do it.

What is your overall philosophy as a coach (style, priorities)?

I let every person on the team know that they play a very important role and that we should have fun while we are working hard.

What skills are essential to being a good coach?

Passion for the game and looking at each player as an individual.

What do you enjoy most about coaching?

The kids are so darn cute and meeting new little personalities is a lot of fun.

Describe your coaching strategies and how you prepare for both practice and game day.

I look at each team player individually and look to see where we can use them within the Team. I tell the girls that the most important part of practice is the workout beforehand; they need to stretch and warm up before we practice our stunts.

What's the hardest thing about coaching kids at this level/age?

The hardest thing is their sensitivity, they do not take criticism very well, and we have to be careful how we use our words.

How do you evaluate cheerleaders?

I evaluate them based on how hard they practice.

How do you choose captains?

I look for the person who practices the hardest and who helps others out.

How do you motivate your athletes?

We constantly remind them of the reward of being at the games and cheering for GIYRA football players!

What do you do in the off-season to make you a better cheer coach?

Rest.

What can parents do to make your job as coach easier?

Make sure the girls arrive for practice on time and are there every day. And listen to their daughters cheering because there are cheers that we do that need crowd response!

This is the volunteer schedule for Saturday, October 10^h. Please see Char Haener at the field (JV Football) or call (734) 552-8611 if you have not signed up for all five of your commitments. It is very important to arrive on time (see the Volunteer Job Descriptions or talk to Char for details) so that everyone can watch his or her child play or cheer. **Please sign in and out in the concession stand so that you receive credit for working.**

JOB	VOLUNTEERS		
PRE-GAME			
Field Setup (full)	Stroia (Devon)	Reich	Bixler
Concession/Grill Setup (full)	Ernst	Test	Dishon
	Bammer	Livernois	
11:00 FRESHMAN GAME			
Announcer (full)	Morey		
Scoreboard (full)	Vega	Holmes	
Spotter (full)	Donahue		
50/50 (full)	Blackburn	McNeil	
Chain Gang (full)	Klarr	Carrico	DeRossett
Concession Stand (need 1)	Tylutki	Crowell	Green
	Livernois	Yops	
Grill (full)	Garner	Garner	
Merchandise (full)	Hoffman		
1:00 JV GAME			
Announcer (full)	Paul Townley		
Scoreboard (full)	Holmes	Stroia (Nick)	
Spotter (full)	Claxon		
50/50 (full)	Prentice	Chessrown	
Chain Gang (full3)	Stoddart	Prentice	Thompson
Concession Stand (need 1)	Stoddart	Jones	McKee (Grodi)
	Zochowski	Bitner	
Grill (full)	Reeves	Reeves	
Merchandise (full)	Self		
Field Cleanup (full)	Grieve		

3:00 VARSITY GAME			
Announcer (full)	Estrada		
Scoreboard (need 1)	Baker		
Spotter (full)	Martinelli		
50/50 (full)	Zochowski	Boardman	
Chain Gang (full)	Holden	Zochowski	Bitner
Concession Stand (need 3)	Doyle	Beach	
	Davis		
Grill (full)	Tolot	Tolot	
Merchandise (full)	Self		
POST GAME			
Concession Cleanup (full)	Swamy	Cisco	Gugliemetti
	Force (Kelly)		
Field Breakdown (need 3)	Thompson		
	Swamy		

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

CARLSON HIGH SCHOOL