

COMING FRIDAY: In-depth coverage of the Bobcats' dominating night at home on Wednesday and a look ahead to their tournament travels this weekend.

Bobcats score 14 pins in tri-match win

Match by match

BHS 66, STALL 15

- 103 pounds: John Porst wins by forfeit.
- 112: Chris Nicolosi wins by forfeit.
- 119: Josh Wetmore wins by pin in the first period.
- 125: Austin Tosky wins by forfeit.
- 130: Mike Wetmore lost by pin in the first period.
- 135: Ryan Koons wins by pin in the first period.
- 140: Ricky Peavey wins by pin 27 seconds into the first period.
- 145: Jordan McDonnell wins by pin in the second period.
- 152: Nick Shappee wins by forfeit.
- 160: Tyler Rosenlieb wins by forfeit.
- 171: Andrew Dean lost by pin in the first period.
- 189: Jason Rainboth wins by pin in the first period.
- 215: Troy Dolin lost by points, 7-5.
- 285: Stephen Scott wins by pin in the second period.

Wrestler of the match

JORDAN McDONNELL



The junior is wrestling for the first time this season. Against Stall, he looked overmatched at

first, falling behind 4-0 in points in the first period. But McDonnell came back to take leads of 5-4 and 7-6 before recording the pin halfway through the second period. On a night full of easy wins, this was a hard fought pin.



▲ **Ryan Koons won his match against a Bamberg-Ehrhardt opponent Wednesday.**



► **Chris Nicolosi won his match against Bamberg-Ehrhardt's David Wilson on Wednesday with a pin.**



► **Trey Jarosz got a leg to the face Wednesday night, but won his match against a Bamberg-Ehrhardt opponent with a pin.**

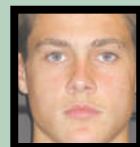
Match by match

BHS 57, BAMBERG-EHRHARDT 16

- 103: John Porst wins by pin in first period
- 112: No match.
- 119: Chris Nicolosi wins by pin in first period.
- 125: Austin Tosky wins by 15-0 technical fall.
- 130: Mike Wetmore loses major decision, 12-1
- 135: Trey Jarosz wins by pin in second period.
- 140: Ryan Koons wins by 16-8 major decision.
- 145: Ricky Peavey wins by pin 29 seconds into first period.
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Wrestler of the match

RICKY PEAVEY



Peavey

Ryan Koons moved up to 140 to defeat B-E's Laquin Nimmons, who came in to the match

with a 9-1 record. But it's hard to look away from a guy who won by pin in 27 seconds against Stall and came back to win by pin in 29 seconds against Bamberg-Ehrhardt.

NOMINATE SOMEONE
If you know a Bluffton athlete whose abilities have them reaching for B-town's athletic summit, let us know. Contact **Tim Wood** at tim.wood@blufftontoday.com or call 815-0830



Jansen Hamilton, BHS boys' basketball

The Bobcats went 3-1 in four games this week, and Hamilton had at least 20 points and 14 rebounds in every game. Even when he is in foul trouble, the senior center finds a way to tone down his game just enough so that he doesn't damage the team mojo. Tracy McGrady is definitely right when he says, "It takes five, baby." But without Hamilton at the core of BHS' lineup, we're looking at a probable flip-flop of their 5-1 record. He's just that important.



Kenya McCarthan, BHS girls' basketball

As needed as she was in the Lady Bobcats' three wins this week, the senior guard's importance was truly felt when she missed a game due to dizziness and BHS lost its first and only game of the year. McCarthan averaged 19 points in her three games this week as Bluffton improved to 5-1. Even more impressive, she grabbed 10 boards and scored 15 of her 20 points in the second half on Tuesday in a close road win at South Effingham.



Davis Rosenblum, Bluffton PALS Soccer All Stars

If you looked at the defensive star of the repeat 9- and 10-year-old state champion soccer team, you might think he belongs more in "Home Alone" than on King of the Mountain. Yes, at just 10, he has the Hollywood looks to go with a keen eye for the ball on the soccer field. Teammates all pointed to his stone-wall sweeper play as the key element of their latest state championship run.



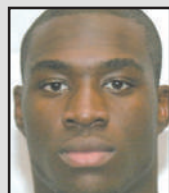
Nick Shappee, BHS wrestling

If not for one hiccup in North Myrtle Beach, the senior wrestler would have come out of last weekend with a perfect record still intact three weeks in to the '06-'07 high school wrestling season. Shappee lost in the semifinals at 152 at the Outback Steakhouse Classic, but went on to take third place on a pin to finish with a 6-1 record – including a win over the wrestler who defeated him in last year's state semis.

King of the Mountain

It's always good to be The King, and now there are even more perks. Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Pub in Berkeley Place has teamed up with BT to celebrate the best youth sports performances of the week. Each week, BT's King will earn a free meal at Beef's, a specially designed T-shirt and a picture on Beef's King of the Mountain wall.

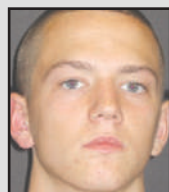
Honorable climbers



A.J. Kinlaw, BHS boys' basketball

In case you thought his first week of box scores were a fluke, the senior guard responded with four more double-digit scoring nights for BHS. Kinlaw scored 15 against Woodland, 12 at Estill, 12 at Jasper and 19 points to go with nine rebounds at South Effingham on Tuesday.

Most important, he has given the Bobcats a follow-up punch past Hamilton that has TKO'd five of six opponents.



Chris Nicolosi, BHS wrestling

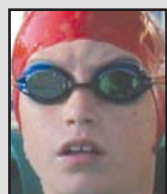
The senior is wrestling with a big competitive chip on his shoulder this season, coming to the mat everyday knowing he was robbed of a state championship at 112 pounds last season. Nicolosi has channeled the anger in to clutch wins for Bluffton thus far, the latest being a second-place finish at 112 this past weekend in North Myrtle Beach. He has proven to be a stabilizing force among a team full of less-experienced grapplers.



Saudia Collier, BHS girls' basketball

As a sophomore, she was the sixth-man threat for Bluffton who was singularly responsible for a lot of wins last season. After

an early-season bout with the flu, Collier got back to her heavy-lifting ways this week in back-to-back star turns over the weekend. She started with an 18-point, 12 rebound night against Estill and followed up with a 19-point, 12-board night against Jasper County.



Jake Minasi, Bluffton Fins Club Swimming

Coach Eric Kemeny's club swimming team is on the rise in Bluffton and this 10-year-old is one of the biggest reasons why. Minasi had a stellar performance at the team's recent meet in Columbia, winning the 100-meter backstroke in 1:16.75 and scoring 73 points in nine events for the Fins. He isn't the only future BHS star on the team, but he's definitely one of the brightest ones.

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