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Gilpin coach sees successful season ahead

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After the Gilpin Homecoming football game was canceled due to a last-minute forfeiture by Lake County, the Eagles were anxious to take the field on September 21 against the South Park Burros.

With only one game under their belt so far this season, following a long run by Ryan Marr in the first quarter, Drew Starkey found paydirt with a 1-yard plunge into the endzone. A successful 2-point conversion made the score 8-0. South Park answered with a touchdown of their own. With 1:08 remaining in the quarter, Vinnie Schoell connected with a 50-yard touchdown pass to Landon Church to bring the tally to 16-6 in favor of the Eagles.

Less than four minutes left in the second quarter, Gilpin struck again with a Mason Sechler rushing touchdown. The “thunder and lightning” tandem of Drew Starkey (thunder) and Ryan Marr (lightning) continued pounding the Burros; Marr scored on a wave sweep around the left side and Starkey added the conversion. Marr scored yet another touchdown on a 30-yard run with 2:11 remaining in the half. Both

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Eagles tame the Burros

Connor Holloway throws a block that springs Vinnie Schoell for a long gain against South Park.

Quality volleyball every year

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Year in and year out, no matter who the starting players may be, it's no accident that the Gilpin County Eagles always seem to put together a quality volleyball squad. Superb coaching along with multiple seasons of hard work and dedication on the part of the talented players make it so.

With a record of 3-3, on September 18 the Eagles faced the Bishop Machebeuf Buffaloes in a match that could shape the rest of their season. Having lost to them 0-3 last year, the girls were eager for redemption.

Coach “Topher” Rouse noted about the first set that “The girls came out strong and played aggressively. It was a clean game.” Gilpin won that set decisively by a score of 25-14.

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Gilpin vs. Bishop Machebeuf

Lizzie Westbrook returning serve during a hard-fought varsity home match.

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If those in attendance thought that the Buffaloes were going to surrender peacefully, they were mistaken. Showing grit and determination of their own, Bishop Machebeuf played their way to a 6-point lead. A timeout was called by the Eagles to regroup and discuss strategies. Whatever was

said on the sideline must have worked as Gilpin battled back to tie the score at 15 apiece. Every point hotly contested in a back-and-forth affair, the teams found themselves tied at 24-24. With the pressure on, Gilpin scored twice more to win 26-24. Coach Rouse observed that "The girls were tough and came through. Sometimes you have to win ugly."

The third set played out more like the first: with cohesiveness, very few unforced errors, and dominance at the net. 25-17 was the final score, wrapping up a 3-0 match victory.

Lizzie Westbrook, Makenzie Marr, and Elise Vincent received serve 14, 15, and 16 times respectively. Overhand hits by the opponent were dug 10 times by Makenzie Marr and 11 times by Elise Vincent. Serving percentages were typically high, with Annabelle Aloel, Faith Ramsey, Joie Sutton, Lizzie Westbrook, and Elise Vincent making major contributions. Elise Vincent and Jiselle Osteboe attacked the net relentlessly, and Joie Sutton was credited with 19 assists.

With no time to rest on their laurels, the Gilpin Eagles headed to Union Colony the very next night, achieving a 3-0 victory. The Eagles record now stands at 5-3 for the season.

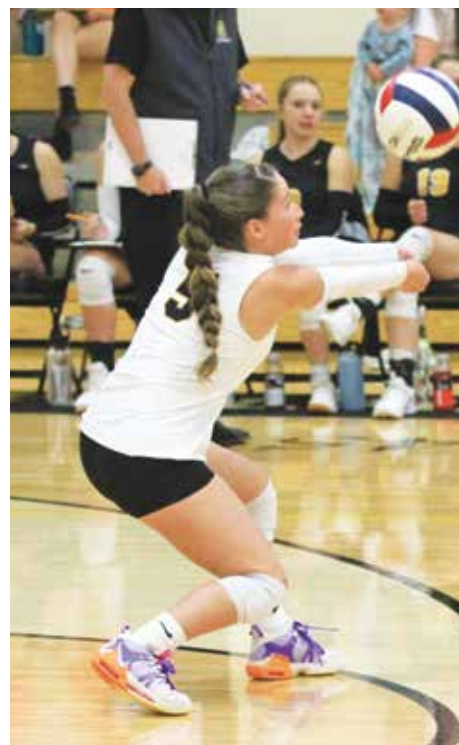


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A 3-0 victory

Left: Elise Vincent practicing her sets during warmup. Top, middle: Serving is one of Gilpin's strengths. Top, right: Jiselle Osteboe at the net. Bottom, right: Joie Sutton bumps the volleyball. Bottom, left: Makenzie Marr in action.



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