



Senior Carter Chatham returns a hit during his Bloomington North game. Chatham won a set despite the overall loss. Ava DelPriore photo



Seniors Seth McCauley and Isaac Apgar come together after a point. These two seniors played No. 1 doubles. Lillian Disney photo

Boys close season against CG

By Ronin Tharp
reporter

The boys tennis season ended with a loss to Center Grove in the first round of Sectionals.

“We might have lost, but it was against a very good Center Grove team, and I am not at all mad about how the season ended,” senior Carter Chatham, No. 1 singles, said.

Senior Arya Gokhale, JV No. 1 singles, wrapped up his last tennis season with a great year of tennis.

“I think the season went pretty well. We had a bunch of great matches like Franklin and Center Grove. It was a fun time,” Gokhale said.

Although he was trying to have a fun time during the season he was still trying to accomplish his goals.

“My goal for the season was just to try to learn the sport and try to get all of the basics down. The main thing I could have done to help the outcome of the season is to encourage my teammates more,” Gokhale said.

The team agreed that the season ended up going well.

“I think that we would all agree that we had a pretty good season. We definitely could have done better and worked harder, but overall I think it was a good year,” junior Thomas Satterfield, No. 2 doubles, said. “My goal was honestly just to make it on varsity and play as well as possible, and I think I played pretty good there.”

He still said he could have done a little more to prepare for the season.

“I feel like I could have done a little more during the summer just so I could have been more prepared,” Satterfield said.

Thomas was not the only junior leader on the team, there were many.

“I think the season went fine. It definitely could have been better, but I think we all had a pretty good time,” junior Aiden Walton, No. 2 doubles, said. “This year I really just wanted to get better at the basic things because it’s only my second year playing. I definitely met my goal, and I plan to continue to get better. I think most of us gave it our all and did the best we could have so I’m not upset about how we did.”

Gokhale is already looking toward next year.

“I hope we put the team in a good spot for the future. The JV guys have been looking up to me and the

seniors all year long,” he said.

The players tried to stay positive after a loss

“This year being my senior year, I really wanted to focus on having fun rather than getting down on myself when I didn’t get the outcome I wanted. When I lost, I used it as an opportunity to improve and better my mistakes. After a loss, I would really try and recognize what I did wrong so I could work with the coaches during practice and have a better outcome during next match,” senior Seth McCauley, No. 1 doubles, said.



Senior Nick Pruett returns the ball against Indian Creek. The Woodmen picked up a team victory. Lillian Disney photo

Woodmen Boys Tennis (11-11)

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| W Lawrence North | L Franklin Central |
| L Franklin | L Roncalli |
| W Martinsville | W Jennings County |
| L Mooresville | W Warren |
| L Bloomington N. | L Whiteland |
| W Decatur | L Plainfield |
| L Lebanon | W Speedway |
| W Delphi | W Lutheran |
| L Guerin Catholic | L Shelbyville |
| W Columbus East | L Center Grove |

Unified flag football athletes shine this season

By Kara Ennis
reporter

The Unified football team closed their season on Oct. 5 with a tough loss against Mooresville.

“Our season went well, especially since it was a lot of people’s first year on the team and playing,” junior Briana Miller said.

In August, athletes and partners attended a call-out meeting.

“I joined Unified because I wasn’t playing a fall sport and it seemed like a fun thing to do. It helped me build a lot of relationships, and it’s just a really fun time. We cheer everybody on, win or lose,” junior Eliana Anderson said.

The team faced many tough opponents this season, including Indian Creek. There, the team managed to pull out a victory. In fact, they won multiple games while having a good time playing with their teammates.

“Our biggest accomplishment was beating Indian Creek. We beat them by 20 points, and it was a really exciting and fun game,” Miller said.

On Oct. 2, the team took on Franklin. The final score was 52-47 with the Woodmen taking home the win.

“The game was really back and forth the whole time. We scored the most amount of points we have ever scored before. We all played well, and we all scored. We worked together, and our plays worked out,” junior Gillian Semmler said.

This year, the team faced a challenge in numbers, as there were not many students who came out to play.

“Our season went well, even though we don’t have a lot of athletes this year. We

loved having the athletes that were here, and everyone worked really hard,” Coach Rick Guipe said.

As the season went on, the partners and the athletes created strong bonds with each other and continued to push each other at practices and in games. The athletes and partners worked together well.

“My favorite part of coaching is seeing the kids interact with each other. It’s really nice to see the partners and the athletes working together and how much they like being around each other,” Coach Guipe said.

The supportive environment with the athletes, partners and coaches created a space for many memories to be made during their games and practices. Unified gave opportunities that might not be available to the Unified athletes otherwise.

“My favorite part of the season was having fun. My favorite memory was when we ran away from the bees together at our game,” senior Khup Thang said.

Unified also allowed for one-on-one relationships. The partners and athletes got to know each other through the season and build friendships.

“My favorite part of the season was getting to know everybody and getting to have fun with the team. My favorite memories are with Brendan Cunningham because he is so funny,” junior Zaire Gillis said.

The Unified members were not only teammates, they consider themselves to be friends off the field as well.

“The relationships that we have made with the athletes this year are some of the best we have had. They are all so sweet and so caring. We are all friends. There

is no drama on the team because we are all very close and we want to be there and play. If I see them in the hallway, I’ll wave to my friends,” Semmler said.



Sophomore Markus Craven runs the ball in for a Woodmen first down against Whiteland. His run positioned the Unified team just a few yards from the endzone. Paige Glynn photo