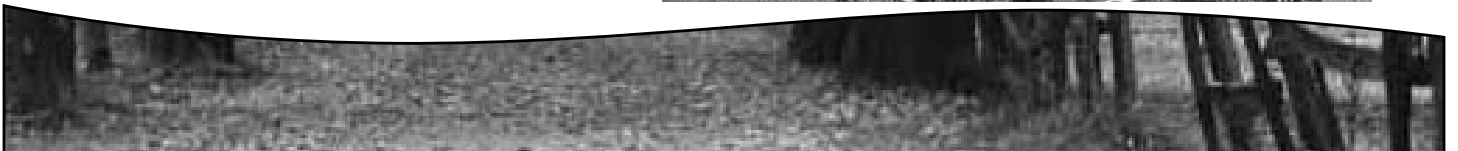


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Back with a bang Football's visual aspects appealing to deaf players.

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THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

This football team's offense starts not with a quarterback barking signals but with a team manager walloping a bass drum on the sideline.

The vibrations and low sound waves tell the center to snap the ball and his Ohio School for the Deaf teammates that it's in play. Some hear better than others, resulting in less than crisp timing as they fire off the ball. A few hear nothing at all and simply react when the others do.

This slight pause before action, however, is the only discernible difference between an Ohio Deaf football game and any other game. And in the end, neither the occasional sloppy play nor the final result — a 36-6 loss to the Columbus Crusaders freshman team on Sept. 13 — mattered much to the Spartans.

All that counted was that, for the first time in 44 years, the school had fielded a football team. Nineteen Ohio Deaf players, as well as three managers and three coaches, soaked in a grand experience that thousands across Ohio take for granted on Friday and Saturday nights this time of year.

"We have a long, long way to go toward being a good team and building the program we'd like to have," coach Bill Estes said, grinning. "But for the boys to be able to gain this wonderful

learning experience is worth waiting 44 years for."

Longtime Ohio Deaf teachers and administrators said the push to revive football began soon after the school dropped the sport. When Estes was hired as athletics director in 2002, the boys asked the school to replace soccer with football. Hastened by dwindling participation in soccer, Superintendent Ed Corbett approved football as a club sport for this season.

Ray Engebretson, an Ohio Deaf teacher for 34 years, understands why most of the school's 36 male students prefer football.

"Deaf people tend to be very visually oriented and football is particularly pleasing to the eye with the helmets, pads, marching bands and all the pageantry associated with it," he said. "Football also is very prominent on TV, and that adds to its appeal with the kids."

"Football is very different from other sports," Spartans senior Matt Ellison signed through an interpreter. "There's so many different feelings and emotions. There's tackling and hitting, and all the colors."

His brother, junior Chris Ellison, said football provides a healthy emotional outlet.

"Just like everybody else, we have a lot of stress in school and playing football lets you release it," he said. "It's a tough, physical sport. It also shows who's a man and who's not."

Estes, who also is deaf and previously coached at Alabama School for the

Deaf, has planned a tentative schedule of five games for his team of mostly first-year players. Except for the Crusaders, a club team of home-schooled and Christian-school players, all of Ohio Deaf's opponents will be out-of-state deaf schools.

"My goal is to evolve our football program to varsity level in our third year, but it may not happen for five," Estes said. "When we have enough boys to form a JV program, we probably would do it."

He's not as gung-ho about building a varsity program as he is about providing his students the same opportunities that other schools do.

"Football teaches our boys leadership and decision-making skills. It also teaches them teamwork," Estes said. "The game of football for our boys could be considered as the ultimate learning experience."

True to the school's motto — "We can do anything but hear" — he prefers to focus on his players' advantages.

"Our X's and O's on both sides of the ball can be as complicated as anyone's, and it has nothing to do with hearing ability," he said. "It comes from knowledge and lots of practice."

For the most part, communicating is a snap for Ohio Deaf's players and coaches. Sign language is widespread, and Estes often gets in his players' faces, barking seemingly incomprehensible orders.

"That's the fun part, because hearing people don't understand what we're



saying to each other," said Chris Ellison, who plays tight end and defensive end. "We have our own language, and we don't have to call timeout to communicate with Coach."

In fact, in a short-yardage situation against the Crusaders, Ohio Deaf used a little gamesmanship to pick up a first down. When the drum was thumped, the Spartans — obeying their coach's orders — froze as three Crusaders players jumped offside.

The vital job of drum-thumping belongs to team manager Jerry Thein, who would be playing were it not for a broken collarbone.

"Jerry Thein has to have his eyes on me at all times so he knows when I want to snap the ball," Estes said. "He's almost like another coach on the field for me."

Estes picked up the drum system from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., the nation's only federally funded college for the deaf.

"Gallaudet's system calls for up to five drum beats for the cadences, but we're not up to that level of sophistication yet," Estes said.

Sparked by an aggressive defense, Ohio Deaf struck first against the Crusaders when Shawn Henderhan scored a first-quarter touchdown for a 6-0 lead. The Ohio Deaf sideline erupted in celebration.

"Honestly, I think we took them a little lightly at the beginning of the game," said Crusaders player Layne Hazlip, who attends Fairfield Christian Academy. "I've

played against some of their kids in basketball before, and I know they have some pretty good athletes. Still, I was amazed that they were able to play football that well, being their first game and all. They brought it to us."

Long after the appreciative crowd had left the field on Morse Road, Chris Ellison hung around, clearly savoring a special moment just a bit longer.

"At practice, it seems like about a 24-hour day," he said. "Games, they seem like they last about 10 minutes. I just can't believe the first game is over already. I can't wait for the next one." sblackledge@dispatch.com

More Than Just A Game Players for Ohio School for the Deaf experience football; Ohio State School for the Blind musicians march on field

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An ordinary high-school football game, it wasn't.

Sure, what transpired Sept. 13 had the looks of one, but that's where it stopped. It had a different feel, one that almost gave goose bumps. And then there was that drum. But more on that later.

Even though the home team lost -- the Ohio School for the Deaf fell 36-6 to the Columbus Crusaders' junior varsity in a contest that, except for the importance behind it, was pretty non-descript -- winners, losers, coaches and spectators walked away with smiles.

"This was really exciting for all of us," OSD senior running back Shawn Henderhan said through interpreter Bobbie Huebner. Henderhan scored on an 8-yard run to put his team ahead 6-0 with 58 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

"I played with a hearing team in middle school, and I didn't know if I would ever get the opportunity to play football for my (high) school, so this was a lot of fun. At first I felt pretty awkward out there, but I feel pretty good about the way we played. We played well on offense and defense. We had great teamwork and we never quit."

More than 200 people filled what little bleacher space was available, and also stood along the sidelines.

Many family members became emotional when they saw their son, grandson, brother, nephew or cousin step on the field to play organized football -- perhaps for the first time.

"This school has offered soccer and basketball in the past, but this is a football town and the natural inclination for most of the boys growing up in Columbus is to want to play football," said Kim Bentley,



Coach Bill Estes talks with his squad Sept. 13 during a game against the Columbus Crusaders junior varsity. Although his team lost 36-6, Estes said, "I'm not doing this for the money or the wins. I'm doing this because the boys wanted to play football and they deserve this opportunity."

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the mother of junior lineman Chris Smelley. "I didn't ever think I would get to see my son play football, so this is a dream come true for our family. I've got butterflies in my stomach right now, and there have been times when I've gotten a little bit choked up when I think about how happy this makes him.

"Christopher has been hyper-excited about this all year, and I've never seen him give everything that he's got to something before the way he has to football. It's made our home life a lot better because he's been too tired to mess with me after football practice."

The game was only 32 minutes long, compared to 48 for other high-school contests.

Otherwise, the rules were the same, with some minor modifications, of course.

Like the drum. When OSD had possession and was lined up in a legal formation, coach Bill Estes signaled to senior manager Jerry Thein to bang the drum, which was on a sideline parallel to the line of scrimmage.

On the correct count, the players sprang into action.

"This game was played under Ohio High School (Athletic Association) rules, except for the use of the drum, of course," said referee Larry Clay, who also officiates games for the Ohio Capital Conference. "The (OSD athletes) are very rarely offside because they don't move until that drum is hit. These kids are also very perceptive.

"They can't hear our whistles, but they're always looking at us to see when the plays are over."

The drum worked to the Spartans' advantage on a third-and-4 play midway through the fourth quarter. Their hit the drum, but OSD didn't snap the ball. The Crusaders jumped

offside, drawing a 5-yard penalty and giving the Spartans a first down.

"Jerry really has to keep his eyes on me at all times because he plays a very



With coach Bill Estes in the background urging on his team, quarterback Zach Stein calls a play during warmups.

important role on our team," said Estes, whose team will compete as an eight-man team today against the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg, S.C., and play host Oct. 1 to the Wisconsin School for the Deaf for homecoming.

"On that play our boys knew that we weren't going to snap the ball until after five beats, and it ended up pulling the other team offside because they were used to beginning the play at the sound of the beat."

The OSD coaches signaled in plays, just like almost every other football team does, and the players huddled around quarterback Zach Stein as he visually described the play.

In fact, it was quarterback Paul Hubbard who invented the huddle in 1892 while playing at Gallaudet University, a school for deaf students located in Washington D.C.

After discovering that opposing teams were reading their sign language at the line of scrimmage, the Gallaudet players began to sign in a circle to prevent defenders from stealing plays.



Ohio School for the Deaf's Joey Defalco celebrates after Shawn Henderhan scored for a 6-0 lead.

"We actually have an advantage with communication when we play against hearing teams because I can speak with my players from the sideline at any time," Estes said. "Of course, when we play other deaf schools, I can't signal to my players like that because our opponents will pick up on what I'm saying."

Layne Hazlipp, a freshman running back and linebacker for the Crusaders, said it was strange not being able to talk with his opponents on the field.

"It was definitely very different with the drum and everything. It felt very weird when we were on defense because we were able to talk out loud about what

han leaped to his feet and shook his finger from side to side.

Referee Mark Boyce, who has officiated many high school and college games over the last decade, said it was one of the cleanest contests he's witnessed.

"It was an honor to do this game," Boyce said. "You get trash-talking and (dirty play) at even the youngest levels of the game, but there was none of that here.

"I'm real impressed with how well this team is playing in its first game. This game is more skilled and advanced than a typical junior-varsity game."

The halftime entertainment was far from typical as well. The Ohio State School for



The game on the field was football as usual with the Spartans' Terrell Thomas trying to elude the Crusaders' Kolin Koehl.

we were going to do, even when we were at the line of scrimmage.

"We're a team that doesn't do much trash-talking, but it was strange not being able to say, 'Good run' or 'Nice tackle' at the end of a play."

The closest thing that came to trash-talking on the field came when OSD senior lineman Shane Henderhan made a tackle for a 5-yard loss. After the play, Hender-

han leaped to his feet and shook his finger from side to side. the Blind marching band, in uniforms donated by Napoleon High School, performed during a football game for the first time.

"A lack of time has been our biggest challenge because I get to work with the kids only two days a week for one 45-minute period each day," OSSB music director Carol Agler said. "Learning to march was easy, but it's a lot harder with instruments in their hands, particularly



Referee Mark Boyce tosses the coin as the Spartans' Zach Stein and Matt Ellison and the Crusaders' Josh Sinclair and Jake Ritter watch.

the drums.

"We have music on braille, but they all had to learn their songs by ear because we had such a short amount of time."

The band is made up of 11 students, with three playing drums, two playing saxophones and one each on baritone, clarinet, glockenspiel, flute, cymbal and trombone.

The musicians sat in metal folding chairs along the visiting team's sideline and played during the appropriate intermissions before being led to a 20-yard line during halftime. With the help of four adults leading the way, the band marched to the center of the field, where it formed the word "Ohio" in braille and played the song "Go Big Blue," which is the color of the Spartans' uniforms.

"This is a challenge

because this is our first marching band and we're nervous playing in front of a big crowd like this," said freshman Tyrone



Each play begins with the beat of a bass drum. Team manager Jerry Thein strikes the drum to start a running drill during warmups.



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Coach Bill Estes congratulates his team on its performance despite the 36-6 loss.

Parker, one of the drummers. "We're still learning to march and play together, so all

we can do is go out there and give it everything we've got."

As the band marched off the field to a standing ovation, freshman flutist Macy McClain smiled broadly and waved to the crowd.

"I've been to football games, cheered with the cheerleaders at wrestling meets and sang for people before, but I've never done anything quite like this," McClain said.



Dr. John Balk, the school's assistant superintendent, provided plenty of support when the Spartans played their first football game in 44 years.

At the conclusion of the game, the Spartans gathered in the south end zone and watched as Estes delivered an emotional speech that drew several rounds of applause.

"I'm very proud of my boys, and I told them it was a big honor to coach them in this game, regardless of the result," said Estes, who

played high school football at the Alabama School for the Deaf and also is the athletics director and girls basketball coach at OSD. "We've still got a long way to go, but I'm not doing this for the money or the wins. I'm doing this because the boys wanted to play football and they deserve this opportunity."

After a 44-year absence, it appears as if OSD football is here to stay.

"The boys have been asking me if we can have a football team for a long time ... and I (eventually) said yes because I know that football is king in Ohio and this is the sport they really wanted to play the most," OSD superintendent Edward Corbett Jr. said. "The planning for our team began around February, and we're still finishing getting some (details worked out), but it's been a rewarding experience and we are committed to this for the future.

"Football is important to any school program because it teaches the boys about the rigors of playing a team sport and the importance of

teamwork, and it teaches the girls about having school spirit and unity."

Those at the game know exactly what Corbett means.

Light The Night Walk 2005

By Nancy Boone

As the sun set on October 1, red and white lights began to dot Ohio State University's Beekman Park. As many as 3,500 people of all ages lined the track for Light The Night Walk 2005, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening walk to build awareness of blood cancers and raise funds for cures. Walkers carried illuminated balloons—white for survivors and red for supporters—to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer.

For the second year in a row, OSD staff and family members participated in this fun and worthwhile event. The 2005 team consisted of Jen Behary (a lymphoma survivor), Nancy Boone and daughters Laura and Sarah, Jenni Cole, Mary Ellen Cox and husband Ron, Lynn Krisko, and Jan Rond. Together our team raised nearly \$600 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, largely due to the generosity of our OSD community. Along with the funds raised by other



Jan Rond, Jennifer Behary, Nancy Boone, Jenni Cole, Lynn Krisko, and Ron and Mary Ellen Cox went out for night walk to raise cancer awareness.

walkers, our contribution will support the Society's mission: cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma; and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

In addition, this year's donations will also help rebuild blood cancer treatment centers and patient support services impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

You can find more information about the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Light the Night Walk at www.lls.org. We invite you to donate to or even participate with our walk team in 2006!

New Kids on the Block

By Barb Stahl

OSD started out the 2005-2006 school year with many new faces to our campus. We are excited to have these new students and hope each and every one of them has a very successful school year. Here is an introduction to each of them by age and grade.

In our elementary department, we have eight new students. In our kindergarten class, we have three

new students. All three students transitioned from the Alice Cogswell preschool program at OSD. David Pixley is five years old and is from Columbus, Ohio. He lives with his parents, Alex and Tracey Pixley. Jerrick Pothorski is five years old and lives in Columbus, Ohio, with his parents, Brian and Mania Pothorski. He also has a sister, Anya, who attends the Alice Cogswell preschool program. Marysia York is six years old and lives in Bellville, Ohio. Marysia's mom is Mary York, and Marysia has two sisters.

Also in our elementary department are Spezio Harmount and KeShawn Lott, who are both in the second grade. Spezio is from Deerfield, Ohio, and lives with his mother, Bea Harmount, and two other brothers, Enrico and Franco, who both attend OSD. KeShawn is from Westerville, Ohio, and lives with his mother, Lawanda Lott. He has a new baby brother!

Zachary Steele comes to OSD from Mentor, Ohio, and lives with his aunt, Teena Rolain. He is in fourth

grade. In fifth grade are new students Monet Alexander and Jacob Thornton. Monet lives with her mother, Kinda Alexander, in Colum-



As follows left to right: Marysia York, Zachary Steele, Jerrick Pothorski, and Spezio Harmount.

bus, Ohio. Jacob just moved to Grove City, Ohio, with his parents, Christian and Shelly Thornton, and his sister, Hillary.

In middle school, OSD has three new students and one returning student. Ashley Fambro joined OSD from Dayton, Ohio, where she lives with her mother, Dionne Strickland. She is in the seventh grade. Grace Gorton is our returning student. She left OSD last year but has returned this fall. Grace is from Rocky River, Ohio, and lives with her parents, Lynn and Paul Gorton. She is in the eighth grade. Amanda Nicklis lives in Glenford, Ohio, with her mother, Florence Hendrixon. She is in the seventh grade. DaMario Rall is in the sixth grade and lives in Bedford, Ohio, with his mother, Mieshawn Singleton.

We have several new high school students this year. Freshmen at OSD are Amy Bachtel, Megan Haviland, Marte Henderson, Richard Rodgers, and Bianica Smith. Amy lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her parents, Tom and Mary Bachtel. She has one brother. Amy's parents are employed at OSD. Megan Haviland lives in Canton, Ohio, with her parents, Janet and Lawrence Haviland. Marte Henderson



As follows from front row to back left to right: Monet Alexander, Jacob Thornton, KeShawn Lott, Megan Haviland, Duane Davis, Marte Henderson, Joe DeFalco, Nathan Cottrell, Amanda Nicklis, Amy Bachtel, Ashley Fambro, Grace Gorton, Bianica Smith.

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lives in Westerville, Ohio, with foster parents Charles and Mary Owen. Mr. Owen is a teacher at OSD. Richard Rodgers lives in Elyria, Ohio, with his mother, Joyce Rodgers. Bianica Smith lives with her mother, Judy Melich in Navarre, Ohio.

Nathan Cottrell, Duane Davis, and Joe DeFalco are juniors at OSD this year. Nathan comes from Circleville, Ohio, and lives with his mother, Linda Starr. Duane Davis moved to Columbus, Ohio, from Michigan and lives with his mother, Cassandra Davis. Joe DeFalco moved to Columbus, Ohio, from New York and lives with his father, Joe DeFalco, Sr. Mr. DeFalco is employed at OSD.

The only senior new to OSD this year is Sean-Michael Johnson. He moved here from Virginia with his mother, Brenda Johnson.

We welcome all of these new students to OSD and wish them much success in their education.

MS Students Help Victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

By Jenni Cole

During the month of September the middle school students had a community service project requirement for their Career Education class. The goal of this project was to help the students learn what it is like to help others and what it

takes to organize a drive like this. The use of teamwork, communication skills, and manners were big factors in this project.

The classes decided to try and help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and during their project Hurricane Rita hit the citizens of New Orleans and surrounding areas and states. Each class was then responsible for deciding on what they would do to help. Some classes decided to collect money, another class decided to collect clothing, and then other classes collected canned goods, etc. The students were responsible for designing posters to help promote their project as well as making morning announcements to remind students and staff of when and what they would be collecting.

This is the first year that the middle school students were required to do a community service project, and what a way to kick it off! The project was a huge success! The students' collected \$126.49, many bags of clothing, and several pounds of canned goods. The money will be given to the American Red Cross. Canned goods will be given to the Columbus food pantry, and the clothing

will be donated to Goodwill. These organizations will know how to get these items to the victims of the hurricanes.

A big thank you to the administration for their support of this project and to the OSD family for all your support as well. Without your help, this would not have been as successful as it was. Go OSD!



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| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
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| 11/29/05 | St. Rita's School for the Deaf | HOME 4:30 PM/6:00 PM |
| 12/1/05 | Madison Christian Academy * | HOME 6:30 PM/8:00 PM |
| 12/02/05 | Missouri School for the Deaf (Fulton, MO) | Away 6:00 PM/7:30 PM |
| 12/03/05 | Oklahoma School for the Deaf (Fulton, MO) | Away 9:00 AM/10:30 AM |
| 12/05/05 | Granville Christian Academy * | HOME 6:15 PM/7:45 PM |
| 12/08/05 | Columbus Torah Academy * | HOME 5:30 PM/7:00 PM |
| 12/10/05 | Kentucky School for the Deaf | HOME 4:00 PM/5:30 PM |
| 12/12/05 | Columbus Torah Academy * | Away 5:30 PM/7:00 PM |
| 12/14/04 | Village Academy * | Away 6:00 PM/7:30 PM |
| 12/15/05 | Muskingum Christian Academy * | HOME 5:00 PM/6:30 PM |
| 01/12/06 | Granville Christian Academy * | Away 6:15 PM/7:45 PM |
| 01/18/06 | Village Academy * | HOME 6:00 PM/7:30 PM |
| 01/19/06 | St. Rita's School for the Deaf | HOME 4:30 PM/6:00 PM |
| 01/24/06 | Mount Vernon Academy * | HOME 5:45 PM/7:15 PM |
| 01/26/06 | CSSD Tournament @ Indiana School for the Deaf | Away TBA |
| 01/27/06 | CSSD Tournament @ Indiana School for the Deaf | Away TBA |
| 01/28/06 | CSSD Tournament @ Indiana School for the Deaf | Away TBA |
| 01/31/06 | Madison Christian Academy * | Away 6:30 PM/8:00 PM |
| 02/03/06 | Muskingum Christian Academy * | Away 5:00 PM/6:30 PM |
| 02/04/06 | St. Mary's School for the Deaf (Homecoming Weekend) | HOME 3:30 PM/5:30 PM |



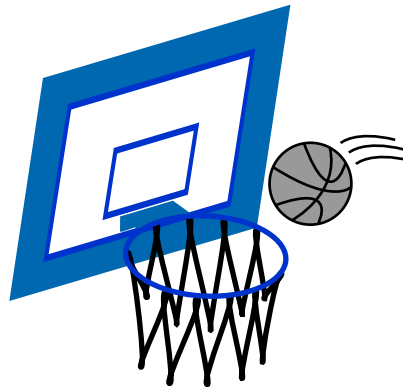
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* = Conference

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| 12/01/05 | Madison Christian School * | HOME 5:00 PM |
| 12/05/05 | Granville Christian Academy * | HOME 5:00 PM |
| 12/08/05 | Columbus Torah Academy * | HOME 4:30 PM |
| 12/12/05 | Columbus Torah Academy * | Away 4:30 PM |
| 12/14/05 | Village Academy * | Away 4:30 PM |
| 12/15/05 | Muskingum Christian Academy * | HOME 4:00 PM |
| 01/12/06 | Granville Christian Academy * | Away 5:00 PM |
| 01/18/06 | Village Academy * | HOME 4:30 PM |
| 01/31/06 | Madison Christian School * | Away 5:00 PM |



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