

powder blowout

by Fred Lunt

"Bawitdaba da bang a dang diggy diggy diggy said the boogy said up jump the boogy," shouted the girls of the Powder Puff team before their home game verses rival Bangor. The girls seemed more excited than last year's game to start their first game against a team outside of the school. Unfortunately for us the Bangor girls were a bit more physical than expected.

Junior Taylor Moyer stated that, "it got a little rough towards the end, and I think some unsportsman-like events occurred."

The girls held on tough through their brutal 48-0 loss. "I feel we played well, and we played as a team. We went onto the field with a lot of excitement and for a week of practice, we didn't do too badly. I think a few of us were disappointed with the loss to our rival Bangor, but when you step back and look at the big picture, the event was for Angel 34, a great cause and we were proud we were able to support it." said Moyer on her outlook on the game.

The girls stuck it out all afternoon with the girls from Bangor. They may have lost but they were certainly not beaten. With only a week to get into shape, the girls trained hard and played hard.

There was talk of not having another powder puff game next year against Bangor, which may be a good idea. The game last year, though it lacked the rivalry, was still a fun game to watch. The seniors verses juniors was a good game and brought a great deal of spectators out despite the weather so many may feel in favor of a junior vs. senior game. But both teams played hard and the money went to a good cause.

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pacovich trods along

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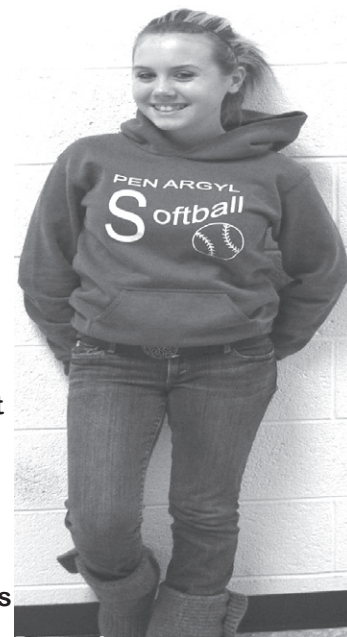
Accomplished horse-rider, sophomore Meghan Pacovich is riding around the state showing her fifteen year old cross Welsh horse Bosco.

Pacovich has been riding for ten years since she first started out on her aunt's farm. "My aunt owned a horse farm and we would always go there to visit. I thought it would be fun to try and I ended up falling in love with the sport."

Year round, she practices 4-5 days a week with Bosco for summer and winter shows. It's not easy to put in that much work but Pacovich does it with a smile for the sport and she has been doing it for four years now. Pacovich is quite accomplished at showing. "I've won at many shows, and I've won end of the year championships for circuits that I show on. I've also made it out to the 4-H state horse show where you have to qualify to go where you end up competing against the top riders in the state."

Pacovich travels all around the state and parts of New Jersey. She does all of this to show her horse at show meets where she competes against other horses in jumping courses with fences up 3'6 tall. With her mother behind the wheel, they have driven as far as Harrisburg, PA and other places at equal distances.

Horse showing is an untapped scene in the sports world. With riders like Meghan Pacovich the sport is sure to gain interest and gain a larger audience. All of this time spent practicing, traveling, and showing is all done for her love of the sport. Pacovich is true to the sport she loves the most and she will continue to be found on the saddle doing what she does best.



PACOVICH'S SHINES IN THE COMPETITIVE HORSE RACING CIRCUIT. PHOTO BY J. CROSSEN, ECHO.

2009 NASCAR season summary

by Ryan Hutchison

Denny Hamlin and his black Toyota flew past the checkered flag at speeds exceeding 150 miles per hour at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Miami, Florida. Moments later, Jimmie Johnson in his #48 Chevy crossed the line in 5th place, clinching his record-breaking 4th championship. A historic chapter in the NASCAR history books was finally closed.

With that, the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup season came to an end. Starting back at Daytona in February, the NASCAR season holds 36 races per year. It was a season full of surprises, but nobody was surprised about who won the title. Jimmie Johnson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four straight championships, tying him for third all-time with Jeff Gordon.

Johnson's dominance has caused mixed reactions within the NASCAR community, but in general, most fans think it is a good thing and draws attention to the sport. "I

think it's a good thing that Johnson is winning. It proves that he is a fantastic driver and that he deserves



THE 48 CAR IS DRIVEN BY JIMMIE JOHNSON, WHO WON THE LAST FOUR NASCAR CHAMPIONSHIPS. THIS CHEVY HAS HELPED JOHNSON WIN 46 THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE DRIVES AN IMPALA WITH A 700 HORSEPOWER PUSH ROD V8. HIS CREW CHIEF, CHAD KANUS, A MEMBER OF THE JOHNSON'S CREW HAS BEEN WITH THE DRIVER SINCE HE BEGAN IN 2002. PHOTOS: J. CROSSEN, ECHO

the wins and respect" says Mike Dietrich, a sophomore at PAHS.

Johnson led the series in wins as well, with seven. Mark Martin, Johnson's teammate who finished second in the standings, won five races. Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch, and owner-driver Tony Stewart each won four races and no other driver won more than two. 19-

year-old Joey Logano won Rookie of the Year, and also became the youngest person in NASCAR history

to win a race.

Logano was one of three first time winners this season, but his win was far from the biggest surprise in 2009. That came at Talladega in April, where part-time driver Brad Keselowski won in just his 5th ever race, driving for an underfunded, single-car team. This was also the most exciting race of

the season, with 58 lead changes and Carl Edwards flying into the fence on the last lap. Thankfully, nobody was seriously hurt. David Reutimann also won his first career NASCAR race at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

The 2009 season was the second season that they used the Car of Tomorrow full time, and with that, the racing was an improvement over last season. "I think this season was pretty good, and I like how the teams adjusted to the new car" said Ben Quinones, a senior. Indeed, from a competition standpoint, the racing was better. There were 14 different winners, compared to 12 in 2008, three first time winners, compared to none in 2008, and the most races anybody won this year was seven, compared to nine last year.