**Hamilton Wenham rolls past Indians on the road**

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**AMESBURY** — The Hamilton-Wenham football team had something special brewing in Amesbury Friday night.

Sophomore Ian Coffey ran for 187 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half, to lead the unbeaten Generals to a 42-12 victory over the Indians.

“It was a good road win,” said Generals head coach Jim Pugh. “What we’ve been telling the kids all year is that we want them to be physical. Last year, these guys were 0-5, they came to our place and upset us, and were much more physical and stronger. Our goal today was to play tough and physical football — and I think we did.”

The Generals got off to a quick start, with Coffey running a 66-yard score back on the fourth play from scrimmage.

Coffey’s performance isn’t out of left field for the Generals, but the versatile sophomore certainly played his best game of the season when they needed it the most.

“He had a good game,” said Pugh. “He ran for 65 yards last week. He has great speed and he’s shown that for us all year.

“Ian has been a quarterback, receiver, running back ... wherever you put him, he makes things happen. He’s as quick and athletic as anyone.”

The Indians (0-4) responded with a 10-play drive resulting in a 1-yard touchdown run for Logan Burrill. But from there, the home team was stopped.

“It’s another week of experience for them,” Indians coach Colin McQueen said of his team. “We were fighting; we put a lot of guys in new positions. They got thrown in them, really.”

Coffey rushed for 18 yards two plays into the next Generals’ drive, and a two-point conversion put them ahead, 14-6.

After that, the rest of the Generals’ offense got in on the action. Quarterback Billy Whelan connected with senior tight end Micheal Crowley on a 25-yard pass as the visitors continued to cruise down the field with ease.

A 33-yard scoring run from Coffey near the end of the first quarter gave the Generals a 28-6 lead. In the second quarter, another score from Jake Lanciani on an 18-yard pass extended the lead to 35-6 by intermission.

Burrill tried to bulldoze his way through the Generals defense, finishing with 59 yards for Amesbury. Quarterback Blake Bennett struggled from the pocket against a tough H-W defense, connecting on just one pass in the first half.

“In reality, that’s a great team over there,” said McQueen. “Coach Pugh does a great job coaching them. Physically, they’re a very very talented team, especially at the skill positions. They’re tough to tackle; they showed that in the first half.”

In the second half, Cam Peach ran back a punt 70 yards to give the visitors a commanding 42-6 lead. That ended the scoring for the Blue-and-White, but the Indians got one final push as Derek Doherty ran in an 8-yard score.

# Hamilton-Wenham volleyball team wins tenth straight

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They’re in.

The Hamilton-Wenham volleyball team clinched a berth in the state tourney with a 3-0 win over Reading, Sept. 28.

With the win Coach Jennifer Flynn’s club improved to 10-0.

The Generals delivered the goods winning in straight sets 25-23, 25-12 and 25-18.

Senior captain Lauren Flynn was fantastic driving 12 digs and 10 kills.

Senior Grace Lapain, Jaidin Hartley-Ward and Katie Hankin, had seven digs apiece.

A setter, Hartley-Ward dished 11 assists. Senior setter Alex Padellaro also had 11 helpers. Senior captain Cecily Szady was just as sharp with her serves.

The Hamilton-Wenham volleyball team travels to Triton, Monday, Oct. 2.

# Hamilton-Wenham girls soccer falls to North Reading

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A game breaking in the closing moments of the first half proved costly, as the Hamilton-Wenham girls soccer team were edged by North Reading, 2-1, Sept. 26.

“Despite strong play from the entire team, controlling a lot of the ball, we couldn’t capitalize on their chances,” said Hamilton-Wenham Coach Nancy Waddell, whose team fell to 0-6-2.

Once again the Generals got off to a roaring start, before breaking down defensively. North Reading posted the go-ahead goal at 15:00.

Senior captain Erin O’Shea tied the game up scoring her fourth goal in four games at 29:00. The tally came off a strong shot from outside the penalty box.

Unfortunately the stalemate was short-lived. North Reading scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the final minute of the first half.

# Hamilton-Wenham girls soccer team ties up Amesbury

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Erin O’Shea potted a pair as the Hamilton-Wenham girls soccer team tied up Amesbury, 2-2, Sept. 26. With the tie, the Generals improved to 0-5-2.

A senior captain, O’Shea opened the scoring for the Generals with a blast inside the penalty box at 11:00. She scored again in the off a penalty kick at 36:00, after getting taken down by a defender in the box.

Amesbury took the lead in the waning moments of the first half, scoring off a crisp shot from outside the box that found the upper far corner of the net. Amesbury tied it up at 2-2 minutes into the second half.

Hamilton-Wenham dealt with injuries to two goalkeepers, sophomore Addie Condon and senior captain Karen Caufield. The girls combined for nine saves, including one spectacular stop each. Sophomore defenders Maddy Rivers and Belle Dolan thwarted many attempted attacks by Amesbury.

The Generals play host to North Reading Thursday, Sept. 28, still looking for that elusive first win.

**Hamilton-Wenham football team remains the team to beat**
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When it’s going well, it’s going well. Defense. Offense. Special teams.

Just good, solid football.

That about sums it up for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School football team in the first three games.

The Generals are 3-0, most recently handling Greater Lawrence, 28-7, at home thanks in part to Cam Peach’s three touchdowns and a shutdown defense that has now allowed just 21 points in three games.

It’s on to Amesbury for Jim Pugh’s team in its first league game. Yes, there is still a Cape Ann League champion to be decided, even if it’s the playoff ratings that garner the most attention.

Speaking of those playoffs: Hamilton-Wenham is in great shape. Needing to be one of the top eight teams in Division 6 North (there are eight divisions total in the North), Hamilton-Wenham is in second place behind 3-0 Stoneham.

Whittier (third) and Salem (fourth) are also unbeaten at 3-0. Were the playoffs to start today, the Generals would face No. 7 Northeast Regional out of Wakefield.

All that aside, the focus is on Amesbury. The Indians are 0-3, coming off a 27-0 setback to unbeaten Lynnfield. Amesbury also fell to Pentucket, 23-20, and Norwell, 20-7.

“We’ve got a tough Amesbury team that is off to a tough start,” Pugh said. “But they outplayed us last year, and they have tough, physical kids. They have some strong athletes and we’ve got to come ready to play.”

The good news is the Generals have done that in all three games. They are playing “physical football,” in other words, getting more than one tackler on the football and featuring an offensive and defensive line that is pushing opponents back.

“Our defense has been playing well,” Pugh said. “What we’ve been saying is we’ve been impressed with our kids and how physical we’ve been playing. The kids have bought into the defensive plan by Coach Kulis.”

Joe Kulis, who served as Pugh’s defensive coordinator with the Chieftains of Masconomet during Pugh’s 26-year tenure, does the same with the Generals.

**Wednesday's area roundup: Hamilton-Wenham girls run streak to 143 by shading Newburyport**

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 **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Hamilton-Wenham 23, Newburyport 32: Facing their toughest test so far in 2017, the Generals took the top three places and then got a tenth from freshman Gaylin Ryus to clinch the win, their 143rd in a row going back to 2004. Rebecca Erhard won the race in 20:05 with Anna Cassidento second in 20:39, Grace Moroney third in 20:51 and Jemma Shea eighth in 21:43.

# Peach's big day carries H-W past North Reading

By Dan Harrison, Salem News Correspondent
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**NORTH READING** — First half penalties plagued the North Reading football team Friday night against Hamilton-Wenham.

Self-inflicted wounds positioned the Hornets with one foot in the grave, but it was General senior captain Cam Peach who buried the opposition.

Peach scored a pair of receiving touchdowns while going over the century mark in receiving yards as H-W handed the defending Cape Ann League Kinney co-champions a 28-14 loss in their own stadium.

"Honestly, we take this one win at a time, but this means so much to us," said Peach, who erupted for 129 yards receiving on six grabs. "Two years ago they embarrassed us, 42-0 on this field, and we remembered that. We did everything in our power to not let it happen again."

With the Generals (2-0) ahead 21-6 in the fourth quarter, sophomore running back Ian Coffey hit Peach in stride on a half-back pass that went 37 yards to the end zone — icing the victory.

The Hornets (1-1) moved the ball well at times, but too many early penalties had their  offense moving backwards. The visitors capitalized thanks to an excellent passing attack led by Peach and junior quarterback Billy Whelan, as well as a pair of rushing scores by Coffey.

"We just were not disciplined tonight but we put ourselves in bad positions several times," said North Reading coach Jeff Wall. "It's a credit to them, because they're a good team and you can't fall behind to them and let them get rolling and we did."

The Generals turned defense into offense to land the first scoring blow of the game.

After senior captain Phillip Durgin recovered a fumble off a botched snap, H-W was staring at a fourth and 6 when Whelan threw a strike to Peach, who confidently got both feet in bounds while securing the grab along the sideline.

Whelan started the game 6-of-7 through the air, and finished with 160 yards passing, completing most of his attempts while on the run with excellent vision down field and some terrific accuracy.

"We know Billy has two great receivers (in Peach and Jake Lanciani) and Michael Crowley made some nice catches. Ian is helluva receiver and runner," said Pugh. "Overall it was a good win, it was a physical game and I think we played very physical."

The Generals made it 14-0 midway through the second when Coffey hammered his way up the middle from a yard out on a play that was set up by a 17-yard pass from Whelan to Peach.

Coffey rumbled his way into the end zone from 5-yards out in the second half to put the visitors firmly ahead 21-6.

Defensively, the Generals did allow a pair of long touchdown passes. Overall, they hit hard and hit often against a physical Hornet club. Sam Webber had two big stuffs in the backfield, defensive ends Thomas Monahan and Hunter Wilichoski played with a nice blend of aggressiveness and smarts; Evan Bucci had a huge hit on a fourth down play late in the fourth to stop Kyle Bythrow short of the first down, effectively ending the game.

"Kids played tough. They're physical kids and they've taken a lot of pride in their defense. It was just a good win and a good win for the program," said Pugh.

North Reading's Bythrow had a 39-yard TD-strike to alex D'Ambrosio and a 29-yard pass to Jake Bedell. For H-W, Lanciani had some big catches and was 4 for 4 on extra points.