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It looks as though "Old Man Winter" is FINALLY closing the book on Fall ... and thanks to the New Prairie Cougars, we are unfortunately doing the same with our football season. In fact, with Cassie Cohen racing at the IHSAA State Finals and our Brickies on the gridiron bowing out of the state tournament, we have officially closed the book on all 8 of our fall sports. Still, it was a GREAT RIDE from start to finish - our coaches & student athletes gave us a fantastic fall season of sports in The Friendly City!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back ... it's time for *BricksCenter!*



Cross Country

On Saturday, 248 girls from around Indiana converged on Terre Haute and the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course for the 44th Annual Girls Cross Country State Finals!

Brickie junior **Cassie Cohen** was racing at STATE for the 3rd consecutive Fall. This year definitely meant a little more for Cassie after being sidelined all summer with a stress fracture and then needing crutches to get around after twisting her ankle on a recovery run mid-season. Still, it's really AMAZING what can be accomplished when individuals are DETERMINED, FOCUSED and BELIEVE! Cassie was determined, focused and believed she could do it ... and her 12th place finish at the Regional a week ago punched her ticket.

With injuries hampering her training, making it to the State Finals was the goal. Therefore, she was running loose and soaking up the atmosphere on Saturday morning! ... and running with DETERMINATION, FOCUS and BELIEF!

Well, two weeks ago, Cassie ran a 20:42.7 to place 18th in the Sectional. One week ago, she finished the Regional in 19:29.3 - good enough for 12th overall. On Saturday, **Cassie's** time was **19:15.5** ... WOW!!! She was the 93rd runner to cross the finish line, but don't let that place fool you ... her time was actually faster than she ran as a freshman ...when she placed 40th! This year's race was SUPER FAST!! How fast was it? The 2023 state finals was the fastest EVER with 60 girls breaking the coveted 19-minute barrier. This year, 69 girls broke 19, which means the 2024 race was the FASTEST EVER!! HOLY COW!!

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CONGRATULATIONS **Cassie!** The entire Brickie Nation is VERY PROUD OF YOU!!! We'd also like to congratulate Coach A & Coach Teer on another FANTASTIC FALL and a 13th trip to Terre Haute in the last 18 years! AWESOME!!! What a perfect way to wrap up the fall IHSAA season of running for our Brickie harriers :)

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Football

On Friday night @ The Brickyard, the Brickies squared off with the New Prairie Cougars for just the 5th time in school history with a chance to advance to the IHSAA Sectional finals on the line. The previous 4 matchups between these two programs were an even split with each school winning two. Hobart won the first two ... the 2016 IHSAA Sectional Championship game and the 2019 IHSAA Regional Championship game ... and New Prairie has won the last two ... the 2022 IHSAA Sectional Championship and a 2024 IHSAA Sectional quarterfinal. As you can see, there is always something on the line when these two programs get together. The question is ... who would come out victorious this time around?

The Cougars got the ball first and our Brickie D-D-D-DEFENSE shut down their high-octane offense to force a punt. After a Hobart 3-and-out, senior kicker **Zander Lankford** launched a punt downfield that was ultimately FUMBLED with Brickie senior **Kael Schlosser** coming up with the recovery to give the Brickies the ball on the New Prairie 16-yard line!!! On the very next play from scrimmage, senior **Willy "The Jet" Shearer** ran it in for a Brickie TOUCHDOWN and a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter!!! After trading punts on the next 4 possessions, New Prairie orchestrated a 59-yd drive that was capped off with a 22-yd rushing touchdown to tie the game at 7-7, which is what the

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execute. Heading into the final 12 minutes of play, the score remained tied at 7.

Early in the 4th period, the Brickie special teams unit partially blocked a punt to give the offense GREAT field position ... and OUR BOYS SHINED! With a heavy dose of junior **Max Pickett** running the ball and some short completions from sophomore QB **Aleks Tatum**, Hobart moved the ball down inside the New Prairie 10-yd line. With just 6 minutes remaining in the game, Pickett plowed his way into the endzone from 6-yds out to give the Bricks a 14-7 advantage!! When the Cougars got the ball back, they had GREAT field possession thanks to a terrific kick return. Over the course of the next 4 minutes, New Prairie moved the ball down inside the 10 and scored on a 7-yd run to bring the margin within 1 at 14-13. Instead of kicking the extra point, the Cougars decided to go for 2 and in a mass of humanity near the goal line, pushed the ball over for a successful conversion and a 15-14 lead. With just 2 minutes remaining, the Brickies had one more chance and were able to move the ball across the 50, but ultimately turned it over on downs with less than 30 ticks left on the clock. Final score: New Prairie 15, Hobart 14

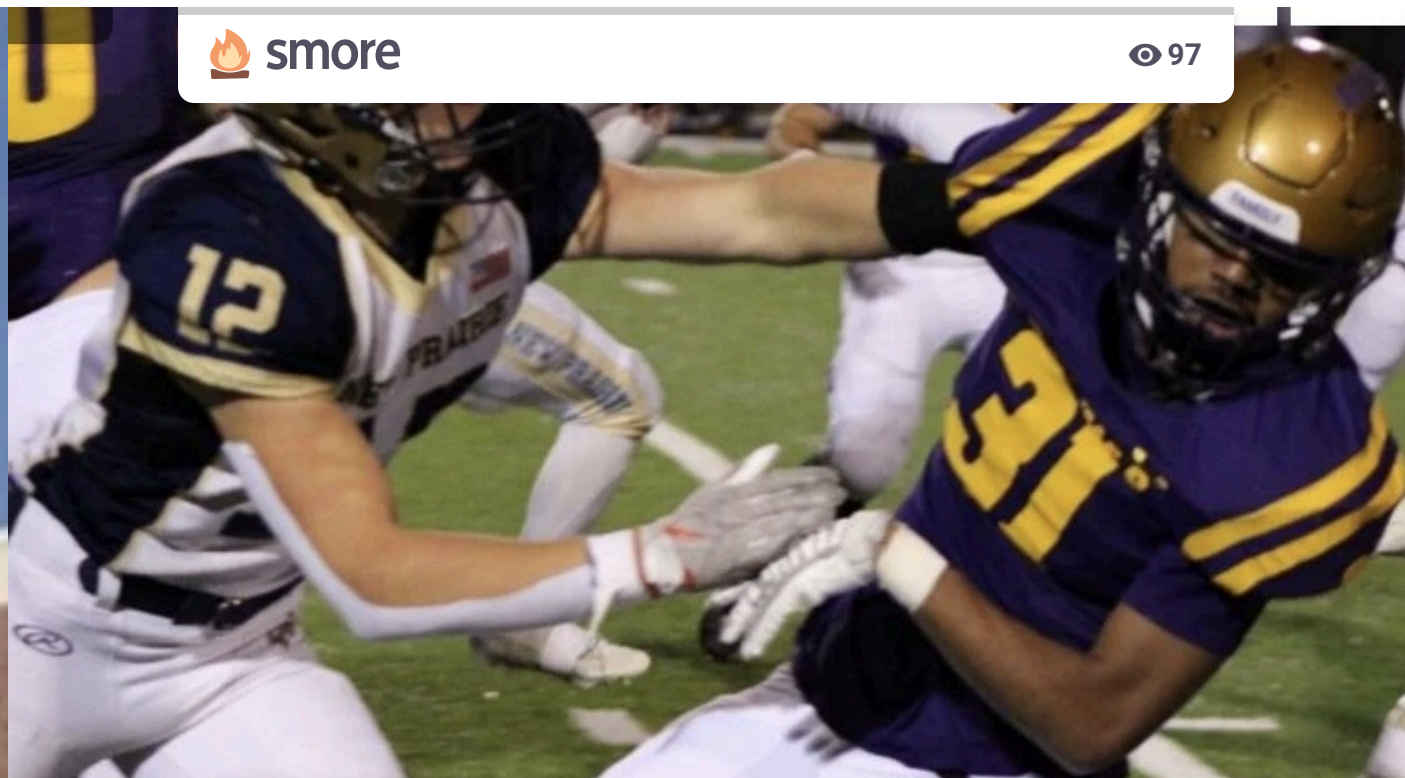
It was a heartbreaker to say the least. Our boys played their hearts out on that field against the Class 4A #14-ranked Cougars. It was SO CLOSE ... our boys played INSPIRED FOOTBALL TOGETHER ... just came up 1-point short. One sportswriter even said this after the game, "*Hobart literally did everything tonight but win*". The end is always tough, but this one hurt a little more after how well our boys played. Still, the Brickies should hold their heads high walking off that field for the final time in 2024. We are VERY PROUD OF THEM!!!

On the ground, **Shearer** and **Pickett** combined for 30 carries, 115 yds and 2 touchdowns. Senior **Jaalen Williams** led the defense with 10 total tackles and a sack ... classmate **Dre Castillo** finished with 7 tackles and a sack of his own. Even though it ended sooner than we all hoped it would ... looking back, it was another GREAT YEAR for the Brickies - one that included a share of the Northwest Crossroads Conference Championship!! CONGRATULATIONS to Coach Schreiber, his outstanding staff, and all of our boys for a job well done!

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FALL SPORTS AWARDS

NOVEMBER 4TH AT 6PM

BOYS TENNIS (MEDIA CENTER)

GIRLS SOCCER (GREAT HALL)

VOLLEYBALL (BOARD ROOM)

NOVEMBER 6TH AT 6PM

BOYS SOCCER (BOARD ROOM)

CROSS COUNTRY (GREAT HALL)

NOVEMBER 7TH AT 6PM

GIRLS GOLF (BRICKIE STOP)

Winter Sports are HERE!

Believe it or not,
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Illiana Christian! LET'S GO BRICKS!!



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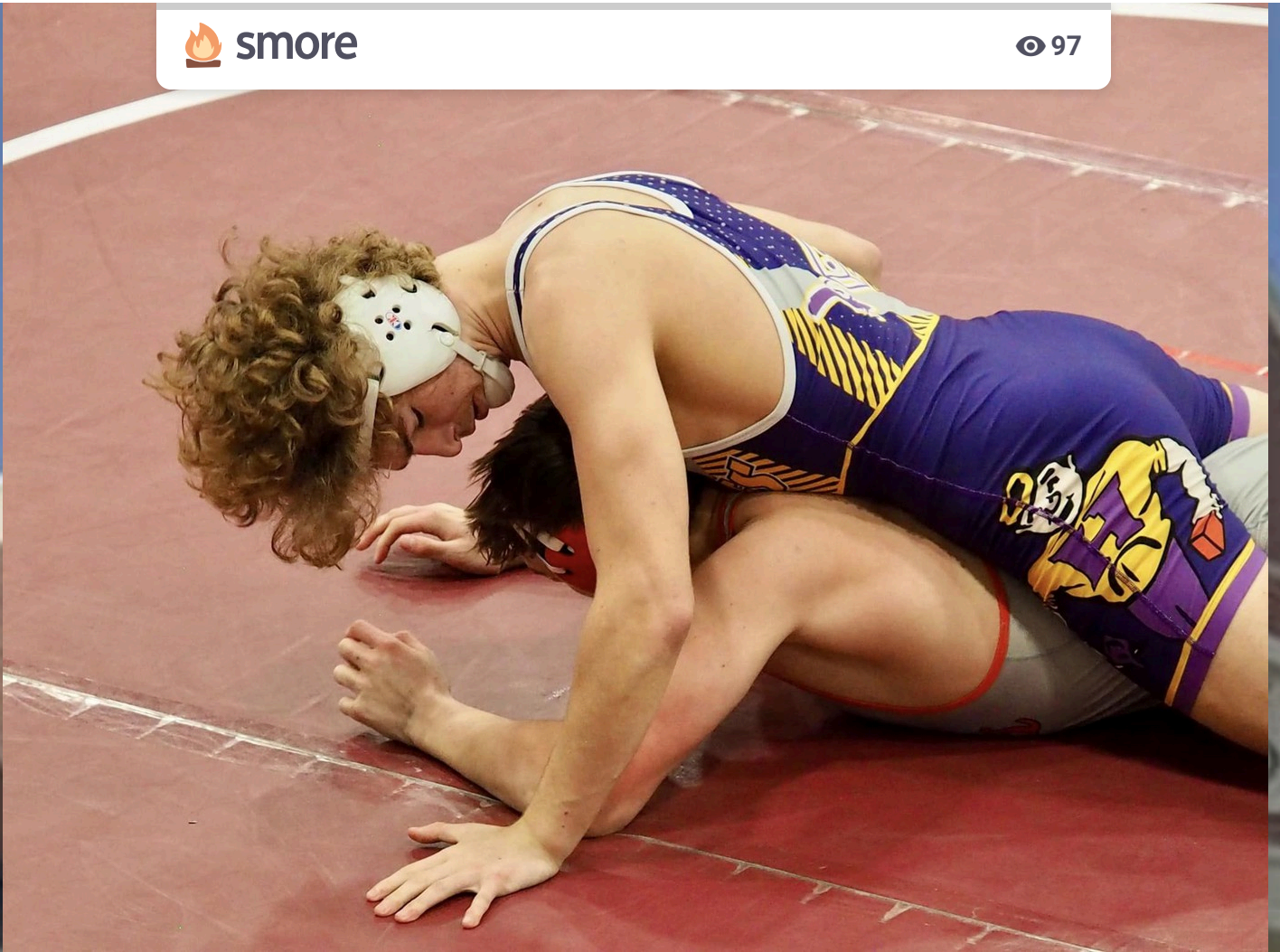


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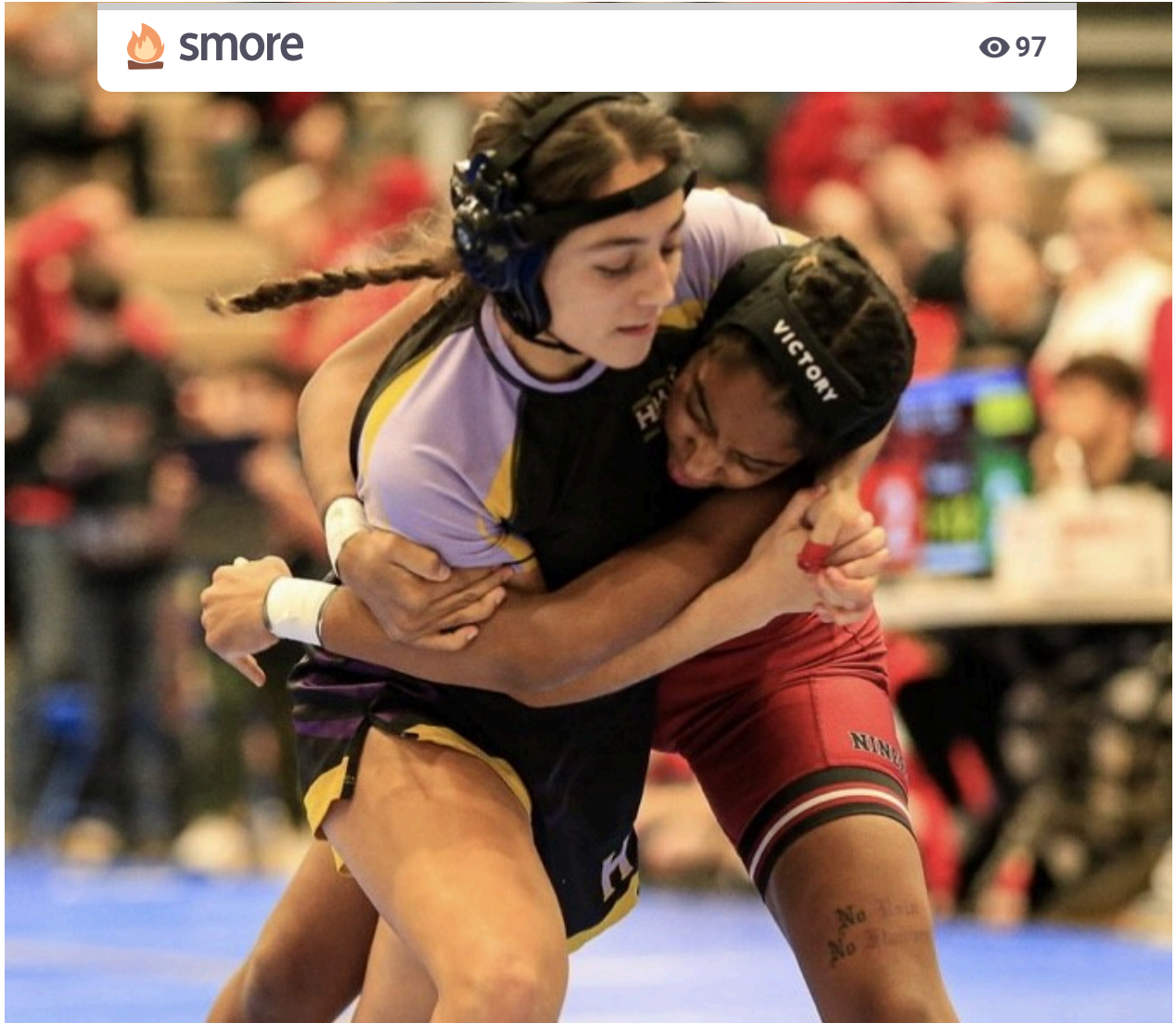


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Sports Schedule This Week

Monday

Boys Wrestling - 1st Official Practice

Fall Sports Awards:

- Girls Soccer (Great Hall) @ 6pm
- Girls Volleyball (Board Room) @ 6pm
- Boys Tennis (Media Center) @ 6:30pm

Tuesday

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday

Fall Sports Awards:

- Boys Soccer (Board Room) @ 6pm
- Cross Country (Brickie Stop) @ 6pm

Thursday

Fall Sports
- Girls Golf



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Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

Girls Basketball vs. Boone Grove

Girls Wrestling @ Illiana Christian Duals



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