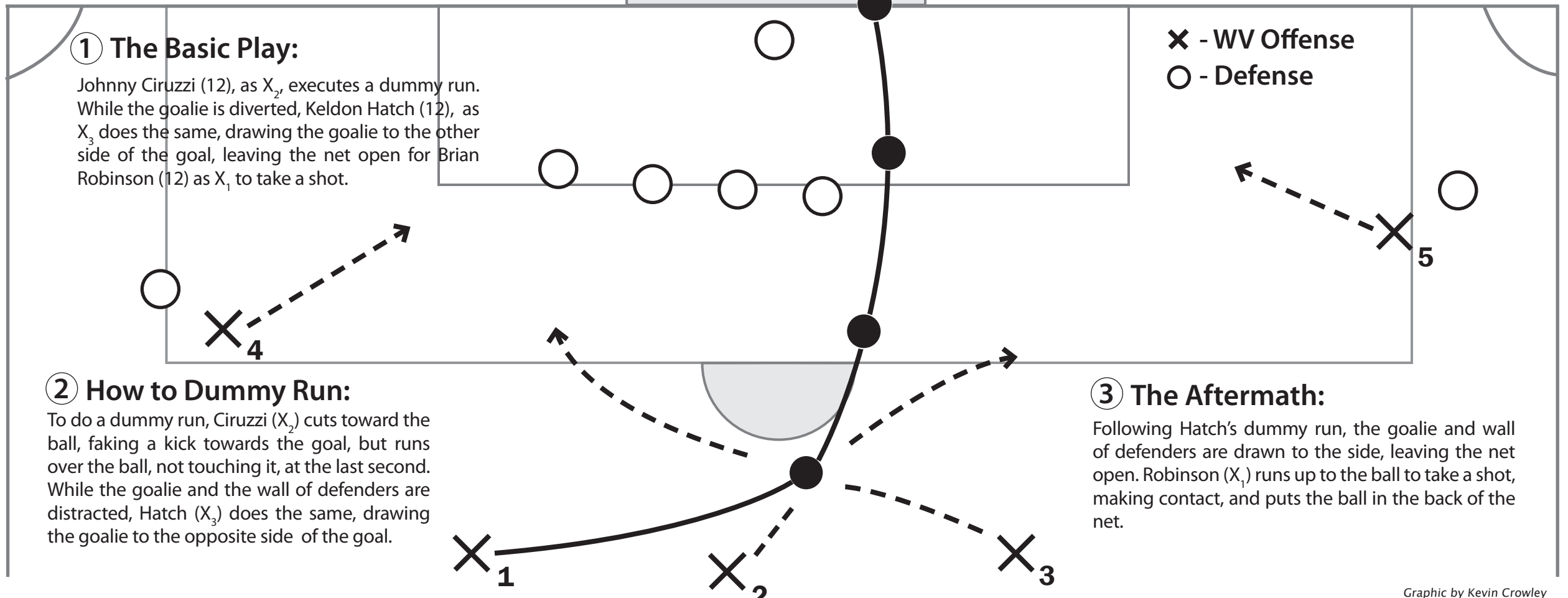


Free Kick: What Really Goes On

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While the sport of soccer is a very free-flowing game, during dead plays when the ball is stationary, there is an opportunity to utilize set plays. Coach Martin Coughlin said that set plays have played a bigger role in games this year. In the game against Orange Glen on Jan. 6, this illustrated direct free kick play determined the outcome of the game for Westview. The goal against Orange Glen broke a 0-0 deadlock, and was the only goal of the 1-0 game.



Graphic by Kevin Crowley

Hi-Lites

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team made the long trek to Ramona last Friday in what was a critical Valley League match-up. Fans were not disappointed as they were served up an over-time thriller.

"We really needed to get a win." Leading scorer Phil Gruber (12) said. "Obviously we haven't had a great season thus far but a win would get us back on track."

Going into the game's final quarter, the team held a one point 35-34 lead. The Bulldogs clawed back in the games fourth period and tied the game 47-47.

In overtime, the team was able to outlast the Bulldogs and walk away with a 55-52 victory.

"With that win we showed we can compete," Gruber said. "We are really starting to mesh as a team."

The team's overall record stands now at 7-13, and their league record of 2-4 leaves them sixth place in the Valley League.

Tonight the team faces Orange Glen tonight in a league match.

1/23 vs.
Ramona



"The game was great. It really gave us a momentum boost."

-PETER RUBIS (11)

Stats

Phil Gruber (12):
- 22 points

1/27 vs.
Valley Center



"We needed a win to keep our momentum going and we grinded out a victory."

-DAVID GOODWIN (12)

Stats

Ryan Inghilterra (11):
- 2 goals

Boys Soccer

Westview boys soccer defeated league opponent Valley Center Tuesday, winning 5-2. With this win, the team goes to 6-0 in league play, as they have defeated their league opponents.

Forward David Goodwin (12) said that a perfect league record was the main objective for this game.

"We really needed this win," Goodwin said. "Our team had gone five [wins] in a row in league play, and a 1-0 record against those teams would be a big confidence boost."

With a halftime score of 2-1, Goodwin said the team was focused to come out on top. "We didn't care what the score would be," Goodwin said. "We had to get this win."

The Wolverines achieved their goal, with three goals in the second half, two by forward Ryan Inghilterra (11) and one by Goodwin. Goodwin says that this win will give them momentum for future games.

"Now we've seen that we can beat all the teams in our league," Goodwin said. "We have seen what all the other teams can do, and we feel that we can beat them."

Likes benefits from referee experience

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Ethan Likes (12) couldn't see the puck. Too late. The puck zoomed past the goalie and into the net before he could call it.

"It was difficult, but the play was [out of my control]," he said. "It's one of the challenging situations I've encountered as a ref."

Likes has been an ice hockey referee for three years at the San Diego Referee Association. Once a week, he referees for five hours from little league to club teams.

To become a referee, Likes had to take an open-book test, attend a seminar and then take a closed-book test. Likes referees for the recreational level, which are levels one through four. Level five and beyond is professional,

which is equivalent to refereeing for the NHL.

"I have been approached by some people to become a professional [referee], but I haven't decided what career path I want to take yet," he said.

To make room to referee every week, Likes said that he dropped everything.

"I gave up my free time to see my friends who lived in different towns," he said. "When I got my car license, I wanted to go to a lot more places, but I had to [arrange] my schedule [around being a referee]."

Likes also said that his ability to argue and problem-solve helped him qualify as a referee. A month ago, he was able to use one of these abilities.

The goalie was injured. Just a moment ago, a player illegally skated into the goal in an attempt to block

the goalie from catching the puck. As a referee, Likes called it immediately, but did not penalize the player. After looking over the injured goalie, the coach yelled at Likes for his call. An argument ensued. As a result, the coach was thrown out of the game for his abusive words. Likes knew that his call was justified, and he argued successfully.

After seeing Likes' personality, a recreational coach recommended he apply to become a referee.

Likes also said that being a referee challenges him and makes him play better as team captain for his roller hockey team called the San Diego Rockets.

"You know what you can and cannot do in a game," he said. "I became more of a diplomatic player. For instance, since I was team captain, I

learned to reduce the number of penalties that my team made, and to get more easily around them. I knew the rulebook well, and I helped my teammates not be in the box for so long."

Likes said that he also appreciates referees more, but is more critical of them also.

"I can evaluate referees, and see how they call plays," he said. "If they make a bad call, I actually get more upset. I can discuss with them the play, while the referee gives me an explanation of why they called the play like that. I'm more in the know because I'm a ref."

Being a referee has also taught Likes to keep his composure in times of stress.

"I've learned to handle difficult situations, and I now think of plays in a different and better way," he said.

Wrestling team approaches league title with win

Andra Kovacs
STAFF WRITER

Aspiring to accomplish their goal of a Valley League title, the wrestlers pulled through on Jan. 22 against San Marcos, fighting to a 38-29 victory.

The team started off slow with a loss in the first match with Joey Brennan (9). Although he struggled through the first two periods, he pushed back as the crowd erupted, bringing him motivation.

Unfortunately, this wasn't enough for the win, but Alex Jesme (11) followed Brennan, pinning his opponent for a quick victory. The rest of the matches went back and forth, keeping the score tied.

"Our coach wanted us to go out there and be aggressive and go after them which a lot of us didn't do very well," said Mike Manuche (10). "We kind of wrestled defensively and San Marcos came out and went after us instead of the other way around."

When Westview was down, Frank Criger (12) knew that he needed to step up and help the team fight for their success.

"I felt really ready to wrestle because I watched the rest of the team go out there and not really perform well," Criger said. "So I was just ready to go out there and do my thing."

In the final match, James Prutzman (11) went up against his fellow heavy-weight competitor needing to hold him for the win. Prutzman took his time to make his move, pinning his opponent, smiling the entire time, as the crowd erupted in pride.

"It's our house," Prutzman said. "And we're not going to let that kid take the win."



Tim Chu

Seth Adams (12) pins his opponent to the mat in a dual meet with San Marcos, Thursday, Jan. 22, at Westview. Westview won 38-29, and Adams won by major decision.

The team went in feeling ready to beat San Marcos for the second time. However, according to Coach Perry Watson, this confidence may have led to the team's performance level declining.

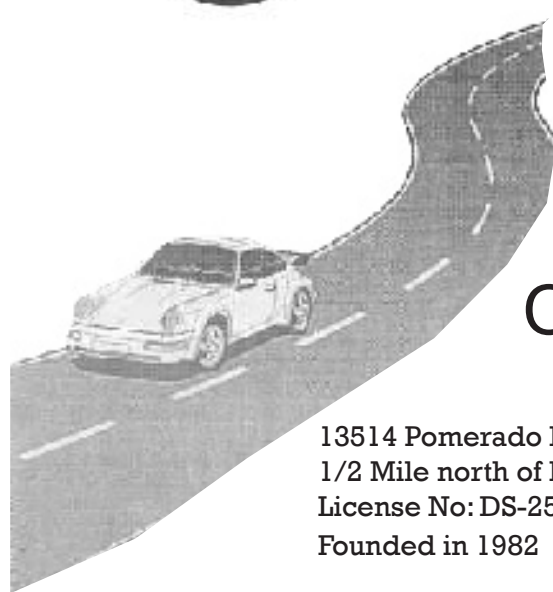
"I felt the Varsity wrestlers were a little overconfident," Watson said. "We need to be ready and focused and not take any team lightly. That's what I hope the kids take away from that match."

The Wolverines have two more matches left, against Ramona and their rivals Mt. Carmel. If they win both, the team will be in the running for the Valley League title.

"It will be the last match of the season," Watson said. "We have never beaten MC before and I feel this year is the year, at our home gym and on senior night. It's going to be a very exciting match."



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