

# DC football remains perfect, beats MLS 29-12

Maroons' running game, defensive takeaways prove key in road victory

By Jody Michael

Stockton Nelson ran 33 times for 276 yards and a touchdown and the Divide County High School varsity football team beat host Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 29-12 on Friday night to remain undefeated this season.

Divide County (5-0) pulled away with two touchdown runs by Trayven Head in the second half.

The Maroons led by only two points at halftime, 14-12, but held the Mavericks to one first down after that and added three takeaways.

“We got after their QB a little more in the second half, and the pressure forced some turnovers,” Divide County defensive coach Nate Nelson said. “Outstanding win for the team on the road in a tough environment.”

Stockton Nelson is the first Maroon since 2022 to have more than 200 rushing yards in a game.

“Stockton did an excellent job of finding seams and breaking tackles,” Divide County offensive coach Bob Brown said.

MLS (3-2) got a touchdown pass and touchdown run from quarterback Drayson Johnson, who was 16 of 25 passing for 191 yards and two interceptions, by Head and Brady Brown in the fourth quarter. Ma-



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Mavrick Wolf, center, of the Divide County Maroons is met by teammates Gavin Nygard, Mason Johnson, Cole Artman and Jake Reistad after recovering a fumble against the Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood Mavericks during a game Friday in Mohall.

vrick Wolf added a forced fumble and recovery.

“The key to the game was we didn’t commit a turnover, and we got three from them in the second half,” Bob Brown said.

The Mavericks came in ranked above the Maroons in both scoring offense and scoring defense but were outgained on Friday by more than half, 328-208.

“Controlling the clock and ball was a key for us this week against an explosive passing team,” Bob Brown

said. “We did a nice job of that with a strong running attack. It wasn’t always easy, but we found some success running behind Mavrick and Gavin (Nygard) on the right side.”

“Aside from two deep balls they got on us, we played about as good as we could have, against a good QB and set of wide receivers,” Nate Nelson said.

“We had a great week of practice, and the scout squad did an excellent job simulating their offensive plays for us.”

Divide County scored touchdowns on its first two drives but punted on its

next two as MLS narrowed the score from 14-0 to 14-12.

The Mavericks then had a chance to take the lead just before half, with first-and-goal at the 5, but committed back-to-back penalties and ultimately turned it over on downs.

After the break, MLS punted near midfield, and five plays later, Stockton Nelson had a 62-yard run to set up a 2-yard scoring run by Head for a nine-point lead.

Head also scored on a 1-yard keeper late in the fourth to put the game away.

Up next, Divide County will travel east of Minot for its first-ever game against Nedrose, on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Cardinals joined the nine-man league this year following a winless season in 11-man in 2024. They are 2-3 this year, with wins over Dunseith and Surrey.

“Another long road trip test again this week,” Bob Brown said. “Nedrose has some good athletes and has been improving each week.”

“Nedrose will provide us with some challenges,” Nate Nelson said. “They have two good backs, and they are breakaway threats. Always tough going on the road two weeks in a row, but we will have to battle again.”

**Divide County 29, Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood 12**  
Divide County 14 0 7 8 -- 29  
MLS 6 6 0 0 -- 12

**First Quarter**  
DC -- T.Head 1 run (Artman kick), 6:22.  
DC -- S.Nelson 53 run (Artman kick), 2:06.  
MLS -- Undlin 34 pass from D.Johnson (run failed), :34.

**Second Quarter**  
MLS -- D.Johnson 10 run (pass failed), 8:32.

**Third Quarter**  
DC -- T.Head 2 run (Artman kick), 5:53.

**Fourth Quarter**  
DC -- T.Head 1 run (S.Nelson run), 3:07.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** -- Divide County, S.Nelson 33-276, T.Head 17-38, Wolf 2-2, We.Peterson 2-(minus 4), Brown 1-4, Artman 1-4, Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood, D.Johnson 10-5, Nett 2-16, Thompson 1-(minus 4).

**PASSING** -- Divide County, T.Head 0-2-0-0, Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood, D.Johnson 16-25-2-191.

**RECEIVING** -- Divide County, None. Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood, Undlin 5-106, Peppard 5-37, Beck 4-24, Nett 2-24.

**MISSED FIELD GOAL** -- Divide County, Artman (SH).

**TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS** -- Divide County, T.Head 6-3-1, Brown 5-0-0, Nygard 4-2-1, S.Nelson 4-1-0, Wolf 3-3-1, Valverde 3-1-0.5, Artman 2-2-0.5, Dohmstreich 2-0-0, Herrold 2-0-0, M.Johnson 1-0-0, Reistad 0-1-0.

**INTERCEPTIONS** -- Divide County, T.Head 1, Brown 1.

NDHSAA Nine-Man Region 3				
	W	L	PF	PA
Alexander	5	0	200	78
Divide County	5	0	196	90
Lewis and Clark	4	1	164	136
MLS	3	2	186	93
Westhope-N-G	2	3	138	134
Kenmare	2	3	106	152
TGU	2	3	162	160
Nedrose	2	3	182	208
Dunseith	0	5	82	256
Surrey	0	5	96	205

**Sept. 18**  
Kenmare 34, Dunseith 12

**Sept. 19**  
Alexander 44, TGU 0  
Divide County 29, MLS 12  
Lewis and Clark 28, Westhope-N-G 20  
Nedrose 36, Surrey 30

**Friday**  
Alexander at Surrey  
Divide County at Nedrose  
Dunseith at Lewis and Clark  
MLS at Kenmare  
Westhope-N-G at TGU

# Ray volleyball rallies to beat Divide

Maroons recover for home sweep of Alexander

By Jody Michael

Myia Knox recorded 16 kills and the Ray High School varsity volleyball team beat visiting Divide County 3-1 on Sept. 16 in the teams' first of at least two meetings this season.

The host Jays improved to 9-7 overall this year and now have a three-match winning streak against the Maroons, including two last season.

“The girls, they were able to adjust to different positions, different people, changing up things, trying to do something different,” Ray head coach Angie Cancade said.

Skylar Wehrman had 13 kills for the Maroons, who fell to 5-5 and lost their second straight match.

“We just need to keep the energy up when we’re down and trust our teammates,” Divide County head coach Nicole Burtman said.

Ray overcame a 25-21 opening-set loss to beat Divide 25-23, 25-22 and 25-17, taking control in the fourth set with an 11-4 start.

Knox had five kills in the final set, and Brinlee Cancade added four kills and three aces. Cancade finished the match with 10 kills, 20 digs, 15 assists and a match-high eight aces.

The opening set went back and forth before Divide County broke a 21-21 tie with four



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Kaydence Sargent, center, of the Ray Jays sets the ball against Elydie Johnson and Paige Smithberg of the Divide County Maroons during a match Sept. 16 in Ray.

consecutive points, including three kills by Wehrman.

The Maroons led 19-15 in the second set and 12-5 and 20-19 in the third before Ray pulled ahead. The Jays never trailed in the fourth.

Divide County recovered on Thursday to defeat visiting Alexander in straight sets, 25-16, 25-18, 27-25.

The Maroons rallied in the third set after falling behind

21-15. They staved off two Alexander set points at 24-22 and 24-23, then had an attack error on a set point of their own before a kill and an Alexander net fault sealed it.

“Mentally on Tuesday we struggled, and tonight we did not,” Burtman said.

Divide County’s matches this week are Monday at North Shore-Plaza and Thursday vs. Trinity Christian at 7 p.m.

Early next week, the Maroons host Tioga on Tuesday at 7 p.m. This match has been relocated to Crosby after originally being scheduled to take place in Tioga.

Ray’s matches this week are Tuesday after publication time at Trinity Christian and Thursday vs. Tioga at 7 p.m.

Early next week, the Jays visit Powers Lake-Burke Central on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Thursday**  
**Divide County 3, Alexander 0**  
Alexander 16 18 25  
Divide County 25 25 27  
DIVIDE COUNTY (kills-digs-blocks) -- Caraballo 14-1-0, Ryan 8-1-0, Smithberg 6-4-0, Johnson 4-2-1, S.Wehrman 3-0-0, Fortier 2-5-1, J.Wehrman 0-7-0, Landsverk 0-4-0, Ames 0-4-0.  
Aces -- Divide County 11 (Caraballo 5, Fortier 5), Assists -- Divide County 31 (Fortier 28).

**Sept. 16**  
**Ray 3, Divide County 1**  
Divide County 25 23 22 17  
Ray 21 25 25 25  
DIVIDE COUNTY (kills-digs-blocks) -- S.Wehrman 13-2-0, Smithberg 8-10-0, Caraballo 8-5-2, Ryan 7-2-1, Fortier 2-17-0, Ames 1-8-0, Johnson 1-3-1, J.Wehrman 0-27-0, Landsverk 0-6-0.  
RAY (kills-digs-blocks) -- Knox 16-4-0, Cancade 10-20-0, Edwards 5-4-1, Sargent 4-5-1, Larson 2-6-0, Long 1-18-0, Ab.Olson 1-12-0, Ad.Olson 1-2-0, Nelson 0-3-0.  
Aces -- Divide County 0, Ray 17 (Cancade 8), Assists -- Divide County 38 (Fortier 33), Ray 36 (Cancade 15).

NDHSAA Division B District 5		District		All Games	
		W	L	Pts.	W L
Trenton	2	0	4	8	1
Tioga	2	1	4	5	5
Ray	2	0	3	10	7
Powers Lake	2	1	3	2	7
Divide County	2	2	3	6	5
Kenmare	1	1	2	12	5
Parshall	1	1	2	4	8
Alexander	1	2	1	1	7
North Shore	0	2	0	2	8
Trinity Chr.	0	3	0	1	3



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Vivian Nygaard of the Divide County Maroons tees off during a meet on Sept. 15 at the Crosby Country Club.

# DC girls' golf ends season with tough result at regionals

Nygaard leads Maroons in final meets of year

By Jody Michael

The Divide County High School girls' golf team was challenged by both the weather and the course during the Region 6 championships Thursday at Edgewater Country Club in New Town.

Five of the Maroons' six golfers saw higher scores than they had during the team's previous meet on the course a week earlier in the Northwest Conference championships.

Divide County finished regionals in sixth place out of seven teams, shooting a 501. At the Northwest Conference meet, the Maroons shot a 484, which at the time was their second-highest score of the season.

Thursday was also one of the chilliest days of the month so far, with a high temperature in New Town of just 61 degrees following a week-and-a-half of 70s and 80s.

“Regionals was a tough one for the DC crew,” Divide County head coach Dylan Kolsstad said. “I think we didn’t have our best golf for Northwest Conference, and going back, the girls didn’t have the best mentality. Then you throw in weather and it was tough.”

Vivian Nygaard led the Maroons individually, tying for 25th out of 43 golfers with an 18-hole score of 121.

Kailey Verlinde was the

only Maroon whose score improved, from 148 to 125, for 28th place.

Jamie Fuhrman tied for 29th with a 126; Svea Svangstu tied for 31st with a 129; Kenley Sundberg was 38th with a 145; and Mira Stubbs was 41st with a 149.

Des Lacs-Burlington was the winning team with a 327, and Kenmare-Bowbells (369) and Williams County (383) also qualified for state.

DLB junior Laila Christianson was the individual medalist, shooting a 1-under-par 71.

Divide County also hosted a meet on Sept. 15 at the Crosby Country Club. The Maroons were fifth out of six teams, shooting a 473.

Nygaard again led the Maroons individually, shooting a 105 to place 19th, and Fuhrman was 22nd with a 111. Nygaard and Fuhrman each earned pars on holes 1, 2, 3 and 9.

Verlinde was 26th with a 121 and had one par each on holes 3 and 9.

Svangstu was 32nd with a 136, Sundberg tied for 33rd with a 138 and Stubbs was 38th with a 148.

Des Lacs-Burlington was the team champion with a 327. Christianson was the individual medalist with an 11-under-par 67.

Five of Divide County's six golfers were new to the team this season, and none of the six are seniors.

“Overall it was a great season,” Kolsstad said, adding, “I’m proud of the progress each girl made throughout the season. I look forward to next season.”

## Notice of Annual Meeting

Divide County Fair Board

Monday, October 6, 2025

6 pm

Courthouse Conference Room

☆This gathering is an important opportunity to review highlights from the past year, discuss goals for the upcoming fair season, and help shape the future of our county fair. **We will be holding elections for several board positions**, and we are also looking for enthusiastic individuals to fill current vacancies. Whether you are a long-time supporter or someone who is simply interested in getting involved, your input and participation are highly valued.

☆All residents, volunteers, and friends of the Divide County Fair are welcome and encouraged to attend. Together, we can continue to grow and improve this beloved community tradition.

☆Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make next year's fair even better!

## Crosby Blue Line Club EARLY Hockey Registration

Please register for the upcoming 25-26 season

1. Go to [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com) and register your player for the 2025-2026 season and get the USA Hockey confirmation number.

2. Go to [www.crosbycomets.com](http://www.crosbycomets.com) and use the USA Hockey confirmation number to register for the local club. If you have a first year player the discount code is “first year”

Registration needs to be done by **Oct. 1, 2025**. Anyone not registered by this date will be charged an additional fee of \$100.00

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