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Former major league pitcher Dave Dravecky delivers his talk at the Narberth Presbyterian Church earlier this month.

## Dravecky inspires at Narberth church

By FRANK FELSBERG

**NARBERTH** — When former major league baseball player and cancer survivor Dave Dravecky spoke at Narberth Presbyterian Church earlier this month on the topic of "The Worth of a Man," the talk proved entertaining and thought-provoking.

Dravecky, an amputee who lost his arm to cancer, stood in front of the audience of about 500 people without the arm that made him famous, and delivered a lighthearted yet serious message.

Despite suffering a crushing blow to his baseball livelihood, Dravecky has since taken up golf, motorcycling, fishing and skiing.

"It was hard hitting a golf ball with one arm," said Dravecky. "And I'm sure for some of you it's hard enough with two, let alone one."

He later added, "I believe laughter is healing to the soul."

At one point, Dravecky said, "My aunt Shirley's a nun. I'll never forget the comment that she made to my mother when she

heard that I was traded from Pittsburgh to San Diego. She said 'Donna, would you please tell David that I believe it was divine intervention that he went from being a Pirate to a Padre.'"

Dravecky mixed his talk with humor and seriousness, just as he used to mix up his pitches. "It's not what you do that matters most, it's who you are," said the former major-league pitcher.

Dravecky talked of skiing down a mountain close to his present home in Colorado and overhearing someone giving the instructions, "Left...right" to his blind friend to help him ski down the slope.

Dravecky added, "I am more whole today than I have ever been," and closed with a poem and the statement, "Cancer has been a blessing in Dave Dravecky's life."

The event was preceded by a tailgate party in the church's gym with free hot dogs and other ball-park-style food.

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A joyful group of Episcopal Academy girls celebrate their capture of the EA/AIS Banner during halftime of the Haverford game last Saturday. EA earned the banner by defeating Agnes Irwin in three out of four events — tennis (4-3), field hockey (2-1), while the Owls finished first in cross-country.

## Banner day for Episcopal Academy

**MERION** — At the third annual AIS/EA sports competition last weekend, host Episcopal Academy won three events — tennis, field hockey and soccer — against Agnes Irwin to capture the EA/AIS Banner.

In their final game of the season, Episcopal's field hockey team (14-6 overall, 9-3 in the Inter-Ac) defeated Agnes Irwin 2-1 on the turf at St. Joseph's University Friday.

Since Agnes Irwin was added to the EA-Haverford rivalry, the Episcopal Academy field hockey squad has won all three contests on EA-Haverford-AIS weekend.

EA sophomore Avery Curley scored the first goal and senior co-captain Alex Jahnle secured the winning goal. The offense had help from seniors Kaitlin

Brennan and Rachel Chung, juniors Kate Ivory, Kelley Moore and Catherine Shrugue, sophomore Emma Ciccotti and freshman Maggie Forker.

Seniors Marissa Spagnolo and co-captain Lindsey McManus helped lead the EA defense, with help from sophomores Kelsey Gula and Blake McHugh. Junior goalie Caitlin Powers, who had 11 shutouts for the season, anchored the Episcopal defense.

EA defeated Agnes Irwin in tennis, 4-3. Earlier this season, the Churchwomen beat the Owls, and AIS was looking for revenge in front of an enthusiastic tennis crowd.

The match began with Liz Hamlin winning convincingly for EA at first singles, 6-0, 6-1. AIS countered with a strong

win at fourth singles, 6-0, 6-2. AIS quickly went up 2-1 with Caroline Closkey's win at third singles.

Episcopal Academy tied the score with a win from the All-Inter-Ac doubles team of Mia Kent and Alexandra VanArkel. From that moment on, that match was nip and tuck.

EA won at third doubles after a titanic second set tiebreaker that ended with a 14-12 win. AIS won at second singles to even the match at 3-3, putting the pressure solely on the third set at second doubles.

Both teams had opportunities to capture the match for their school, with EA's duo of Sydney Grims and Lauren Rhodes pulling out the win for EA, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

The Episcopal Academy

girls' soccer team successful season over Agnes Irwin. The match in front of the tators was topped by a minute goal by which sealed the Churchwomen.

This win clinched for EA, as the field hockey contests. The match was held prior to the boys' race, and came through behind a stellar Ellie Hastings.

The banner place at the EA/Haverford game.

## Conestoga gridders nipped in district op

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Jacobs' 37-yard run was the impetus for O'Donnell's second score, a one-yard run, but the extra point was missed.

The Warriors could have put a lock on the game by halftime, thanks to a Josh Morgan interception, giving them the ball at the 'Stoga 36, and a muffed Conestoga punt, putting the ball at the Pioneers' 18. Artie Williams and Leighton Dennis ended both threats with interceptions.

Barley took matters into his hands on the second-half kickoff. Getting the ball at his seven yard-line, he worked his way downfield for a 93-yard touchdown. But the lead stood at only 13-12 when the extra point was missed.

"With their quarterback, he can keep you in a game and they can hurt you from anywhere," said Walsh. "We played nice defense on Barley. He's amazing. It was his time to shine. We did the double coverage thing on him, that we would have used on Nihja."

The teams first exchanged punts and then fumbles. Then, the Richter-to-Griffin Stewart show began. They first hooked up on a 26-yard pass play, with a five-yard Warrior face mask penalty tacked on. Two plays later, Richter threw off his back foot, and Stewart managed to catch the 33-yard pass in the end zone between two Henderson defenders with 4:15 to play in the game. The PAT made it 20-13.

off 26 yards and a face mask call against the 'Stogies put the ball at their 39, from where the winning drive began.

"Special teams got us back in the game and hurt us later," said Vogan. "We played a solid football game for 48 minutes and it came down to that. When Stewart made that catch, I thought we had enough momentum. But you have to give credit to Henderson. They are a champion and they played like a champion."

And Henderson has "The Play" in its back pocket when needed.

**W.C. Henderson 21, Conestoga 20**

Conestoga 0 7 6 7 - 20  
W.C. Henderson 0 13 0 8 - 21

H-O'Donnell 1 run

C-Barley 93 kickoff

C-Stewart 33 p

(DeLuca kick)

H-O'Donnell 4 run

**TEAM STATISTICS**

First downs: C 14, H 12

C 20-62, H 53-2

187, H 21; Fum

Intercepted by:

yards: C 5-32, H

2-12-0, H 1-27

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**Rushing:** C: C

Barley 1-12, H

long 6, H: K

Jacobs 10-99, H

76, long 11; M

**Passing:** C: Ric

1 TD, 2 INT;

yards, 0 TD, 2

**Receiving:** C: C