

GREENWOOD BOYS SOCCER

Frustrating season in 2011 should motivate 'Cats

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— When last we saw the Greenwood Tigers, they were licking their wounds fresh off a loss to arch-rival East Juniata in the first round of last year's PIAA Class A tournament.

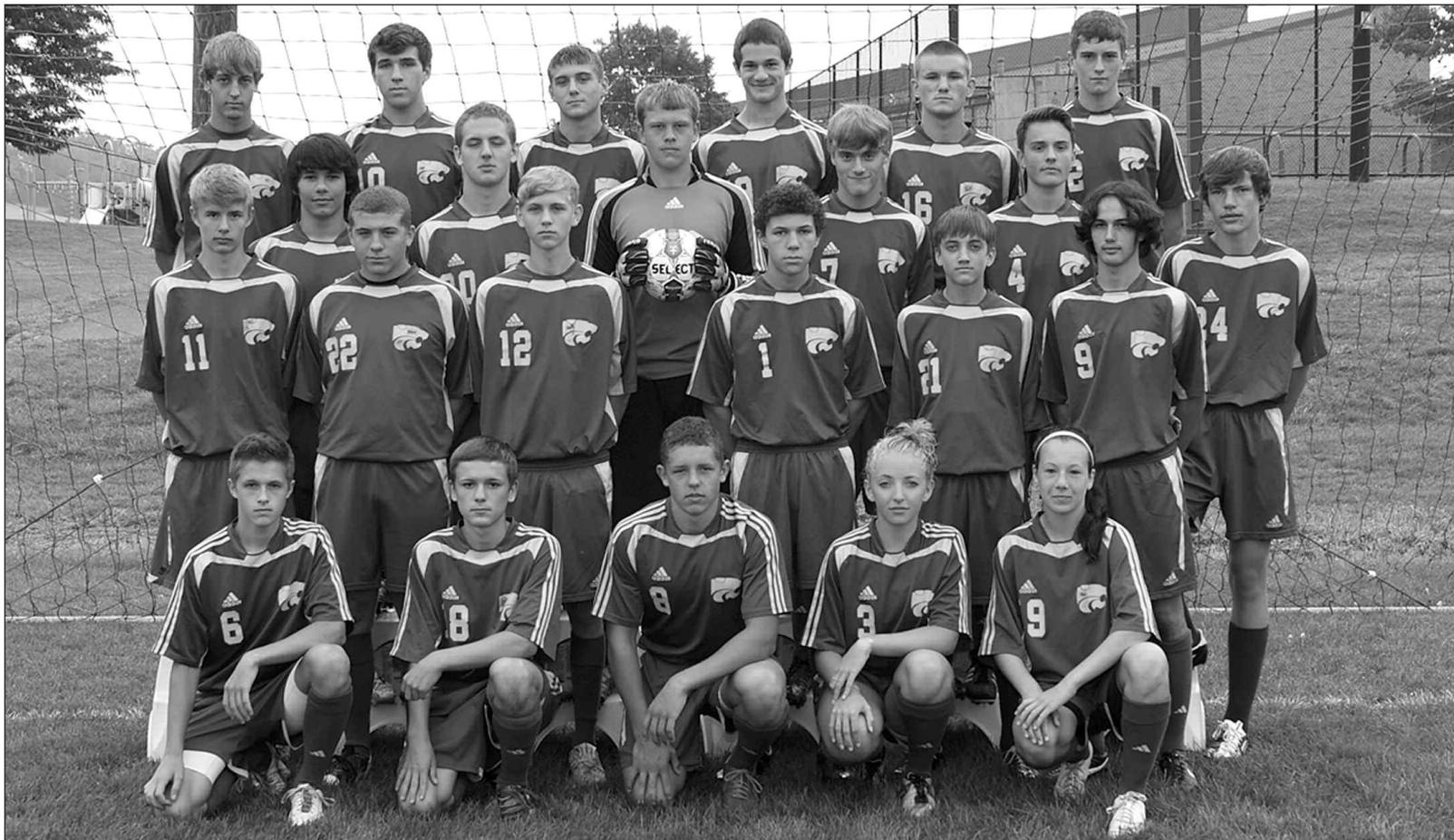
Last season marked the first time the Wildcats punched their ticket to the state's big dance. Losing to their Tri-Valley League rivals — for the third time in as many tries in 2011 — concluded a bittersweet season.

And that was after Greenwood was forced to play practically its entire season on the road because of drainage problems at the high school field.

"It was frustrating," said Wildcats coach Tom Magill, who is entering his ninth season at the helm. "I thought we should have been better record-wise than we were. The field thing kind of exasperated things. We went six weeks without practicing on an entire field."

And don't think the losses to East Juniata haven't stuck in the craw of Greenwood's players during the offseason. "On paper, they should be better than we are," Magill admitted. "The motivation should be that they've beaten us five straight games (dating back to 2010). They've going to be the team to beat this year. We just have to go out and prove that we deserve to be the opponent."

With seven returning starters, including five TVL all-stars, the Wildcats figure to be a worthy foe. After ranking 1-2 in scoring a year ago, senior Josh Ferguson and junior Tyler Fegley are



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Members of the Greenwood boys soccer team are, from left, front, Hunter Roth, Hunter Miller, Hunter Wirth, Sara Barton and Abbey Korber; second row, Lucas Grimm, Cory Losch, Kevin Scheaffer, Seth Ferguson, Adrik Woodward and Alexander Potter; third row, Curtis Mather, Cody Cauffman, Ryan Ferguson, Garrett Byers, Jarrett Fortenbaugh and Nicholas Kerstetter; back, Aaron Smith, Joshua Ferguson, Kyle Scheaffer, Scott Kerstetter, Roy Miller and Tyler Fegley.

AT A GLANCE

GREENWOOD WILDCATS

District 3, Class A

Coach: Tom Magill, assisted by Keith Bryner, Aaron Anstine, John Magill and Tec Magill
2011: 11-8, 2-0 Tri-Valley League West

back to bolster Greenwood's offense.

A first-team striker, Ferguson tallied 18 goals in 2011 and has led the Wildcats in scoring for the past two seasons.

"I thought he really jacked it up a notch," Magill said. "He played as our single forward and he did a great job of that. He has a real sense for the game and gets himself in dangerous positions. He shoots the ball well, and he isn't afraid to take people on one on one."

Fegley may move from the outside to center midfield this year, Magill said.

"He contributed a number of timely goals, which was a nice surprise because it (center midfield) was an area that I was concerned about," the Wildcat coach said. "He seems to be able to get him-

self in a position to score goals."

TVL all-star Alex Potter returns for his senior season at midfield.

"He's not real big, but he's great in the air," Magill said. "He suffered a concussion and was out for the state game against EJ. We missed him because he really solidifies our midfield."

The Wildcats were hit hard in the backfield and middle with the losses of TVL all-stars Cody Peterson, Colton Fortenbaugh, Patrick Horting and Zach McCoy to graduation.

Senior Roy Miller, who is

coming off an all-star season, just goes and goes and goes. He's like Potter. We're looking for him to get more involved in the offense."

"The guy is a relentless defender," Magill said. "He

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