

# Warren High School Athletics



## Year In Review

2017-18

## **REFLECTIONS**

The 2017-18 school year in Warren Athletics may best be labeled a “year of change”. Beginning with the employment of a new Athletic Director to the new and very popular WOW Awards at the conclusion of the academic school year, 2017-18 proved to be a major test for anyone resistant to change.

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS – FALL SPORTS**

### **Cross Country - Girls**

The 11 member Girls Cross Country team, coached by Neil Brague, put together a solid season. Led by junior Casey Brague (19<sup>th</sup>/122) and freshman Devanne Reynolds (27<sup>th</sup>/122), both outright regional qualifiers, Warren captured District team honors and advanced to the Regional. In addition to Brague and Reynolds, members of the Regional Qualifying team included: Caroline Stollar, Taylor Appleby, Caitlyn Burroughs, Savannah Jarvis and Jenna Walters. Post-season honors included:

- All District
  - Devanne Reynolds
  - Casey Brague
- All OVAC
  - Devanne Reynolds
  - Casey Brague
- Regional Outright Qualifiers
  - Casey Brague
  - Devanne Reynolds

### **Cross Country – Boys**

Trent Sayre was the bright spot of the 11 member Boys Cross Country team of Neil Brague. The talented junior put together an outstanding season compiling an impressive resume of collegiate-worthy credentials, while earning his second trip to the State Cross Country Meet. His achievements included:

All-OVAC  
All-District - 5<sup>th</sup> Place/193  
All-Region - 9<sup>th</sup> Place/181  
State – 43<sup>rd</sup> Place /180

### **Football**

The 2017 football season was a disappointing one as the Tim Carver coached Warriors finished 0-10. Three athletes earned post-season honors, led by Sophomore Safety Thomas Miller (All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team-5A), Senior DB/QB Ronnie Hill (All-OVAC Honorable Mention - 5A; Southeast District Special Mention), and Junior LB/RB Tyler Schafer (All-OVAC Honorable Mention - 5A).

Dan Day, former Saint Joseph’s College Head Football Coach, has brought renewed optimism to the program with his January 22, 2018 hiring to lead the Warrior football program.

## **Golf - Boys**

Ultra-successful golf coach Nathan Evans (WOW Awards Coach of the Year) and his young, but very talented Boys Golf Team put together an impressive 2107 season. After the loss of many key contributors to graduation from the 2016 championship team, Evans and his youngsters, led by IUP-bound Nick Ward, surprised many with the following team accomplishments:

- Won the Washington County Championship (3rd year in a row)
- Won 7 of 18 tournaments
- Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the OVAC Tournament
- DI OHSAA Sectionals - Got out as a team
- DI OHSAA Districts - Runner-up (missed state tournament by 4 strokes)

As expected, Nick Ward continued his dominance on the links by earning DI Southeastern Ohio District 1st Team and Player of the Year honors. Fellow teammate and Junior Austin Barta, recovering from a recent severe arm injury, earned DI Southeastern Ohio District 1st Team honors, and Freshman Seth Dennis landed on the DI Southeastern Ohio District 2nd Team. Senior Casey Rafferty and Freshman Chance Wehl earned Honorable Mention District honors. With his team's outstanding overall performance, Nathan Evans was named DI Southeastern Ohio District Coach of the Year.

## **Golf – Girls**

Nathan Evans and his Girls Golf Team fielded four players and played a limited schedule. The team members were Hannah Jankauskas, Zoe Miller, Emilee Neville, and Chloe Rader. With increased interest, their first full schedule for a season, and the elevation of Andy Biddinger to the Head Girls Golf Coach position, the future looks bright for this young program.

## **Soccer – Boys**

The WHS WOW Awards Team of the Year put together a spectacular 2017 Boys Soccer Season. The Ekrem Eksi led squad finished the season as District runner-up after an upset loss and posted a 16-2-1 record. The veteran, senior-laden squad was dominant throughout the season, scoring 85 goals, while allowing just 10. Leading the team was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohio and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District selection Matt Dugan (Sr.) and fellow senior 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District defenseman Jared Hall. Dugan and Hall were joined on the All-District squad by 2<sup>nd</sup> team selections Matt Goodman (Jr.) and Ethan Yost (So.) and Honorable Mention honorees Kyler Gardner (Sr.) and Elliott Ullman (Sr.).

## **Soccer – Girls**

Head Coach Andy Pinkerton, former Boys Soccer boss, engineered a turnaround season in his inaugural campaign with the Girls Soccer Team. Coming off a 1-14-2 season, the ladies improved by 6 wins (7-8-3 record), by allowing 25 less goals and recording 6 shutouts. The young squad hosted and won a post-season tournament game vs. Athens. Leading the way was a quartet of post-season All-District honorees --- Jr. Taylor Vickers (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Jr. Madison Miller (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), and Fr. Taylor Sloan and Sr. Emma Rader (Honorable Mention). Nineteen (19) underclassmen will return to next years' squad.

## **Volleyball**

The 2017 Warren Volleyball team, coached by Michelle Tyo, put together an impressive mid-season 11 game win streak, rallying to a 15-7 final record. Along the way, the veteran team posted an impressive home win over Logan and defeated arch rival Marietta both home and away. Senior stalwart Hope Murdock earned All-OVAC honors and led a quintet of her teammates to Southeastern Ohio All-District recognition:

- Hope Murdock – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
- Kate Liston – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- Maggie Kemp – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- Kaylee Ullman and Abby Gilliland – Honorable Mention

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS – WINTER SPORTS**

### **Basketball – Boys**

Masterful coaching and the dominant play of Senior Center and Muskingum-bound Josh Huffman propelled the Boys Basketball team to a 17-win season and a return trip to the Convo. Along the way, Coach Blane Maddox earned his 300<sup>th</sup> win, all at Warren, and all but solidified his eventual nomination to the OHSAA Hall of Fame. The Warriors outstanding defense, unselfish play on offense, and the presence of Huffman --- an All-District and Special Mention All-Ohio honoree --- made Warren a tough out. The Warriors defeated a pesky Logan Elm team to claim the Sectional title, before losing 48-44 at the Convo to Unioto.

### **Basketball – Girls**

The Girls Basketball team, led by Coach Amy Colgrove, had an outstanding 2017-18 season. The veteran team, led by Seniors Kate Liston (Marietta College), Emily Jackson (Muskingum), Molly McCutcheon (USC Upstate), Peyton Bowe, and Grace Way, posted a 19-4 record, including a trip to the Sectional finals. Along the way, the team rewarded Coach Colgrove with her 100<sup>th</sup> win, a 57-41 defeat of South Webster. That previous quintet was well represented with post-season honors listed below:

- All District
  - Kate Liston – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Emily Jackson – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Peyton Bowe – Honorable Mention
  - Molly McCutcheon – Honorable Mention
  - Grace Way – Honorable Mention
- All Ohio
  - Kate Liston – Special Mention
- Academic - All Ohio
  - Kate Liston

### **Cheer**

Terri Roddy's 2017-18 Cheer Squad was a special group. They added to the excitement of all football and basketball games during the Fall and Winter sports seasons, and they were willing volunteers for any task needed throughout the school year. As a reward for their excellence, they competed in the

Buckeye All-Star Spring Bash Competition and earned the title of Grand Champion, achieving the highest possible score in this event. They won first place in three different categories: Jumping, Tumbling, and Outstanding Choreography.

## **Wrestling**

The 2017-18 season marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Warren Wrestling, and Jim Rhodes' squad proudly represented the Warrior tradition by posting a 96-19 overall record, and claiming team crowns in the Hickory Grove Invite, and the Zanesville and Miami Trace Invitationals. Nine wrestlers qualified for Districts, including Peyton Kellar, Brady Oberdier, Ronnie Hill, Liam Kellar, Eli Ross, Nate Gessel, Tristan Duffey, Ben Goedel, and Dylan Anderson. In the post-season, Freshman Peyton Kellar and Sophomore Brady Oberdier grabbed the headlines as both earned All-District and qualified for the State Tournament. Peyton Kellar went on to earn All-Ohio honors with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Kellar's accolades included:

- 51-5 overall record
- 1<sup>st</sup> Freshman to qualify for State in school history
- 1<sup>st</sup> Freshman to place at State Tournament
- High School All-American (5<sup>th</sup> nationally)

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS – SPRING SPORTS**

### **Baseball**

Ryan Lemley's young, but talented, 2018 squad clawed and fought its way to a 9-16 record against a very tough schedule. Led by Junior CF Drew Huffman (All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team) and Sophomore pitcher Brett Gandee (Honorable Mention All-District), the Warriors battled youth and inexperience to remain competitive throughout the season. Fellow Freshmen Evan Gandee, Seth Dennis, and Kurt Taylor ably-manned three infield positions and the trio led their team in hitting. Sporting a line-up with as many as 8 underclassmen starters, the future appears bright for Warrior Baseball.

### **Softball**

Jenny Lynch's 2018 Softball Team had a stellar season, posting a record of 14-6 against a very formidable schedule. Led by the arm of Sarah Greenlee (2 no-hitters) and the bat of SS Diamond Decker, the Warriors advanced to the OVAC Tournament for the second consecutive year. Riding a strong pitcher, a sound defense, and some timely hitting, the Sectional champs advanced to District play at Ohio University, bowing out to Fairfield Union 9-4 in a game that the Warriors led for 5 innings. Fairfield Union advanced to the Final 4 of the Ohio State Softball Tournament. The Warriors were led all season by Junior SS Diamond Decker and a trio of Seniors ---- P Sarah Greenlee (Muskingum bound), 3B Elisabeth Williams, and CF Avery Grayson. Below are their post-season honors:

- All OVAC
  - Sarah Greenlee – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Elisabeth Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Avery Grayson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

- All District
  - Diamond Decker – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Sarah Greenlee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team
  - Avery Grayson – Honorable Mention
  - Elisabeth Williams – Honorable Mention

## Track & Field - Boys

The 2018 Boys Track Team, coached by Neil Brague, had one of the most outstanding seasons in recent memory. The team collected several team titles and re-wrote the record books along the way. Led by a core group of underclassmen that included Trent Sayre, Justin Lough, Ethan Yost, Jake Herriott, Preston Rowland-Demster, and Isaiah Kitts, this group put together an impressive end of season run that saw them finish 9<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 at the Ohio State Track Meet. In doing so, 5 athletes reached the podium to earn All-Ohio honors.

Justin Lough	300 Hurdles	Time: 38.93 (#5 at State) – school record
Ethan Yost	400 Meter Dash	Time: 49.64 (#8 at State) – school record
Trent Sayre	1600 Meter Run	Time: 4:20.07 (#3 in State)

4 x 800 Meter Relay (Ethan Yost, Jake Herriott, Preston Rowland-Demster, Trent Sayre)

Time: 8:06 (New District Record)

Time: 7:56.85 (New Regional Record)

Time: 7:48.03 (New School Record/#2 Finish @ State Meet)

Although they did not place at the Ohio State meet, the 4 x 400 Relay Team of Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Ethan Yost & Justin Lough set a new school record with a time of 3:25.19.

Other notable performances from this team included:

- OVAC – Event Champions
  - Landon Wigal – Pole Vault
  - Ethan Yost – 400 M Dash
  - 4 x 400 Relay – Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Ethan Yost, Justin Lough
  - 4 x 800 Relay – Ethan Yost, Jake Herriott, Preston Rowland-Demster, Trent Sayre
  - Trent Sayre – 1600 M Run
  - Justin Lough – 300 M Hurdles
- District – Event Champions
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Ethan Yost, Jake Herriott, Preston Rowland-Demster, Trent Sayre)
  - 4 x 400 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Ethan Yost, Justin Lough)
  - Trent Sayre – 1600 M Run

## Track & Field – Girls

The Sally Maddox coached 2018 Girls Track Team put together a very impressive season of their own. Led by a quintet of underclassmen – Juniors Erin Bogard and Casey Brague, Sophomore Emme Bowe, and Freshmen Allison Werry and Millie Ryan, this squad boasted several first or 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in the team competitions throughout the season. Along the way, records fell in the Pole Vault (Erin Bogard, 12'4, New District & School Record) and the 400 Meter Dash (Allison Werry, 1:00.75, School Record). Top headliner Erin Bogard earned All-Ohio honors with a 4<sup>th</sup> place State Meet finish in the Pole Vault, while Freshman discus sensation Millie Ryan qualified for the State Meet but failed to qualify for the finals.

Other notable performances during the Spring season included the following:

- OVAC – Event Champions
  - Erin Bogard – Pole Vault
  - Millie Ryan – Discus
- District – Event Champions
  - 4 x 200 Relay (Hope Murdock, Emme Bowe, Allison Werry, Erin Bogard)
  - 4 x 400 Relay (Hope Murdock, Emme Bowe, Allison Werry, Abigail Werry)
  - Erin Bogard – Pole Vault
  - Millie Ryan – Shot Put

## All-Academic Honor Rolls for Athletics

At Warren High School, the success of our Athletics program is not just measured by the wins and losses of our teams on the playing fields and courts. Warren takes very seriously the education of our students and promotes success in the classroom by the honoring of our “student-athletes.”

- WHS Athletics (3.5+ cumulative GPA: 64 athletes qualified)
- Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (3.8+ GPA for the year: 48 Varsity athletes qualified)

The following were recognized for their outstanding scholarship and academic achievement at the inaugural “WOW Awards”, an awards show honoring Warren’s finest student-athletes:

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| • Top Team Grade Point Average        | Volleyball     |
| • Top Senior Scholar Athlete (Female) | Peyton Bowe    |
| • Top Senior Scholar Athlete (Male)   | Elliott Ullman |

## “WOW Awards”

Created to recognize and honor Warren’s finest in Athletics, the “WOW Awards” is Warren’s version of the ESPN ESPY’S, with a splash of the Country Music Awards and the Rose Ceremony from the Bachelor. This year end event is a formal event that honors the special student-athletes, teams, coaches, and moments that make Warrior sports so special. Below are the winners from the inaugural “WOW Awards”:



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WOW AWARD	RECIPIENT
Top Team GPA	Volleyball
Top Senior Scholar Athlete - FEMALE	Peyton Bowe
Top Senior Scholar Athlete - MALE	Elliott Ullman
Play of the Year	Matt Modesitt
Moment of the Year	Ryan Brown
Fan of the Year	Cody Wilson
Makin' A Difference Volunteer of Year	Kate Liston
3 Sport Athlete	Makayla Aiken
	Savannah Banks
	Sydney Brown
	Lacey Cline
	Seth Dennis
	Evan Gandee
	Ronnie Hill
	Cole Hupp
	Liam Kellar
	Kate Liston
	Maddisen Mills
	Gavin Ott
	Westin Ritchie
	Millie Ryan
	Trent Sayre
Kurt Taylor	
Leah Way	
Chance Weihl	
Thomas Williams	
Ethan Yost	
Breakthrough Performance	Austin Barta
Strive for Excellence	Kate Liston
Courage Award	Kate Liston
Team of the Year	Boys Soccer
Coach of the Year	Nathan Evans
Freshman Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Allison Werry
Freshman Athlete of the Year-MALE	Peyten Kellar
Sophomore Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Emme Bowe
Sophomore Athlete of the Year-MALE	Ethan Yost
Junior Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Diamond Decker
Junior Athlete of the Year-MALE	Liam Kellar
Senior Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Kate Liston
Senior Athlete of the Year-MALE	Jared Hall