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The Woodlands Christian Academy golfers Aaron Pounds, Ethan Bridges, Jack Usner, Sam McClure and Jake Maggert are one-of-a-kind talents.

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FOOTBALL

By Dennis Silva II

Solid Season
Prepares Warriors
for Big 2022

Roric Hawkins Jr.



Colby Gorman

DESPITE BEING YOUNG AT KEY SPOTS ON THE FIELD, THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ENJOYED A SOLID YEAR ON THE GRIDIRON IN 2021, GOING 7-4 AND FALLING TO PERENNIAL POWER AUSTIN REGENTS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS.

The Warriors made the postseason for the ninth time in the last 11 years. It was the first season for head coach Chris McClanahan, who took over for Randy Hollas in December 2020.

The Warriors were led offensively by junior running back Roric Hawkins Jr., who compiled 1,309 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns. Junior Ryan Leslie added to what was a potent ground game for TWCA with 794 yards and nine touchdowns.

The core of TWCA's offense will return next season with Hawkins, Leslie and quarterback Josh Johnson. The junior completed 58 percent of his passes for 1,090 yards and 14 touchdowns to 12 interceptions. He also rushed for 595 yards and six touchdowns.

Defensively, the Warriors were led by senior linebacker Sean Kane, senior linebacker Austin Veldekens, junior defensive back Jacob Rios, senior lineman Ezekiel Jurado and senior defensive back Dereck Felder.

ALL-STATE
OFFENSE

— FIRST TEAM —
LINEMEN

Colby Gorman, senior

— SECOND TEAM —
RUNNING BACK

Roric Hawkins Jr., junior

DEFENSE

— HONORABLE MENTION —
LINEBACKERS

Sean Kane, senior

SECONDARY

Dereck Felder, senior

ALL-DISTRICT
OFFENSE

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LINEMEN

Colby Gorman, senior

Max Abernathy, senior

Keller Davis, junior

RUNNING BACKS

Roric Hawkins Jr., junior

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RUNNING BACKS

Ryan Leslie, junior

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— HONORABLE MENTION —
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— SECOND TEAM —
SECONDARY

Daniel Benkovics, senior

— HONORABLE MENTION —
LINEBACKERS

Ryan Leslie, junior

VOLLEYBALL

New Talent, Same Goal

By Dennis Silva II

AFTER LOSING FOUR KEY MEMBERS OF THE 2020-2021 SQUAD, SEVERAL NEW FACES CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S THIRD CONSECUTIVE TAPPS PLAYOFF RUN THIS FALL.

A youthful club saw breakout seasons for much of its young talent. Juniors Jordan Booth, an outside hitter, and Katie Wise, a setter, were all-district, first-team selections. Junior Kirstyn Montgomery was named to the second team, and junior libero Brooke Harris was named honorable mention.

Booth was also an honorable-mention, all-state pick.

All of those girls return for their senior season in 2022.

ALL-STATE

—HONORABLE MENTION—
Jordan Booth, Junior

ALL-DISTRICT

—FIRST TEAM—
Jordan Booth, Junior
Katie Wise, Junior

—SECOND TEAM—
Kirstyn Montgomery, Junior

—HONORABLE MENTION—
Brooke Harris, Junior



Jordan Booth



Katie Wise

CROSS COUNTRY

Warriors Pace to Top Finish

By Dennis Silva II

THE RETOOLED WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ONCE AGAIN FLEXED ITS STRENGTH ON THE CROSS COUNTRY COURSE IN 2021.

The Warriors boys and girls each finished fourth at the TAPPS 5A state championships, once again earning trips to the award podium.

TWCA was the only 5A school to put both of its teams on the awards stand at state.

The Warriors girls now have 10 consecutive podium wins. The boys have eight.

The TWCA girls won the District 5 championship for the seventh consecutive year. The boys also won the District 5 title.

Even more impressive, 2021 was a sort of reloading year for the Warriors after they graduated star runner Ben Shearer (University of Arkansas) and three boys

who finished in the Top 10 at State in 2020. The TWCA boys had only one senior in 2021 in Will Bennett.

The TWCA girls were paced by seniors Lindsay Worthington and Ellie Johnson. Sophomore Zoe Calimani is also a promising talent who is expected to emerge as a leader in 2022.



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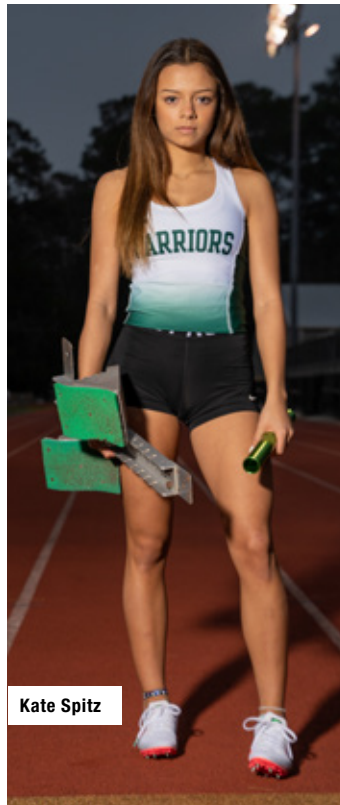


Dereck Felder

The Spring is upon us. The crisp nights will be filled with the sounds of baseballs and softballs cracking off aluminum bats and the squeaking of tennis shoes on the hard courts. Fore? Golf will be in full swing while the stadium will be filled watching this year's track stars. On your mark ... get set ... go!



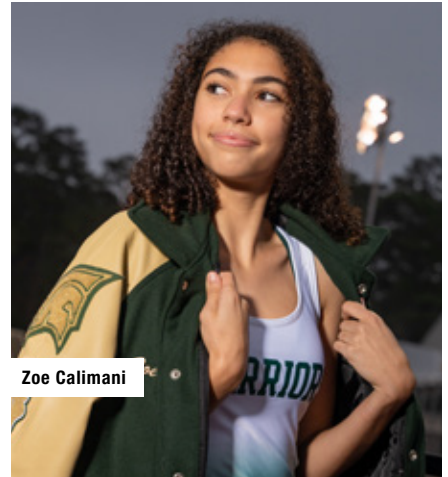
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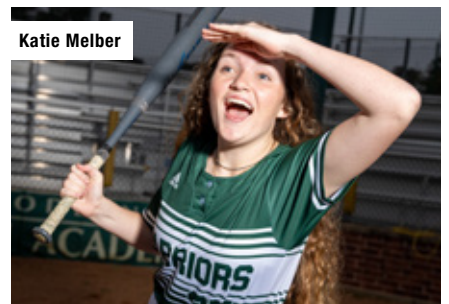
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IRONS SHARPEN IRONS

**TWCA Golf is
Generationally
Great** \\\ By Matt Malatesta

Aaron Pounds, Jake Maggert,
Jack Usner, Sam McClure and
Ethan Bridges

GREATNESS CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED AT TIMES.

For TWCA, the current Warriors golf team will go down as the best-ever collection of talent in school history. Not just at TWCA or TAPPS, but possibly the city of Houston.

The five-some of Jack Usner, Aaron Pounds, Ethan Bridges, Jake Maggert and Sam McClure are wildly talented.

Just last year, the Warriors won its first-ever TAPPS state men's golf title. They won by 33 strokes over two days. Usner was the individual champion, while Pounds finished third. Bridges earned an eighth-place finish putting three in the Top 10. Maggert and McClure were Top 20 finishers. Maggert is the son of long-time PGA player Jeff Maggert.

"We are going for another state title this year," Pounds said. "We are so good

because we are always competing against each other. That makes us better as a group. It's fun to play tournaments because we have that edge trying to beat the other team and each other."

On the national junior golf circuit during the summers, the Warriors are also making some noise.

Usner and Pounds are both Texas A&M commits and look forward to playing together for years to come.

"It was a dream come true for me," Pounds said. "I grew up going to Texas A&M football games and I have had much of my family go there. When they offered me and I committed, it was incredible."

Pounds has a sister, Taylor, who also plays soccer for the Aggies.

"It's going to be a blast (playing with Pounds at Texas A&M)," Usner laughed.

"We've always been great friends and now I'll be stuck with him for our college years."

The Warrior headliners found golf at an early age.

"My dad put a club in my hand at two years old and I'd hit around the backyard," Usner said. "I started playing tournaments pretty early on and just fell in love with the sport. I love the thrill of competing and I can't get enough of golf."

"I played multiple sports growing up that were more team-oriented," Pounds said. "I was drawn to golf because you are competing by yourself. You have to figure it out on your own."

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“ We are so good because we are always competing against each other.

~AARON POUNDS”



Aaron Pounds

TEE TO GREEN

VYPE: When you are watching golf, who do you follow?

USNER: I'm the biggest Rori McElroy fan there is. He has the best swing and I love how he plays. He's all about ball-striking. He smokes his drives and hits his greens. You don't see him scrambling out there.

VYPE: What's your favorite golf course you have ever played?

POUNDS: My favorite course is Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, but I had the opportunity to play the Country Club of North Carolina. That was pretty special.



Jack Usner



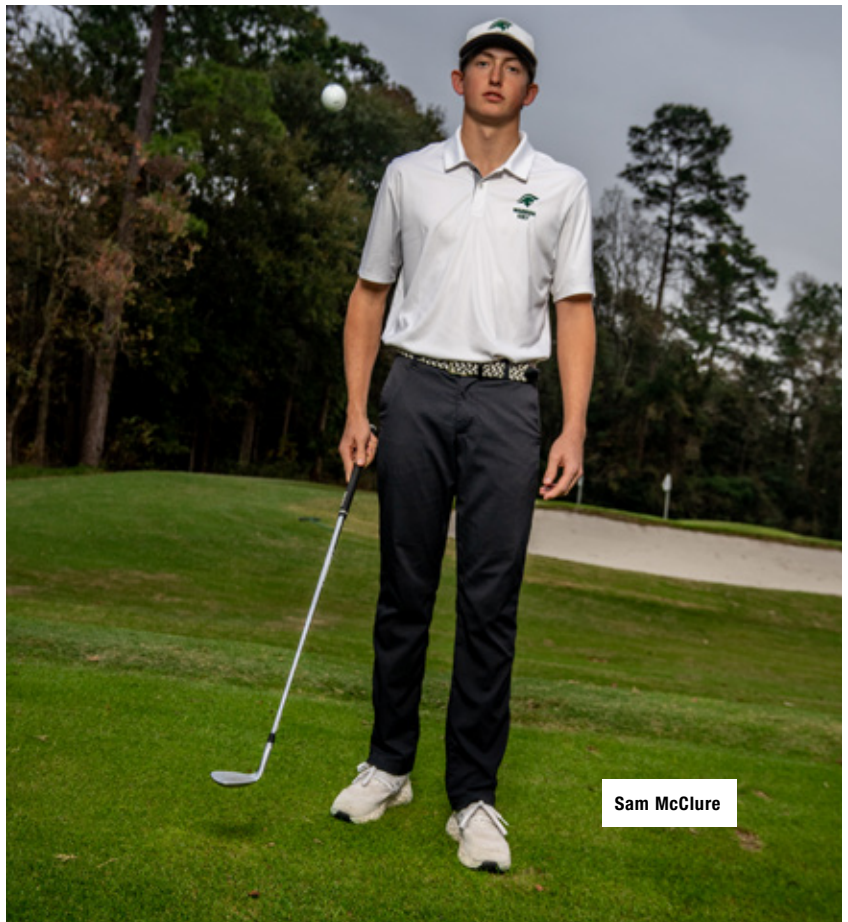
WHAT THEY SAY

"Look, these guys have goals beyond TWCA. But what I like is that these guys don't settle. The (state) expectation is still there and they are interested in building a legacy... something they can look back on that they started 10 or 15 years from now. They relish the challenge and will fight and battle it out every day."

- TWCA Golf Coach Jonathan McNeese



Jake Maggert



Sam McClure

A promotional poster for the Warrior Boosters Fish Fry. The background is a dark green wooden texture. On the left, there is a close-up of a plate with golden-brown fried fish and french fries, garnished with lemon wedges and parsley. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif fonts. At the top left is a white silhouette of a warrior's head. The main title "FISH FRY" is in large, distressed white letters. Below it, the date and time "FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 4:30 P.M. • SLC LOBBY" are listed. Further down, it says "Complimentary meal sponsored by Warrior Boosters" and "RSVP at twca.net/fishfry".

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Carley Welch

HUNTING FOR BIRDIES

The Warrior girls golf team hopes to follow their boy counterpart's lead as they embark on the 2022 season. It should be a fun year as TWCA will be competitive in district and the end of the year tournaments.



Tatum Counts, Carley Welch, Lily Smith, Emily Walton



Emily Walton



Tatum Counts

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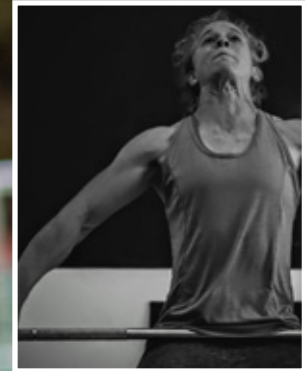
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Softball and Baseball Concessions Area

BEAST MODE

By Matt Reese

Tennis Coach Trepanier Found Passion in the Weight Room



Leigh-Ann Trepanier

LEIGH-ANN TREPANIER CHALKS HER HANDS AND APPROACHES A COMPETITION BAR.

It's loaded with a weight that normal athletes, let alone humans, wouldn't consider lifting above their heads, but Trepanier isn't a normal athlete.

In her mind, she repeats the phrase "see a little, see a lot. See a lot, see nothing," to help her focus on the task at hand. She bounces on her toes three times, kneels, sets her hands, moves the bar up and back to herself and then... everything goes silent except her coach's voice.

He gives her a cue. Muscle memory takes over. She lifts.

Trepanier, the head tennis coach at TWCA, has a history of being in the foundation of Olympic Weightlifting that goes back to college. She started powerlifting — squats, bench, deadlifts, etc. — as a collegiate tennis player at Grove City College in Pennsylvania. At first, though she enjoyed it, it was more of a requirement.

After she graduated and moved to The Woodlands, she was immediately recruited by TWCA Strength Coach Tim Walker to enter into a brand new sport for her — Olympic Weightlifting — in December of 2019.

Then, Covid hit, and Trepanier's journey took off.

She purchased a women's competition bar — 35 pounds — and in June of 2020, she started Coach Walker's program and began learning the "snatch" and "clean and jerk" lifts.

Her workout schedule included five days on, two days off. She did this for an entire year before her first competition.

In May 2021, Trepanier's first competition arrived — online — through the United States Weightlifting Federation (USAW). She came in third overall in her weight class (59 KG ~ 130 lbs.) with a snatch of 68 KG (148 lbs.) and clean and jerk of 85 KG (187 lbs.).

These lifts qualified her for the U-25 US Nationals and the American Open Series 2. Her and Walker decided to not go to nationals with the goal in mind to compete in the US Nationals as a senior athlete, rather than a U-25 athlete.

At AO2 in September, Trepanier snatched 75 KG (165 lbs.) and clean and jerked 95 KG (209 lbs.). Again, she finished third overall, which qualified her for US Nationals as a senior athlete and the American Open Finals in December.

"It's amazing how God designed our bodies to be able to handle such heavy weight under such grace," Trepanier said. "I never had a female lifter to look up to and I think that's something I love and I hope I can do here at TWCA."

Once she started competing, Trepanier's training schedule was upped to six days a week, with two or three two-a-days. The work paid off.

At the AO Finals, she totaled with a 175 KG lift — 75 KG snatch, 100 KG (220 lbs.) clean and jerk. This was good for a seventh-place overall finish against the top lifters in the nation.

"It's okay to be strong," she added. "It's okay to want to lift heavy weights as a female, which is not common. I love that at TWCA I've had the opportunity to push specifically the female athletes by showing them that they can do this. That they can be confident and feel comfortable in the weight room."

"I love when they come up to me and tell me 'I love this!' or 'I hit this number!,'" Trepanier said. "I love being able to be more of an example which wasn't always the case. I'm more confident and I want to help athletes new to the sport."

Up next for Trepanier will be the US Nationals held in Las Vegas in late June. She will be competing against hundreds of the best Olympic Weightlifters in the country.

Considering that when she started, Trepanier was lifting 22.7 KG (50 lbs.) in the snatch, and 37.7 (83 lbs) KG in the clean and jerk, it's safe to say that no, she is not a normal athlete.

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Zoe Watterson



Brittany Edone

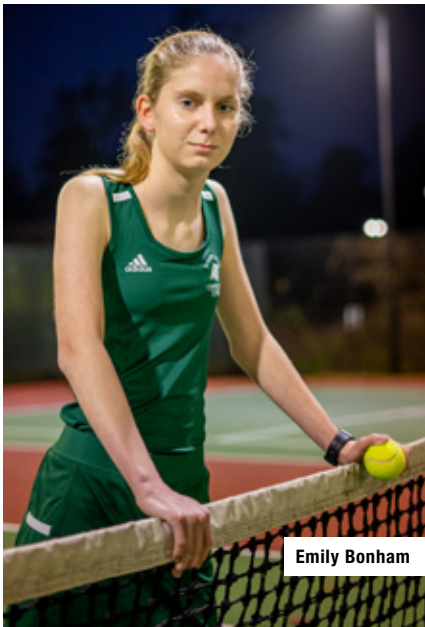


Avery Fleanor



The 2022 Warriors Girls Tennis Team

If Coach Leigh-Ann Trepanier's beast-mode mentality can rub off on her team, the sky is the limit for TWCA's tennis team. The Warriors have a tough district but that should get them prepared for the postseason tournaments.



Emily Bonham



Christiana Camarillo

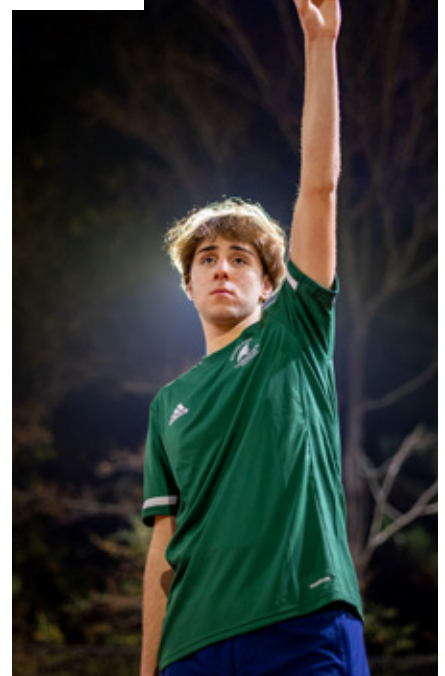


JC Lopez

The 2022 Warriors Boys Tennis Team



Mark Lubbos



NEW GAME IN TOWN

Maddock Back Home on the Diamond with Unique Philosophy

By Matt Malatesta

Kate Maddock

WHO MAKES THE BEST COACHES IN THE GAME OF SOFTBALL? YEP, YOU GUESSED IT, THE CATCHER.

They see all aspects of the game from behind the plate. They are usually the team leader and they are mentally and physically tough. They have to be.

Meet new Warriors' coach Kate Maddock, who is coming home... sort of.

She was a varsity catcher for The Woodlands High School for three seasons before playing her college ball at Houston Baptist University. She was four-year starter and a two-time All-Great West selection.

"Right after college, I was out of the game," Maddock said. "I missed it so much and am so happy to have returned. Coming home to the area is awesome too. Being at TWCA is like

being a part of a team. Everyone has each other's back."

"I'm very big on hustle, heart and effort."

Back in the dugout are first-team, all-district selections Mackenzie Morris at shortstop and Ashley Darilek, the

catcher. Outfielders Reagan Harris, Mattie Hopkins and Katelyn McGrath will patrol the outfield after all-district selections. In the circle will be Katie Wise, a second-teamer.

"I'm looking for the girls to come out here, have a good time and work on their mental game," she said. "Softball is a game of failure and we will learn to fail well. Most teams who can do that will have success in the long run.

"I'm very big on hustle, heart and effort. If you are trying your best, I'm happy with that. We have so many multi-sport athletes who also really bring some competitiveness to the dugout."



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The 2022 Warrior Softball Team



Jacquelyn Dillard



Emiortise Abraham



Mackenzie Morris



Katie Wise



Katelyn McGrath

Kirby Page



Ashley Darilek



Jillian Craft



Sarah McGrath

Reagan Harris



FUELED by the FEELING

TWCA Avenging 2021 Lost State Opportunity

By Matt Malatesta



The 2022 Warrior Baseball Team

THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LOST A HEART-BREAKER IN THE TAPPS DIVISION II STATE SEMIFINALS 1-0 TO EVENTUAL CHAMPION LUTHERAN SOUTH. IT WAS A TOUGH WAY TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE LIKES OF CAEDMON PARKER (TCU), PAYTON MOSER, CHRISTIAN BERGER, AUSTIN BOYD AND BRYCE BURTON AMONG OTHERS.

That loss has fueled the Warriors going into 2022.

"When it happened, I told the returners to remember the feeling," coach Brett Cleveland said. "When we worked all fall, we worked with that memory in our minds."

Cleveland returns some serious talent and senior leaders in catcher Marshall Hale, outfielder Carson Queck (Kansas State-signee) and lefty Nolan Newcomb.

"We will be pretty good on offense and defense, but our biggest question mark

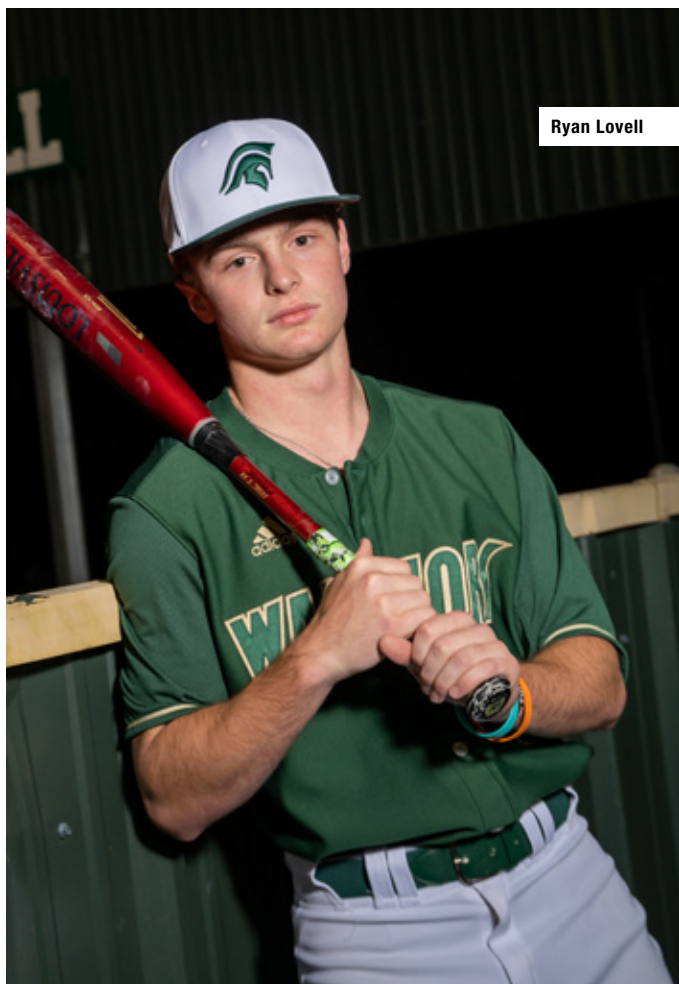
will be on the mound," Cleveland said. "We are going to get a bunch of kids some reps before district play and see who emerges."

Ryan Lovell, Dane LeMaster, Hale and Queck will all get innings and pitch by committee. Chase Fuentes and move-in Arrington Eason (Grambling State-signee) will also be names to look for this Spring.

The district will be tough with defending champs Lutheran South, Second Baptist School and Fort Bend Christian Academy all vying for the district title, but the Warriors will be a favorite.

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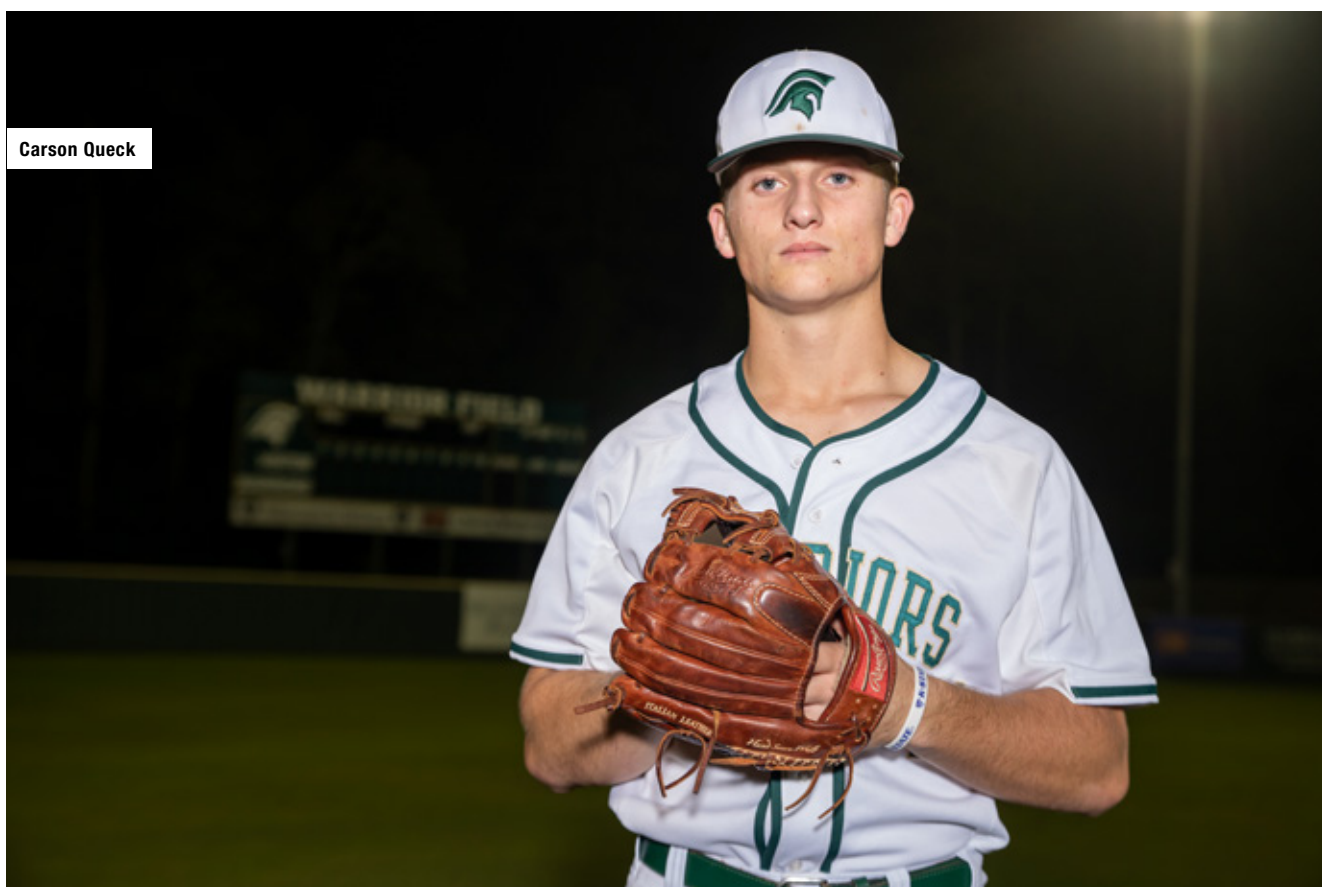
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Ryan Lovell



Austin Veldekens



Carson Queck



Jaden Scrushy



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Chase Fuentes



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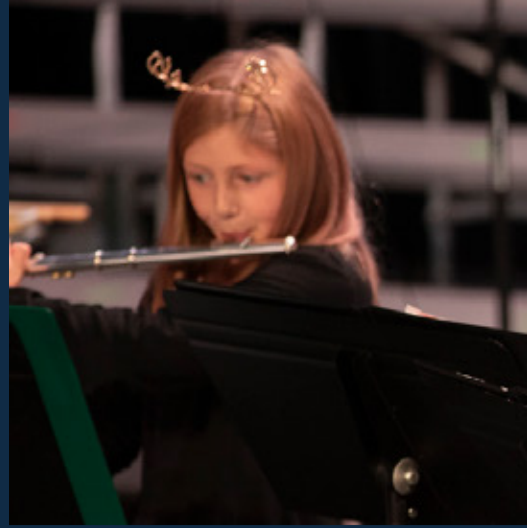
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ON THE OVAL

TWCA Track & Field Have High Expectations in 2022

By Matt Malatesta



THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS MOVED UP A CLASSIFICATION AND PERFORMED WELL LAST SEASON. THE BOYS FINISHED TIED FOR THIRD AT TAPPS STATE, WHILE THE GIRLS WERE TIED FOR FOURTH.

Coach Tom Earle has a good feeling about this year's squad as they come back bigger, faster, stronger and more experienced.

On the girls side, the headliners

include Sarah Chappelle, who won gold in the 300-meter hurdles and bronze in the 100-meter hurdles. The girls 4x400-meter relay won gold with Mia Torres, Lindsay Worthington, Zoe Calimani and Chesnie Russell. Calimani finished fifth and sixth in the 400 and 800-meter dashes, respectively. Ava Fuentes looks to build on her fifth-place finish in the triple jump.

For the boys, Colby Gorman had the best showing finishing fourth in the shot put. Other names to watch include Jack Cole (400-meters), Roric Hawkins Jr. (Jumps and Relays) and Blake Wiley (Sprints and Relays), just to name a few.





The 2022 Warriors Girls Track & Field Team



The 2022 Warriors Boys Track & Field Team



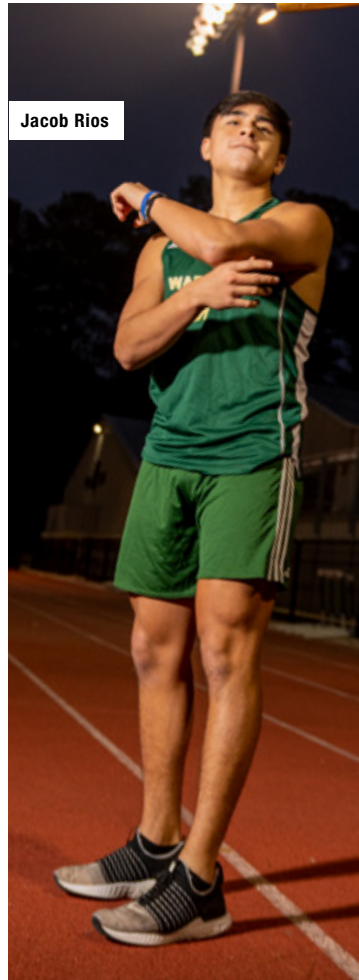
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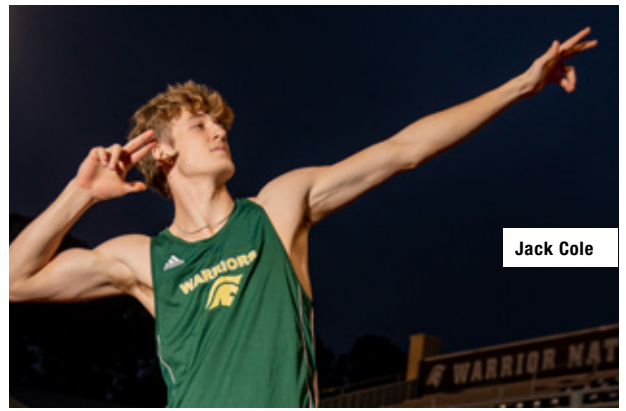


Reagan Harris

Chesnie Russell



Jack Cole



Sonya Watkins



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Blake Wiley

HARD-WORKING HEROES

By Matt Malatesta



Ellen Watt, Ezekiel Jurado and Raegan Duroy

WHO ARE THE HARDEST WORKING STUDENTS IN EVERY SCHOOL?

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ARRINGTON EASON
BASEBALL



Grambling State
University

AUSTIN BENIGNI // Basketball
Naval Academy

Benigni is a 3-year letterman for the Warrior basketball team. He signed to play basketball for the Naval Academy. Austin's tenacious play on the basketball court, along with his competitive drive has made him loved by Warrior Nation.

ETHAN BRIDGES // Golf
Florida Southern College

Ethan is a 4-year letterman for the Warrior golf team. He signed to play golf for Florida Southern. He is a member of the first-ever TWCA TAPPS State Championship golf team.

ARRINGTON EASON // Baseball
Grambling State University

This is Arrington's first year to play baseball at TWCA. He signed to play baseball at Grambling State University. Coach Brett Cleveland said, "Arrington is really talented player that brings a lot to the

table. We are excited to have him at TWCA and looking for big things from him this season."

MACKENZIE MORRIS // Softball
Houston Baptist University

Mackenzie is a 2-year letterman for the Warrior softball team. She signed to play softball at Houston Baptist University. Coach Kate Maddock said, "Mackenzie is an incredible talent that she is excited to coach this year." As a HBU softball alumni herself, coach said McKenzie's kindness and on the field leadership will really benefit the Huskies.

CHANSE PERKINS // Basketball
West Point Academy

Chanse is a 3-year letterman for the Warrior basketball team. He signed to play basketball with West Point. Chanse is a consistent athlete that fully embodies what it means to be a Warrior on and off the basketball court.

CARSON QUECK // Baseball
Kansas State University

Carson is a 4-year letterman for the Warrior baseball team. He signed to play baseball at Kansas State University. Coach Brett Cleveland said, "Carson is an extremely talented and hard-working kid, who has put in the time to get where he is today."

LINDSAY WORTHINGTON // Soccer
Samford University

Lindsay is a 4-year letterman for the Warrior soccer team. She is signing to play soccer at Samford University. Coach Paige Riley said, "Lindsay plays with assurance, humility and passion. She will leave behind an incredible legacy in the girl's soccer program. Samford will be very blessed to have such a dynamic player as Lindsay."



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