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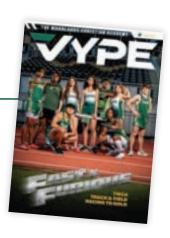


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The 2022-23 Warrior Boys Basketball Team

Boys Hoops Goes Undefeated in District

THE WARRIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HAD A TREMENDOUS SEASON, GOING 27-9 OVERALL AND 14-0 IN DISTRICT PLAY.

TWCA fell short in the TAPPS playoffs to TMI in the Regional Finals. Wyatt Boeker was the team's leading rebounder and is headed to the Air Force Academy. The backcourt of Tres Luzey, Nick Brashear and Omar Gayle will return next season and will give their opponents fits.

"I am so proud of what this group was able to accomplish," coach Tanner Field said. "They were totally bought in to our new style this year and had great chemistry. I'm excited about the future."



Above the Rim

AUSTIN BENIGNI IS PICKING UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF AT NAVY.

Getting on the court as a freshman at a DI school like Navy is impressive. He has played in every game and has started seven at the point guard position. He is averaging five points and 2.2 assists per game. His top game was a 20-point performance on the road at West Virginia. The Midshipmen have 20 wins on the season and finished second in the Patriot League. Former teammate Chanse Perkins has picked up some minutes for Army so far this season.

Wofford Takes Over Helm of Volleyball

FORMER ASSISTANT COACH WHITNEY WOFFORD TAKES OVER AS HEAD COACH OF THE WARRIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM. THE FORMER OAK RIDGE HIGH STAR HAS BEEN **COACHING AT TWCA SINCE THE AGE OF** 19-YEARS-OLD WHILE ATTENDING SAM **HOUSTON STATE. FAST FORWARD EIGHT** YEARS AND NOW SHE IS THE HEAD COACH.

"After I stopped playing in college, I thought I was done with volleyball," Wofford said. "As an athlete, being competitive is always in your blood. I just started coaching and I love it.

"I'd describe my style as 'tough love. I love you as a person and as a member of our team, but we are here to get some work done. It's just my competitive nature. I'm all about effort and attitude and at the end of the day I preach just being a good human."

With seven seniors cycling out of the program, Wofford will have her hands full.

"There will be a lot more opportunity for those players returning," she said. "It will be a breath of fresh air because on any given day, it can be anybody's day. Everyone is going to be fighting for their spot. With the type of kids we have, it's going to be a good year. There is so much room for potential and growth."





State Swim

WARRIORS BRYNNAH STOWELL AND AUDREY SANCHEZ BOTH QUALIFIED FOR THE TAPPS STATE MEET LAST MONTH.

Sanchez, a freshman, finished third in the 100-freestyle and fourth in the 50-free, while Stowell finished third in the 500-free and sixth in the 100-free.

"I couldn't be more proud of the swimmer she has been and the person she has become over the past four years," coach Lisa Murphy said of Stowell. "Audrey is just a freshman and has three more years to compete. They competed with a true Warrior Heart and left everything they had in the pool."

Home to Stay

NOW OLIVIA GREGORY HAS ONE MORE REASON TO LOVE BEING HOME. THE FORMER WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPION IS STEPPING UP HER COACHING GAME IN THE LAND OF THE WARRIORS.

She helped TWCA win two State Titles as a team and finished third in 2015 and second in 2016 as an individual.

Gregory is a Sam Houston State grad and has been assisting coach Tom Earle with his middle school program.

"She has a love for the sport and a connection with middle school-age students of that age that make her a unique and special combination," Earle said. "The athletes and parents absolutely adore her and I appreciate how she carries on the program's legacy of hard work and creating a love of running."

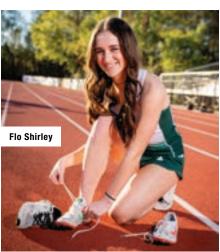




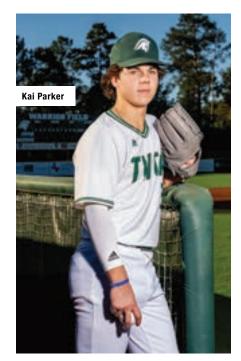


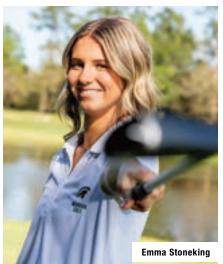






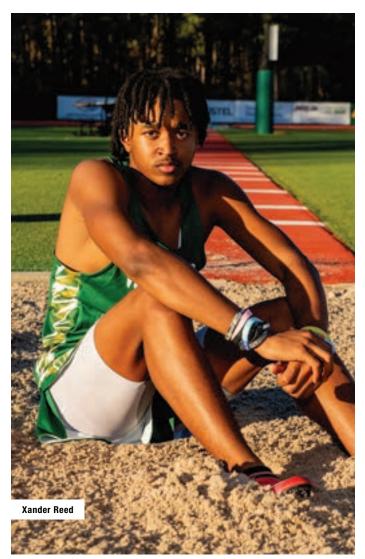


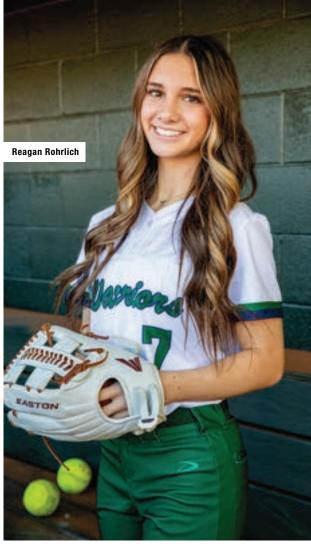


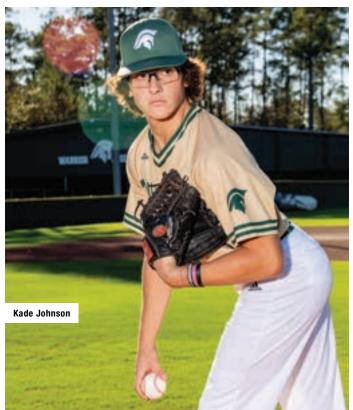




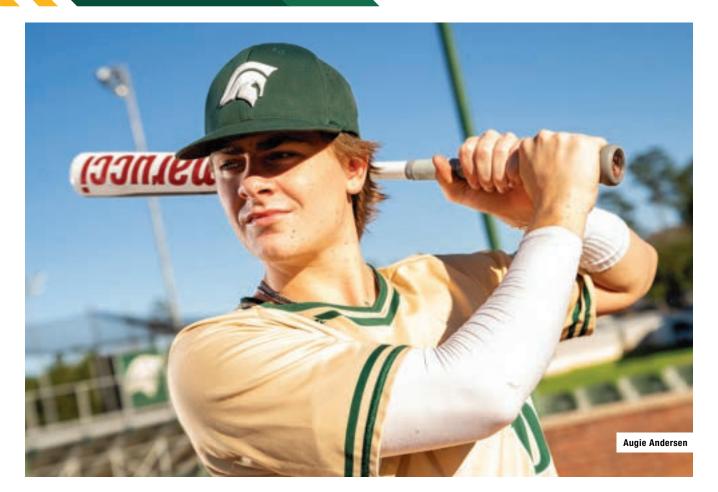


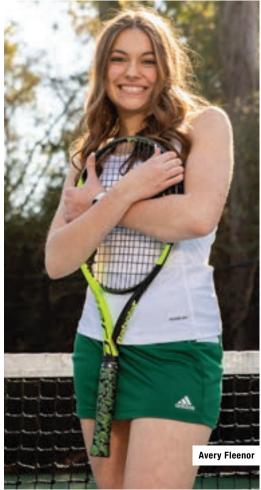




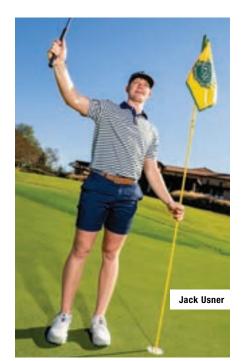


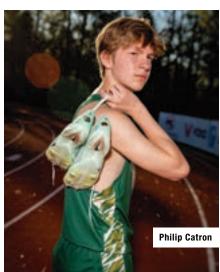
























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MAKING GAINS

TWCA's Makiya Already Showing Signs of Greatness

\\ By Matthew Ogle



IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT AN ATHLETE ALREADY HAS THE STRENGTH TO GO THE DISTANCE AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE. FORTUNATELY FOR TWCA TRACK & FIELD, THAT IS THE CASE WITH SUPER SOPHOMORE TAYLOR MAKIYA.

As one of the stars of coach Tom Earle's exceptional group, Makiya's specialty is the shot put. What's most surprising, however, is how much momentum she's gained having just picked up the shot a few years back.

"I first started competing in track and field in middle school," said Makiya. "I decided to try shot put and a few other events in eighth grade and I really enjoyed it. After my freshmen year, the offseason felt really slow at first because I had to start up everything again. From there, I worked with a private coach on my form and worked in the gym."

She exploded onto the scene as a freshman earning silver medals in the 2022 District and Regional Meets, before winning gold at last year's State Meet. She's picked up where she left off this year, winning gold in the University of Houston Indoor Meet.

On top of that, her performance for USATF has garnered three silver medals and a seventh-place finish in the USATF Championships.

"My goals are to build on last year's successes and hit a new personal record," Makiya said. "I also hope to grow in other events than shot put throughout the season."

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Makiya aspires to be like her role model New Zealand shot put star Valarie Adams, because of the Olympian's elite form and power. For now, however, she hopes to launch the discus and shot put through the air further than any other Warrior before her. She's well on her way.

ON YOUR TWCA Track & MARK

The 2023 Warrior Girls Track & Field Team



The 2023 Warrior Boys Track & Field Team

Field Loaded This Spring

\\ Matthew Ogle

TWCA HAS BECOME A STAPLE IN TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD DUE TO THE **EXCEPTIONAL TALENT THAT LEGENDARY COACH TOM EARLE CONSISTENTLY FINDS A** WAY TO OPTIMIZE.

This new season is no different as the Warriors' ceiling for success is limitless. They will be pursing gold all the way through the TAPPS State Meet in May.

"We're really excited about some new talent that came to the school including some sprinters and throwers," said Earle. "I'm looking forward to seeing what those guys and girls will add to this program. We're already really deep in our middle-distance racing, as well as the jumps, so I'm confident that we'll be well-rounded. Certainly on the girls' side, we've got some standouts with Zoe Calimani, Sarah Chappelle and Taylor Makiya, just to name a few."

Fresh off the heels of the TWCA girls finishing in the No. 2 spot in last year's State Meet, Earle remains confident in his team's ability to produce results, despite having a younger roster this Spring.

"What's kind of interesting is that we don't have many seniors on the girls' side," Earle said, "So, we're prepared for years to come to continue to do well. We've got some really solid athletes who medaled in State last year, so I'm sure they'll be able to provide that experience to elevate the entire roster."

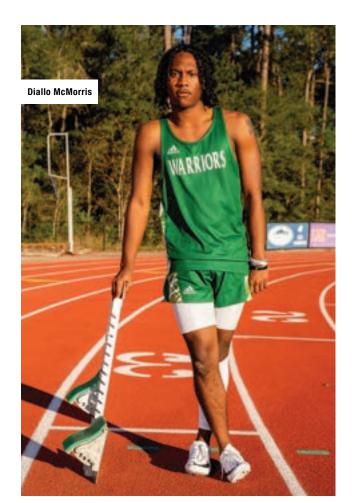
With a slew of athletes in each event, TWCA will look to leave opponents in the dust in the upcoming months.

"I'm most looking forward to seeing how this team comes together," said Earle. "We've got this mix of some brand-new seniors on the guys' side coming in with a lot of talent, which can add some depth to our scoring. On the girls' side, they've continued to build. I can't wait to see how they maintain their ability to improve."













HURDLE TOO HURDLE TOO

TWCA's Chappelle Going for Gold

\\ By Matthew Ogle



WHAT CAN'T SARAH CHAPPELLE DO?

She can fly around a volleyball court and sprint around the oval with some of the best in the state of Texas.

The junior will defend her TAPPS 300m hurdle title this Spring with hopes of leading the Warriors to the team title.

"Volleyball and track really compliment each other," said Chappelle. "Volleyball has helped me bring that team aspect into track, teaching me the importance of encouraging your teammates. Track has given me the endurance for those long, five-set games on the court, while also giving me a quick and explosive edge."

Chappelle has learned from one of the best.

I've battled my annual track season hamstring injury, but thankfully by the power of God, I'm fully healthy and ready for the season.

Chappelle's older brother, Caleb was also a multi-sport athlete for TWCA, playing football and baseball. He now plays receiver for Troy football. Sarah feels that learning from her brother has played a significant role in her drive to compete.

"Caleb showed me what a real work-ethic looked like," she said. "Before I had even touched a barbell, he was going in for early morning lifts, staying late after practice and getting one-on-one sessions with his coaches to perfect his craft. He really led the way for me, athletically and spiritually, showing me what godly leadership looked like."

The TWCA junior is banking on another big year from Chappelle and the Warriors track and field.

"I'm expecting to see us do really well as a team," Chappelle said. "Really, we have talent in every event, and we aren't lacking in depth. I've enjoyed the offseason, coming into my second year as a captain. I'm doing my best to lead all my fellow athletes closer to God and encourage them. I've battled my annual track season hamstring injury, but thankfully by the power of God, I'm fully healthy and ready for the season. I'm striving to get some gold medals when the postseason comes around."









BATTER UP!

Warriors Baseball Primed to Compete

\\ Matthew Ogle

TWCA BASEBALL RETURNS TO THE DIAMOND THIS SPRING WITH AMBITIONS OF REACHING THE TAPPS POSTSEASON AND GETTING HOT AT THE RIGHT TIME.

Following a 2022 season which saw them reach the Area Round of the TAPPS postseason, the Warriors are hungry for more. This year, they won't settle for a fourth-place spot in a division that features the reigning TAPPS-II State Champs Second Baptist School, as well as annual contenders Lutheran South Academy and Fort Bend Christian Academy.

Coach Brett Cleveland anticipates that his team will do more than just put up a fight.

"I expect that we'll be able to pitch and play defense well," said Cleveland. "We lost quite a bit of thunder in our batting order with our seniors graduating, so trying to replace those guys is going to be the challenge for now.

"We have some younger guys who are

going to step up, so we'll be ready for that challenge. Due to the realignment, there are two new teams in the district that will make it even tougher. That will make for a fun district season, and the battle for the playoffs is going to be interesting. I think we'll be in the mix for that."

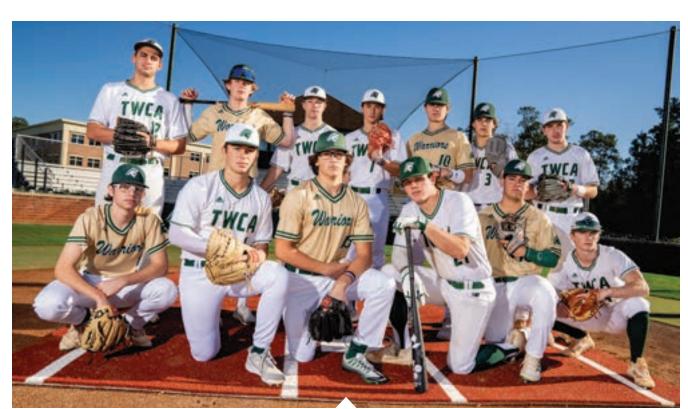
This year's TWCA baseball team will feature several key returning players, namely a set of second-team, all-district honorees — junior catcher Chase Fuentes and seniors Jaden Scrushy (IF), Augie Anderson (1B) and Drew Yeary (IF).

There's nothing like Spring ball and the Warriors are ready for it.

"For me, I'm most looking forward to seeing the guys compete," Cleveland said. "From practices to games, just the grind of the season, it's a joy to watch them get after it every day. I think we have a chance this year to be as good as we've ever been, as soon as we get it all put together."

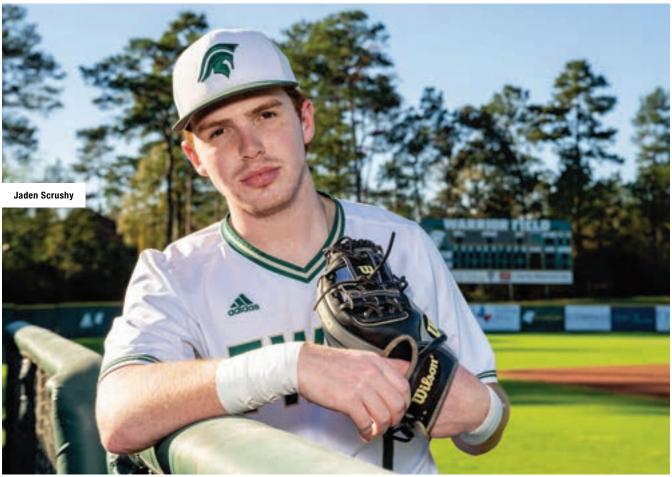
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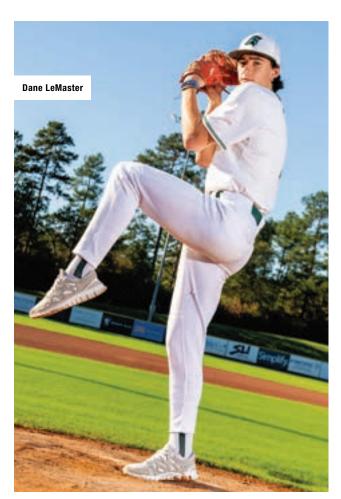




The 2023 Warrior Baseball Team











YOUNG GUNS

TWCA Softball has Future Stars in Rohrlich, Osterhaus

\\ Matt Malatesta

THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SOFTBALL LOOKS TO GET INTO THE DISTRICT CONVERSATION IN 2023 EVEN AS THEY PLAY IN THE TOUGHEST DISTRICT IN THE STATE.

Coach Kate Maddock will throw her youngsters in to the fire this season but feels confident they can hold their own.

"We are going be really young this year, but those young players are really talented," she said. "This team is fun... the chemistry is great and we are trying to win the close games in district this year that we barely lost last year. We are right there."

The team strength will be on defense as senior Katie Wise moves to third base, move-in Alexis Osterhaus will play catcher and incoming freshman Reagan Rohrlich will patrol the short stop position. Rohrlich is a Top 5 national softball recruit on the showcase circuit and combines power, speed and athleticism. Osterhaus moved to The Woodlands from Maine and is another college-level athlete who hits from the left side and is rangy on defense.

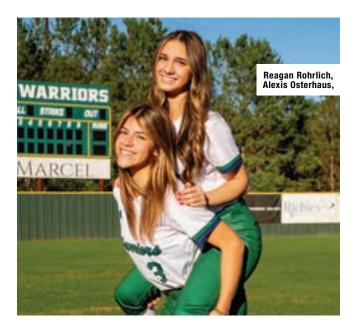
"I can't wait to see what our young players will bring to the table this year," she said. "Add that to our five seniors and their leadership and it's a recipe for success."

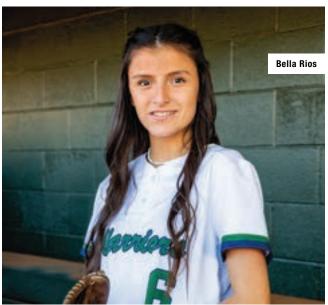
Hold on Warriors, the future is looking bright between the lines.

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The 2023 Warrior Softball Team













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Class of 2023 Giving Future Warriors Something to Shoot For

THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GOLF PROGRAM HAS BEEN DOMINANT OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS WITH THE "FAB FOUR" LINEUP OF AARON POUNDS, JAKE MAGGERT, JACK USNER AND SAM MCCLURE, WHO HAVE MADE HISTORY AT THE TAPPS CLASS 5A SCHOOL.

"We have had some tremendous individual athletes here, but this is the most special group of athletes in their respective sport to ever come out of TWCA," golf coach Tanner Field said. "It's not even close."

The Warriors are closing in on their third straight TAPPS State Title and could have had a fourth if not for the pandemic. All four are headed to play college golf and their futures are bright.

Pounds, Maggert and Usner are

headed to Texas A&M and McClure will play at Southwestern University.

"People don't see the commitment and grind they put in every day because they play off campus," Field said. "It's hard to put into words how committed they are to their process. What they have done here is unmatched... now, I'm just excited to see what they can accomplish at the next levels."

So, what's next for TWCA golf?

"Because of what those guys have accomplished, the expectations have been set," he said. "Our golf programs have exploded on the boys and girls side and our young players want to continue the success. They don't want to see a fall off after this class graduates, they want to sustain it."

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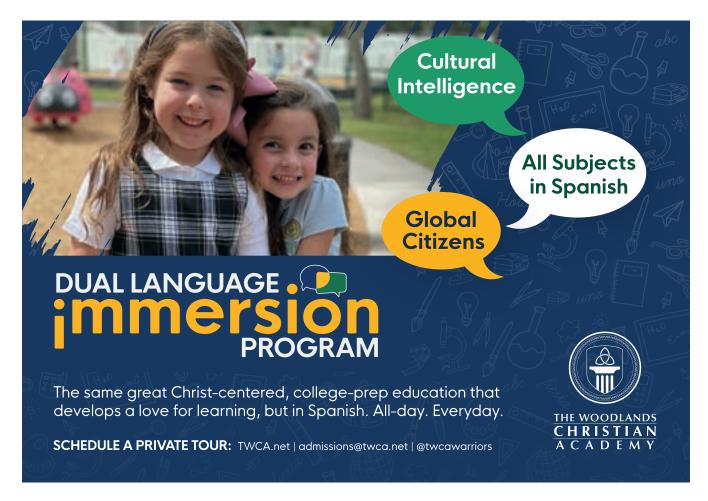




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SETTING the TONE

Warriors Tennis Expect to Make Strides on the Court

\\ Matthew Ogle

TWCA TENNIS IS HEADED BACK TO THE COURT THIS SPRING WITH EAGER OPTIMISM TO MAKE SOME NOISE IN THE POSTSEASON.

Coach Leigh-Ann Trepanier anticipates her athletes to remain efficient throughout the season on both the boys' and girls' sides.

"We have high expectations for the girls with several returners, who will be joined by a few freshmen," she said. "Overall, our returning team is very strong and led by several upperclassmen. The guys also have a lot of strength coming up. We have a few seniors who will set the tone for the newer players."

Some of the figures to watch for this

season will be sophomore Anna Claire Usner, who made it to the Quarterfinals of last year's State Tournament. Seniors Zoe Waterson and Avery Fleenor will play major roles in 2023.

On the boys' side, Trepanier expects senior Cameron Davis to headline the team, following his trip to the Quarters a year ago. Warrior tennis will also feature the likes of Michael Mitchener, Aidan Gaige and Brooks Bonham.

Despite being a relatively new coach, Trepanier feels that her team has adjusted well to the new culture of TWCA tennis, and hopes that the Warriors will eventually establish a precedent of excellence moving forward.

"It can be hard to adapt to a new environment, but the players have taken great strides and have really gone with the flow," Trepanier said. "Between switching districts and moving up a classification, they have just jumped right on in and are willing to try new things. The great thing is that I'm not starting from the ground up. We have players who are experienced and have played outside of high school, who bring their talent onto our court and lead by example."



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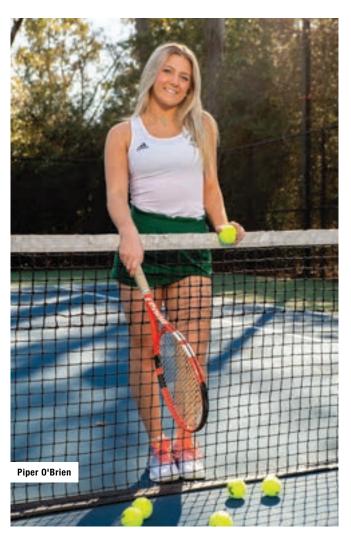


The 2023 Warrior Boys Tennis Team





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