Raider Athletics
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Successful spring season comes to a close

The 2019 spring sports were no strangers to success this year, placing seven teams in post-season championships and numerous student-athletes collecting honors for their incredible work this season. What follows is a recap of one of our more successful spring sport campaigns.



WPIAL Champion

While it may have come as a surprise to most, if not all, in attendance at the WPIAL Track & Field Championships, Tyler Yurich's victory in the 100m was not a surprise to #SVRaiderNation. Tyler, pictured with assistant track & field coach Gar Bercury, picked up his first WPIAL title with a 10.75 time in the 100m edging out the second-place finisher at 10.76. Just a freshman, Tyler has many bright days in front of him and we look forward to watching him compete the next three seasons.



State Medalist

What better way to end your senior year and high school career than with a personal record at the state championships? Senior Sam Owori did just that over Memorial Day weekend, running his best time in the 1600m to capture fifth place in the PIAA AAA Championships. Joining Sam in the 1600m was senior Connor Volk-Klos who also ran his personal best in the 1600m, narrowly missing the medal stand with a ninth-place finish. Two great performances on the state's biggest stage.

Baseball – Raider baseball closed out their season finishing third in section play and advancing to the WPIAL championships as the sixth seed. Cory Greiner pitched a 2-0 shutout over Connellsville to open post-season play. Greiner was equally impressive in the quarterfinal round versus Bethel Park, but a pitch count forced him off the mound in the seventh inning. The Raiders would lose a 3-2 heartbreaker in 10 innings to end a very successful 2019 campaign

Boys' Lacrosse – Raider boys' lacrosse finished the regular season with an overall record of 8-6 and found themselves seeded eighth in the WPIAL championship bracket. Following a 12-8 win over visiting Canon-Mac in the opening round of playoffs, the Raiders fell to top-seeded North Allegheny 10-3 in the quarterfinals. Their final record was 9-7 on the season.

Girls' Lacrosse – Seneca Valley Girls' Lacrosse finished the regular season 10-6 and, as the eleventh seed, faced off against Mt. Lebanon in the opening round of the WPIAL championships. Despite a hard-fought effort and quality play, the Raiders fell to the Blue Devils 18-11 to close out the 2019 season.

Softball – Just to tell you how tough our section is, all four semifinalists in the WPIAL championships were from Section 2 – Hempfield, North Allegheny, Norwin and Seneca Valley. The Raiders finished fourth in section play with a 9-5 mark and squared off against #2 seeded Canon-Mac in the opening round of the WPIAL championships. Behind some timely hitting, key defensive plays, and great pitching, the Raiders knocked out the Big Macs 8-4 to advance to the semifinals where they faced off against Hempfield for the third time this season. A pitcher's duel through eight innings, Hempfield was able to bring home three runs in the top of the ninth and SV was unable to answer in the bottom of the inning. The 3-0 loss closed out the season and careers of a remarkable senior class.

Track & Field – It was quite the season for Raider boys and girls track & field teams. The girls program brought home a section title and both teams qualified for the team championships. Hosting the team semifinals on April 30, the boys easily defeated Chartiers Valley, Mars and New Castle to advance to WPIAL Team finals; the girls hosted and defeated Belle Vernon, Chartiers Valley, and Hampton to join the boys at the WPIAL Team finals. The following week, at Peters Township, the Raider boys track & field placed third in team championships and the girls came in fourth. At the WPIAL individual championships, 17 student-athletes qualified for the PIAA championships over Memorial Day weekend – listed below are our state qualifiers:

PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS – Track & Field

Girls 100m Hurdles: Lauren Chappell
Girls 4 x 800m Relay: Megan Aaron, Lauren Breski, Gabby Kutchma, Karsyn Spears, Skyllar Spears, Lizzy White
Girls Pole Vault: Katelyn Caccamo
Boys 100m: Tyler Yurich
Boys 300m: Hurdles: Luke Smith
Boys 800m: Seth Ketler
Boys 1600m: Sam Owori, Connor Volk-Klos
Boys 4x400m Relay: Seth Ketler, Aiden Kutchma, Kaan Nyman, Sam Owori, Luke Smith, Gavin Thomas
Boys Triple Jump: Zack Duda
Boys Long Jump: Gavin Thomas

Boys' Volleyball – Raider boys' volleyball finished the season third in section play with an 8-4 mark and advanced to the WPIAL championships as the fifth seed where they easily defeated Baldwin 3-0 in the opening round. On the road for their quarterfinal match-up with Latrobe, Seneca Valley was unable to overcome a slow start and lost 3-0 to close out the 2019 season.

REMINDERS for 2019-20:

- ALL paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than **Thursday, July 25 by 3 p.m.** Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- Physicals are first come, first served on dates noted – see schedule below. We do not take reservations in advance.
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2019-20 will be available on SV Portal starting Saturday, June 1.
- All student-athletes must be registered in the SV Portal under "Sports Registration" before competing. Registration begins Saturday, June 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting Saturday, June 1.
- Concussion ImPACT testing only needs to be done every other year.

Physicals, Drug Testing and ImPACT Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- **July 17, 2019** from 3-7 p.m. – Physicals, drug testing & ImPACT baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 30 total between hours of 3-5 p.m.
- **July 18, 2019** from 8 a.m. - Noon - Physicals, drug testing & ImPACT baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 60 total between hours of 8 a.m. - Noon.
- **July 18, 2019** from 1-3 p.m. - Drug testing & ImPACT baseline concussion testing offered – **NO** physicals this session.
- **July 24, 2019** from 3-7 p.m. – Physicals, drug testing & ImPACT baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 60 total between hours of 3 -7 p.m.
- **July 25, 2019** from 8 a.m. - Noon – Drug testing & ImPACT baseline concussion testing offered – **NO** physicals this session
- **July 25, 2019** from 1-3 p.m. – Physicals, drug testing & ImPACT baseline concussion testing offered this session. **Note:** Physicals limited to 30 total between hours of 1-3 p.m.

Raider student-athletes collecting honors

The Big 56 Athletic Conference recognized its All-Conference performers in the sports of baseball and softball on May 20. The Raiders were well represented on the honor roll for outstanding athletic performances this spring. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes.

Baseball – Big 56 All-Conference

1st Team: Cory Greiner (pitcher), Josh McLean (outfield), Mark Trotta (infield),
2nd Team: Austin Shirley (outfield), Cam Vozel (catcher)
Honorable Mention: Jon McCullough (pitcher)





Softball – Big 56 All-Conference

1st Team: Maura Pasquale (infield), Kearson Wagner (outfield), Claire Zimmerman (pitcher)
2nd Team: Karli Hacker (catcher)
Honorable Mention: Mackenzie Baker (infield), Olivia Madey (infield), Julia Ehrman (outfield), Madelyn Gross (DP)



Scholar-Athlete – Big 56 All-Conference

Male Scholarship Honoree: Jake Stebbins (football)

Raider boys' and girls' lacrosse players and boys' volleyball players were recently honored for their outstanding performances that contributed to each program making a run in the recent WPIAL playoffs. In recognition of some incredible individual performances, here are your All-Section and All-WPIAL honorees:

Girls' Lacrosse

All-Section: Madison Edkins, Olivia Rupert
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Boys' Lacrosse

All-WPIAL: Jake Mineweaser
All-Section: Jake Mineweaser, Noah VandeWater

Boys' Volleyball

All-WPIAL, 2nd Team: Kyle Montrose, Luke Trzeciak
All-Section, 1st Team: Kyle Montrose, Luke Trzeciak
All-Section, 2nd Team: Caleb Dawson, Colin Uher

Three-sport Athletes – A Scarcity in Scholastic Sports



The Northern Area Athletic Directors Association (NADA) recognized student-athletes who competed in three sports their senior year on May 22. Seneca Valley honorees included Tyler Proctor (football, wresting, and track & field) and Megan Aaron (cross-country, indoor track & field, and outdoor track & field.) Tyler's senior year started off with Big-56 All-Conference, second team honors as defensive tackle. He followed up with a varsity letter in wrestling and culminated his senior year participating in track and field. Tyler plans to enroll at The Citadel and will study either political science or engineering. Classmate Megan Aaron was no stranger to PIAA championships, having qualified for states in cross-country four straight seasons, one year with indoor track & field and two straight seasons at the PIAA outdoor track & field championships. Megan has left quite a legacy with our running program and we wish her all the best as she takes her talents to Allegheny College to continue her athletic career while majoring in Psychology.

TRI-STATE ORTHOPAEDICS – Athletes of the Month, April 2019

Seneca Valley Athletics is pleased to partner with Tri-State Orthopaedics to sponsor a male and female Raider Athlete of the Month. This year marks the third of a three-year partnership with Tri-State Orthopaedics and the Athletics Department is pleased to announce the Athletes of the Month for April were seniors Madison Edkins and Colin Uher.





The Female Athlete of the Month was senior girls' lacrosse midfielder Madison Edkins. Madison had been dominant on the field for the Raiders as they recorded a 5-4 record during the month and clinched their spot in the WPIAL playoffs. She led the Raiders in goals (24) and draw controls (94) during this time. She also contributed with seven assists. Madison will attend Stetson University in the fall and will compete on the women's lacrosse team. For an outstanding month, we recognized Madison as the April Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Madi!

The Male Athlete of the Month was senior boys' volleyball outside hitter Colin Uher. Colin played a vital role in leading the Raiders to a 7-3 record during the month of April, in addition to taking third place out of 12 teams at the Seneca Valley Tournament on April 6th. Colin's numbers on the court were impressive throughout the month, collecting 74 kills, 36 digs, 8 aces, and 6 blocks. In addition, his leadership and energy were contagious to his teammates. For an outstanding month, we recognize Colin as the April Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Colin!