



WPIAL CHAMPIONS, AGAIN!

For the second time in three years, the Raider Softball team captured the 2024 Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) 6A Softball title in thrilling fashion. Having trailed Norwin for most of the game, Seneca Valley tied the score 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning on an RBI triple from Kylie Staudt and RBI single off the bat of Liv Herrem. Following a scoreless seventh inning, the game entered extra frames and the Raiders capitalized in the bottom of the inning. Following a double from Anna Kalkowski, recent SV graduate Kylie Staudt stepped to the plate and drilled the game-winning, walk-off single to score courtesy runner Julia Valasek and the Raiders won 4-3 in eight innings. The 2024 title marked the second trophy in three years, joining the 2022 champions. Entering the PIAA bracket 72 hours later, the Raiders travelled to McDowell for a first-round PIAA matchup and came



home the victor, 11-0. Lexie Hames pitched a one-hit shutout, striking out 12 and smacking a two-run homer to left center field. Unfortunately, the Raiders' season would end abruptly the following Thursday with a difficult 4-0 defeat to

the hands of the eventual 6A champion North Penn. We congratulate Coach Hames and her entire staff on a fabulous season and applaud all the players on their excellence this season. Well done, Raiders! ■

SPRING SEASON SPORT RECAPS

Baseball

The Raiders entered the WPIAL championship bracket as the No. 5 seed and squared off against No. 4 seed Hempfield Spartans; a game played at Plum High School. Recent graduate and Raider pitcher Zack Tkatch came on in relief in the third inning and shut down Hempfield's offense to help secure a 5-4 Raider win. Tkatch pitched five scoreless innings, striking out seven while only allowing two hits. Nick Parrotto scored the game-winning run in the fifth inning off a single by Ryan Rebholz. The Raiders advanced to play top-seeded Mt. Lebanon in the WPIAL semifinals. What started out as a back-and-forth affair ended the Raiders season with a difficult 11-5 loss at the hands of the Blue Devils. We congratulate Coach Semega and his entire staff for another exciting season and thank the boys for their hard work.



Track & Field

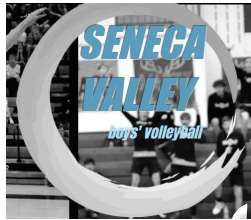
The following are results from the 2024 PIAA Track & Field Championships held on the campus of Shippensburg University over Memorial Day weekend. Congratulations to all our student-athletes who competed in the AAA championships.

- Kyler Matson – 300 Hurdles (PIAA 10th place, 39:38)
- Kathryn Morrison – 100 Hurdles (PIAA no placing)
- Jordan Monteleone – High Jump (PIAA 21st place, 5' 02")
- Girls 4 x 800 Relay (PIAA 17th place, 9:37.39) – Claire Riehl, Sydney Heltzell, Paige D'Amico, Delaney Mansfield



Boys Volleyball

Raider Boys Volleyball faced off against eventual WPIAL & PIAA 3A champion, the Shaler Titans in the WPIAL semifinals and bowed out 3-0. Two days later SV would bounce back and beat Butler 3-1 to claim the third spot out of District VII in the PIAA championship bracket. Unfortunately, the bracket had the Raiders travelling to State College for a tough opening round matchup. The Raiders were in a hole early, losing the opening two sets, but claimed a third-set victory 25-21. The fourth set was back and forth, and host State College found a way to pull out a 25-21 win and earn the 3-1 victory to advance in the PIAA bracket. Congratulations to head coach Brett Poirier and his staff for their extended playoff run. Thank you to the entire team – it was a thrill watching you all. ■



CLERKLEY AT THE CAPITOL

Recent Seneca Valley graduate and State Champion diver Isaiah Clerkley along with coaches and family had the opportunity to visit the Pennsylvania State Capitol in early June to be recognized for his Gold Medal win at the 3A PIAA State Championship. Coaches Nancy Laslavic and Mike Caccamo were honored to join Clerkley on his visit. A wonderful recognition for a truly gifted scholar-athlete. ■



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, MAY 2024

The Female Athlete of the Month for May was softball player **Kylie Staudt**. The recent graduate right fielder had an incredible end to her senior season. She helped the Raiders finish off the regular season 4-1 with a share of the section title. Over the five-game stretch, she tallied five hits, four RBI (Runs Batted In) and zero strikeouts for a batting average of .357. Her standout game came in the 2024 WPIAL 6A Softball Championship. Kylie went 4-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. This included a walk-off single in the bottom of the eighth inning to bring in the winning run, sealing a 4-3 comeback victory over Norwin. We recognized Kylie as the May Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Kylie!



The Male Athlete of the Month for May was junior boys volleyball player **Jordan Hoover**. As an outside hitter, Jordan played a key role in a deep WPIAL playoff run for the Raiders. They finished in third place which qualified the team for PIAA playoffs for the first time since 2022. At the end of the regular season and WPIAL and PIAA playoffs, Jordan tallied 47 kills, 34 blocks, 22 digs and three aces. His efforts on the court led to him being named on both the First Team All-Section and All-WPIAL boys volleyball lists. For an impressive month, we recognized Jordan as the May Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Jordan! ■



POST-SEASON HONORS

Boys Lacrosse All-Section

Colton Garner – Attack

Girls Lacrosse All-Section

Lorena Lopez – Attack

Kacy Christensen – Defense

Softball

Pennsylvania's Gatorade Player of the Year

Lexie Hames

Boys Volleyball All-WPIAL

1st Team

Peter Breski

Jordan Hoover ■

CONGRATULATIONS, KACY CHRISTENSEN – POSITIVE ATHLETE

The WPIAL Positive Athlete program recently recognized senior girls soccer and lacrosse player Kacy Christensen as its 2024-25 Western PA Positive Athlete in the sport of girls lacrosse. Such a deserving honor for Kacy! Congratulations, Kacy, and good luck in college. ■



REMINDERS FOR 2024-25:

All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2024-25 will be available on [Parent Portal](#) and the SV Athletics [website](#) starting May 1.

- **ALL fall sports** paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1. Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- Dates for physicals are not yet confirmed. Once dates are set, we will announce. Please note physicals are first come, first served - we do not take reservations in advance. *We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after May 1. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.*
- The PIAA mandates their CIPPE form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All student-athletes must register in the [Parent Portal](#) under "Sports Registration" before tryouts/practice begin. Registration began May 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting May 1.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs completed every other year. Parents may call the Athletics Office at (724) 452-6040, x1752 to confirm the status of their child's baseline concussion test.

Drug Testing and Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- **Tuesday, July 9**, from 3-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 10**, from 8 a.m.-noon **and** 1-3 p.m.
 - 60 physicals from 8 a.m.-noon; 30 physicals from 1-3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 30**, from 3-7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 31**, from 8 a.m.-noon **and** 1-3 p.m.
 - 60 physicals from 8 a.m.-noon ■