



WE ARE ONE SV

As I reflect on the 2023 fall season, I am drawn to my opening message back in August where I shared the following:

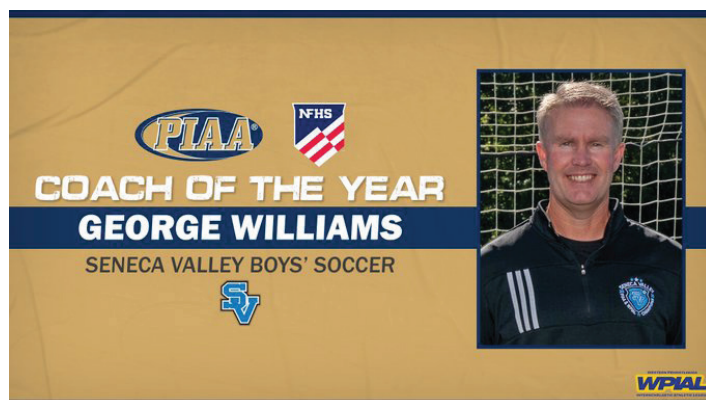
"What we do in Athletics & Activities...We witness joy in its purest form, and we guide through unimaginable heartbreak in defeat. Through every trial and tribulation, as teammates, we show up for one another. What better lesson to learn in life than showing up for one another? As I look ahead to the 2023-24 school year my goal is simple: for each student to come through our department, it is my hope they learn the value of being the absolute best teammate they can be – not just in school, but in life. Building community – that's what we do in Athletics & Activities."

This past fall I have witnessed unexpected success and indescribable loss. Consistent through those spectrums of emotion has been the response of the Seneca Valley community

or, as I commonly refer to, #SVRaiderNation. Collectively, we have celebrated our excellence and we have comforted in sadness. I have also had the privilege of witnessing the defining qualities of a Raider – trustworthy, talented, of high character and compassionate. I have watched uncommon work ethics coupled with astonishing talent result in championship performances. I have experienced, through our own players and coaches, unrivaled positive sporting behavior in those moments when the scoreboard is not in our team's favor. And, I have seen unity in support of our own when life presents the unthinkable. In three short months I have been reminded of our culture of caring, commitment to excellence and community of exemplary teammates. Culture. Commitment. Community. Thank you, Seneca Valley, for embracing what truly matters and helping teach valuable life lessons. #WeAreOneSV ■

2022-23 STATE COACH OF THE YEAR

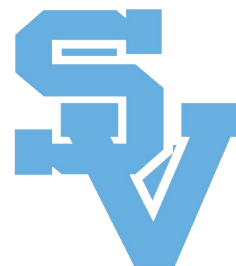
Congratulations to head boys soccer coach George Williams for being honored by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) as the 2022-23 Boys Soccer Coach of the Year. Honorees were selected based on nominations from the school community, the PA Coaches Associations, Board of Directors and State Association Staff. Each nominee is evaluated based on sportsmanship, adherence to PIAA bylaws, respect of officials, coaching impact and success at inter-district championships. We can think of no better coach who excels in all criteria than our own Coach Williams. Congratulations, George – your program's sustained excellence coupled with undeniable positive sporting behavior is a model for all interscholastic teams! ■



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2024

Many Raider student-athletes made their college commitment official with the early signing period starting in mid-November. We congratulate these seniors in achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Each of you are tremendous representatives of Raider Athletics and we are very proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition and in the community. ■

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Creed Erdos	Baseball	James Madison University	Business/Finance & Engineering
Anna Kalkowski	Softball	Seton Hill University	Marketing
Kara Pasquale	Volleyball	Slippery Rock University	Early Childhood & Special Education
Connor Smith	Wrestling	Columbia University	Computer Science
Bria Stepp	Volleyball	West Chester University	Speech Language Pathology
Hunter Troiano	Baseball	Gannon University	Finance



FALL POSTSEASON RECAPS

Cross-Country

At the WPIAL Championships held at White Oak Park, Raiders boys cross-country finished in sixth place overall as a team, and, in the process, qualified Max Smith for the PIAA Championships held Nov. 4, at Hershey Park. At the WPIAL championships he finished in 11th place out of 171 competitors with a time of 16:26.3, earning the opportunity to run in Hershey. Max finished his season running 18:08 at the state championships. Congratulations, Max on your second consecutive trip to the state meet! SV Raider girls cross-country team finished in 12th place at the WPIAL championships with freshman Paige Damico and senior Samantha Moury leading the way with times of 20:01.10 and 20:05.0, respectively. The future is certainly bright for the girls cross-country program as they will return five of their top seven performers, four of which were freshmen this season.



Boys Golf

Five members of the Raiders boys golf team qualified to compete in the WPIAL individual championships. Sophomores Marcos Lopez (fourth place) and Anthony Cardosi (10th place) were in the top-10 finishers at individual sectionals, and teammates Casey Clawson, Tyler Garvin and Payton Brown all advanced to the WPIAL individual semifinals. At a tough Latrobe Country Club course, senior Payton Brown was the Raiders' top finisher in the semifinals, shooting an 82 to advance to the WPIAL individual finals. At the WPIAL championship round held at Valley Brook Country Club, Brown shot an 84 to close out a wonderful career as a Raider golfer. Congratulations to Payton and all his teammates on another great season.



Boys Soccer

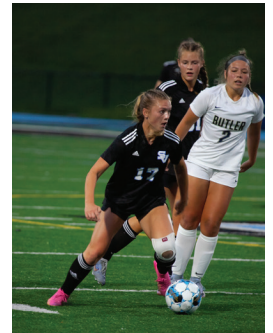
For the first time since 2019, Raider boys soccer found themselves in an unfamiliar space looking from the outside in at the WPIAL and PIAA championship games. For three consecutive seasons our boys soccer program has played in both the WPIAL and PIAA championship games. Following a regular-season performance which saw Seneca Valley finish undefeated at 13-0-3 and earn the top seed in boys 4A soccer, the Raiders were upset by Norwin in penalty kicks (PKs) in the opening round of the WPIAL playoffs. This devastating loss ended the season prematurely and ended a



streak of winning not commonly seen at the scholastic level. When a team finishes their regular season without a loss, it has been an incredible year. For that, we congratulate Raider boys soccer on another outstanding run. We know you will be back!

Girls Soccer

The SV girls soccer team, under the direction of coach Mark Perry, finished the regular season with a record of 13-2-1 and earned the No. 4 seed in the WPIAL 3A bracket. The Raiders could not stop a determined Canon-Mac squad in quarterfinal play and ended their season with a tough 2-1 loss in the playoffs. Canon-Mac lost to eventual WPIAL champion North Allegheny in the WPIAL semifinals by a score of 3-2. Congratulations, Raider girls soccer on an outstanding season and we look forward to the return of many talented underclass players who will carry on the tradition of excellence in our Raider girls soccer program.



Girls Volleyball

Based on a regular season schedule which saw Raider girls volleyball finish with a 12-4 record and second-place finish in the section, the WPIAL playoff bracket seeded Seneca Valley No. 2. Following an opening-round bye, the Raiders hosted Peters Township in quarterfinal action and came



away with a convincing 3-1 win. Up next was a very hot Canon-Mac squad to face in the semifinals and, despite every effort, SV could not overcome the stellar play of the Big Macs, falling 3-0 in the semifinals. We will not let one result paint the picture of another great season from our Raider girls volleyball program. We congratulate Coach Poirier and the entire program on all their success in 2023. ■

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED IN FALL SPORTS

The Big 56 Conference recently announced its fall sport honorees in football, boys and girls soccer, and girls volleyball and the Raiders were well represented. The following Seneca Valley student-athletes were recognized for their excellence on the field and court. ■

FOOTBALL

1st Team

Jayden Price, DB

2nd Team

Adam Gehm, TE
Cayden Parker, DE
Kai West, RB

Honorable Mention

Luke Challingsworth, WR
Sean O'Shea, QB
Roman Royal, OT
Tom Wuycheck, OT

BOYS SOCCER

1st Team

Cole Kamarec, For
Daniel Leech, Def
Tyler Prex, Mid

2nd Team

Zach Garma, Mid
Evan Howard, For
Ben Keefer, Mid
Gus Wytcherley, GK

Honorable Mention

Tyler Holloway, For

Additional Honors

PSCA All-State – Tyler Prex
WPSCA Player of the Year – Tyler Prex
WPSCA All-WPIAL – Cole Kamarec, Ben Keefer, Daniel Leech, Tyler Prex
WPSCA All-Section – Cole Kamarec, Ben Keefer, Daniel Leech, Tyler Prex

GIRLS SOCCER

1st Team

Mia Humphreys, GK
Karly Majeski, Mid
Ayla Ward, For

2nd Team

Ashlee Libby, For
Madeline Marcotte, Mid

Additional Honors

WPHSGSCA All-WPIAL – Mia Humphreys, Ashlee Libby, Karly Majeski, Ayla Ward,
WPHSGSCA All-Section – Mia Humphreys, Ashlee Libby, Karly Majeski, Sarah Vescio, Ayla Ward

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1st Team

Ollivia Congdon, MH
Kara Pasquale, Libero
Bria Stepp, S

2nd Team

Katie Craig, OH
Sadie Reese, S

Honorable Mention

Kennedy Pepper, OH

Additional Honors

Coaches Association All-WPIAL 1st Team – Ollivia Congdon, Bria Stepp
Coaches Association All-WPIAL 2nd Team – Kara Pasquale
Coaches Association All-WPIAL 3rd Team – Katie Craig
Coaches Association WPIAL All-Section – Ollivia Congdon, Kara Pasquale, Bria Stepp



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, OCTOBER 2023

The Female Athlete of the Month for October was girls volleyball outside hitter Cameron Mueller. The freshman stepped into a significant role over the last month which helped the Raiders go 6-3 in regular season play and boast a 70% set win record over two tournaments. Cameron's contributions also helped the Raiders win the Norwin Girls Volleyball



Invitational and finish in sixth place at the South Fayette Tournament. Over the last month in non-tournament play, she has tallied 115 kills, 30 digs, six blocks and four assists. Cameron also had a serve receive percentage of two (on a scale of three) and her serve percentage was 86.4%. We recognized Cameron as the October Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Cameron!

The Male Athlete of the Month for October was senior football running and defensive back Kai West. Kai's stellar play on offense and defense has helped the Raiders to a 3-1 record over the last month including three straight wins over Butler, Hempfield and North Hills. Over the four-game period, he totaled 566 all-purpose yards and seven touchdowns and one interception. His standout game came during homecoming against Hempfield where he tallied 170 all-purpose yards, two rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown to go along with an interception, leading the Raiders to a 42-13 victory. On the defensive side, he has been part of a strong Raiders defense that has allowed an average of 13.75 points per game over the four-game period. For an impressive month, we recognized Kai as the October Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Kai! ■

