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SPRING SPORTS ARE UNDERWAY

As I sit to write this month's edition of Raider Pride, we are fresh off a week in mid-April that saw temperatures in the mid-to-high 70s. Spring is here and with that comes outstanding performances by our Raider Student-Athletes. Here is an update on our spring sports at the time of this writing.

Baseball



Head Coach Eric Semega enters his 23rd season at the helm and his 2023 squad has kicked off the year in top form. The Raiders are currently undefeated at 9-0 (3-0 section) and ranked atop the standings for 6A baseball. This year's squad is one that will put the pressure on for all seven innings. They are aggressive on the basepaths, disciplined at the plate, composed on the mound, and defensively solid in the field. In short, they are a fun team to watch play the game.

Softball



Head Coach Marlesse Hames returns for her second season at the helm and her 2023 team is currently 7-1 (6-1 section). The defending WPIAL champions have been ranked at or near the top of the standings all season long and are currently tied with Hempfield (the Raider's lone loss) atop the 6A standings. The team returns a core group from last year's PIAA runner-up squad and will rely on timely hitting, great defensive play and stellar pitching.

Boys Lacrosse

Head Coach David Hall returns to lead the Raider boys' lacrosse program. Currently, the Raiders are 6-1 overall and 1-0 in section play. The upcoming games this month include key section games with Butler, Pine-Richland, North Hills, and Allderdice. Senior play will be the key this season and these seniors include Evan Bulvin, Cole Callahan, Thomas Carryer, Jack Kriznik, Dominic Scialabba, Brady Skinner, Ruben Torres, Evan Vandewater and Evan Vetter.

Girls Lacrosse



Katie Smolter returns to the sidelines for her 12th season as head coach and her 2023 Raider squad is out to an overall record of 4-3 (3-1 section). The remaining games this month include section contests with Pine-Richland, North Hills, North Allegheny and Freeport. The team is led by a strong core of senior leaders including Mia Berg, Anna Johnson, Macy McMullen, Kylie Nemcek, Maya Perry and Kendall Walton.

Boys Tennis



Head Coach Eric Grove, in his 23rd season as head coach, has a squad led by seniors Tom Beresnyak, Adam Brazer, Nathan Craig, Mark Evelsizer, Peter Ko, Logan McKinney and Dante Rosetti. Currently, the Raiders are 7-4 overall. In individual sectional tournament play, Michael DeVyver won his opening round match 10-0 before falling in the quarterfinals; Mark Evelsizer came up against a tough opening round opponent and was unable to advance past the first round in section singles.

Track & Field



Head Coach Ray Peaco, in his 15th season at the helm, currently has the boys' team at 5-0 and the girls at 4-1. The Raiders have key section meets coming up with North Allegheny and Butler to determine their postseason fate in the team championships. Senior Jonathan Price moved up to 4th all-time in the 110 hurdles, with a time of 15.17 seconds vs North Hills. At the Butler County Classic, junior Madison Monahan tied the school record in the pole vault at 10-6. These are just two of many names we will look to for medal performances next month at the WPIAL championships.



Boys Volleyball



Brett Poirier enters his third season leading Raider Boys Volleyball and the team's overall record stands at 6-2 (3-2 section) and includes a runner-up trophy at their own tournament held on April 1. Following the loss of 12 seniors from last season, current seniors Grant Hoover and Steven Mazur have stepped into key leadership roles for Poirier's squad.

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COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2023

Raider student-athletes continue to make their college commitment official through the winter months. We congratulate these seniors on 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 proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Ryan Krumenacker	Men's Soccer	Shippensburg Univ.	Business
Brady Skinner	Men's Lacrosse	Westminster College	Sports Business

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

February 2023



The Female Athlete of the Month for February was girl's wrestler **Maddee Fischer**. The sophomore had a strong finish to the end of the girl's wrestling inaugural season. She placed second at the 2023 Western PA HS Girls Championship and then placed fourth at the Western Regional Girls Tournament to qualify for the PA Girls State Championships. Maddee was one of two SV wrestlers to qualify, and she ended the championship weekend on the podium with an eighth-place finish. All of this is made even more impressive factoring in this is Maddee's first year wrestling. For an impressive month, we recognized Maddee as the February Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Maddee!



The Male Athlete of the Month for February was boy's diver **Isaiah Clerkley**. The junior diver continued his record-breaking year into the postseason. At the 2023 WPIAL Diving Championship, Isaiah blew the competition away finishing in first place with a score of 559.35, 51.05 points higher than the second-place finisher. At the 2023 PIAA Diving Championships, Isaiah finished in second place with a score of 302.95, narrowly missing first place by 3.35 points. We recognize Isaiah as the February Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Isaiah!

March 2023



The Female Athlete of the Month for March was girl's track and field athlete **Claire Riehl**. The junior sprinter had a strong start to the season, with top-three finishes in all individual events she has entered. She won the 200-meter dash in four out of five meets and finished second in the fifth meet. Her fastest 200-meter dash time this season is 27.62. Claire also placed first in the 400-meter dash at the Butler County Classic with a time of 63.87 and placed third in the 100-meter dash against Shaler with a time of 13.51. Claire has also led the 4x400 relay team to two first-place finishes as the anchor runner. For a spectacular month, we recognized Claire as the March Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Claire!



The Male Athlete of the Month for March was boys' volleyball outside hitter **Grant Hoover**. A senior captain, Grant has led his team to a 6-1 regular season record and a 9-3 record in tournament sets. In tournament play, he tallied an incredible 52 kills, 29 digs, 11 aces, 4 blocks and 2 assists over 12 sets while leading the Raiders to a second-place finish at the annual SV Boys Volleyball Tournament. During regular season play so far, Grant has amassed 102 kills, 67 digs, 13 aces, 12 blocks and three assists. He has a team-best per-game average of 14.5 kills and 9.5 aces. We recognized Grant as the March Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Grant!

WE ARE PLANNING FOR 2023-24

Physical, Drug & Concussion test dates

The athletic department has announced its summer physical, drug testing and baseline concussion testing dates for 2023-24. Please note these plans are subject to change.

Reminders for 2023-24:

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2023-24 will be available on the **Parent Portal** starting June 1 - no paperwork may be completed prior to June 1.
- **ALL fall sports paperwork** is due in the athletic office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3. Coaches will not accept paperwork on the first day of tryouts.
- Dates for physicals are not confirmed yet. Once the dates are set, we will announce them. 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 June 1. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.***
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE form as the only permissible form for a doctor's signature.
- All student-athletes must be registered in the **Parent Portal** under "Sports Registration" before competing. Registration begins June 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting June 1.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs to be done 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 11,** from 3 – 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 12,** from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 1,** from 3 – 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 2,** from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

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