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WINTER SPORTS SEASON UNDERWAY

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) winter sports season officially began on Friday, Dec. 2. The following is a brief recap on the start of the respective seasons.

Boys' Basketball: Boys' basketball travelled to North Hills for their Tip Off tournament and came away with a split, beating Perry Traditional Academy and falling to Hampton. Following the opening weekend, this senior-laden team has travelled to North Catholic and Fox Chapel, falling in both contests by one and seven points, respectively.

Girls' Basketball: The girls' basketball team hosted their annual Tip Off tournament and split a pair of games, beating Canon-Mac, and falling to McDowell. Since the opening weekend, the girls have lost a string of games hosting Plum and travelling to Fox Chapel and Baldwin. This young squad is led on the court by senior Anna Felitsky while classmate Chloe Leonard, recovering from a season-ending injury, will provide valuable leadership from the bench.

Ice Hockey: Raider Ice Hockey is off to a rousing start, currently sitting atop PIHL AAA standings with nine wins in their first 11 contests.

Swimming & Diving: At the time of this writing, Swimming and Diving were opening their seasons at Fox Chapel – their only meet prior to the winter break.

Boys' Wrestling: Boys' wrestling opened their season at the Hampton Duals and came home as the tournament runner-up going 4-1 on the day. They will head to the always competitive King of the Mountain tournament at Central Mountain and finish with their first dual match of the season at Butler prior to the winter break. One special note: congratulations to senior Tyler Chappell on eclipsing the 100-career wins mark on the opening weekend of the season!



Girls' Wrestling: A historic first occurred on the night of Dec. 13, as our girls' varsity wrestling team took the mats for their first-ever dual match at Canon-Mac. While results are not available at the time of this writing, we are excited about this new varsity sport and the enthusiasm, commitment, and talent of this inaugural roster.

In addition, all sub-varsity teams have started their seasons and are off to great starts. As always, I am so appreciative of our coaches and grateful for all they do for our student-athletes. As we pause for the winter holidays, may we cherish the time with family and friends. The Seneca Valley Athletics Department wishes all #SVRaiderNation a Happy Holiday Season.

Additional Honors Announced for Fall Sport Raider Student-Athletes and Coaches

While the fall season is in the books, the awards continue to arrive for Raider student-athletes and coaches.

We congratulate soccer senior, midfielder, Beaux Lizewski, honored as a High School All-American by the United Soccer Coaches Association. In addition, we congratulate Beaux on his honors of Player of the Year by the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* and *Trib-Live*. In addition, Beaux was named to the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette's* All-Area Soccer Team and the *Trib-Live* Boys' Fab 15 Soccer Team.



We congratulate soccer senior, midfielder, Connor Oros, named to the *Trib-Live* Boys' Fab 15 Soccer Team.



We congratulate Ollivia Congdon named All-State by the PA Volleyball Coaches Association.



We congratulate boys' soccer head coach, George Williams honored by his peers of the PA Soccer Coaches Association as Boys' 4A Soccer Coach of the Year.



We congratulate Luke Lawson named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Fabulous 22 Team. ■



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2022



The **Female Athlete of the Month for November** was girls' volleyball middle hitter, Ollivia Congdon. The junior team captain led her team over the last month with 23 kills, 15 blocks and 12 digs. She was a key contributor as the Raiders made a deep WPIAL playoff run, defeating Baldwin and Peters Township, before falling short in the semifinals to eventual champions Pine Richland. Ollivia was also voted first team all-section and first team all-WPIAL. For a stellar month, we recognize Ollivia as the November Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Ollivia!



The **Male Athlete of the Month for November** was senior boys' soccer goalkeeper, Ryan Krumenacker. Ryan's outstanding play in goal helped the Raiders to a second-place finish in WPIAL playoffs and a boys' 4A PIAA State Championship. He earned three shutouts over four games and made a crucial save on a penalty kick in the PIAA State Championship game helping spark the Raiders to a 6-0 win over Lower Merion. Ryan was also named to the all-section second team. We recognize Ryan as the November Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Ryan! ■