



SPRING SPORTS RECAP

CONGRATULATIONS

are in order for the Seneca Valley Boys Track & Field program as the Raiders 4x100 relay team claimed the top spot on the podium as **WPIAL CHAMPIONS** in a school record time of 42.56! In addition, we congratulate the boys' program for their 2021 **WPIAL Runner-up** performance at the WPIAL



Team Championships. The Raiders will send a strong contingent to the PIAA Championships at Shippensburg University over Memorial Day weekend. State qualifiers include new school record holder Rylie Smith 400m (57.79) on the girls' side and multiple event qualifiers on the boy's side:

Girls PIAA Qualifier

Rylie Smith - 400



Boys PIAA Qualifiers

Wyatt Craver - 4 x100 relay
Aiden Kutchma - 300 Hurdles and 4 x 100 relay
Eli DeWitt - 4 x 800 relay
Matt Laslavic - Triple jump and Javelin
Justin Domencic - 4 x800 relay
Max Marcotte - 4 x 800 relay
Nolan Dworek - 4 x 100 relay
James Rodrigues - 4 x 800 relay
Danny Fountain - 4 x 100 relay



Luke Simpson - 800 and 4 x 800 relay
Nick Hartman - 4 x 100 relay
Sebastian Wary - 4 x 800 relay
Nick Hemer - High Jump
Tyler Yurich - 100, 4 x 100 relay and Long Jump

Baseball: The Raider baseball team capped off the 2021 season, earning the #7 seed in the WPIAL 6A bracket. In a close contest, Seneca Valley ultimately fell to #2 seed Norwin 4-2, in a game played at West Mifflin H.S. The squad closed out the season with an overall record of 11-9-1, the lone tie coming at PNC Park against Kiski Area. Thank you to head coach Eric Semega and the entire staff for providing a meaningful spring season in 2021.



Softball: In an agonizingly close section race, Raider Softball fell one game shy of qualifying for the 6A WPIAL championships. Overall, Seneca Valley finished 10-7, and had a section record of 4-6. For the season, the team lost four one-run games, showing just how tight the chase was to earn a coveted spot in the WPIAL championships. Thank you to head coach George Trew and the entire staff for providing a meaningful spring season in 2021.



Going Out on Top

Head girls' softball coach George Trew announced his retirement after 21 seasons at the helm and he did so in the most idealistic manner, winning the season's final game, a 1-0 thriller on a fourth inning homerun. And the season's 10th win was also career win #250 for Coach Trew. Congratulations, Coach Trew - you have had a remarkable run with Raider Softball, and we are grateful for all you have given to our District, this program and its student-athletes.



Boys Lacrosse: Seneca Valley earned the #8 seed in the WPIAL 3A



Championship bracket and easily defeated #9 seed Canon-McMillan, 12-2, in the opening round of playoffs. The Raiders squared off against top-seeded Shadyside Academy and fell in the quarterfinal round to close out their season. Thank you to head coach David Hall and the entire staff for providing a meaningful spring season in 2021.

Girls Lacrosse: In a season that came down to the final game for playoff positioning, the Raiders lost a tough 12-7 contest to visiting Moon and found themselves on the outside looking in of the WPIAL Championship bracket. After starting the season 2-4, the Raiders finished the final seven games at 4-3 to close out the season 6-7 overall. Thank you to head coach Katie Smolter and the entire staff for providing a meaningful spring season in 2021.



Boys Tennis: Seneca Valley finished the 2021 season with an overall mark of 9-6, narrowly missing the WPIAL Team Championships. Parker Logue and Matt Kraft represented the District at the individual sectional tournament and the doubles tandems of Matt Kraft and Michael deVyver and Ethan Staudt and Ethan Kiggins were team representatives at the doubles section tournament. Thank you to head coach Eric Grove and the entire staff for providing a meaningful spring season in 2021.



Boys Volleyball:

The Raiders have earned the #2 seed in the 3A WPIAL Championship bracket on the strength of a 10-2 section mark and 13-2 overall record. Seneca Valley has opened post-season play with straight set wins over Armstrong and Fox Chapel. At the time of this writing, SV is preparing to face Penn Trafford in the WPIAL semifinals. ■



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2021

More student-athletes continue to make their college commitment official. 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 our District and we are very proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition and in the community.

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Katie Monahan	Track & Field	Carnegie Mellon	Engineering
Mackenna O'Mara	Rifle	Univ. of Kentucky	Chemistry
Hunter Swedish	Wrestling	Washington & Jeff.	Computer Science
Brian Whitney	Swimming	Chatham University	Environmental Science
Gavin Zoelle	Baseball	Penn State-DuBois	Education ■

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, APRIL 2021

The Female Athlete of the Month is junior lacrosse player **Payton Riddle**. Payton led the Raiders to a 6-7 overall record and 4-6 section record. Although SV just missed the playoffs by one section win, Payton had a remarkable junior campaign. In the last seven games while leading the Raiders to a 4-3 record, Payton scored 28 goals averaging four per game. In addition, she had 31 draw



controls, 10 positive turnovers, won 9 ground balls, and had 8 interceptions. Payton is a tremendous leader and has a tireless work ethic. For an outstanding month and exceptional junior season, we recognize Payton as the April Athlete of the Month. Congratulations and best of luck as you prepare for your senior season!

The Male Athlete of the Month is senior volleyball setter **Evan Howley**. Evan has helped guide the Raiders to the #2-seed in the WPIAL 3A playoffs with an overall record of 13-2 and section record of 10-2. In the month of April alone, Evan's numbers were off the charts with 307 assists, 48 digs, 15

aces and 5 blocks. In addition, the Raiders also finished 3-0, at the Bethel Park Invitational defeating Bethel Park, McDowell and Norwin.

In the tournament, Evan finished the day with 45 assists, 11 digs, 2 aces, and 2 blocks. For an outstanding regular season and career at Seneca Valley, we recognize Evan as the April Athlete of the Month. We wish Evan and his teammates the best of luck in the upcoming weeks as they begin their pursuit to win WPIAL and PIAA titles. ■



WE ARE PLANNING FOR 2021-22 – PHYSICAL, DRUG & CONCUSSION TEST DATES

The athletic department has announced its summer physical, drug testing and baseline concussion testing dates for 2021-22. Please note these plans are subject to change.

REMINDERS for 2021-22:

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2021-22 will be available on [SV Portal](#) starting June 1, 2021 - no paperwork may be completed prior to June 1, 2021.
- ALL** paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021 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. **We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after June 1, 2021. 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 doctor's signature.
- All student-athletes must be registered in the [SV Portal](#) under "Sports Registration" before competing. Registration **begins** June 1, 2021.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting June 1, 2021.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs to be done every other year.

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

- Wednesday, July 21, 2021** from 3 – 7 p.m. - [Drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered](#) - **NO** physicals this session.
- Thursday, July 22, 2021** from 8 a.m. – Noon - [Physicals, drug testing &](#)

[baseline concussion testing offered this session.](#) **Note:** Physicals limited to 60 total between hours of 8 a.m. – Noon.

- Thursday, July 22, 2021** from 1 – 3 p.m. - [Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session.](#) **Note:** Physicals limited to 30 total between hours of 1 – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021** from 3 – 7 p.m. - [Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session.](#) **Note:** Physicals limited to 60 total between hours of 3 – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021** from 8 a.m. – Noon - [Drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered](#) - **NO** physicals this session.
- Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021** from 1 – 3 p.m. - [Physicals, drug testing & baseline concussion testing offered this session.](#) **Note:** Physicals limited to 30 total between hours of 1 – 3 p.m. ■