



WINTER SPORT UPDATES

Wrestling – Winning Ways Continue!

For the fourth consecutive year, Raider wrestling brought home the WPIAL AAA Section 3 title on the back of a dominating semifinal performance vs Mars (78-0) and a decisive win over North Allegheny in the section championship match (36-27).

As section champions, Seneca Valley entered the WPIAL Team Tournament as the #2 seed, earning the right to host the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. Again, the Raiders came away with decisive victories over Peters Township (60-14, quarterfinals) and Connellsville (42-24, semifinals) setting up a third consecutive appearance in the WPIAL Team finals. Like a year ago, the Raiders fell to Waynesburg to close out their team championship season with an overall record of 20-2, with both losses coming at the hands of Waynesburg.



Following an outstanding team championship season, the attention has turned to individual championships. At the WPIAL Section 3 tournament, Seneca Valley brought home 10 medalists and qualified six wrestlers for the WPIAL championships, including three section champions: Tyler Chappell (106 lbs.), Dylan Chappell (132 lbs.), and Alejandro Herrera-Rondon (152 lbs.). Joining our section champions at WPIAL's will be Connor Smith (113 lbs.), Liam Volk-Klos (189 lbs.), and Sennaca Harney (285 lbs.). Congratulations Raiders and good luck at WPIAL's and PIAA's.



Swimming and Diving – Section Champs at Last!

The Raider boys swimming and diving program did what no other section school has done in 30 years – they defeated North Allegheny 94-92. With the victory, Seneca Valley clinched the WPIAL AAA Section 2 title and will enter the WPIAL championships March 7, as one of the top contenders for the WPIAL crown. The boys completed their section schedule undefeated with a clean mark of 6-0. On the girls' side, Seneca Valley finished section runner-up again with a 5-1 record; their only loss coming at the hands of rival North Allegheny.



With the regular season now complete, our swimmers and divers turn their attention to the post-season. Up first are the boys' and girls' AAA diving championships on Feb. 27. Representing Seneca Valley will be seniors Trevor Elliott, Abby Kutchma, Matthew Laslavic and Riley Smith, junior Ashley Felitsky, and sophomores Sam Hersick and Jeremiah Laslavic.



The WPIAL Swimming Championships will be held Sunday, March 7, at Upper St. Clair H.S. PIAA state championships for diving are Saturday, March 13, and for swimming are Saturday, March 20, both at Cumberland Valley H.S. Our March edition of Raider Pride will have final season results. Good luck to all swimmers and divers in post-season championships.

Basketball Playoffs

The WPIAL announced its playoff brackets on Feb. 23, revealing both Raider boys' and girls' basketball teams will face off

against Mt. Lebanon on the Blue Devils' home court. The boys, seeded 9th, have a .500 record overall and in section play with two games remaining. Seniors Cole Brooks (23.7 ppg) and Connor Lyczek (17.3 ppg) lead the way for SV. The girls' season was marked by injuries but the WPIAL's "open tournament" affords these young Raiders the opportunity to make a surprising playoff run while gaining valuable game experience for next season. Junior Olivia West has elevated her game in the absence of junior point-guard Jess Bickart. West leads the team in scoring (15.8 ppg) and rebounding (5.8 rpg) and senior Jaden Davinsizer has chipped in 10.4 ppg. Good luck Raiders in the upcoming WPIAL playoffs! ■

