



OPENING MESSAGE

Seasons Extended. Playoffs Condensed.

Earlier this winter the WPIAL made the decision to extend winter sports' regular season beyond their traditional end dates. The move allows for accommodation of seasons affected by COVID-related temporary shutdowns. In addition, both the boys' and girls' basketball tournaments will be "open" in format, meaning all schools are invited to participate with the start date tentatively set for Feb. 27, 2021. What will differ, however, is only WPIAL champions will advance to the PIAA bracket in the sport of basketball.

In wrestling, only the team champion from the WPIAL will find a place in the PIAA bracket. For individual championships, the top-3 place winners from the WPIAL championships will advance to the PIAA West Super Regionals and from the Super Regionals the top-4 place winners will advance to the PIAA championships.

In swimming and diving, qualifying times have been modified as the WPIAL championship field is expected to be somewhat reduced. The location and dates

of both the WPIAL and PIAA championships are still to be determined.

As we come to the end of January, I am so pleased for our winter sport teams that have sacrificed plenty for an opportunity to compete. Your seasons are meaningful, your commitment to COVID-protocols is appreciated, and your growth as individuals and teams is quite evident. Well done, Raiders and good luck with the remainder of the winter sports season. ■

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 2021

The Female Athlete of the Month is senior girl's swimmer **Edie Sawyer**. In the first meet of the season at North Allegheny on Dec. 11, Edie set a new school record in the



100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04:45. The previous record stood at 1:05:07 which was set in 2006. Throughout the season, Edie is 6-0 in the 100 breaststroke against her competition while also helping the Raiders to a 5-1 team record. At Upper St. Clair on Jan. 9, Edie broke the school record again in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04:43 and set a new Upper St. Clair pool record. Edie has committed to attend Ohio University and continue her

swimming career for the Bobcats. For an outstanding month and exceptional start to her senior campaign, we recognize Edie as the January Athlete of the Month. Congratulations and best of luck the remainder of the season!

The Male Athlete of the Month is senior wrestler **Chanz Shearer**. Chanz has been dominant this year with a 13-1 record including eight pins. Over the weekend at the Kiski Duals, Chanz recorded the 100th victory of his career. This is an exceptional honor, considering Chanz had two shortened seasons as a freshman and sophomore due to injury. As he continued to battle through adversity, Chanz is now ranked as one of the top wrestlers in the WPIAL at the 145-pound weight class. Chanz has committed to attend Clarion University and continue his wrestling career for the Golden Eagles. For an outstanding month and terrific start to his senior season,



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COLLEGE COMMITMENTS - CLASS OF 2021

Raider student-athletes continue to make their college commitment official through the winter months. We congratulate these seniors in achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Both 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
Trevor Elliott	Diving	Case Western Reserve	Civil Engineering
Bella Stefanowicz	Swimming	Rowan University	Mathematics Educ. ■

WINTER SPORTS UPDATES

Boys Basketball

Overall record: 4 - 4

Section record: 3 - 1

Leading scorers:

- Cole Brooks (23.8 ppg)
- Connor Lyczek (18.9 ppg)



Girls Basketball

Overall record: 1 - 6

Section record: 0 - 5

Leading scorers:

- Olivia West (15.9 ppg)
- Jaden Davinsizer (11.9 ppg)



Swimming & Diving

Boys

Overall record (boys): 5 - 1

Section record (boys): 2 - 0

Key performances - top 5 WPIAL times (boys):

- Gavin Blazer: 100 fly
- Kevin Donaldson: 100 free, 200 free, 500 free, 100 back
- Trevor Elliott: Diving
- Matthew Laslavic: Diving
- Daniel Simoes: 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 100 breast, 100 fly, 200 IM
- Haihan Xu: 500 free, 100 breast, 200 IM



Swimming & Diving

Girls

Overall record

(girls): 5 - 1

Section record

(girls): 2 - 0

Key performances - top 5

WPIAL times (girls):

- Kendall Craig: 100 free, 200 IM
- Ria Dietz 100: back, 100 fly
- Peri Gaguzis: 500 free, 200 IM



- Edie Sawyer: 100 breast

Wrestling

Overall record: 13 - 1



Section record: 2 - 0

Key performances - the following wrestlers have collected at least 10 wins on the season:

- Alejandro Herrera-Rondon: 14-0 (8 pins)
- Antonio Amelio: 13-1
- Dylan Chappell: 13-1
- Chanz Shearer: 13-1 (8 pins)
- Connor Smith: 13-1