

# BLAIR ATHLETICS

## November 2025 Newsletter

### *To the Blair Athletics community,*

As we wrap up our 2025 fall athletics season, we'd like to first share the sincere satisfaction and pride in the performances our fall teams had this season. At Blair, a season is not necessarily defined by wins and losses, but rather the resilience, unity and grit that is demonstrated by the student-athletes every single day. They faced adversity at every turn. Whether it was injuries, tough competition or challenging weather, the Blair Bucs continued to rise to the occasion and represent Blair Academy with the utmost respect. This culminated with an exciting Peddie Day filled with competition. Even though we did not win the cup, what impressed us the most was their unwavering commitment to one another; they learned, they fought and they stayed together as a team.

Now our focus shifts indoors and we are excited for the upcoming winter season. We have a roster of exceptional student-athletes ready to compete. This year, we expect several of our programs to be serious contenders, with many of our teams poised to compete for championships.

We encourage all of you—the Blair community—to come out and support these teams. Your presence and energy are a critical advantage for our athletes, especially as they face their most challenging opponents. The winter season is packed with thrilling competitions, and we are confident that our teams will once again exemplify the dedication, character and excellence that define our athletics program. We can't wait to see you in the stands!

## RECENT HEADLINES

Blair Bucs have been making headlines in recent months for their athletic accomplishments. Some notable highlights are:

- Otega Oweh '22 was named as SEC Preseason Player of the Year and 1st Team All-SEC.
- Cayden Walton '25 has made a tremendous impact as a leading goal scorer for Holy Cross this season.
- Marie Sharp '28 was crowned Super 32 Champion at 118 lbs. in Greensboro, North Carolina.

- Vin Anello '27, Barry Norman '26 and Salah Tsarni '27 proudly went undefeated at the Journeyman Fall Classic.
- Dylan Zhang '22 led Swarthmore College's men's golf team as a top-10 finisher in multiple collegiate events.
- Sara Groseibl '26 was selected to compete in this December's 2025 High School Soccer All-American Game in Charleston, South Carolina, representing the East.
- Dom Darius '21 continues to shine as the leading scorer for Syracuse women's basketball.

## WINTER VARSITY SPORT PREVIEWS

### Boys' Varsity Basketball

Coaching Staff: Joe Mantegna (HC), Jon Dejesus, Tom Parauda, Shawn Munford

Record last year: 24-4, MAPL Champions

"We are excited for the upcoming season being ranked as the No. 3 prep team in the nation during preseason. We have size, skill, depth and one of the top backcourts in the country. With a strong group of returners, we look forward to playing a competitive national schedule, striving for a 10th straight MAPL championship and competing for the prep national title in March." —Head Coach Joe Mantegna

### Girls' Varsity Basketball

Coaching Staff: Greg Rosnick (HC), Anna Raley

Record last year: 21-4, MAPL Champions

"We have a talented and connected group who will be tested early and often with a competitive schedule. The core of our roster has been together for three years and we are expecting high levels of individual and collective performance. We added a nice mix of



players, young and old, to our core for a year that should see us compete for a few championships and help our girls get ready for their basketball careers beyond Blair.” —Head Coach Greg Rosnick

### Varsity Swimming

Coaching Staff: Shannon Schrope (HC), Megan Ehrenwerth, Mateo Coronado

“I’m most excited to see our team come together and create an environment where swimmers feel connected, motivated and proud to be part of something bigger.” —Head Coach Shannon Schrope

### Boys’ Varsity Squash

Coaching Staff: Zafi Levy  
Record last year: 8-3

“We are very excited about the upcoming season. We are returning four experienced seniors in our lineup, and welcome two very talented ninth graders. We expect a very successful season, and our team goal is to once again be competitive on the national level, making a run for another division title at nationals.” —Head Coach Zafi Levy

### Girls’ Varsity Squash

Coaching Staff: Jim Moore, Hon. ’93 (HC), Kendall Rice  
Record last year: 3-6, U.S. Squash Division 4 National Champions

“Despite losing some key starters to graduation last year, we are counting on nationally ranked sophomores and seniors to mount a strong defense of last year’s Division 4 National title.” —Head Coach Jim Moore, Hon. ’93

### Boys’ & Girls’ Varsity Wrestling

Coaching Staff: Ross Gitomer ’05 (HC), Chris Thatcher, Mike Carbonaro ’00, Gino Fluri, Brian Antonelli ’93, Ed Russell, Chase Palanca ’15, Tyler Thurgood ’05  
Record last year: MAPL Champions, 2nd at National Preps

“I am excited to see how good this team can get with our nationally competitive schedule. These kids are working hard in the wrestling room and we hope that hard work contributes to success on the mat.” —Head Coach Ross Gitomer ’05

### Indoor Track

Coaching Staff: Eddy Thornton (HC), Latta Browse, Stirling Ince, Kailey Smith, Mark Williams

“The winter track-and-field team is shaping up to be strong this season, with many returning athletes and outstanding leadership from our seniors. Both the boys and girls teams should be highly competitive in the MAPL and state leagues, and we’re excited for the opportunity to display our team’s talents at the VA Showcase this year!” —Head Coach Eddy Thornton

### Varsity Skiing

Coaching Staff: Robin Anthony (HC), Peter Cholnoky, Caroline James, Tim Patzelt

“I am really excited to take over the ski team this year. I am especially looking forward to helping our veteran skiers become leaders and role models for the younger athletes. I am also excited to see the new talent we have and help them develop into the future leaders of the team.” —Head Coach Robin Anthony

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/6-7 BOYS’ BASKETBALL COACHES VS. CANCER EVENT
- 1/10 GIRLS’ SQUASH INVITATIONAL
- 1/17 BOYS’ SQUASH INVITATIONAL
- 1/23 SWIMMING VS. NEWTON
- 1/29 BLAIR WRESTLING VS. DELBARTON
- 2/6 BOYS’ & GIRLS’ VARSITY BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER

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## BLAIR HAMMER AWARD

Recipients of the Blair Hammer Award will not necessarily be the most accomplished athletes on the team, or even varsity athletes, but rather those students who have demonstrated one, some or all of the following characteristics engraved on the hammer: GRIT, STRENGTH, TEAMWORK, CHARACTER and EFFORT.

This season, we are proud to award the Blair Hammer Award to:  
Lea Myers '26  
Maxwell Bowers '26



## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We are proud to honor Blair's past athletes through our Athletic Hall of Fame, and we'd be grateful for your nominations. Do you know someone who deserves a spot? Nominees should have shown exceptional athletic talent during their Blair years and been strong members of our community—demonstrating scholarship, citizenship, integrity and character. Alumni become eligible 10 years after graduation, and coaches are eligible once they retire from Blair. Submit your nomination by December 31, 2025 [here](#).

## COLLEGIATE SPORTS SIGNING

This week several Class of 2026 Buccaneers took the next step in their athletic careers by committing to play collegiate sports upon their graduation. With a joyous ceremony, family, friends, teammates and coaches celebrated these standout athletes across the spectrum of Blair sports.

The college signing event marks the first one of this academic year; several more will come in the winter and spring.

Congratulations to:

### Girls' Basketball

Ava Fajardo - Drexel University  
Priyanka Ponnampal - University of Arizona  
Isa Grant - U.S. Naval Academy  
Lena Rodriguez - Emory University

### Swimming

Hannah Wilson - Penn State University

### Wrestling

Connor Bercume - Harvard University  
Cole Pangborn - U.S. Military Academy West Point  
Ryan Meier - Northwestern University  
Barry Norman - Princeton University  
Benji Koch - Williams College  
Sarah Henckel - Lehigh University

### Boys' Basketball

Jaen Chatman - University of Rhode Island  
Callen Murphy - Ithaca College  
Coleman Elkins - University of Texas

### Girls' Soccer

Sara Groseibl - University of Miami

### Boys' Lacrosse

Maxwell Bowers - University of Maryland

### Girls' Lacrosse

Stephie Hughes - Winthrop University

