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Greg Balicki '07

ATHLETE

A powerhouse attacker, a clinical finisher and an inspirational leader, Greg Balicki stands as the gold standard of Wilbraham & Monson Academy Boys Soccer. During a legendary four-year varsity career, Mr. Balicki rewrote the Titans' record books, anchored a culture of dominance and established himself as one of the most lethal offensive talents in New England prep school history.

Mr. Balicki is one of the most decorated players from Wilbraham & Monson Academy's storied Boys Soccer program. As its all-time leading scorer, he tallied 96 career points, including a single-season record of 30 goals in 2006. In 2007, Mr. Balicki was awarded the Phil Shaw Award, which recognizes "hard work, perseverance, unselfishness and a spirit of cooperation in athletics" at WMA.

As a four-year varsity soccer player, Mr. Balicki's individual stats and records are accompanied by great team success. A captain of the 2006 team, Mr. Balicki helped lead the Titans to an undefeated season (13-0-3) and a NEPSAC Class B championship. He was later named the Massachusetts Adidas Soccer Player of the Year.

Mr. Balicki went to the University of Rhode Island, where he played for the men's soccer team for four years.

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Marisa (Barone) Fenn '04

ATHLETE

A consummate leader, elite scorer and relentless competitor, Marisa (Barone) Fenn established herself as one of the most dominant Girls Basketball players in Wilbraham & Monson Academy history. Combining a natural athletic brilliance and a fierce work ethic, she was named team captain all four years and the team's Most Valuable Player three times.

Mrs. Fenn reached the 1,000-career point milestone at WMA and was also recognized as a New England All-Star. In 2004, her "hard work, perseverance, unselfishness and a spirit of cooperation in athletics" at WMA were officially recognized with the prestigious Phil Shaw Award.

Mrs. Fenn seamlessly transitioned her talents to the collegiate level at Mount Holyoke College, where her impact was immediate and profound. As the heartbeat of the Lyons and captain during her junior and senior year, her standout play during the 2007-2008 earned her the team's MVP honors. The pinnacle of her collegiate career came when she helped guide Mount Holyoke to a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Championship.

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Christina Wakefield ’14

ATHLETE

A dominant force on the pitch and a true embodiment of championship culture, Christina Wakefield is one of the most decorated and impactful girls soccer players in the history of Wilbraham & Monson Academy. Combining elite technical skill with a relentless will to win, Ms. Wakefield was the driving force behind one of the most successful eras in the history of the Girls Soccer program.

Ms. Wakefield helped lead the team to three Women’s Western New England Prep School Soccer Association titles - the WWNEPSSA League Championship in 2010 and Class B titles in 2011 and 2012. During her four-year career, the Titans posted a record of 43-14-6. While Ms. Wakefield was the ultimate team player, her individual brilliance was impossible to overlook. Her consistency, work ethic and ability to deliver in the biggest games earned her the respect of coaches and peers alike. Ms. Wakefield was named the WMA’s Co-Most Valuable Player in back-to-back seasons (2012 and 2013), and she was selected as a WWNEPSSA All-League player.

As a senior in 2013, Ms. Wakefield took on the mantle of team co-captain, leading the squad with the same grit and passion that defined her career. Her spectacular senior campaign captured national attention, culminating in her selection as an All-Region player by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America — a rare and prestigious honor cementing her status as one of the top prep players in the country.

Ms. Wakefield went on to star at Boston University and experienced a stellar four-year career.

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Joe Mazeika ’73

COACH

When one thinks of Wilbraham & Monson Academy Baseball during the latter part of the 20th century, the name Joe Mazeika stands out. Mr. Mazeika coached Varsity Baseball for 25 years and the Junior Varsity Baseball team for an additional 12. His distinction as a coach within the baseball program carries through generations of young men who had the honor of playing for him. Mr. Mazeika’s pure love of the game was always apparent to the members of the Academy’s community.

His knowledge of the game and his expertise with teaching it to young players is legendary, and the role he carved out for his teams was outstanding. The crowning moment for Mr. Mazeika’s coaching legacy came in 1986, when his team won the Central New England Baseball Championship and secured a season record of 14-4.

Mr. Mazeika taught mathematics at WMA from 1977-2014, while also serving as both head and assistant coach for the Boys Varsity Basketball team.

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Front Row (L-R):
Trevor Moran '10, Matt Natario '10, Stephano Williams '08, Joao Alves '10, Alex Tuohey '07, Sean McGrath '07 (co-captain), Andy D'Avanzo '07 (co-captain), Greg Balicki '07 (co-captain), Matt Pentkowski '07, Bryce Trinka '09.

Back Row (L-R):
Dennis Gomes '95 (Assistant Coach), Gary Cook (Head Coach), George Dyer '08, Alex Mascaro '07 (manager), Jared Falconer '07, Drew Shea '08, Casey Marini '10, Gary Popovich '08, Brian Sorensen '10, John Daniels '10, David Lawrence '10, Troy Chin '08.

Boys Soccer - 2006

TEAM

The 2006 Wilbraham & Monson Academy Boys Varsity Soccer Team did not only win a championship — it put together a season of absolute dominance. Finishing the year undefeated, this legendary squad combined an explosive, high-powered attack with unrelenting defensive lockdown to cement its place in Academy history.

Accolades:
Undefeated New England Champions (13-0-3) • WNEPSSA Class M Regular Season Champions
NEPSAC Class B Tournament Champions • Outscored Postseason Opponents 13-0

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Monson Baseball - 1876

"Skull and Bones"

TEAM

True pioneers of the diamond, the inaugural Monson Academy Baseball team etched its name into the bedrock of the Academy's sports history. Assembling at a time when the game of baseball was still establishing its roots, this extraordinary group of young men did more than just play — they achieved perfection, authoring a legendary undefeated season that is permanently recognized by the highest baseball authority in the world.

The historical weight of its final game extends far beyond the campus of Monson Academy. Recognizing the monumental nature of this early American baseball achievement, the game ball from that historic victory over Wesleyan was preserved for the ages. Today, that ball rests on display inside the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Team roster: Nicholas Cantwell, William A. Needham, Frank G. Nelson, Lyman C. Flynt, William Allen, Jeremiah Lyons, John Converse, Joseph Harte, Daniel Coleman.