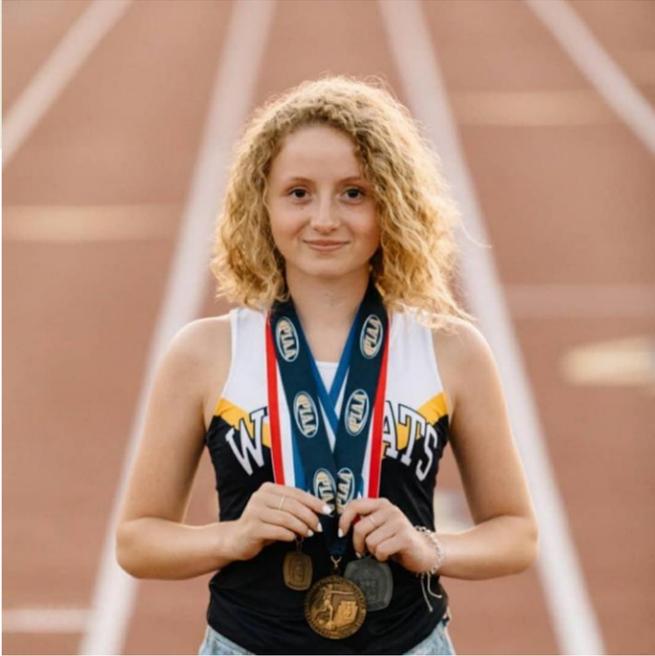


# SPORTS PAGE

## FOOTBALL: WATKINS POWERS WILDCATS TO FIRST VICTORY



### Player Profile: Carmen Medvit

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This week's first player profile is on senior Carmen Medvit. Carmen is a four-year standout for the Varsity Cross Country team and has lettered every season. Carmen is currently the school's only individual WPIAL champion having won the honor her sophomore year while also medaling at the state meet. Some of her personal goals this year are to again win the WPIAL, place top three at states, and run sub 18:00 in the 5k. As for the team, she would like to repeat as section champions. When asked why she enjoys running Carmen said, "It is such a big part of me since I've been running for so long." Carmen admires distance runner Shalane Flanagan; a New York City marathon winner and former Olympian. Next year, Carmen plans to run at the collegiate level but remains undecided on where. She would like to major in exercise science or sports psychology. Good luck to Carmen and her team this year.

### *Never Forget*

*A time to remember those who died,  
those who served, and those who carry on.*



Reis Watkins looks downfield during Saturday nights victory against the Union Scotties on the new turf

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This past Saturday, the Wildcats secured a win against the Union Scotties in their very first home game of the year 25-12. The boys came out strong scoring the first touchdown of the game when Reis Watkins ran one into the endzone from 17 yards out. Shawn Gould's three-yard touchdown early in the second quarter had the Cats up 14 and on their way to victory, but a muffed Union punt return for a touchdown tightened things up as they approached halftime. Nevertheless, the Cats answered when Reis Watkins found Ryan Lenhart for his first touchdown of the season on a fade route. In the second half Union threatened on multiple occasions, but the defense played strong recording two safeties to seal the win for the Wildcats.

The Cats were dominant on the ground amassing 260 rushing yards with Reis Watkins carrying 199 of those yards. CJ Miller tallied a majority of the remaining yards as both he and Reis averaged over five yards per carry on the night.

Although running seemed to be the strong point on offense, the Cats also had a pretty good passing attack. Reis Watkins threw a thirteen-yard touchdown to 6'4" Ryan Lenhart and Shawn Gould tacked on 21 passing yards for the Wildcats.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Wildcat defense held the Scotties to a total of twelve rushing yards which is incredible. The defensive front dominated the line of scrimmage not allowing any type of running game to be started forcing the Scotties to become a one-dimensional passing team. Although the Scotties had 174 passing yards it resulted in three interceptions. One by Tyler Kamerer and the other two by sophomore Hunter Lively. The Cats also tackled on two safeties. The Wildcats look to play with the same intensity that earned them a win during this Saturday's home game against Fort Cherry at 7:00pm.

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## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

*Wildcats steamroll the Panthers*

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The Junior High football team faced off against Riverside Wednesday and your Wildcats dominated the Panthers by a score of 50-15. The Cats got out quickly and never looked back en route to their first win of the season. The Panthers struggled to stop the Wildcats ground game and the result was plenty of early season scores.

The Wildcat offense was led by numerous players including Brayden George with two receiving touchdowns, Christian Anterock with two passing touchdowns, a rushing touchdown, and two two-point conversions. Sam Patton added two more rushing touchdowns and a two-point conversion while Landyn Albertini and Trey Ross each found paydirt as well during the blowout victory the newly turfed Glenn "Pop" Johnson stadium.

Despite the offensive outpouring, the Wildcat defense came up big all day long holding the Panthers to a mere 15 points. The defense was led by Brayden George with two fumble recoveries. AJ Ferilla, Jacob Kamerer, Blaise Dando, Ethan Iwanejko and Landyn Albertini all had multiple tackles for a loss that stifled the Panther offense consistently throughout the contest.

The Wildcats record is 1-0 in section now due to the win. The Junior High Cats face a tough test against Laurel next week. The Spartans are also unbeaten as they defeated the Mohawk Warriors on Wednesday by a score of 30-26. The contest against the Spartans will be next Wednesday, September 23rd at Spartan Stadium. Let's hope the boys keep the momentum going and bring home a victory. Good luck.



## PLAYER PROFILE

*Tommy George*

PATRICK CIONNI

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This week's second player profile is on Tommy George. Tommy is a senior at Shenango who has been known around the school as a very skilled golfer throughout his years here. Tommy's biggest career accomplishment is making the 2019 PIAA all-state team. When asked what his goals are for the season Tommy offered, "Individually I want to win a WPIAL and PIAA championship, but I also would like to win the section as a team." Tommy says he loves playing golf because he "loves the feeling of winning and succeeding; losing just makes me want to win more the next time out." Tommy is undecided on his college selection but plans to compete at the collegiate level while getting a good education. Best of luck to Tommy this year with golf and school.

**Player Profile: Aidan Johnston**

COLTON FERRUCCI

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This week's third player profile is on Aidan Johnston. Aidan has been the kicker for the football team for the past three seasons. Some of his past accomplishments include being a three-year letterman, two-time all-section honorable mention, and an all-class second-team offense. Aidan's goals for his senior season include going to the WPIAL championship and breaking the kicking records at Shenango that he has tied. Aidan loves how football has "created a really strong bond between him and the other players." He considers them as a second family to him. One professional athlete that he looks up to is Sydney Crosby, pro hockey player for the Pittsburgh Penguins. He loves how hardworking and selfless he is as an athlete on the ice. Aidan wants to kick and/or punt at the collegiate level. He wants to continue his football career while pursuing his dream of having a career in physical therapy or orthopedics.

## Junior High girls split with Riverside



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Shenango's girls Junior High basketball team faced off against the Riverside Panthers this past Thursday, September 10th. There were two games, one with the seventh graders and one with the eighth graders. In the seventh-grade game the Lady Wildcats got off to a great start outsourcing the Panthers by nine in the first quarter and taking a commanding lead into halftime. The rest of the game was much the same for both teams, with the Lady Wildcats continuing a dominant outing and defeating the Panthers 32-4. Great ball distribution led to all of the seventh grade Lady Wildcats scoring points, but the leading scorer was Zoe

Offie with a team high 16 points. Ella Ferrell was close behind netting eight additional points for the youngest Lady Cats team in action this fall. Perhaps even more impressive was the girls immense defense during the contest. Laela Kineston, Naiara Thomas, and Giada Christopher teamed up with Offie and Ferrell to stifle the Lady Panthers holding them scoreless in the second quarter and to a single point in two additional stanzas. In the eighth-grade game, the girls got off to a slow start scoring just eight points in the first half. Meanwhile, Riverside stormed out of the gate scoring 20 points in the first half.

Despite the deficit the Lady Cats were resilient and fought back hard. The girls came back and scored 25 points in the second half. Alas that was not quite enough to pull out the win. They lost a heartbreaker of a game of 33-31.

Amara DeFrank led the eighth graders scoring the most points on the team with 17. Giada Christopher also contributed five points, while Zoe Offie also scored four points for the Lady Wildcats. The seventh and eighth grade Lady Wildcats were supposed to face off against the Mohawk Warriors on Tuesday September 15th, but the game has been moved to Saturday September 19th. Good luck.



Zach Herb checks his score card during the Laurel match this past Wednesday

## Golf Team with two huge wins

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This past week, Shenango Varsity Golf had two big performances. They defeated the Laurel Spartans 215-225. This was an important win as Laurel was undefeated until this match. Tommy George led the Cats with a team low 35, which is one under par. Following in at second, was Zach Herb with a 40, while Brayden Cast also contributed to the team with a 43. Vince Sibeto added to that with a 47 and to close it out for the Cats, Nico Vanasco scored a 50. This win left the team with a 5-1 record overall and an even bigger match against Neshannock the follow day.

Coming off a big win against Laurel, the boys faced Neshannock at Castle Hills golf course. An incredibly close match, the boys beat Neshannock in a playoff with a score of 215-215. A playoff means that at the end of the match both teams were tied so Tommy George and Brayden Cast had to play two more holes. From those two holes, they ended up winning the match. Tommy George and Brayden Cast's dual 39s led the way for the Cats. Following in third, was Vince Sibeto with a season best of 41. Zach Herb and Tommy Presnar rounded out the top five with scores of 46 and 50 respectively. This win leaves the Cats with a 6-1 overall record and hopes of a section title. Hopefully they can add to the wins, as the boy's face off against the Laurel Spartans on Friday.

## VOLLEYBALL

## Varsity Volleyball: Girls defeat Neshannock in straight sets

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The Lady Wildcats varsity volleyball team started off the season with a win over Neshannock. The girls won the match in three sets. In the first set, the girls won a nail biter with the final score 25-23. Down 21-15 at one point, the Lady Cats battled back towards the end taking ten of the last twelve points to finish off the two-point win. From then on, the Lancers couldn't keep up with the Lady Wildcats. The girls dominated the second set, winning 25-6 and put the Lancers away in the final set by a score of 25-12.

Returning all-section sophomore, Emilee Fedrizzi, had a nice game with a team high of nine kills. Right behind her, sophomore Kylee Rubin, had an additional eight kills. A pair of sophomores also lead in digs, with Kylee Rubin amassing ten digs and Ashley DeCarbo having nine more. Not to be outdone, newcomers Kelly Cleaver and Julia George tallied four and three blocks respectively as part of the teams 12 total blocks. Behind the service stripe, Kylee Rubin led the team with four aces, but Emma Callahan, Kassidy Peters, and Hannah Ziegler each chipped in one a piece as well.

The girls next game is this Friday against the Laurel Spartans. Laurel is a big rival game. The JV team plays at 4:00 while the varsity team plays at 5:30. Laurel is coming off of a tough loss to Ellwood. The Shenango girls have all the momentum going into this game after a big win over another rival which was Neshannock. No rest for the ladies as they play Ellwood City the following Tuesday. These are two solid teams that are in their section and key matches if the girls aspire to win the section and advance to the playoffs. Good luck ladies.



The girls enjoy a team dinner before defeating the Neshannock Lancers to kick off the season

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Boys and Girls XC teams sweep the field to start 4-0

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The Shenango Varsity Cross Country Team had a phenomenal performance this past Tuesday. The boys and girls team both put up great efforts, defeating the likes of Laurel, South Side, Riverside, and Union bringing their record's to 4-0 in the early part of the season. It was a series of great team wins, and there were some top runners who stood out for the Wildcats. On the girls side, Carmen Medvit finished in first place overall with an impressive early season time of 19:20.64. Morgan Pisula came in third place overall with a career best of 22:17.27, while Riley Bruce, Olivia Conaway, and JoJo Buckle rounded out the team's top five.

The boys team also had a number of players who had stand out performances. Christian Maxwell finished in second place overall and first for the team with a time of 17:23.44. Thomas Presnar was not far behind in third place with a time of 17:39.19. Ethan Krouse, Anthony Mancino, and Tyler Wittmann were others that stood out among the boys. A strong start from both squads has both teams aspiring to repeat as section champs for this cross-country season. The teams will be competing against the Mohawk Warriors and the Neshannock Lancers next Tuesday in their lone home meet of the season. This meet will no doubt be a challenge, and they will have to give it their all in order to bring home the win again. Good luck to our cross-country teams on their journey to WPIAL and State Championship meets this year!

