

# SPORTS PAGE

## FOOTBALL: JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL ADVANCES TO 2-0



### Player Profile: Ryan Lenhart

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This week's first player profile is on senior Ryan Lenhart. Ryan starts on the football team at Tight End on offense and at outside linebacker on defense. Ryan is a two-sport athlete at Shenango participating in both Football and Basketball. This is Ryan's first year back playing football since seventh grade and he's already off to a great start. Ryan has a receiving touchdown and has made many tackles on defense in just two games so far this year. Ryan looks like he is going to have a bright future with the way he catches the ball. Ryan's goals for the season are "to go undefeated and do well in the playoffs while staying healthy." Ryan states that he likes to play because he "loves hitting people and football keeps him busy." Ryan's future plans are to go to college but is currently undecided.



Brayden George fights for a first down during the Cats victory over Laurel on Wednesday

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This past Wednesday, on September 23rd our Shenango Wildcats faced the Laurel Spartans in a junior high football game. This game was highly anticipated considering both teams are really good. The game started out fairly even, as both teams did not score any points in the first quarter. However, the defensive battle was short-lived because in the second quarter the junior Wildcats came out firing. The boys scored early and often in the second resulting in a score of 22-6 at half, a Wildcats lead. The rest of the game was more of the same story as our Wildcats added to their score with two additional scores and allowed a late score by the Spartans. The final score ending up being 36-14, a Wildcat win!

Sam Patton had an outstanding game. He contributed many points to the offense of the Wildcats. Patton had four rushing touchdowns and two 2-point conversions. He also had four tackles for losses. To add to Sam Patton's outstanding game, Hunter Roof contributed to the defensive end of the game and had multiple tackles for a loss. DJ McLean contributed to this game with a tackle for a loss and a 2-point conversion, while AJ Ferilla had a defensive tackle for a loss and an onside kick recovery. Jacob Kamerer added to the Wildcats win with a tackle for loss also. Landyn Albertini contributed to the offense end of the game with a receiving touchdown down. To finish off the Wildcats victory, Christian Anterock had a 68-yard touchdown pass. The undefeated Cats will face off against the Ellwood City Wolverines next Wednesday at 6:30. This game has major section title implications so give the boys some support when you see them..

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*Fort Cherry no match for the Wildcats*

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This past weekend, the Wildcat football team had one of their first shutouts in over three years. They defeated Fort Cherry by a score of 44 to 0. The Wildcats defense set the tone early by providing a three and out on the first possession. The defense as a whole did not give up a single point and only allowed the Rangers 145 yards of total offense. Fort Cherry, known for being a passing team, were stifled by the Cats who only allowed 67 passing yards all night. This gave the Cats early momentum to build off of.

The boys cashed in off this momentum by storming down the field and scoring their first rushing touchdown of the game and the Wildcats kept this momentum which led to them destroying Fort Cherry. Aidan Johnston was perfect on the night making all six of his extra points. This effort broke the Shenango record for most consecutive extra points made, a goal Johnston had set for himself earlier in the year. The defense joined the scoring party when Dalton Peters returned a fumble for 70 yards and a touchdown while Ryan Lenhart added on two points in the form of a safety. This was the Cats third safety in two games.

Offensively, Reis Watkins led the way with 227 rushing yards, four touchdowns, and averaged 9.9 yards a carry. Adding injury to insult for the Bulldogs, he also provided the Wildcats' a passing touchdown which he threw to C.J Miller from the 30-yard line. Watkins' immense performance caught the attention of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The paper recently awarded him athlete of the week honors. The boys will be playing Cornell, at Cornell, this Friday the 25th. Cornell is the best team that the Cats will have faced so far. They have a current record of 1-1 with their sole loss to defending section champ OLSH.



## PLAYER PROFILE

*Kassidy Peters*

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This week's second player profile is on junior Kassidy Peters. Kassidy is one of the few three-sport athletes here at Shenango playing Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field. In basketball and track she is a two-time letterman while in volleyball she is a one-year letterman, the team's current setter, and won a section championship in her sophomore year. Kassidy's goal for herself in her volleyball career is to set a new school record for assists before she graduates while her team goals are to win the section and advance to playoffs. Personally, Kassidy loves to play volleyball because the games are "extremely fun" and that she is able to "play with some of her closest friends." Kassidy's future plans are to attend a college or university to major in occupational therapy. Good luck Kassidy!

**Player Profile: Nico Vanasco**

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This week's third player profile is on junior golfer Nico Vanasco. Nico is emerging in his junior season a consistent contributor to the team's top five scorers amidst an extremely successful season to this point. Nico has ranked in the teams top five scorers multiple times in the past few weeks as the Cats are advancing through one of the tougher parts of their schedule and shot a personal best of 41 in a match earlier this week. Nico is unsure of what he would like to pursue post-graduation, but he is taking it a day at a time and making sure that he gives himself options as he nears his senior year. Good luck to Nico and the team as the season begins to wind down in the next two weeks.

## Varsity Golf: Cats swing their way to the top of the section



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The varsity Golf team had three tough matches this week against Mohawk, Laurel, and Union. The boys started off strong with a huge win over the Riverside Panthers. The final score of the matches was 216 - 249. A theme throughout this season, Tommy George dominated with a score of 39. Brayden Cast followed with a score of 41 with Vince Sibeto right behind Cast with a total of 42. Nico Vanasco was a strong fourth with a round of 43 while Zach Herb was able to score a 46 for the Wildcats. This was a key win in order for the Wildcats to achieve their goal of becoming section champions.

The boys played the very next day and had a tough loss to Laurel with the score 233 - 229. Coach Ray Alexander said that it was a “tough one because it was brutally cold outside, and it had a major effect on the players.” Despite the loss, the Cats fought a valiant battle. One of the players Zach Herb said, “Being tied for first place in the section is a big accomplishment, but we have a few matches left and we can’t take anyone lightly.” The Cats are tied for the section lead with Laurel and Neshannock; teams that split matches with already this season.

On a better note, the varsity team had a major victory against Union to finish the week. The final score was 218-240. Tommy George finished with a score of 40, while Vince Sibeto and Tommy Presnar both ended with scores of 43. Nico Vanasco and Zach Herb tied with a final score of 46. The team will be facing off against Mohawk and next week they will be competing against Ellwood. Both matches will be challenging, and the boys will have to give it their all if they want to succeed. Best of luck to the varsity golf team in their upcoming matches.



Giada Christopher (#33), Zoe Offie (#11), and Laela Kineston (#1) set up against Ellwood

### Junior high girls Basketball

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The seventh-grade girls had three contests this past week against the likes of Ellwood City, Mohawk, and the Union Scotties. Against Ellwood on September 17th, the girls came out on top with a 24-12 win. Ella Ferrell led the team with eight points. Four of these points came in the second half to secure the win. Naiara Thomas also had six points to help the Lady Cats to the win over the Wolverines. Two days later the girls took a tough loss 16-29, against the Mohawk Warriors. A sluggish game overall, the Lady Wildcats couldn’t keep pace with the Warriors despite, Naiara Thomas’s eight points and four assists. Finishing out the week, the ladies won against Union by the score of 19-10. The girls surged out of the gate taking an 11-2 lead into halftime and then finished the second half even with the Scotties to hold on for the win. A balanced scoring attack led by Kayla Wheelock’s six points and Laela Kineston’s five, Ella Ferrell and Zoe Offie rounded out the scoring by adding four points each.

The eighth-grade girls played the same slate of opponents this week earning one win in the three contests. The girls lost 31-17 against Ellwood in a tough game. Ariyana Kendall led the team with six points all of which were scored in the second half of the game. Laela Kineston also contributed with four points in the fourth quarter. Stumbling again later in the week, the girls lost against Union by the score of 35-11. The team started off too slowly not scoring until the second half. Amara DeFrank led the second half effort scoring eight of the 11 points. The highlight of the week was a great win in a close game against Mohawk with a score of 24-23. Ariyana Kendall, with two three pointers, led the team to the win with eight points. Shenango started slowly in the first half but picked it up in final quarter to outlast the Warriors who only managed two points in the third quarter.

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

**Volleyball: Lady Cats trending toward an Ellwood City Showdown**

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The varsity girls Volleyball team had three key games in the last week. The girls had strong performances against both the Laurel Spartans and Freedom Bulldogs winning both matches three sets to zero. In the Laurel game, Shenango's libero Ashley DeCarbo powered the team posting the most assists and good passes for the Lady Wildcats. Not to be outdone, sophomore Emilee Fedrizzi marked eight kills along with a strong passing performance.

After the win at Laurel, the team faced off against Freedom. Once again, Shenango dominated the match three sets to none. Emilee Fedrizzi had seven kills and six service points while Ashley DeCarbo again added eleven digs of her own. This gave the girls their second win in three days as they barreled toward a key match against the Ellwood City Wolverines.

A match that lived up to the big billing, the girls played hard, but lost a heartbreaker in five sets (24-26, 16-25, 25-23, 25-21, 15-10) to the Lady Wolverines. The first two sets went in Ellwood's favor, but the girls rallied and won the next two. Sadly, the team couldn't pull it off in the end and the Wolverine earned a key section win.

During the Ellwood game, Kylee Rubin finished the game with twenty-two kills along with fifteen good passes. Ashley DeCarbo chipped in with twenty-one good passes and ten digs. With dominating performances in all three matches of the week, Kylee Rubin proved to be a focal point in all contests with the most kills, kill attempts, and the most blocks. When asked about the games Kylee said, "I'm disappointed in the loss against Ellwood, but we play them again in a couple of weeks for a rematch." Despite the loss, the team seems ready to move on and prepare for their next game against Mohawk this upcoming Tuesday.



The girls celebrate a set win during Friday's match against Freedom

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Boys Cross Country: Season bests from Krouse, Wittmann, and Mancino help run Cats to 6-0

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The boys cross country team marked impressive wins against Mohawk and Neshannock during their lone home meet of the season this past Tuesday. Tommy Presnar, Christian Maxwell, and Ethan Krouse paced the field and finished in the top three beating all other runners on the day. Anthony Mancino and Tyler Wittmann's season best times of 19:47 and 19:49 led to Shenango's final score of 17. This score bested Neshannock and Mohawk who lagged behind posting marks of 62 and 60 respectively. The two wins advance the Cats overall record to 6-0 as they head toward a big race against Ellwood city next Tuesday. Senior Christian Maxwell remains cautiously optimistic. "I am very pleased with how the team ran, even though there is a lot of room for improvement. We are headed in the right direction and I can't wait for the year to continue."

The boys team also competed at the red, white, and blue, invitational late last week at White Oak in an early season litmus test. The team performed well placing in the top half of the field, while Christian Maxwell and Tommy Presnar individually both cracked into the top ten. The meet held extra significance due to the fact that it will be the host site for the WPIAL Championships in a few weeks' time. The PIAA recently informed schools that it will be more difficult than ever to advance to the state meet. Traditionally, four boys' teams advance from single A as well as the next 20 finishers. Due to pandemic concerns these numbers have been adapted to include only the overall winning team and the next five finishers. With section title and state qualifying aspirations, the boys have a tall order ahead of them. Let's hope they rise to the occasion as we wish them luck.



## CROSS COUNTRY

## Girls Cross Country: Girls earn a split as Medvit paces the field

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The girls cross country team earned a split this past Tuesday defeating the Neshannock Lancers but stumbling against the Mohawk Warriors. The team had three girls finish in the top ten with Carmen Medvit first overall, Morgan Pisula in seventh place, and Riley Bruce in ninth place. This performance easily defeated Neshannock, but a cluster of Mohawk runners took places two through six and defeated the Lady Cats as a team. Despite the loss, the Lady Wildcats still post a season record of 5-1 and are continually running faster and faster as a unit. The girls head to South Side on Tuesday to face off against Ellwood City and Beaver Falls. Good luck ladies.

The Girls team also competed at the red, white, and blue, invitational late last week at White Oak in an early season litmus test. The team performed well placing in the top half of the field, as they tested their abilities against seventeen schools. Carmen Medvit was the story of the day winning the girls single A race by over a minute. The meet held extra significance for the girls due to the fact that it will be the host site for the WPIAL Championships in a few weeks' time. The PIAA recently informed schools that it will be more difficult than ever to advance to the state meet. Traditionally, five girls teams advance from single A as well as the next 25 finishers. Due to pandemic concerns these numbers have been adapted to include only the overall winning team and the next five finishers. Wish the girls luck.