

# SPORTS PAGE

## CROSS COUNTRY: BOYS FINISH THE SEASON STRONG



### Player Profile: Tommy Presnar

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This week's first player profile is on junior Thomas Presnar. Tommy is a two-sport player of golf and cross country where they have won two section titles and have made many state appearances. Individually, he has qualified for the state meet twice in his career. His golf accomplishments consist of competing in the WPIAL playoffs for the first time in his career. Tommy's individual and team goals revolve around making it to the state meet once again and running a personal record at the WPIAL Championships. In golf, he is hoping for his team to perform well at the WPIAL playoffs and advance to the finals. Tommy loves his sports because he feels that they are "very exciting and require disciplines, skills, and talent" He enjoys the physical demands of both sports. If Tommy has one professional athlete who he admires the most, it would be Joshua Cheptegei. Josh is a professional distance runner who was the first human being to go under two hours in a marathon. Tommy's future plans after high school are to attend college and run at the collegiate level.



The boys team huddles before a victorious Tuesday at Brush Creek Park

COLTON FERRUCCI & KYLEE RUBIN

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The Shenango boys cross country team recently won contests against the New Brighton Lions and the Freedom Bulldogs. The race took place at hilly, 2.7-mile Brush Creek Park. The Cats easily defeated the undermanned Freedom squad and almost blew out the New Brighton team with a final score of 17 to 40 in favor of the Wildcats. The team had four runners place in the top five against New Brighton. This victory improved their record to 9-1 overall.

Christian Maxwell described the course as "short, but very hard." He noted that the course was only 2.7 miles as opposed to the normal 3.1 miles. Even though it was short, the course posed some issues including uneven running surfaces and some tough hills. Maxwell and Thomas Presnar led the team to a victory. Christian took first place with a time of 15:42. This is impressive for Christian because this is two minutes faster than he usually runs and may have been a season best on a normal course. Not even two seconds later, Tommy Presnar finished second with a time of 15:43.

Not far behind them, Ethan Krouse finished with a time of 16:41. Krouse's effort earned him fourth overall in the race, while Anthony Mancino finished seventh with a time of 17:38. Shenango's top three runners all finished ahead of New Brighton's best runner. When asked about the meet, Christian Maxwell offered, "The meet was definitely one of the easiest ones so far this year. Despite it being easy, we did what we needed to do and won the meet. Tri-County is next, and I can't wait to give Ellwood what they deserve." The Cats' next meet is the Tri-County Championship Saturday, October 17th here at Shenango.

In other news, the PIAA recently adjusted its number of qualifiers to the state meet. The WPIAL will now accept two additional runners from the district championships to advance on to Hersey. The added two runners are beneficial, and takes the total up to seven, but still seems unfair to the 39 team WPIAL district which has almost double the teams of the next biggest district in the state all of whom receive five runners. Good luck to the runners as they pursue these end of season goals.

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*Lady Cats have a strong week*

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The Lady Wildcats had a productive week in the section over the past seven days with victories over Beaver Falls, Freedom, and Neshannock. They rolled over Beaver Falls winning three sets to zero. They won sets one and two 25-8 and they won the third set 25-7. The girls took off with a nine zero run in the first game and remained dominant throughout the entire set. In the second game, the Lady Cats again dominated, starting with an eight-point lead over and keeping the Tigers to single digits. A slow start in the third by comparison, the girls gave up a few early points, but quickly picked it up to dominate the final set of the game to have a nice win. Emilee Fedrizzi led the team in kills and with aces having 12 and 13 respectively. Julia George followed with seven kills and setter Kassidy Peters had 26 assists through the three sets.

After the Beaver Falls effort, the Lady Cats had a more competitive match with Freedom, but still won three sets to zero. (25-16, 25-11, 25-18) Sophomore hitter Kylee Rubin was pleased with the win, but offered "We won in three, but we really didn't play that well. We will have to do better to defeat Neshannock or Ellwood" Shenango's Emilee Fedrizzi led the team in kills again during the match and added 11 service points as well. Kylee Rubin had eight kills and Ashley DeCarbo led the team in aces with five. Kassidy Peters again anchored the offense and ended up with the most assists by the end of the match with 19.

Finishing out the week the Lady Cats had a pivotal match-up against section rival Neshannock. The Lancers who had been surging since the return of their best outside hitter, could take second place away from the ladies with a victory. Furthermore, the Lancers recently took Ellwood City to five sets just as our girls had two weeks ago. The game was the most competitive one in weeks for the Lady Cats. The teams split the first two sets, 25-13 and 19-25, but the girls prevailed in the third and fourth (26-16 25-18) sets winning the game 3-1.

The girls will go on to face the Laurel Spartans on Tuesday, October 13th. The Lady Cats are currently 10-1 and looking forward to this game in hopes to come away with another win. If they can get the best of the Spartans it looks like it will be an Ellwood City showdown for a share of the section title. Best of luck to our Lady Cats in their next volleyball match!



## PLAYER PROFILE

*Andrew Paiano*

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This week's second player profile is on Shenango's very own Andrew Paiano. Andrew is a member of the football team and the track & field squad. Drew is a one-year letter winner in football, and on the 2019 MAC 2A all-team as a kick returner. In track, he is a two-time letter winner. He likes playing the sports he does because "It is fun to be part of something bigger than myself." He looks up to the NFL special teams captain Matthew Slater because he pays attention to detail and does everything with 100% effort. He also touched on how the New England Patriots are his favorite team because the organization teaches all their players to be disciplined and buy in. Next year, Andrew plans to attend Florida International University to study computer science.

**Meet the men in the trenches**

RYAN LENHART

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Shenango's football team has been piling up the wins and soundly defeating the competition thus far this season. Even though the skill positions get most of the recognition, the linemen are the people who have to make this success possible. The Shenango line has been dominating scrimmage every game to this point. The line of Trevor Valenti, Brandon Stuck, Alex Suber, Kyle Lenhart, Ryan Lenhart and Colton Ferrucci, hope to continue to pave the way up front in these upcoming games. When asked the key to their success many boys said, "Coach Jerry has coached us very well, by teaching us all of our calls and all of our reads. The system is going to hopefully lead us to more wins to finish out the season." In this upcoming week, the boys are expected to control the line of scrimmage again against Northgate and hope to move to 5-0.

## Seventh graders push record to 9-3 with wins over Riverside and Ellwood City



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The junior high girls basketball team had another three-game week and ruled the court against Riverside on Wednesday. Not wanting to return non-victorious, the Lady Cats gave it their all and defeated The Panthers 50-16. Giada Christopher led the team with a score of 16 points. In the first half, Shenango had a large point margin over Riverside with 19 points. In the second half, they scored 25 points, whereas Riverside scored ten. On Monday, the girls valiantly competed against Mohawk,

but were defeated in a close game 14-20. A tough loss to be sure the Lady Cats needed to bounce back. The very next day, the girls showed no mercy on the court against the Ellwood City Wolverines. In the first half, Shenango outscored Ellwood by six, but it was the stifling defense of the second half that was the difference in the game. The junior high girls didn't let any of Ellwood's players score, all while scoring 12 points and bringing home the gold.

As the season heads to close, the girls only have two games remaining. Both of these contests are against Mercer in a rare home and home series. The seventh graders will try to push their overall record to 11-3 with two victories while eighth grade team tries to scrape back closer to .500 Good luck to the junior high girls basketball team in their upcoming games.



## Varsity Golf: Boys win share of section title, advance to playoffs

CHRISTIAN MAXWELL & PATRICK CIONNI  
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The season has pretty much come to an end for the Shenango golf team. They had an impressive season this year with their record being nine wins and three losses. They won their section, with a three-way tie between themselves, Neshannock, and Ellwood. This type of tie is very uncommon to see, but it really shows how dedicated all these kids are to playing golf. Section play has ceased, but the boys have their first-round playoff match this upcoming Tuesday. If they play well enough the team could advance to the finals for the first time under new coach Ray Alexander.

On the 21st of September Thomas George came in first place at the WPIAL meet for section five Class AA boys. He golfed at Stonecrest golf course and won with a score of 77. Soon thereafter, Tommy finished third in the WPIAL and advanced his way to the state meet for the second time in as many years. Despite the golf team not having any matches in a while they have still been putting in a lot of hard work and dedication. We are hoping to hear some big names in the playoff match like Thomas George, Braden Cast, and Zach Herb. Good luck to all the boys in their golf match next week.

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

## Cats tied atop the section as Campoli throws for three touchdowns

DALTON PETERS, TREVOR VALENTI & TYLER KAMERER  
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The Shenango High School Football team had an outstanding performance against the Burgettstown Blue Devils. The Wildcats came off strong by dominating the line of scrimmage and through the air by not letting quarterback Santino Campoli get sacked. The Wildcats stalled on their first drive of the night with a large amount of penalties but bounced back when CJ Miller recovered a fumbled punt in Burgettstown territory. The Wildcats punched that in and proceeded to score on four out of the next five possessions before half. Taking a 34-0 lead into half the game was effectively over.

The defense held Burgettstown to zero points through the first half while the pass driven Blue Devils had only 113 throwing yards on the evening. The defensive front created immense pressure on the quarterback and had three sacks while Jason Dominick added five tackles, Ryan Lenhart with four and Reis Watkins with three. Offensively, the Wildcats running attack was led by Reis Watkins rushing for three touchdowns and 169 yards on the ground along with Hunter Lively's big run of 78 yards late in the game. Quarterback Tino Campoli threw for 143 yards and threw for three touchdowns. Campoli's completions led to Adam Bryant's two touchdown receptions, Dalton Peters' touchdown reception, and Tyler Kamerer and Ryan Lenhart catches for 20 plus yards.

The Wildcats have three important games coming up if they want to come out on top and win the section. The first of these is tonight against Northgate. Junior Santino Campoli said the Wildcats need to "keep dominating the line of scrimmage and control the penalties in order to win the game." The Wildcats will play the Northgate Flames tonight at Northgate. The Cats offensive and defensive lines hope to dominate the line of scrimmage and allow the team to have a big running game tonight.



Tino Campoli (#3) sets up a play action during Friday's game against the Blue Devils

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Girls Cross Country: Team is tested, but prevails in a close one

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This past week the Lady Cats cross country team faced off against the New Brighton Lions and Freedom Bulldogs at Brush Creek's 2.7-mile course. They defeated New Brighton in an extremely close meet 27-28, but easily handled Freedom 15-40. These wins brought the team to an outstanding record of 9-1. Carmen Medvit led the way for the Lady Cats with a winning time of 17:38. Riley Bruce finished fourth with a time of 19:57, while sophomore Morgan Pisula contributed to the win with a time of 20:28. Olivia Conaway, Josephine Buckel, Abigail Bulow, and Scarlet Balough also contributed to the Lady Cats victory.

The Lady Cats upcoming meet is the Tri-County Championships meet Saturday October the 17th. The schools they will be facing off against include Laurel, Ellwood, Neshannock, Union, Beaver Falls, Mohawk, and Riverside. This will be a competitive meet for the girls. Mohawk will be the toughest team to beat and our Lady Cats are penciled in to be a strong second on paper.

The girls will go up against some tough individual runners such as Union's Kayla Freuhstorfer, Ellwood City's Madi Hervatine, Mohawk's Natalie Lape, Evelyn and Lillian McClain, Aricka Young. Carmen, Morgan, and Riley should all be in the mix with these top runners as they attempt to find their way into the top ten

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## JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

## Wildcats dominate against Union, set sights on the Lancers

TYLER COLICH AND TYLER BONGIVENGO  
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The junior high football team in their last game against Union showed what elite football looks like. The Shenango boys came out strong against Union and didn't let off the gas. With the whole team playing together and helping each other make plays, they were an unstoppable force. Union could not find an answer for these Wildcats. Shenango rolled on to a 46-20 win completely dominating the Scotties. This victory pushes Shenango's record to Three wins and only one loss.

Christian Anterock showed out for the team with two passing touchdowns, one rushing touchdown, and two two-point conversions. AJ Ferilla kept himself busy with two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, and a sack while Michael Egetoe added a fumble recovery of his own.

Trey Ross and Brayden George added a touchdown each. Not to go unnoticed, Landyn Albertini added two touchdowns and two two-point conversions to the pile of points. They played a great team game, everyone doing their own part to fuel the team to win.

The junior high football team is now looking to take on the rival Neshannock Lancers at home next Wednesday hoping to further advance their record to 4-1. Neshannock looks to be strong and this will be a great test for the boys. When Trey Ross was asked how he felt about the upcoming rivalry game against the Lancers he said, "we are looking to go out and protect our home field and walk off with a win."