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BASKETBALL RETURNS AS LADY CATS HAVE A SOLID WEEK



Player Profile: Kassidy Peters

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Kassidy Peters is a junior on the girls' basketball team. She is not only a three-year letterman, but also is a three-year starter. Her goals for herself and her team are to make it to the playoffs and to compete at, and win, the section. When asked why she enjoys playing basketball Kassidy responded with, "I like playing basketball because I get to play a sport that I love with some of my closest friends. There is also a lot of talent on this team and I enjoy being a part of a team that has so much potential to accomplish great things." Kassidy doesn't look up to one specific athlete, but she does admire the work ethic of all professionals and pushes herself to become a better athlete by working hard every day and by continuing to improve. In the future, Kassidy plans to attend college and pursue a degree in pediatric therapy.



Kelly Cleaver finished a layup during the Lady Cats rout of visiting Wilmington

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The Lady Wildcats faced off against the Wilmington girls team this past Friday. The girls came out hot with no time to waste. Just in the first quarter they put up 21 points. Most of those 21 points came from the trio of Emilee Fedrizzi, Kylee Rubin, and Janie Natale. The girls were nearly unstoppable on the defensive side of things as well, holding the visiting Greyhounds to only two points in the first quarter. The beating didn't stop here though, the Lady Cats put up a total of 37 points at half time, while still holding Wilmington to a mere eight. Some of the big-name performances for the night included Emilee Fedrizzi with twelve points, Janie Natale with nineteen points, Ashley DeCarbo with seven, and Kelly Cleaver with eleven. The final score of the game was 58-12, with the Lady Cats coming out on top.

The Lady Wildcats also faced Our Lady of Sacred Heart this past Monday, but unfortunately came up short. The game was very close ending in a score of 44-37. Kelly Cleaver led the Cats with 11 points and dominated the boards with 12 rebounds. Emilee Fedrizzi chipped in with ten points as well. When asked about the game, Kylee Rubin said "We were up the whole game, so it is very frustrating to lose in the end. Thankfully we have another shot at them at our place." The Lady Cats next game will be a rematch against the Wilmington girls team this evening. The girls are looking to do the same they did the previous time they played them. This game will take place at Wilmington unlike the first matchup which was at Shenango. The Lady Cats record stands at 2-1 after the first week of the season and they hope to put another tally in the win column with a repeat performance against the Greyhounds. Good Luck ladies

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Jake Natale #2 and Grason Hooks #3 head back out against Ellwood City

The 9th-grade boys' basketball team earned a split during their two games this week. The team is currently being headed by Colin McQuiston, a former Shenango basketball player, making his coaching debut as Coach O'Hara was under the weather. First up was Neshannock. The Cats fell behind early getting down 19-5 halfway through the second quarter but rallied behind some good three-point shooting. Jake Natale hit three threes in the half and the Cats eventually took a 21-19 lead when Ben Santangelo hit a three-pointer with just over two minutes in the half. Jimmy Roe's three-pointer with seven seconds left in the half made it a 24-24 tie at halftime. Neshannock played hard and kept the game tied 32-32 at the end of the third quarter despite six more points by Santangelo. In the fourth, Jake Natale's corner three with five minutes left gave the Cats a 35-32 edge, but the Cats found themselves trailing 39 to 42 with a minute left after a Santangelo layup closed the gap. That would be as close as the score would get as Neshannock hit foul shots down the stretch to give the Wildcats to a 41 - 46 defeat.

The Cats responded well against Ellwood City two days later dominating the Wolverines from start to finish. The final score was 62-23 earning the Cats their first win of the season. Grason Hooks and Jimmy Roe powered the Cats offense accounting for nearly half of the Wildcats points, but sound defense by Jason Malley, Sam Myers, and G. Leitera were influential as well. Wish the Cats some luck as they have an upcoming game this week against union at home and this is a big conference match. Good luck Cats



PLAYER PROFILE

Haley Morgan

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This week's second player profile is on senior Haley Morgan. Haley has had a decorated track and field career while here at SHS. Haley has lettered in every season that she has participated and is a three-time PIAA state qualifier. Haley is a great athlete and in order to become a great athlete like her you have to set some goals for yourself and the team. Haley's goals for her outdoor track is to win all section meets and become the 100 meter and 200-meter WPIAL champion. Furthermore, she hopes to medal at states for both events. As for team aspirations, Haley's goals are to win the section and to qualify for WPIAL team finals.

When people play sports like Haley, they have to have reasons why they like playing the sport. Haley says this about why she likes track, "I like that track holds you accountable, you get out of it what you put into it. I enjoy running and staying in shape, and I'm competitive." While Haley is an amazing athlete, she has some other athletes she looks up to. Haley admires the Olympic sprinter athlete Allyson Felix. "I admire Allyson Felix because of her amazing hard work and dedication to her sport." After high school, Haley plans to attend college to run track and pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Player Profile: Vince Sibeto

DALTON PETERS

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This week's third player profile is on senior Vinny Sibeto. Vinny has been on the varsity basketball team for the past three years. His career accomplishments are making the state playoffs in both his sophomore and junior seasons. His individual goals for this season are to limit his turnovers while his team goals are to help the team make a playoff run once again. Vince likes playing basketball because he "enjoys being with the team and the team is fun to be around." One professional athlete he admires is Golden State Warriors guard Steph Curry because "he is the greatest shooter of all time and is fun to watch." Next year, Vinny plans to attend Duquesne University and continue his academic career while pursuing a degree in pharmacy.

BOYS RETURN WITH A TWO WIN WEEK



Brody McQuiston #32, Dalton Peters # 30, and Zach Herb # 24 set up on the defensive end against Riverview

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The Shenango varsity basketball team had a busy week this week, playing three games right in a row upon return from a three-week layoff. Unfortunately, the first bout did not start off the way that they wanted to. The boys took a tough loss against OLSH this past Friday. Although the outcome did not go as planned, it was a great team effort in the long run. Brody McQuiston and Zach Herb led the team in scoring, Brody, a freshman, had a great game with 21 points while Zach Herb added an additional 11. Dalton Peters, Ryan Lenhart, and Alex Pagley all got numbers on the board as well that kept the game well contested into the third quarter, but the game slipped away in the last quarter and a half as the OLSH team heated up from the outside. The final score of the game was 70-53 OLSH. The boys can't wait to meet up with them again later on in the season.

After OLSH, the boys took on Badger high school, an Ohio based team just over the border, on Monday. The boys came out with the win and the final score was 78-53. The boys outscored Badger in every quarter. Some big names contributed to the win such as recently returned Reis Watkins who had 18 points and Zach Herb who helped from outside dropping four three pointers. Herb ended the night with a season high 24 points all together. Brody McQuiston also had a good game finishing with 12 points while other players that contributed to the win were Ryan Lenhart who had seven points and Dalton Peters with six.

Finally, the boys picked up their first section win over Riverview Tuesday evening. They had a dominant first quarter shutting out the visiting Raiders 12-0. They continued this trend well into the second quarter and into the half leading 37-11. The boys came out strong in the second half shooting the ball extremely well where at one point they made five consecutive threes in five possessions. In the fourth quarter, the JV players saw action and managed to put up five points to seal the game. The boys won 59-23 in their first conference victory. Zach Herb led the offense with 16 points, during a well-rounded team victory. The Cats turn their attention towards Sewickley Academy in a key section game this evening.



The team huddles before Tuesday's game against Riverview

JV Boys undefeated after three contests

TYLER MOROSKY & KYLEE RUBIN

Shenango's JV basketball team has played in three games this season so far against OLSH, Badger, and Riverview. The first team they played was OLSH on Friday, January 8th. This game started off pretty tight, with the Chargers up 16-13. The game was well contested the entire time, so much in fact that it went to overtime tied at 32. In overtime, the Wildcats pulled through and ended up winning 38-36 for their first victory of the season! The leading scorers for the Cats were Tyler Morosky with 14 points, and Michael Othites with ten.

After defeating the Chargers, the Cats went on to play Badger, an Ohio team just over the border. In this game, the Wildcats started out with a bang, scoring 22 points at halftime compared to the Badgers nine. The rest of the game was the same story, with Shenango adding on 32 more, and the final score being 54-13. The leading scorers for this game were Brayden Zeigler with 11 points, and Connor Hilton with an additional eight.

The team secured their third win of the season against Riverview on Tuesday. The boys dominated by a final score of 43-30. The Wildcats started off strong building a 12-point lead in the first quarter, but Riverview made a strong push heading into halftime cutting into the Wildcats lead. The Cats responded well into the second half outscoring Riverview for the win. Tyler Morosky, Brayden Zeigler, and Braeden D'Angelo were able to score ten points each leading their team to a victory while Michael Othites chipped in an additional eight points for the win. The JV team's next match is against Sewickley where they hope to continue to play well. Good luck boys!

JUNIOR VARSITY

Lady Wildcats: Start out the junior varsity season with a good week

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This past week the junior varsity girls played games against Wilmington and OLSH. They played Wilmington on Friday at home. The girls came out strong and ended the first quarter with a score of 14-2. Despite the help of Madi Iwanejko scoring six points in the second quarter, the Greyhounds managed to cut the lead to 22-14 by halftime. In the second half, The Lady Cats kept their energy up and finished the third quarter with a score a 16-point lead. Adison Kays finished the game strong scoring six points in the fourth quarter to close out the game with a score of 44-20. The Lady Cats leading scorers were Maria Bryant and the aforementioned Kays both scoring eight points for their team through the course of the game.

The Lady Cats' also faced off against OLSH on Monday. The girls got off to a slow start in the beginning of the game having no points on the board after the first quarter. OLSH however, put up 15 points on the Lady Cats' defense. Maria Bryant tried to get the girls going by sinking both of her free throws in the second quarter. Unfortunately, the Lady Cats' did not make any other shots until the third quarter. Things started to pick up in the third quarter with points scored from Bryant, Emerick, and Iwanejko combining for five points. Maria led the team in the fourth by scoring all ten of their points in that quarter. While the Lady Cats' played hard, their efforts came up short of beating OLSH with a final score of 17 to 39. The Lady Cats are now 1-1 and face Wilmington again this Friday. Good luck to the girls in the rest of their season!



Elyse Lenhart #11 and Addy Kays trap during last seasons title game

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Callahan surges to first in the nation, while other Lady Cats offer strong first meet performances

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The Shenango girls varsity track team took a trip to YSU this past weekend. They had a strong all-around performance given the current circumstances. Haley Morgan ran in the 60-meter dash placing 17th with a time of 8.36. She also competed in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.06 putting her 23rd for the event filled with private club runners and college athletes. Eighth grader Rachel Callahan also ran in the 200-meter for Shenango with a time of 32.37 as well as Rhyann Kelly who ran a 33:81 in the 200 meter and a 12.69 in the 60-meter hurdles. In the girls 2900-meter run Carmen Medvit showed out with a time of 11:08.39. This proved to be an odd race as the meet coordinators miscounted laps as she placed sixth. Traditionally the race is supposed to be 3200 meters, so it was an interesting senior experience for Carmen.

Despite the strong effort of the girls on the track, the best performances for the Lady Cats came in the field. Emma Callahan proved she loves throwing at YSU as she led the team with a monstrous throw of 46-09 placing her in first place not only at the meet, but in the entire United States. Maria Bryant joined the varsity ranks in style with a season best throw of 28-06 landing her in eighth place while freshman Elyse Lenhart offered a great performance in the long jump event where she jumped a 12-11.25 despite being a foot behind the board earning an 11th place finish. The Lady Cats return to YSU tomorrow with hopes of improved performance and new school records. Good luck girls!



INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Multiple records fall at Youngstown State during Cats first Meet

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This past Saturday the indoor track team had their first indoor meet. Two of the track team members broke school records and started the season off with a bang. Both are juniors. The first was Tommy Presnar who broke the school record for the 800-meter run. He broke it with a time of 2:04.55. This was a personal best for Tommy best his own school record by almost 3 seconds. The second record breaker was Colton Ferrucci who broke the record for weight throw. He threw it an astonishing 54-11 ¼ also besting his own previous record. Along with breaking the record he is also currently ranked 17th in the entire nation.

In the field events, Brandon Stuck finished eighth and Colton Ferrucci finished ninth in the boys shot put. Brandon's throw of 42-05 ½ is a personal best while Colton's throw of 42 feet is a quality early season mark. Both of our top finishers in the shot put were juniors. Good job Brandon and Colton.

On the track, a variety of boys participated in the 60 meter and 200-meter dashes. Despite three weeks on missed training there we still good performance. Tyler Morosky competed in the 200 Meter Dash and 60 Meter Hurdles. Tyler ran a 25.82 and finished in the middle of a packed field in the event laden with private running clubs and college athletes. Tyler also ran a near career best of 9.85 in the hurdles which earned him ninth place. Hayden Morgan competed in the 200-meter dash and the 60-meter dash. Hayden placed in the middle of the field in the 200 Meters with a time of 25.89 and had a similar performance in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.99. The boys will be back at YSU this Saturday to compete again and try to break more personal and school records. Good Luck!