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GIRLS FIELD ATHLETES HAVE A BIG DAY AT YSU INVITATIONAL



Player Profile: Reis Watkins

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Reis Watkins is a senior and this week's first player profile. An immense all-around athlete, he has lettered four times in football and basketball, and has lettered twice in Track and Field. One of Reis's personal goals is to hit the one-thousand-point mark in basketball which would place him in rarefied air. His team goal is to "have another good season and make deep run in the WPIAL playoffs". Reis likes playing basketball because of the physical demand and the competition. Watkins looks up to Seattle Seahawks quarterback, Russel Wilson because "He shows athletes they do not need to be the best of the best high school players to become successful." Reis's future plans are to attend Slippery Rock University for Physical Therapy where he plans to continue his football career. Good luck in your senior season Reis!



Elyse Lenhart, Addy Kays, Aleigha Slagle, & Hannah Yeykal all marked seasons best at YSU on Saturday

NICO VANASCO & REIS WATKINS
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This week, the girls track team had their second indoor meet of the season at Youngstown State University. The Lady Cats had a strong performance on the track placing a variety of athletes in the highly competitive field. In the 60-meter dash, Haley Morgan came in 13th with a season best run of 8.34. Haley also got a top ten spot in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.23, finishing seventh with another season best time. Carmen Medvit, the lone distance runner on the day, had a run of 5:49.92 that placed her 20th in the 1600-meter run.

Despite the strong performances on the track, in the field is where the girls had a monster day. Emma Callahan came in first at shot put with a throw of just over 48 feet. This effort not only won the day and earned Emma a new school record in the event but has her placed first overall in the nation. Emma also participated in the weight throw and landed in the number ten spot with a throw of 41'06".

Freshman Maria Bryant also participated in the shot put with a throw of 27'5". Continuing the strong effort in the field were a number of girls that competed in long jump. All of them placed in the top 20 with freshman Addy Kays leading the way with the best jump of 15'6". Hannah Yeykal had a jump of 13'10" while Elyse Lenhart placed 15th with a jump of 13'05". Elyse also had a very strong performance in the high jump with an impressive leap of 4'8". Not to be outdone, Hannah and Addy also put up a strong performance in the triple jump. Hannah placed fourth with a jump of 31 feet, while Addy placed sixth with a jump of 28'08". All and all the girls had a very impressive performance at YSU and will be looking forward to going back. Go Cats!

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Brody McQuiston (#32) finishes strong during Tuesday victory over Southside Beaver

The Shenango varsity basketball team had a busy week playing three games. The team started off strong with a win over Beaver on Wednesday. It was a close game with the score 20-19 at the half with Shenango leading. During the third quarter Shenango outscored Beaver 13 to nine. Shenango built their lead into the fourth quarter leaving the final score of the game 44-39, Shenango. The Cats were led by Ryan Lenhart and Brody McQuiston both scoring 15 points. Zach Herb, Vince Sibeto, and Dalton Peters also pitched in to secure a win for the Wildcats.

After Beaver, the boys traveled to Sewickley for a hard-fought game. The score was tied after the first quarter. The Cats continued to battle and by the third quarter had a 32-29 lead. Then, in the fourth quarter, Sewickley pulled ahead. Despite the Cats best effort, they lost in double overtime leaving the final score 47-45, Sewickley. Once again, Brody McQuiston led the team in scoring with 16 points. Zach Herb helped out with eight points and Dalton Peters with six. Reis Watkins and Ryan Lenhart rounded out the scoring and each had five.

The boys came back strong after the Sewickley game with a big win over South Side on Tuesday. By the end of the first half the score was 30-23 with Shenango in the lead. The Cats outscored the Rams 16-4 in the fourth quarter to seal the win, leaving the final score 65-36 Shenango. Brody McQuiston led the offense with a total of 24 points. Zach Herb contributed 13 points and six assists for the Wildcats. Dalton Peters had eight points and eight rebounds while Reis Watkins had seven rebounds. Ryan Lenhart also put up nine points for the Wildcats. The boys are now 6-3 on the season and face Mohawk at home this evening.



PLAYER PROFILE

Emilee Fedrizzi

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This week's second player profile is about Emilee Fedrizzi, a sophomore here at Shenango. Emilee has some significant accomplishments in her career, which include lettering in basketball and volleyball during her freshman year, as well as being nominated for Lawrence county female athlete of the year. She plays as a point guard for the girls basketball team and hopes to increase her skills to become first-team all-section. Em hopes to lead her team far into the playoffs and make it to states. Emilee enjoys playing basketball because, "It allows me to stay active and interact with my friends. It also teaches me important life lessons like work ethic and cooperation." When asked about a professional athlete she admires, Emilee responded, "I don't have a specific athlete that I admire, but I look up to all professional athletes because they all put forth their best effort and always go the extra mile to better themselves." In the future, Emilee hopes to go to school at a good college, and have the opportunity to take her game to the next level

Player Profile: Emma Callahan

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This week's third player profile is on junior Emma Callahan. Despite being an underclassman, Emma has amassed an immense amount of accomplishments during her indoor track and field career. She is a three-time letter winner two-time state qualifier and has been ranked number one in the nation on three occasions in the past two seasons. Shot put is her specialization, but she is an all-around great thrower. Her current mark of 48'0 ¼ is a school record that will likely never get broken unless she does so herself and she has the facility record for a high school athlete at Youngstown State University. Emma has her eyes set on the state record of 50 feet. She is still undecided as to where she wishes to attend college, but she is certain that she wants to go into nursing and eventually become a physician's assistant.

LADY CATS TAKE THREE OF FOUR IN A GAME PACKED WEEK



Madison Iwanejko passes around a Wilmington defender during Friday night's victory over Wilmington

EMILEE FEDRIZZI & JULIA GEORGE

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The Lady Wildcats had a jam-packed week of contests these past seven days starting with a win against New Brighton last Thursday evening. The girls had a steady lead on New Brighton the whole game as they dominated each and every quarter. The game ended 65-30 with the Lady Cats ending on top. Kylee Rubin led the team with a total of 14 points while Janie Natale followed right behind with 13 of her own. Emilee Fedrizzi had a tallied six assists in the game as New Brighton failed to put up much of a fight.

After a solid victory, the Lady Wildcats stacked another win against the Wilmington Greyhounds this past Friday by a final score of 60-25. The girls came out strong in the first quarter with and amassed a lead of 16 points. Contributing to this lead were junior Kassidy Peters with seven points, freshman Kelly Cleaver with six, and sophomore Emilee Fedrizzi with four. By the end of the evening, Janie Natale and Kelly Cleaver had 26 points combined leading the Lady Cats to victory. Peters and Fedrizzi also contributed five steals while Kylee Rubin crashed the boards for ten rebounds.

With two wins in their pocket, the girls then travelled to face off against the Neshannock Lancers. The game was full of suspense, and ultimately heartbreak, ending with a tough loss 57-56. At the end of the first quarter, the Wildcats had a narrow lead of 13-10, but by halftime were trailing by three. Janie Natale and Kylee Rubin lead Lady Cats during the well contested first half game. In the second half, it was a back and forth game as the ladies fought hard both offensively and defensively. This effort allowed the girls to build a six-point lead with just under three minutes remaining. However, late in the fourth quarter, the girls ran into foul trouble and had difficulty handling the Lancers pressure. Sadly, this one slipped away as the Lancers prevailed by one. When asked about the game, Emilee Fedrizzi said, "It was a tough loss, but we have to keep our heads up and continue to work hard."

With no time to dwell on the loss, the girls travelled to Aliquippa last evening and got back on track with a win over the Quips. The girls played all around strong basketball and earned a yeomanlike victory 57-42. The girls are now 4-3 overall and 2-2 in section play. They currently reside in fourth but have played well against the top teams in the section. A few wins should propel the ladies right back to the top of the league. Next up is a non-league game against Highlands, at home, tomorrow afternoon. Good luck ladies.

8th Grade Boys



The boys set up the offense against Seneca Valley

Cats improve to 3-1 on the season

J. NATALE & A. NYE

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The eighth-grade boys basketball team took on the Hickory Hornets this past week at the Bill McNees Gymnasium. It started off as a close game with the Wildcats only leading by one in the first quarter. At the end of the first half, Shenango was still up by only three. Hickory came back strong after halftime, scoring 16 points in the third quarter while the Cats faltered and only scored five. However, in the final frame roles flipped and the home team came back with a powerful 13 points forcing overtime upon the players. The Cats' pulled away after two very exciting overtimes and won the game 26-24. Leading the way for the Wildcats were Gavin Bruce and Andy Domenick both with 9 points. Andy hit a big three pointer in overtime to give them the win!

Soon after the Cats opposed Seneca Valley later in the week placing another tally in the winning column. At the end of the first quarter, Shenango earned a six-point lead against the visiting Raiders. The Cats' extended this led to 13 by the time the halftime buzzer sounded. Shenango slowed down their scoring at halftime, only scoring nine points in the second half but held on for the win. The final score of the game was 35-23. Brayden George and Sam Patton were the leading scorers in the triumph over Seneca Valley. George had 12 and Patton had 10 points going to the line five different times. The Wildcats will face off with the Mohawk Warriors at Mohawk this Saturday.

JUNIOR HIGH

7th Grade Boys: Boys remain undefeated win back to back wins

CJ MILLER & HALEY MORGAN JANUARY 22, 2021

The seventh-grade boys basketball team faced off against Western Beaver this past Saturday. The boys came out blazing with no time to waste. Just in the first half the boys put up 28 points. Those points were scored by the duo of Christian Anterock and Brody Budai. The boys were strong on the defensive side of the game as well, holding Beaver to only seven points by halftime. The beating did not stop there though. As the game came to an end, the Wildcats scored 41 total points compared to 24 total points from the other team.

The seventh-grade boys also faced off with Seneca Valley on Monday. It was a very close game in the first quarter with the good guys up by three. This time the duo of Christian Anterock and Gabe Christopher struck, and contributed nine points in the first half of the game. Anterock led the Cats to victory and was the top scorer for the entire game, with a total of 19 points. Gabe Christopher and Phil Laurenza each contributed 5 points, along with the help of Treyton Ross and Brody Budai with 4 more points. The Wildcats beat the Raiders in a close contest by a score of 33-28.

To end a successful week, the team came out triumphant over Beaver Falls by a score of 33-20. Christian Anterock dominated the boards and contributed 13 points in the game. Alongside Christian, Treyton Ross also had a notable game as he had eight of the 33 points scored by the Wildcats. It was a close game coming out of halftime, 15-6, but the Cats dominated the third quarter outscoring the Tigers by eight and never looked back. Ultimately this led to a Wildcats victory. The boys are now 3-0 and look ahead to Mohawk tomorrow morning. Good Luck!



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

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Morosky paces the field while Klein, Morgan, and Martin all PR

TRISTAN PARKER & KASSIDY PETERS
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This past Saturday the boys competed in their second indoor track meet of the season at YSU. In the sprint block, Hayden Morgan and Aaron Martin competed in the 60-meter dash. Hayden traversed the 60 meters in 7.91 seconds and Aaron followed shortly behind him with a time of 8.12 seconds. These were seasons bests for both of the boys. In the 200-meter dash, Tyler Morosky and Hayden Morgan raced neck and neck. Tyler finished the race in 25.65 seconds and Hayden followed behind with a time of 25.66. Aaron also competed for the boys and ran a 28.49 200-meter dash. Finishing out the sprint block, Tommy Presnar and DJ Klein competed in the 400-meter run. Tommy finished the 400 with a career fastest time of 55.74 and DJ crossed the finish line with a time of 59.15.

In the field events, juniors, Brandon Stuck and Colton Ferrucci, both threw well for the Wildcats. Colton proved his talent with an astonishing heave of 53'02" in the weight throw. Not only has Colton started the season off strong, he is currently ranked 24th in the country. Brandon finished ninth in the weight with a throw of 39'05". Although it came up shy of a personal record, Brandon had a near best throw of 41'01" in shot put. Colton had a throw of 41'08". Both juniors continue to improve and provide for the team's progress toward success. The boys look ahead to a meet at the SPIRE complex in Geneva in two weeks. They look forward to improving their personal bests and breaking more school records. Good luck boys!



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

9th grade squad get back to .500 with Beaver Bobcats arriving todayANTHONY MANCINO & AARON MARTIN
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Last Friday, the ninth-grade boys basketball team faced off against the neighboring Union Scotties. Union brought some tough competition but could not keep up with our Wildcats. The boys came out on top by a score of 50-45. The game was well contested as the Cats led by three at half and never separated themselves from the Scotties. A character builder to be sure. Grason Hooks led the team with a season high 23 points while Ben Santangelo added an additional 12. When asked about his performance, Grason offered, "I was definitely satisfied with the offensive output, but most importantly, we as a team were satisfied with the outcome of the game itself".

On Tuesday, the boys faced off against the Neshannock Lancers. In a very similar game, the Wildcats found themselves on the other end of this one and took a tough loss 46-51. When asked about their performance, Jake Natale responded, "We didn't really get going until the fourth quarter. In the first three quarters we scored 21 points, while in the fourth quarter alone we scored 25 points!" Jake had ten of those points to go along with Grason Hooks 19. Jake also offered "I want us, as a team, to come back strong and get a victory against Beaver." The Wildcats are now 3-3 and face the Beaver Bobcats on Friday night. Good luck boys