

# SPORTS PAGE

## EIGHTH GRADERS STRING WINS TOGETHER TO ADVANCE TO 5-1



### Player Profile: Janie Natale

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This week's first player profile is on sophomore Janie Natale. Janie is the shooting guard on the Shenango girls varsity basketball team. She lettered last year as a freshman and also won best shooter award and most improved player. Her highest scoring game came from this season with 19 points. Janie's goals for this season are to be first team all-section and she wants her team to make the playoffs. She said, "I know we can do big things in the playoffs and I am very excited for that." Janie really enjoys playing basketball, especially with her friends. Her biggest role model in basketball is Kobe Bryant. She admires the mentality he had for the game. He believed that putting time in was the only way that you are going to get better. In the future, Janie plans on going to college for engineering and possibly to play basketball, but she is not sure where she wants to go yet.



Joey Campoli pushes the ball up the floor during a key section win against Laurel this week

EMILEE FEDRIZZI & KASSIDY PETERS

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The eighth-grade boys basketball team had a busy week playing three games in the span of seven days. Starting off their week, the boys faced the Mohawk Warriors at Mohawk. It started off as a close game with the Wildcats leading by four at halftime. Mohawk came back strong after half, scoring 14 points in the third quarter alone. Despite a valiant effort from the boys, unfortunately they came up short and lost by two, 35-33. Joey Campoli was top scorer with ten points, while Sam Patton and Brayden George both helped contribute seven points each.

After the heartbreaking loss to Mohawk, the Cats then faced Laurel at home. It was a close game at the end of the first with the score tied at five. The Wildcats continued to battle and developed a 17-8 halftime lead.

The second half was a back and forth affair, but Shenango built their lead in the fourth leaving the final score 35-24. Brayden George led the way with 15 points as Sam Patton and Joey Campoli both ended with six points apiece.

The Wildcats ended their week with a quality win against the Beaver Bobcats. The boys played aggressively from the start and led the game at halftime by a significant margin, 25-12. The Cats continued to pour it on after the half and extended this lead by putting up an additional 17 points in the final two quarters to seal win. Once again Joey Campoli and Brayden George were the top scorers. Joey led with 14 points and Brayden rounded out the scoring effort with 12 of his own, but sound defense from Sam Patton, Gavin Bruce, and Andy Domenick was a key ingredient in the overall victory. The Cats are looking to add another win to their 5-1 record against Riverside this Saturday. Good Luck boys!

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## VARSITY BASKETBALL

*Lady Cats earn fourth consecutive victory*

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Emilee Fedrizzi spots up for a shot during a game earlier this year

The Lady Cats are on a hot streak winning four consecutive games and six of their last seven. This week the ladies dispatched 4A Highlands on Saturday, 3A Beaver Falls on Wednesday, and section rival Southside last evening. Moreover, the girls beat them easily, with the final scores being 54-25 against Highlands, 63-35 against Beaver Falls, and 54-10 over Southside. The girls dominated their home court with a huge help from some of the top scorers, Kelly Cleaver, Emily Fedrizzi, Kylee Rubin, and Janie Natale. What's more impressive than the individual performances is how well the team has meshed as a defensive unit in the past two weeks. The Lady Cats defense has been stifling their opponents leading to steals, blocks, and an insane amount of rebounds. Many possessions result in no shots or one shot making the girls very difficult to play against.

Last evening alone the girls amassed an amazing 42 rebounds as a team, with Kylee Rubin and Kelly Cleaver clearing 14 boards each. That along with a whopping 17 steals and five blocks held Southside to single digits well into the fourth quarter. This has been a recurring theme all week and had been the main driving force behind the Lady Cats recent successes. The girls now turn the page toward the second half of the section schedule. First is a tune up against non-section local Porterville Christian Academy, but with big contests arriving in the form of OLSH and Neshannock the girls are more determined than ever to keep playing the right way. Both teams marked wins against the girls earlier in the season; both by single digits, but two wins against these foes will make the section very crowded in the first place slot. Good luck ladies! Keep it rolling.



## PLAYER PROFILE

*Alex Pagley*

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Alex Pagley is a senior on the boys varsity basketball team. Alex has lettered in basketball, just returned to SHS for his senior year, and has gone to the state playoffs in the last two seasons. Alex's goals for the team are to "improve daily" and win at "all costs." A goal for himself is to do his role and do what he can to help improve the team performance. He states, "We have a great team so we're looking to make it far this year." When asked why he enjoys playing basketball he responded, "I have played my whole life so eventually I started to have a love for the game. It keeps me in shape and is fun on and off the court." Alex's biggest role model in basketball is NBA superstar LeBron James. He looks up to LeBron because he beat all odds, has a phenomenal work ethic, and he admires how LeBron carries himself on and off the court. In the near future, Alex plans to attend Butler County Community College (BC3) for two years, then plans on transferring to another college. He is unsure of which college, but he intends on majoring in Business Management.

**PLAYER PROFILE: KYLEE RUBIN**

HALEY MORGAN

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This week's third player profile focuses on sophomore Kylee Rubin. Kylee has some significant accomplishments in her career, which include lettering in basketball and volleyball her freshman and sophomore years. When it comes to individual goals, Kylee hopes to lead her team to win the section and make the all-WPIAL team. As for the team aspect, she has high hopes to make it far into the WPIAL playoffs, and be section champions. Kylee enjoys playing basketball because "it is a very intense sport" and she "loves the pressure of the game." When asked about a professional athlete she admires, Kylee responded, "I admire LeBron James because of his work ethic and mentality towards the game." Looking towards the future, Kylee plans to attend a four-year college in search of a career in the medical field, while hoping to continue her basketball or volleyball career.

## LENHART AND MCQUISTON POWER CATS TO BACK TO BACK WINS: KEY MATCH-UP AGAINST SPRINGDALE TONIGHT



Ryan Lenhart turns the corner against Mohawk during Friday evenings win

JANIE NATALE & JESSE KOSCINSKI

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The boys basketball team had another busy week playing three games in the past seven days against the Mohawk Warriors, Riverside Panthers, and Sharon Tigers. The Wildcats faced Mohawk earlier this week in the first of these three contests. Shenango started off strong, developed a big lead early, and maintained the lead through the entire game. The boys outscored the Warriors in three out of the four quarters driven by Ryan Lenhart's 21 points on the night. Brody McQuiston was also a key contributor to the score with 13 points. The final of the game was 61-44 despite a strong effort by Mark Rudesill, 's team high nine points. Mark is special education teacher Mrs. Rudesill's son.

The Cats' captured another win over Riverside at home on Tuesday night. Shenango was explosive in the first half outscoring their opponent by 21 in the first two frames. The home team did not let up at all in the second half and kept outpacing their opponent. The final was a dominant win, 65-27. Once again, Brody McQuiston and Ryan Lenhart were the leading scorers with 14 and 10 points respectively. Junior Dalton Peters spoke about the game saying, "We started off strong and got an early lead. We came together as a team and got a nice win for the school."

The third game of the week was a close game that resulted in a tough loss to the Sharon Tigers. The Cats' started out leading the game, but never created separation in a well fought back and forth contest. Both teams scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, but Sharon won a nail biter 50-47. Reis Watkins led the team with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Brody McQuiston had 12 points to go along with Zach Herb's four assists. Shenango moves on to 8-4 overall and third in the section as they play at Springdale tonight in a key matchup. It is expected to be a well contested match up. Good Luck boys.

## Last second triple downs JV Girls



Maddy Long drives to the hoop against Highlands

## Junior varsity basketball

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The junior varsity girls team took on Highlands and Southside this week. They played Highlands at home on Saturday. Shenango outscored Highlands 10-5 in the first quarter, but during the second quarter, Highlands put up eight with Shenango only putting up four. At halftime the score was 14-13 Shenango. Although the score was back and forth the whole game, Highlands hit two three-pointers in the fourth quarter, taking the lead by one. Despite the girls best efforts, the final score was 24-23, a Highlands victory. The team was led by Maria Bryant who had a total of 11 points and Elyse Lenhart who put up four points and five rebounds.

The team attempted to regroup and faced Southside last evening. The girls came out strong again and at the end first half, the score of the game was 15-13 Shenango. However, Southside outscored Shenango during the third to take the narrowest of leads. Although the girls fought back, they could not make up for the run Southside made. The final score was another close defeat 27-25 Southside. The team was led offensively by Maria Bryant with eight points. Addison Kays also put up six points for the Lady Cats. They are currently standing at 2-5 and hoping to improve, but with three single possession losses on their record they should turn the corner very quickly.

## JUNIOR VARSITY

## Coach O and the JV boys stack wins: 9-0 record remains untarnished

BRAEDEN D'ANGELO & JULIA GEORGE      JANUARY 29, 2021

The Shenango JV boys team has had a strong past three games marking wins over Mohawk, Riverside, and Sharon in the past week. They earned a win against Mohawk last Friday night at home. Extremely dominant early on, the Cats had an impressive lead of 25-5 against the Warriors. However, the Warriors showed conviction in the second half taking the final score down to 37-25. Tyler Morosky was a big contributor who had 12 points and four assists to end the game, while Brayden Zeigler and Kyle Lenhart both chipped in six points each to help secure victory for the Cats.

After the strong showing against Mohawk, the Wildcats also took another victory at their home court against Riverside this past Tuesday. Once again, the Wildcats jumped out with a strong lead of 17-4 in the first half of the game. Fueling this lead was strong defense in the second quarter, as the boys shut out the visiting Panthers during that stanza. Brayden Zeigler had a total of eight points while Preston Schry followed closely with seven of his own. The final score of the game was 34-13.

The very next night the Wildcats had a close game against the Sharon Tigers. At the end of the first half, the Cats were leading against Sharon with a score of 23-9. Immense defense again powered the Cats as they held the Tigers scoreless in the first quarter. However, post halftime the game started getting closer and in the fourth quarter Sharon scored 20 points. Despite the big final push from the Tigers the Cats came out on top again and took the victory with a final score of 34-31. Adding to his big week Brayden Zeigler had a stellar performance posting a season high 14 points by the end of regulation. The Cats hope to build on their 9-0 record when they face off against Springdale Friday. Brayden Zeigler offered, "I think if we play as a team, no one will be able to stop us and we will be able to continue our undefeated record."



Tyler Morosky plays defense during this week's game against Southside

## 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!



Trey Ross sets up the offense during a victory against Laurel this week

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

## Seventh grade boys play solid team basketball to defeat the Spartans

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Last Saturday, the seventh-grade boys played against the Mohawk Warriors. Despite a strong first half from Christian Anterock, boys were down 10-6 after a quarter of play Mohawk extended the lead to 13 by the time halftime rolled around. However, in the second half your Wildcats "woke up". In the third quarter Shenango scored eight points, decreasing the Mohawk lead, and continued to press into the fourth quarter where the boys poured in 14 points. Alas, the Warriors prevailed over the Wildcats, but Shenango did a terrific job of playing hard towards the end of the game and challenging Mohawk down the stretch. Christian Anterock did an astounding job scoring 12 of the team's points, with Gabe Christopher and Phil Laurenza scoring six points each. Ethan Iwanejko and Michael Kessler also assisted by throwing up some points for the Wildcats. The final score was 47-32.

This past Monday, the boys rebounded against the visiting Laurel Spartans. Learning from their mistakes the boys came out strong in the first quarter and developed an early lead.

In the second quarter, Treyton Ross scored five points for the Cats, but the Spartans had a big quarter and took a two-point lead into halftime. The boys regrouped at halftime and found their way back to winning basketball. It was back and forth during the second half with most of the scoring coming from Gabe Christopher and Christian Anterock as the team held on to win a close one 25-22.

On Wednesday the Wildcats finished off the week against the Beaver Bobcats. In the first half Christian Anterock scored four points and Brody Budai assisted him by making a three and another basket. After the first half the boys only fell shortly behind Beaver with a close score of 17-13. Both teams scored ten points in the third creating another closely contested affair. In the fourth, Treyton Ross scored a basket and Christian Anterock made both of his free throws, but the Bobcats proved to be too much for the Wildcats on this day as the boys fell 35-27. Despite the two-loss week the team is still 4-2 overall and they'll be facing Riverside this upcoming Saturday, good luck boys!