

SPORTS PAGE

STUCK HAS A BIG DAY AS WILDCATS TRACK AND FIELD COMPETES AT THE SPIRE INSTITUTE



Player Profile: Zach Herb

JANIE NATALE
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This week's first player profile is on Zachary Herb who is a sophomore on the boys varsity basketball team. Zach is a three-sport athlete and last year as a freshman he lettered in both basketball and golf. His individual goals for this season are to make himself and everyone around him better every day. As a team, Zach wants to make a run in the WPIAL playoffs, hopefully win the WPIAL championship, then take their talents into state playoffs. Herb says he likes basketball because, "I like being able to be around the people I hang out with every day and also being able to play the sport I love." He admires Tyler Herro, who plays for the Miami Heat because "he is not one of the biggest guys in the league, but he has the biggest work ethic." That is how Zach wants to be. Basketball or baseball are in Zach's future because he would like to play either sport while attending college.



Brandon Stuck tosses the shot during a meet last season. Stuck threw a career best 44'5.25" this past weekend

ANTHONY MANCINO & ASHLEY DECARBO
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The Indoor track team had a meet at the Spire Institute this past Saturday. At this highly competitive event, there were athletes from multiple other states ranking in the top ten of the nation. Haley Morgan started off the day with the 60-meter dash, in which she ran an 8.32. She also ran a season best in the 200-meter dash, with a time of 26.79 seconds and a placement of 28th out of 90 competitors. Sophomore Hayden Morgan also ran a season's best for both the 200-meter and 60-meter dashes respectively. For the 60-meter dash, Hayden ran a 7.89 while in the 200-meter dash he ran a 25.26. Tyler Morosky ran a 9.72 for the 60-meter hurdles and placed 19th. Morosky ran a 25.25 in the 200-meter dash which was a season best for him. In an odd occurrence this is the second time in two weeks that Tyler has beaten Hayden by a hundredth of a second.

In the throws, Emma Callahan got first place out of 21 other contestants in the shot put with an amazing throw of 46-06. This is Emma's third consecutive victory in the shot put. Not to be outdone, Brandon Stuck had his season's best throw's for both shot put and weight. For the shot put, he threw 44-05 ¼ which is a career best and placed seventh overall. For the 25-lb weight throw, he threw 40-08 and placed tenth. Not to be forgotten, Colton Ferrucci threw 42-08 for shot put, placing him tenth and 53-10 in the weight throw earning him a fifth. The team turns its attention back to Spire this weekend and YSU the following weekend. Good luck to all!

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Vince Sibeto lines up a three-point attempt against Riverview earlier this season

With their record standing at 8-4, the Shenango varsity boys went on to hopefully add another win into their record facing Springdale away last Friday. Unfortunately, it did not go as they hoped, and the game ended in a tough loss for the boys. The game was back to back with the score at the end of the first half 27-25 Springdale. To lead the team, Dalton Peters had eight of those points and Ryan Lenhart had four. The boys got outscored in the third, but came back strong in the fourth quarter, outscoring Springdale 15-12. Of those points, Lenhart scored five and Zach Herb had four. Both players also each hit a three, which helped the boys gain momentum. Despite the effort given, the Cats fell short by three with a score of 51-48 by the end of the game.

The Wildcats took another loss against an impressive OLSH team this Tuesday. The Cats put up a fight in the first quarter holding the WPIAL champs to an only seven-point lead. Zach Herb hit two early shots beyond the arch to start the game. At half time, the Wildcats were down 35-22 against a very tough OLSH team. A big third quarter from the Chargers blew the game open and despite a valiant effort from the boys, OLSH had come out triumphant with a final score of 75-47. Freshman Brody McQuiston led the Cats with a pleasing 20 points. Following the freshman was sophomore Zach Herb with an additional 11 points. The future for our Cats looks promising with these two young players on the court. OLSH's Jake DiMichele and Dante Spadafora were simply too much to handle for our Cats. Between the two of them, they scored a total of 52 points. The back-to-back losses leaves our Cats at an overall record of 8-6. In addition to this, they have a section record of 2-4, leaving them in fourth place in their section. All hope is not lost, as the boys are through the toughest part of their schedule and look to build momentum heading into the playoffs.



PLAYER PROFILE

Ashley DeCarbo

TRISTAN PARKER

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This week's second player profile is Ashley DeCarbo. Ashley is a sophomore who plays for the basketball, softball, and volleyball team. For the last two years she has lettered in volleyball and basketball. Ashley's goals for her basketball team are to make a run in the playoffs and play their best when rivaling Neshannock and Sewickley Academy are on the opposite side of the floor. She likes playing basketball because she "gets to play a sport she enjoys very much with a good team of girls who are some of her closest friends." Ashley says that there is not one specific athlete that she admires, but she does look up to all professional athletes for their strong work ethic and dedication. Although Ashley is undecided in what she would major in, she does plan on attending college in the future.

**PLAYER PROFILE:
TOMMY PRESNAR**

AARON MARTIN

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This week's third player profile is on Junior, Tommy Presnar. Thomas does outdoor track, indoor track, golf, and cross country. He is a three-time letter winner in cross country, and a 2-time letter winner in golf and indoor track. Tommy has broken the 800-m and 1600-m records many times. Recently, he ran his best 800 time with a time of 2:04.55, which broke the indoor record. Some of Tommy's goals are to break the 800 meter and 1600-meter record outdoor records, win the WPIAL Championship, and hopefully make it to states. Tommy says he enjoys competing in track because "I enjoy the grind and hard work it takes to get better. I also love the competition" One of Tommy's favorite athletes is Galen Rupp because "he is a great runner, competitor, and person." Thomas says he would be honored to attend college on an academic or athletic scholarship in the upcoming future but is unsure of his intended measure.

BAD BREAKS COST THE LADIES A BIG WIN DESPITE AN IMPRESSIVE WEEK

Ashley DeCarbo pushes the ball up the floor in a game last season

HALEY MORGAN & CHRIS VECENIE

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The varsity girls basketball team had a busy week facing off against Portersville Christian, Southside Beaver, and OLSH. The ladies marked two quality wins and one demoralizing defeat. On Saturday, in their first contest of the week, they faced off with Portersville Christian. The girls started out strong putting up 20 points in the first half as Janie Natale, Kelly Cleaver, and Ashley DeCarbo led the way in points, rebounds, and assists. More impressively, the Lady Cats did exceptionally well on defense as well, holding Portersville to only seven points at half time. After half time, the duo of Janie Natale and Kylee Rubin took over the game scoring 26 points and put away Portersville for good. Ashley DeCarbo and Kassidy Peters scored some points as the Lady Cats won the game 46-24.

Next up was an away match-up against Southside Beaver. The girls came out strong, but Southside matched their intensity and put up a fight the first half of the game. The trio of Janie Natale, Kylee Rubin, and Emilee Fedrizzi put up 14 points, but by halftime the Lady Cats and the Rams were tied. At halftime, the girls got refocused and when they came out in the third quarter, they outscored the Rams by ten. The girls didn't stop there though, Natale, Rubin, and Fedrizzi scored 12 points as the Lady Cats won the game 41-28.

Last evening, the girls lost another heartbreaker to section rival OLSH. 34-33. The Lady Cats played well the entire first half and managed to eke out an early lead at half 22-17. Over the course of the second half the game gradually got closer and closer until the Chargers were down by a single point. Possessions went back and forth when with 38 seconds left the ball went to the low block with OLSH on offense. The Lady Cats doubled and created a deflection, but much to the girls dismay it went immediately to another Charger for an easy lay. After a brief time out, the girls tried to set up a game winning shot. Sadly, an entry pass got deflected for a turnover and the girls fell by one. The girls have big matchups against Sewickley Academy and Neshannock this week. Good luck ladies!

7th Grade Boys

Brody Budai shoots two against Neshannock this week

Junior High hosts New Castle today

J. KOSCINSKI & N. DELO

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

The seventh-grade boys basketball team had a hard-fought week last week, losing one game to Neshannock, but taking home the win over Riverside. The game against the Lancers didn't go as planned for Shenango, as they lost 42-19. The two teams had a fairly close first half with the Lancers scoring nine in the first and second quarters and the Wildcats scoring six in each quarter. Going into the second half, Shenango unfortunately lost their grip on the game and allowed Neshannock to score 24 points, while the Cats only scored seven. Shenango's leading scorers in this first game included Christian Anterock and Brody Budai scoring five points each. However, they were not alone on the Wildcats scoreboard. Gabe Christopher had three points while Phil Laurenza, Treyton Ross, and Jake Loughry all had two points each.

Last Saturday the seventh-grade boys basketball team played Riverside at Riverside. The Wildcats rebounded well and earned a victory win over the Panthers 30-13. In the first quarter the boys scored four points with Riverside scoring three a well contested early contest. In the second quarter both teams scored five points but in the third Christian Anterock, Brody Budai, and Treyton Ross scored a massive 13 points for the Wildcats and blew the game open. Another contributing factor was immense Wildcat defense holding the Panthers to one basket. Wrapping things up in the fourth quarter the boys held their lead and put the Panthers away. Joseph Esposito, Michael Kessler, and Brody Budai scored an additional eight points with Riverside only scoring three bringing the final score to 30-13. This was a great win for the seventh-grade boys and has brought their record to a solid 5-3. Keep it up!

JUNIOR VARSITY**Boys and girls have matching close games to mixed results**

BRAEDEN D'ANGELO & N. VANASCO FEBRUARY 5, 2021

The Shenango JV boys played two hard fought games this week. The boys started out the week last Friday against Springdale and started out strong leading 24-12. This lead continued to grow throughout the game, eventually winning 41-23. The Cats were led by Michael Othites scoring eight points and Tyler Morosky with an additional seven. Shenango dominated the scoreboard but also had a massive lead in the rebound category giving up very little second chance opportunities for the Dynamos.

After the strong showing against Springdale, the Shenango JV team faced their toughest competitor in the section, the OLSH Chargers on a Tuesday. The Cats defeated the Chargers in overtime earlier in the season. During the first quarter the Cats were down 7-6 any by half were trailing by four. During the third quarter, the Wildcats applied pressure to the Chargers and retook the lead 23-20, but unfortunately the boys let the lead slip away and eventually fell in overtime causing their first loss of the season making the boys record 10-1.

On the girls side, the JV ladies played hard in a game against South Side Beaver this past Tuesday. South Side started well taking an early lead, but the Lady Cats bounced back in the second quarter driven by Maria Bryant scoring six points. By the end of the half the girls led by a score of 18-8. The girls continued to lead through the third quarter with the help of Elyse Lenhart scoring five of her game high eight points. During the fourth quarter, things came off the rails for the girls. The team could muster four points, and, in the end, the Rams ended up winning with a close score of 37-35. The girls are now 3-5 and are hoping to continue to push through the season and improve that record. Good luck to the girls the rest of their season!!



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

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

9th grade boys take two of three as they trend back toward .500

J. GEORGE & K. PETERS

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

The ninth-grade boys team started off their week with a competitive game against New Castle. The Cats played at home this past Thursday. It started off as a close game with the Wildcats leading by one at halftime. New Castle came back strong after half, scoring 14 points in the third quarter alone. Despite their lead at half, the boys unfortunately came up short after the Canes put up an impressive 21 points in the final quarter making the final score 47-35. Although the boys did not win, they continued to hustle by putting up 16 points in the fourth themselves. Grason Hooks led the team with 12 points, while Sammy Meyer ended with seven points of his own.

The Cats later made up for their previous loss with a win against Union this past Tuesday. This was yet another close game, but the boys ended up taking the victory on their home court. At the end of the first quarter, the Cats were leading by three points with a score of 14-11.

By the end of the first half, the boys stretched their lead on the Scotties to a difference of six. Leading the way in the first half was Jimmy Roe, who knocked down five three-point shots to end the first half with 15 points. Despite the half time lead, by the end of the third quarter, the Wildcats were down by two points. The game was filled with suspense, but in the final quarter the boy's scored 13 points. This effort led them to victory by a final score of 52-48. Although this was a close game, the ninth-grade boys didn't crack under the pressure. The top scorer of this game was again, Grason Hooks. Hooks had an outstanding game, scoring 18 points and was seven for ten at the line, which helped the Cats close out the game against the Scotties. The Wildcat's record after this game is now 5-7, as the boys look forward to a match up against Hickory this week.



Sam Patton looks to moves the ball as he is swarmed by Neshannock defenders

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

8th grade marks back to back wins over Riverside and Neshannock

A. NYE & REIS WATKINS

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Last week, the Shenango eighth grade boys basketball team had a great week with three consecutive wins. On Wednesday, Shenango's defense propelled them to a win over Beaver. The Cats held them to only six points in the first half. They had strong outings in the first and third quarter. They combined for 21 points in those two quarters and amassed an impressive 42 points on the day. The final of the game was 42- 21. Joey Campoli and Brayden George combined for 26 of the points scored that night.

On Saturday, the Cats played against the Riverside Panthers. Shenango started the game off strong by jumping ahead 15-7. The Cats came out even stronger in the second half, scoring 26 points in the third and fourth quarter, ending with 41 points. Beaver only managed to come up with 18 points on the day. Joey Campoli and Sam Patton combined for 21 points as the top scorers of that game.

The boys kept their winning streak going with a strong win against Neshannock this past Monday. Going into halftime, the Cats were down by one with a score of 16-15. The Wildcats had a strong defensive third quarter to help Shenango pull away. Neshannock only ended up scoring two points in the 3rd quarter which proved to be the difference in the game. A strong fourth quarter performance helped propel the boys past Neshannock by a score of 37-28. Joey Campoli and Brayden George pitched in 22 points that game. The past three games were a part of a four-game win streak and the boys now have a 7-2 record. Good luck on the rest of the season. Go Cats!