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WATKINS, LENHART, AND PETERS TEAM UP TO POWER THE CATS TO A BIG, BUT COSTLY, WIN OVER SEWICKLEY



Player Profile: Madi Iwanejko

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This week's first player profile is on Madison Iwanejko. Madi is in tenth grade, plays point guard, and earned her first letter in basketball this season. Some of her goals include becoming a better basketball player by expanding her skill set; she also wants to make a run at the playoffs and win a WPIAL championship. Madi enjoys playing the game alongside some of her closest friends because "it is a very intense sport." Madi admires all athletes that have great work ethics. "They all try to do their best in everything that they do, and they show that hard work pays off." Madi's future plans are to go to college and to pursue a career in the medical field. She also hopes that she can continue her athletic career while in school.



Dalton Peters pulls up for a jump shot as Reis Watkins (#4) seals underneath during Tuesdays game

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In the beginning of this week, the Shenango Wildcats boys basketball team faced off against Riverview on the road. The Cats started off strong by holding the Raiders to a mere six points while at the same time scoring 20 points in the first quarter. During this quarter starting point guard, Zach Herb, went three for three from the three-point line. The Cats scoring slowed down in the second quarter, but their defense stayed sound. Going into halftime, the Wildcats were leading 24-15. In the second half, the Cats heated up and dropped 25 more points on the Riverview defense. They also held them to an astonishing 21 points throughout the whole match. The final score of the match ended up being 49-21.

To end off the successful week, the Cats came out triumphant over Sewickley Academy. Previously, the Panthers had marked a victory over the Cats beating them 47-45. With a close game coming out of the first quarter, the Cats dominated the second quarter outscoring the

Panthers by ten points leaving the score going into half at 29-22 Wildcats on top. Shenango's very own Reis Watkins dominated the court last Wednesday, totaling 20 points and 17 rebounds. Behind Reis, freshman Brody McQuiston had totaled up 15 points and eight rebounds. After a controlling third quarter by the Cats, the Panthers had little hope of coming back. The Wildcats maintained the lead throughout the fourth quarter and ended the game with a final score of 63-53.

The victory was not without cost however. Starting point guard Zach Herb had to be helped off of the floor during the later stages of the game and is likely to miss significant time. The team is now 10-6 in their regular season and stand third in the section with a section record of 4-4. The Southside game that was supposed to take place on February 12th has been cancelled due to a covid concern within the Rams team. The Cats next game takes place on Tuesday against Springdale.

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Kassidy Peters (#30) and Kelly Cleaver (trailing) attempt to slow down a Neshannock player during Thursday nights game

The Lady Wildcats had a busy week as they played New Brighton, Sewickley Academy, and the Neshannock Lancers. Alas, the Lady Cats only managed to win one of these contests despite a great effort by the girls. The team took a big win against New Brighton early in the week by a score of 52-37. Janie Natale and Kelly Cleaver led the team with a combined 33 points. When asked about their performance, Natale responded, "I think we all played well together and I am proud of the younger girls for helping us pull off the win." Janie Natale is a real team player and is proud of everyone who competes. Kylee Rubin scored a total of 11 points and shot 3/4 on her foul shots. When asked about the game, she said "It was not our best game as a team, but it was a solid win." Kylee believes that the team is not at its max potential and that she and her team can perform better.

After defeating New Brighton, the girls suffered a loss this past Tuesday when they rivaled Sewickley Academy. In the first quarter, the Lady Wildcats just fell shortly behind Sewickley by three points. In the second quarter the girls evened the playing field, with both teams scoring seven points each. By the end of the first half the score was 16-13, with Sewickley in the lead. The third quarter rolled around, and the Cats were competitive once again, but Sewickley extended its lead to seven. The score was close throughout the game but in the fourth quarter the Lady Cats struggled a bit as they only scored four points. The final score was 42-26 as Sewickley took the win. Emilee Fedrizzi played well as she scored seven points for her team, Janie Natale added to that with another six points, and Kelly Cleaver and Kylee Rubin aided with nine points combined.

To finish out the week the girls faced off against local rival Neshannock. The Lancers eked out a victory against the girls early in the year, so girls hoped to provide some payback in this one. The team came out on fire building a ten-point lead during the first half of this contest. However, during the third quarter the Lancers came out with a trapping zone that flustered the girls immensely. The result was a 20-0 quarter and a ten-point Neshannock lead. Alas that was the story of the game as the girls came up short in the fourth quarter and the Lancers earned the win. The team is 10-6 overall and 5-5 in the section currently. This leaves the girls in fourth place currently. Good luck to the Lady Wildcats as they try to rebound against Portersville Christian tomorrow.



PLAYER PROFILE

Tyler Morosky

NICO VANASCO

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This week's second player profile is on junior basketball and indoor track and field athlete Tyler Morosky. Tyler is one of rare two sport in-season athletes at SHS. He hurdles and sprints for the track and field team and plays guard for the JV and varsity basketball teams. Individually, Tyler hopes to start at guard next season and to drop his hurdle times a lot. He hopes to advance to the WPIAL Championship meet. Tyler admires NFL quarterback Tom Brady because "He never cracks under the pressure and always gets the job done. He is simply the best." Tyler enjoys participating in each of his sports because it keeps him physically in shape and enjoys winning. He is undecided on what he would like to pursue, but currently aspires to attend Penn State University and possibly study something in the sciences.

**PLAYER PROFILE:
HANNAH YEYKAL**

J. NATALE & H. MORGAN

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This week's player second profile focuses on junior Hannah Yeykal. Hannah competes on the girls varsity track team as a sprinter/jumper, and she also does indoor track. Hannah has quite the list of accomplishments, she has lettered two times in indoor track and once for outdoor track. She has also advanced to the TSTCA Championship meet twice in triple jump. Her individual goals are to make it to WPIAL Championships in at least one of her respected events. As a team, she hopes the Lady Cats win their section and win the WPIAL again. Hannah enjoys doing track because it "makes her feel like she always has a goal to work towards and makes her feel accomplished." Gabby Douglas, a former Olympic gymnast, is who Hannah admires because she "is a great example of someone who grew up with the bare minimum and had a lot of people doubt her, yet she still succeeded and came out on top." Hannah would like to go to college somewhere in New York and plans to major in child development and psychology.

MEET THE WILDCAT BOCCE TEAM



Coach Jeff Allay, Bobby Terpilowski, Cloey Andrews, Michael Kightlinger, Gabe Yanssens, Brianna DeSalvo, Jordyn DeSalvo & Coach Yanssens

REIS WATKINS & KASSIDY PETERS

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The Shenango life skills program has been on a roll with their participation in bocce, the bocce team started in the 2019-2020 school year.

The program provides an opportunity for students to be more involved as a Wildcat while competing against students from other schools in the same scenario. Bocce is played with eight large balls and one smaller ball called the pallina. One team rolls the pallina, tossing it at any distance as long as it passes the center line. If the ball fails to pass the center line, the opposing team will get a chance to throw the ball. The “nearest ball roll” rule governs the sequence of all throws. The side closest to the pallina is called the “in” ball and the opposing side is called the “out” ball. After both teams have thrown all of their balls, scores are calculated. The objective of the game is to see who threw the ball closest to the pallina.

The head coach is Jeffery Allay and the two assistant coaches are Sheri Yanssens and Suzanne Stewart. The captain of the team is Cloey Andrews. Cloey is fifteen years old and is in ninth grade. The reason she joined the team is because she “enjoys playing with her friends and being a part of a team.” Her favorite part of being on the team is cheering on her teammates and getting out of school early. Cloey’s favorite memory was going out to eat with the team and coaches after one of their matches. The next team member is Michael Kightlinger. Michael is sixteen years old and is in eleventh grade. The reason why Michael joined the team is because he was influenced by his coach, Mr. Allay, and he knew it would be fun. His favorite part of being on the team is riding with his teammates to away games and going to McDonalds. Michael’s favorite memory was when he scored the winning point in his game against Hickory. The final player is Robert Terpilowski. Bobby is fifteen years old and is in tenth grade. He joined the team because he wanted to be a part of a sports team and bocce is fun. His favorite part of being on the team is cheering on his team and having his parents support him while he plays. Robert’s favorite memory is when Michael told a Butler team member, “We are going to kick your butt!”

The team’s first match was against Hickory. The game was evenly matched, but the Wildcats pulled out the win with a 6-5 score. The second match was won by Shenango 11-4. Their second game was against Butler. The score was close in the first half, with the Cats closing the game 6-4. In their second match against Butler, Shenango had an outstanding performance with a 9-4 win. The bocce squad has more games to come in March. Good Luck Cats!

7th Grade Boys**Boys best the Warriors in OT**

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Trey Ross plays tough defense against Mohawk during Overtime this week

The seventh-grade boys basketball team had a busy schedule this week. They first faced Mohawk and came out with a win of 48 to 45. An overtime thriller, the game was back and forth with Mohawk leading 17-12 at the half. Despite the deficit, the boys came out strong and outscored the Warriors by five points in the third. The game was now tied. It remained tied with a score of 39-39 at the end of the fourth quarter, and the Cats went on to win the game in a close overtime. Christian Anterock was the leading scorer, amassing 22 of the 48 total points. Treyton Ross also pitched in 12 tallies for the Wildcats.

On Saturday, the boys took a tough loss to the Hickory Hornets. Hickory came out strong, putting up 16 points in the first quarter, while Shenango only put up six. The first half ended with a score of 27-13. After the half, Hickory scored another 16 points in the third quarter, effectively ending the game. In the final quarter the Cats were able to put a stop to Hickory's offense by only letting them score two points. This wasn't enough for the Cats though, and the game ended with a final score of 45-17. Christian Anterock scored nine of the 17 points and Treyton Ross scored four.

The Wildcats ended the week with a 22-15-point loss against the Seneca Valley Raiders. They came out strong in the first quarter taking a one-point lead. The whole game was close, but the Wildcats fell short, only scoring two points in the fourth. The boys record is now 6-6 and they have a key matchup vs Ellwood City this Saturday. This game will determine if the boys have an overall winning or losing record for the season. Good luck Cats!

JUNIOR VARSITY**Boys JV team continues to play strong: 10-1 with only a handful of games remaining**

BRAEDEN D'ANGELO & J. KOSCINSKI FEBRUARY 12, 2021

The Shenango boys JV had a great game last week, facing off against Riverview. The two teams had a close first half, with the Cats only leading by four at the end of the second quarter. Shenango's leading scorer of the first half was Brayden Zeigler with six points, all coming in the first quarter. Michael Othites of the Cats was not far behind Zeigler, with five points of his own over the first two quarters. Shenango started to extend the lead over the course of the second half, eventually ending the game with a final score of 41-25. The Cats top scorers on the night were Tyler Morosky with 16, Brayden Ziegler with ten, and Braeden D'Angelo with six. This win over the Raiders has brought the boys' record to 11-1 on the season. On the girls side, JV games were hard to come by as New Brighton, Sewickley Academy, nor Neshannock had JV girls teams to compete against. The younger lady Wildcats undoubtedly look forward to their next contest to try to better the team's record. They currently sit at 3-5. Here's hoping they get opportunities to shine in the next week.



Kyle Lenhart (#25) goes up strong during a game earlier this week

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

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

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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.



Gavin Bruce turns the corner on a Laurel defended earlier in the season

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

8th grade marks two more wins and advances to 9-4 on the season

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The eighth-grade boys' team took on the Hickory Hornets Saturday in an epic junior high battle. The boys came out strong in the first half scoring 17 points compared to Hickory's 13. The game was back and forth the entire day as your Wildcats fought hard the rest of the game. Down the stretch, the boys dug deep and managed to do just enough to earn the win. The score ended up being 27-26 Shenango. The Cats were led by Sam Patton who scored ten points and Andy Domenick who scored an additional nine. Brayden George and Gavin Bruce also pitched in to secure a pivotal win for the Wildcats.

After the Hickory victory, the boys then faced off against Mohawk at the Cat's home court this past Monday. This was yet another close game won by the Wildcats. The Warriors had a lead on the Cat's up until the fourth quarter. However, the boys came back strong in the

last quarter scoring 14 points to secure the win, 38-31. The main contributors in this game again were Brayden George with 14 points and Sam Patton behind him with 11.

On Wednesday, the boys faced Seneca Valley. The game was back and forth the entire time leaving the score 16-14 Shenango at the half. Andy Domenick and Brayden George each scored six points for the Wildcats. The rest of the scoring was evenly distributed among the rest of the team. At the end of the game, the score remained tied at 24 and the Wildcats found themselves headed to overtime. Despite the boys best efforts in overtime, Seneca outscored them six to four leaving the final score 30-28 Seneca Valley. The boys look ahead to Ellwood City this Saturday for their last game of the season. They will go into this game with a 9-4 record overall.