

ATHLETICS INSIDER



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WEST ALLIS NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL

Winter Sports Seasons Underway

The winter sports seasons are all underway and teams are filled with excited student-athletes looking forward to competitive seasons.

Boys' basketball opened the year with 62-43 win over St. Francis at the varsity level. The JV and freshman teams also won their openers. The varsity is 1-1 on the year after losing to Brookfield Central on Friday, Dec 2. The varsity boys basketball team plays six more times in December, including a home game with West Allis Central on the 13th and a holiday tournament on the 29th and 30th.

Girls basketball is two games in to its season having faced New Berlin West and Oak Creek. The girls hit the hardwood for the first time at the Hale gym on Friday, Dec. 9 hosting DSHA. Home games with West Allis Central, Brookfield East and Milwaukee Hamilton are on tap for the

remainder of the month.

Wrestling got off to a good start, opening the year with a 60-18 win over Milwaukee Riverside/Shorewood. The wrestlers then took part in the Kettle Moraine Duals on Saturday, Dec. 3. The varsity team went 3-2 against some very tough competition. Hale defeated Waterford (40-28), Racine Case (67-9) and Oak Creek (52-21). The wrestlers get the chance to grapple at home on Thursday, Dec. 8 against Brookfield Central. The team also hosts West Allis Central on Thursday, Dec. 22.

The Bowling team opened its year on Dec. 3 taking on Pewaukee and New Berlin West. The bowlers compete six more times in December before a Thursday, Jan. 5 meeting with West Allis Central at AMF West Allis.

The combined squads are also underway. Hale/Central offer combined teams for gymnastics and boys swimming in the winter season. The gymnastics team



has been practicing long and hard to be prepared for its first meet of the season, a Dec. 7 home meeting with Menomonee Falls/Germantown. The team is ranked fifth in the area by the Journal Sentinel. The gymnasts are home two more times in December.

The swimming/diving teams began their competition season on Nov. 29 at Milwaukee Riverside and swam at Brookfield Central/East on Dec.

Dozens of Student-Athletes Participate in Winter Sports

The number of student-athletes that came out for winter sports is on the rise. In all, 193 student-athletes are on one of the rosters of the six winter sports offered.

Boys basketball accounts for 42 student-athletes. Nearly 70 potential boys basketball players were out for the first day of tryouts, up from the 58 who tried out a season ago.

In girls' basketball, 37 student-athletes fill the three teams.

On the wrestling side, 42 student-athletes form the roster for the grapplers, matching last year's participation numbers.

The bowlers have a full field, with 25 student-athletes trying out for the sport, up from the 20 who participated a year ago. Currently 22 are on the bowling team.

Participation in gymnastics is extremely high with 35 girls on the combined team, 30 of which are from Nathan Hale High School. Last year, the team finished with 16 total participants.

The boys swimming numbers are down, however, as only a dozen boys started the season.

Coaching Search Update



The search to replace head football coach Sean Hegarty is underway. Coach Hegarty resigned on November 4, citing wanting to spend more time with his family as a reason for his resignation. The athletic department and Nathan Hale High School wishes Mr. Hegarty well on the next phase of his post-Hale football career

Immediately, the position was posted and candidates began expressing interest. The position was left open for a two-week period and in that time, more than 40 potential coaches applied for the position. Several

strong candidates applied and more than a dozen have been contacted for an initial assessment and to determine who should be interviewed further.

Beginning Dec. 8, candidates from the selected group will be invited to sit down and interview with the search committee, which will consist of Blain Fowler, district athletic administrator, Matt Lesar, principal, and Elliot Kramsky, assistant athletic director.

The candidates will go through an extensive screen and background check by members of the

committee. A third-round of screening will likely be done with a final set of candidates prior to a recommendation being made. Ideally, the process will be concluded and a candidate named prior to the end of the calendar year, but schedules of the candidates may stretch the search into early January 2012.

The feedback of the community is an integral part of the search process. An on-line survey tool has been created to gauge the desires of those with a vested interest in the

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hale-football-head-coach>



The process of replacing head volleyball coach Angie Hardwick has begun. Coach Hardwick led the volleyball team to a great season, finishing one win shy of a state tournament berth. Replacing her will be challenging. She will be missed as head coach.

The position has been posted and solicitation is occurring through various sources including Badger

Region Volleyball and other USA Volleyball outlets.

Similar to the football position, community input is being solicited through a survey tool. The link to that survey is below.

The recruitment will be similar to the football position, with candidates being phone interviewed and then selected for on-campus interviews.

Updates of the search results will be available at Hale Booster Club meetings and via this newsletter.

The recruitment for the girls' volleyball coach position should be concluded by mid January at which the search for assistants will begin.

The aforementioned community survey can be

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hale-girls-volleyball-head-coach>

As of now, the only spring coaches being solicited are assistants for the girls' track and field team. Coach Kristi Hansen

needs a distance and a throws coach to complete her staff. Candidates have been recruited through various sources

and are in the process of being screened. The process should be completed by early January, likely even

Fall Student-Athletes Garner Accolades

With the fall seasons entirely at a close, the post-season awards have been handed out. Several honors have been bestowed on Nathan Hale student athletes.

In all, 37 student-athletes were honored by the GMC or media outlets for their play or their academic success along with their

sport participation.

Three student-athletes received first-team all-Greater Metro Conference consideration: Sam Olzewski and Sam Versnik in football and Erin Barbeau in volleyball. Versnik was also named to the Community Now All-Suburban football team.

In addition to the athletic awards, 28 seniors were honored for academic achievement in addition to their athletic prowess.

The following is a list of honors our students achieved in the fall sports season. Congratulations to all award winners.

Boys' Cross Country

Ryan Dieter, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jacob Ebben, second-team All-GMC and GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jamie Rypel, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Milan Stojanovic, third-team All-GMC

Girls' Cross Country

Taylor Jewell, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Natalie Melk, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Stephanie Muller, GMC Senior Scholar Athlete; Marissa Otto, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Ellie Probst, third-team All-GMC; Jessica Rampetsreiter, GMC Senior Scholar Athlete; Jessica Trapp, GMC Senior Scholar -Athlete; Virginia Wightman, third-team All-GMC, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Football

Curt Farner, All-GMC Honorable Mention, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Micho Gruichich, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Steve Kopet, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Callan Loberg, All-GMC Honorable Mention, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Sam Olszewski, First-Team All-GMC; Joseph Ouellette, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Noah Radjenovic, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Alex Schwab, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Dan Sotiros, All-GMC Honorable Mention, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Sam Versnik, First Team All-GMC, Community Now All-Suburban Honorable Mention

Boys' Soccer

Justin Cook, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Paul Daniels, GMC Senior Scholar Athlete; Alex Kaul, All-GMC Honorable Mention; James Kocen, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Victor Moreno, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Antonio Rodriguez, All-GMC Honorable Mention

Girls' Swimming & Diving

Molly Sykes, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Girls' Tennis

Nicole Palmer, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Sarah Sheard, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Girls' Volleyball

Erin Barbeau, First-Team All-GMC, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Sarah Fabina, All-GMC Honorable Mention GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Hannah King, Second-Team All-GMC, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Kelly Lopez, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Rachel Voller, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Boys' Volleyball

Parker Voller, All-GMC Honorable Mention

Fall Sports Update

West Allis Nathan Hale High School once again concluded a strong fall sports season. The highlight of the year was the girls' volleyball team. The squad advanced to the fourth-round of the WIAA playoffs and was one win shy of a trip to Green Bay for the state tournament.

The boys' cross country team placed 6th at the GMC meet and at WIAA sectionals. The girls' placed 6th in conference and 7th at sectionals.

Boys' volleyball advanced to the second round of the WIAA tournament after a win over West Allis Central in the first round.

Football finished the year with wins in its first and last games of the year. The girls' combined swimming and diving team finished sixth at the conference meet. The girls' combined tennis team also placed sixth at the conference tournament.

Facilities Improved, Winterized



While facilities that house fall sports are being readied for winter, spring sports facilities are being prepared for play prior to winter weather's arrival.

Belich Field has received numerous upgrades in the off season. The infield skin has been resurfaced and new warning track material has been laid in front of the dugouts and backstop, in the on-deck circle and in the path to home plate. The transitions from dirt to grass have also been

rebuilt. In addition, the slope of the mound has been rebuilt.

Diamond 1 and 2 have received upgrades as well. Diamond 1 has received a new infield skin, the field lips have been rebuilt and the infield arc has been adjusted to allow 70-foot base paths.

Diamond 2 has also received a new infield skin.

Work is still to be done before winter hits. The

Belich bullpen fences are set to be raised to 8 feet for safety purposes and the dugouts are to be enlarged at Thomson and on Diamond 1 and 2.

A number of outdoor facilities have been prepared for winter as play has concluded for the fall season. The West Allis Athletic Complex stadium, soccer practice fields and football practice fields all received a treatment of overseeding, aeration and fertilization. In addition, Belich,

Save the Date

The sign-up date for the Spring sports will be held on Monday, February 20. More information will be available in the next edition of this newsletter.

December/January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 GRBB at Oak Creek	7 GYM vs MF/G'town	8 WRST vs Brk Central BOW at NB Eisen.	9 BYBB at Marquette GRBB vs DSHA	10 WRST JV Home Invit. SWIM at Mil. Riverside BOW vs Mukwonago
11	12 BYBB FR JV at WAC GRBB FR JV vs WAC	13 GRBB vs WA Central BYBB vs WA Central	14 GYM vs Brookfield	15 WRST at Marquette BOW at Franklin	16 BYBB at Brk East GRBB vs Brk East	17 WRST at Wauk W (V) WRST at Wis Luth (JV) SWIM at Watertown GRBB at Cath. Mem (R) BYBB vs Watertown (R) BOW vs East Troy BOW at NB West
18	19	20 BYBB vs Oak Creek GRBB FR JV vs WAC	21 GYM vs Nicolet	22 GRBB at Whitefish Bay WRST vs WA Central	23	24
25	26	27 GRBB vs Mil Hamilton	28 GRBB at Cudahy	29 BYBB — Hale Tourney WRST at Osh. Lourdes WRST at Wauk W (JV)	30 BYBB — Hale Tourney	31
JAN 1	2	3 BYBB at Shorewood	4	5 GYM vs Homestead WRST at Brk East SWIM at GMC Relays BOW vs WA Central	6 GRBB at Tosa East BYBB vs Tosa East	7 WRST — Varsity Invit. BYBB at Oak Creek (R) BOW vs Hamilton BOW vs Muskego

KEY: BYBB — Boys' Basketball; GRBB — Girls' Basketball; WRST — Wrestling; GYM — Gymnastics; SWIM — Boys' Swimming; BOW — Bowling. (R) denotes reserve game

Schedules subject to change.