

# ATHLETICS INSIDER



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## WEST ALLIS NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL

### Cross Country Preps for GMC, WIAA Post-Season

The boys' and girls' cross country teams continue to train hard and run strong at their final regular season meets in preparation for the last few and most important races of the year.

A strong season so far for boys' head coach Ron Kurtz has the team riding high in the state rankings. The boys' cross country team is ranked seventh in the state by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association as of the Oct. 6 ranking. The squad has climbed up the rankings with a string of good finishes. The Huskies entered the polls at the beginning of the month ranked no. 15 and have climbed each week, moving to no. 14, no. 11 and no. 9 each week prior to achieving its current spot in the polls. The team is also ranked 6th in the state by [wirunners.com](http://wirunners.com).

On Sept. 15, the boys' and girls' teams took part in a loaded field at the Angel Invitational held at UW-Parkside. The Hale boys placed third of 31 teams, trailing only Waukesha South and Port Washington, currently ranked fourth and ninth. Depth was on the boys side with **Sam Gagliano** placing 17th, **Milan Stojanovic** taking 20th and **Robert Effinger** finishing 22nd.

The girls' team was an impressive 12th at the same meet,

On Sept. 22, the boys took part in the Cedarburg Invitational, claiming victory in the six-team



Sam Gagliano



Ellie Probst

field. All five of Hale's finishers were in the top 10. The team was paced by a first-place finish from Stojanovic. Gagliano placed third. Effinger was sixth, **Dan Nelson** and **Tony Lozano** took eighth and ninth respectively to cap the winning effort.

The girls visited Muskego on Oct. 22, placing 12th in a 17-team field.

The boys again were strong at the Chocolate City Invite in Burlington on Sept. 29, placing second of 15 teams. Stojanovic improved his time to 16:04 in second; Gagliano placed seventh.

For his results in winning the Cedarburg Invite and placing second in the Chocolate City Invitational, Stojanovic was named the area's Runner-of-the-Week by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.



Milan Stojanovic

The boys team wrapped up its regular season with a third place finish at the Westosha Central Invitational on Thursday, Oct. 4. The girls finished their season at Mukwonago a day later, finishing fifth. **Ellie Probst** was fourth.

**Madison Mihaljevic** place sixth.

The Greater Metro Conference Cross Country Meet will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at McCarty Park. The WIAA Sectionals on take place on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Washington Park in Milwaukee.

A strong showing at the sectional round will advance teams and individuals to the WIAA State Meet on Saturday, Oct. 27 in Wisconsin Rapids. Qualifying will be tough, especially on the boys' side, but the team's strong showing has given reason for expecting it to run all the way to state.

### Boys' Soccer Squad a Goal Scoring Machine in Early Season Action

The West Allis Nathan Hale Boys soccer team has risen to great heights this year under first-year head coach Neil Dom-browski.

The team has earned a no. 5 seed in the WIAA sectional playoffs defeating Milwaukee Hamilton, 8-2 at the West Allis Athletic Complex on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Hale will now visit fourth-seeded Oak Creek—4-0 winners over Greendale—in the regional championship game at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11. The winner to advance to the sectional semifinal round, likely against top-seeded Marquette, on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The Huskies defeated Oak

Creek, 2-1, on Sept. 12.

In the regular season, the Nathan Hale boys' soccer team compiled a 13-8-1 record, finishing fifth in the league.

The Huskies come into the WIAA Tournament series winners of six of its last eight games and winners of nine of its last 12 contests.

The Huskies posted some big wins during the year, capping the final victory with a 10-0 result over Union Grove in which seven different players scored.

Hale defeated Wauwatosa East, Sussex Hamilton and West Allis Central in Greater Metro Conference play this season.



Alexander Sykes

### Football Picks Up Win vs. Central

The West Allis Nathan Hale football team heads into its last regularly-scheduled game of the shortened eight-game year visiting Wauwatosa East on Friday, Oct. 12.

The Huskies picked up their second win of the season, a 21-7 win over West Allis Central on Sept. 21.

The Huskies defense was strong, led by an interception return for touchdown by **Travis Balcerzak**.

Balcerzak also had a touchdown offensively to cap the win.

In conference play, **Nick Sotiros** leads all Greater Metro quarterbacks in passing yards with 894.

The team has added a ninth game, playing at Cudahy on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.



Travis Balcerzak

## Swimmers Ready to Host GMC Conference Meet

The West Allis Wave combined girls swimming and diving team will be hosting the conference swim meet on Saturday, Oct. 28, with diving taking place at Nathan Hale High School and the swimming events at West Allis Central.

The team has been improving throughout the season, in preparation for the season-ending events, which also include the

WIAA Tournament Series. **Jessica Drews** has improved her time in the 100 butterfly to 1:29.09 seconds and the 200 free-style relay team of **Cortney Wery, Paulina Fortis, Drews** and **Tara Kelley** has clocked in as fast as 2:07.77.

Those are some of the best hopes for GMC titles as the season nears its conclusion.



Jessica Drews



Paulina Fortis

## Girls' Tennis Concludes Season at WIAA Sub-Sectional

The girls' tennis combined team concluded its season at the WIAA sub-sectional at Brookfield East on Oct. 1.

Hale senior **Branka Lugonja** represented her team well at the sub-sectional round, finishing second in the flight 1 singles competition. She finished the year with a 7-10 record in singles play.

Her efforts scored four points for the team, earning them fifth place of nine teams.



Branka Lugonja

## Girls Volleyball Gets Hot as Season Nears End

The girls' volleyball team has come on as of late to play particularly well at times. Most notably, improvement was evident in the team's three-game sweep of Sussex Hamilton.

**Jamie Supple** and **Rachel Milani** have been the offensive leaders this season, **Caitlin Kantowski** leads the team in assists.



Rachel Milani

## Boys Volleyball Continues Run

The boys' volleyball team has played strong, despite playing a difficult schedule throughout the season. The boys are coming off a tournament victory, winning four of five matches to take the UW-Oshkosh High School Boys' Volleyball Invitational on Oct. 6

**Parker Voller** and **Savaughn Boston** lead the team offensively into its final home match of the season, an Oct. 10 contest with Wauwatosa East.

## Organizational Meetings Scheduled for Winter Sports

Several organizational meetings will be held in October in preparation for the upcoming winter sports seasons. Five sports are held exclusively in winter — boys' basketball, girls' basketball, wrestling, gymnastics and bowling. In addition Poms and Cheer continue their seasons in the winter.

Tryouts for the winter cheerleading team begin on Monday, Oct. 8 and

continue through the end of the week. Contact cheer coach Danielle Schoenwetter (schoenwetterd@wawm.k12.wi.us) for more information.

Bowling will hold its informational meeting on Monday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nathan Hale cafeteria.

Girls' Basketball will hold its information meeting

and sign up will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 208. All girls interested in playing basketball should attend this meeting. If for some reason a prospective team member can not make the meeting, contact Mr. Kramsky.

Finally, winter sports forms and fees night will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the Nathan Hale cafeteria, starting at

5 p.m..

A reminder, the concussion forms will need to be signed, even if the student-athlete participated in a fall sport. Concussion forms must be signed before each season.

Forms and fees may be picked up in the athletic office and may be submitted in advance of the Oct. 17 date.

## Next Booster Club Meeting Date Set

The West Allis Nathan Hale Booster Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the faculty lounge at the Nathan Hale campus.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate and are all are encouraged to become members. For more information on the booster club, visit [www.haleboosterclub.org](http://www.haleboosterclub.org).

## October/November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8 Booster Club Meeting CHR — Tryouts	9 GVB at Meno. Falls SOC vs Milw. Hamilton CHR — Tryouts	10 BVB vs Tosa East	11 SOC at Oak Creek FB at Tosa East (Fr.) FB vs Tosa East (JV) GVB at Brk. Central CHR — Tryouts	12 GVB — GMC Trn. (Fr.) GVB at GMC Trn. (JV) SWIM — Dive Invite FB at Tosa East CHR — Tryouts	13 VB — GMC Tourney XC at GMC Meet SWIM — Swim Invite
14	15 BOWL — Sign-Up	16 GRB — Team Meeting	17 Winter Sports Sign-up BVB at WA Central	18 FB at Cudahy SOC at WIAA Sectional XC at So. Milw (JV) VB — WIAA Regional GYM — Team Meeting	19	20 XC at WIAA Sectional SOC — WIAA Sectional BVB at GMC Trn. (JV) SWIM at GMC Meet GVB — WIAA Regional
21	22	23	24	25 GVB — WIAA Sect.	26 BVB — WIAA Regional	27 SWIM — GMC Meet VB — WIAA Sect.
28	29	30 BVB — WIAA Sect.	31	NOV. 1 BVB — WIAA Sect.	2 SWIM — WIAA Sect.	3 SWIM — WIAA Sect.
4	5 BYB — First Practice GYM — First Practice	6	7 Booster Club Meeting	8	9	10 BYB at Grafton (Fr.) BYB at Franklin (JV/V)

**KEY:** XC — Cross Country, FB — Football, POMS — Pom Poms, SOC — Boys' Soccer, TNS — Girls' Tennis, BVB — Boys' Volleyball, GVB — Girls Volleyball, BYB — Boys' Basketball, GRB — Girls' Basketball, BOWL — Bowling, GYM — Gymnastics, CHR — Cheer, Schedules subject to change.