

ATHLETICS INSIDER



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WEST ALLIS NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL

Cross Country Runners Advance to State Meet

Experiencing one of the best seasons in the recent history, the Nathan Hale boys' cross country team finished second at the Marquette sectional, advancing to the state championship meet, the 100th state cross country championship, for the first time since 2004.

The season on the boys' side was a great success, with the squad coming within one point of a Greater Metro Conference title, and the strong showing at the regional race.

At the state meet, **Milan Stojanovic** was the top finisher, recording a mark of 16:46. He placed 61st as a result. **Sam Gagliano** placed 79th and Robert Efinger and Dan Nelson each finished in the top 100 of the deepest field any of these runners faced all season. Also competing at the state championship meet for Nathan Hale were: Tony Lozano, Bailey Keune and Tim Ebben.

Four of the runners were awarded post-season honors by the Greater Metro Conference. Gagliano and Stojanovic were each first-team all-conference selections. Nelson was a second-team all-conference recipient and Lozano was third-team all conference.

In all, the boys' team placed third or better as a team in eight meets during the course of the season and defeated 89.3 percent of its opponents during the

regular season. Also, at some point during the regular season, the Hale boys' team defeated 19 of the 24 other teams ranked in the state rankings. In all, the team only had 14 losses during the regular season, all to state participants.

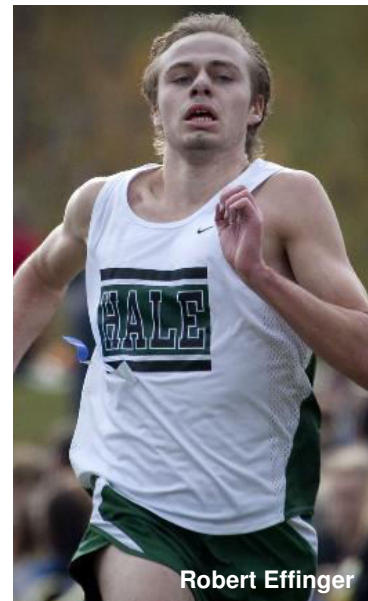
The girls team, not to be outdone, had two runners advance to the state championship meet. Ellie Probst and Madison Mihaljevic each advanced to the state meet based on their performance at the Marquette sectional race. Probst just missed a sub 16-minute time, clocking in at 16:01, placing 109th. Mihaljevic, a freshman, placed 157th,

Both teams should be primed for success next season. Both

Probst and Mihaljevic return on the girls side. On the boys side, four of the seven runners who gained experience at the state meet this season will return next year.



Ellie Probst



Robert Efinger

Winter Seasons Underway or Set to Begin

All five of the winter sports seasons will be underway by Monday, November 12, with some of the winter seasons already underway.

The boys' basketball team began its practice schedule on Monday, Nov. 5 with dozens upon dozens of boys trying out for the spots on each team.

Starting on Tuesday, Nov. 6, the girls' combined gymnastics team began pursuit of a trip to the

state championship meet with its first practice and another record number of girls out for the team.

Bowling starts this season not as a combined team, but two separate varsity teams—one for boys and one for girls. The junior varsity squad will remain combined, but the two separate varsity programs is a great step in the growth of bowling at Nathan Hale.

Finally, starting on Monday, No-

vember 12, the final three winter sports will get underway. Girls' basketball will hold its first practices while wrestling will begin defense of its 2012 Greater Metro Conference regular season championship. Boys' swim also begins that day.

Schedules for the winter sports teams are available below. Visit the Nathan Hale athletics web site for up-to-the-minute schedules or any changes.

Boys' Basketball Schedule

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|--|
| Friday, Nov 16 | at | Cudahy |
| Friday, Nov 30 | at | Oak Creek |
| Tuesday, Dec 4 | | Shorewood |
| Friday, Dec 7 | | Marquette |
| Tuesday, Dec 11 | at | West Allis Central (JV/FR, Dec. 10) |
| Friday, Dec 14 | | Brookfield East |
| Tuesday, Dec 18 | at | Wauwatosa East |
| Friday, Dec 21 | at | Franklin |
| Friday, Dec 28-29 | | Nathan Hale Holiday Tournament |
| Friday, Jan 4 | | Hamilton |
| Tuesday, Jan 8 | | Union Grove |
| Friday, Jan 11 | at | Menomonee Falls |
| Friday, Jan 18 | | Brookfield Central |
| Tuesday, Jan 22 | at | Grafton |
| Friday, Jan 25 | | Marquette |
| Tuesday, Jan 29 | | West Allis Central (JV/FR, Jan. 28) |
| Friday, Feb 1 | at | Brookfield East |
| Tuesday, Feb 5 | | Wauwatosa East |
| Friday, Feb 8 | at | Hamilton |
| Tuesday, Feb 12 | | Menomonee Falls |
| Thursday, Feb 14 | at | Brookfield Central |

Girls' Basketball Schedule

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|-------------------------|----|--|
| Tuesday, Nov 20 | | Whitefish Bay |
| Wednesday, Nov 28 | at | St. Thomas More |
| Friday, Nov 30 | at | Slinger |
| Wednesday, Dec 5 | at | Shorewood |
| Friday, Dec 7 | at | DSHA |
| Tuesday, Dec 11 | at | West Allis Central (JV/FR, Dec. 10) |
| Friday, Dec 14 | at | Brookfield East |
| Tuesday, Dec 18 | | Wauwatosa East |
| Thursday, Dec 20 | at | Kenosha |
| Friday, Jan 4 | at | Hamilton |
| Monday, Jan 7 | at | Nicolet |
| Friday, Jan 11 | | Menomonee Falls |
| Friday, Jan 18 | at | Brookfield Central |
| Wednesday, Jan 23 | | New Berlin West |
| Friday, Jan 25 | | DSHA |
| Tuesday, Jan 29 | | West Allis Central (JV/FR, Jan. 29) |
| Friday, Feb 1 | | Brookfield East |
| Tuesday, Feb 5 | at | Wauwatosa East |
| Friday, Feb 8 | | Hamilton |
| Tuesday, Feb 12 | at | Menomonee Falls |
| Monday, Feb 18 | | Westosha Central |
| Thursday, Feb 21 | | Brookfield Central |

Gymnastics Schedule

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| Dec 6 | | Whitefish Bay |
| Dec 12 | | Grafton |
| Jan 9 | | Meno. Falls/G'town |
| Jan 16 | | Shorewood |
| Jan 23 | at | Waukesha West |
| Jan 30 | | Brookfield |
| Feb 6 | | Port Washington |
| Feb 13 | at | Homestead |
| Feb 16 | at | GMC Championships |

Boys' Swimming Schedule

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|---------------|----|--------------------------|
| Nov 29 | | Wauk. No./KM/Pew. |
| Dec 15 | at | Watertown Invite |
| Jan 3 | at | Conference Relays |
| Jan 10 | | Menomonee Falls |
| Jan 19 | at | Menomonee Falls Invite. |
| Jan 24 | at | Brookfield East |
| Jan 26 | at | Racine Case Invitational |
| Feb 2 | at | Conference Meet |

Wrestling Schedule

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|---------------|----|----------------------------|
| Dec 1 | at | Kettle Moraine |
| | at | Waukesha So. (JV) |
| Dec 6 | at | Brookfield Central Invite. |
| Dec 8 | at | Sheboygan North Invite. |
| Dec 13 | | Marquette |
| Dec 15 | at | Waukesha West Invite. |
| | at | Wis. Lutheran Invite. (JV) |
| Dec 20 | at | West Allis Central |
| Dec 28-29 | at | Oshkosh Lourdes Invite. |
| | at | Waukesha West (JV) |
| Jan 3 | | Brookfield |
| Jan 5 | | Bauer Brawl |
| Jan 12 | at | Elkhorn Invite. |
| Jan 17 | | Hamilton |
| Jan 19 | at | Wauwatosa |
| | at | Ozaukee Invite. (JV) |
| Jan 24 | | Menomonee Falls |
| Jan 26 | at | WA Central Invite. (JV) |
| Feb 1 | at | GMC Championship |

Bowling Schedule

| | Boys' | Girls' |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Dec. 1 | East Troy | St. Thomas More |
| | | St. Francis |
| Dec. 6 | Muskego | Hamilton |
| Dec. 8 | WA Central | Greendale |
| | NB Eisen. | Muskego |
| Dec. 13 | Mukwonago | Wauk. West |
| Dec. 15 | Franklin | Franklin |
| | East Troy | Mukwonago |
| Dec. 19 | | Meno. Falls |
| Jan. 3 | Muskego | |
| Jan. 5 | WA Central | Oak Creek |
| | NB Eisen. | WA Central |
| Jan. 10 | Mukwonago | WA Central |
| Jan. 12 | Franklin | Germantown |
| | East Troy | Meno. Falls |
| Jan. 17 | Muskego | Hamilton |
| Jan. 19 | WA Central | Germantown |
| | NB Eisen. | WA Central |
| Jan. 24 | Mukwonago | |
| Jan. 26 | Franklin | Waukesha West |

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, 42 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 Gagliano and Milan Stojanovic in boys' cross country and Alex Schwab in football.

One athlete, earned two All-GMC Honorable Mention honors. Travis

Balcerzak was awarded honors on both offense and defense in football. In all, 32 individuals received academic awards.

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

Boys' Cross Country

Robert Effinger, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Sam Gagliano, First-Team All-GMC; GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Tony Lozano, Third-Team All-GMC; Clive Miller, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Daniel Nelson, Second-Team All-GMC; Milan Stojanovic, First-Team All-GMC

Girls' Cross Country

Madelin Barton, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Alyssa Drajkowski, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Madison Mihaljevic, Third-Team All-GMC; Ellie Probst, Second-Team All-GMC; Ashley Weiss, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Football

Steve Acker, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Travis Balcerzak, All-GMC Honorable Mention (2x), GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Mitch Chevrement, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Cole Lampe, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Tyler Lucchesi, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Nick Mand, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Marcel Mundt, All-GMC Honorable Mention, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jacob Ormsby, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jordan Riche, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Alex Schwab, First-Team All-GMC; Nick Sotiros, Second-Team All-GMC, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Taylor Tomczak, All-GMC Honorable Mention, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Reese Weishar, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Ryan Vankervoorde, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Boys' Soccer

Alex Engel, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Peter Heal, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Thomas Wade, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Girls' Swimming & Diving

Paulina Fortis, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jessica Jaeckels, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Larissa Mickelson, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Erika Pietrzak, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Girls' Tennis

Natalie Gross, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Alyssa Martinez, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Ashley Palesse, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jovanna Vujasinovic

Boys' Volleyball

Zach Bohmann, All-GMC Honorable Mention; Jacob Geiger, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Jacob Roberts, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Matthew Sopa, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Parker Voller, Second-Team All-GMC

Girls' Volleyball

Miranda Bailey, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Marlee Freitag, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Caitlin Kantowski, All-GMC Honorable Mention, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete; Rachel Milani, All-GMC Honorable Mention, Jamie Supple, Second-Team All-GMC; Kelsey Urbanski, GMC Senior Scholar-Athlete

Fall Sports Finish Seasons

All fall sports have concluded as the transition to the winter seasons begin.

Football finished its season with a two-game win streak and a 4-5 overall record after wins over Cudahy and Wauwatosa East.

Boys' soccer advanced to the second round of the WIAA playoffs, losing on penalty kicks to Oak Creek.

Girls' volleyball fell to Greendale in the second round of the WIAA playoffs, while boys volleyball lost

to Brookfield East in four games in the first round of the WIAA Tournament.

Girls' swimming and diving capped the year with a 13th place finish in the Waukesha South/Mukwonago sectional.

Kopp Hired as Boys' Swimming Coach

Matthew Kopp will replace Tim Locke as the head coach of the boys' combined swim team for West Allis.

Kopp's background in swimming and education is extensive. He has served as an assistant coach for the Menomonee Falls girls' swimming team—a position he will retain.

He has also served as an assis-

tant coach for the Waukesha North boys' swim team and the Milwaukee Riverside boys' swim team.

In addition to high school swim team coaching experience, he has also served as a coaching member of the Menomonee Falls swim club.

Kopp holds certifications in history, social studies, economics

and political science and has served as a building substitute, long-term substitute and teacher on call in the West Bend, Waukesha, New Berlin, Oak Creek and Mukwonago School Districts.

Next Booster Club Meeting Date Set

The West Allis Nathan Hale Booster Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12 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.

November/December Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 BYB — First Practice GYM — First Practice | 6 | 7 Booster Club Meeting | 8 | 9 | 10 BYB at Grafton (V) BYB at Franklin (Fr./JV) |
| 11 | 12 GRB — First Practice WRST — First Practice | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 BYB at Cudahy | 17 GRB — Scrimmage |
| 18 | 19 | 20 GRB vs Whitefish Bay | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 WRST — Scrimmage |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 GRB at St. Thom. More | 29 BSWM vs Wauk. No. | 30 BYB at Oak Creek GRB at Slinger | DEC. 1 WRST at Kettle Mor. BYB vs Franklin (R) BBW vs East Troy GBW vs St.M./St. Fr. |
| 2 | 3 | 4 BYB vs Shorewood | 5 GRB at Shorewood | 6 WRST at Brk. Central BBW vs Muskego GBW vs Hamilton | 7 GRB at DSHA BYB vs Marquette | 8 WRST at Sheb. No. BYB vs NB West @ BBW vs WAC/NB Eis. GBW vs Grnd./Musk. |

KEY: BYB — Boys' Basketball, GRB — Girls' Basketball, BBW — Boys' Bowling, GBW — Girls' Bowling, GYM — Gymnastics, WRST—Wrestling, (R) — Reserve, Schedules subject to change.