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WEST ALLIS NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL



Brandon Ehret has been named head football coach at West Allis Nathan Hale High School, the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has announced.

Ehret has served on the Nathan Hale football staff for the past two seasons as head junior varsity coach and linebackers coach. He has a strong football background, serving as a four-year letter winner at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He was an all-conference selection at linebacker in his junior and senior years. He was team captain as a senior and named his teams defensive Most Valuable Player as a junior and a senior.

He will bring all that playing experience along with his coaching experience to the position. Ehret is also a member of the Nathan Hale faculty.

Ehret Named Head Football Coach

"I'm extremely excited to become the Head Football Coach at Nathan Hale. It's a dream come true to coach at the same school in which I teach," Ehret said. "I look forward to improving the future of the Huskies football program. My focus will be to instill qualities such as hard work, dedication and integrity that our student-athletes will use in the field and in the classroom. I lead by example and show our athletes what it takes to be successful."

As a current member of the coaching staff and a member of the faculty, Ehret already has the knowledge of the team and structure in place to begin the position immediately.

"We are excited to have a football coach who is ready for the challenge to lead Nathan Hale High School Football to success in the Greater Metro Conference and a return to the WIAA playoffs," Blain Fowler,



District Athletic Administrator for the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District said. "In Coach Ehret, we have a head football coach that not only is extremely knowledgeable about the sport, but is passionate about and Nathan Hale High School, and is determined to have success at our school."

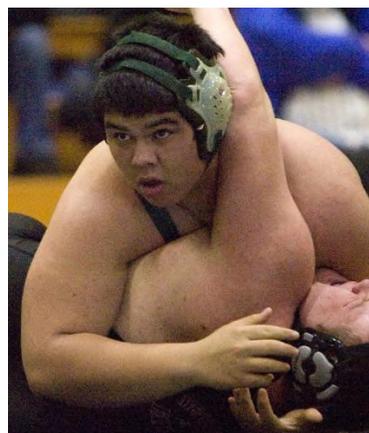
Wrestlers Win Greater Metro Conference Title

Thanks to a stellar season by determined squad, fantastic coaching, and a never-give-up attitude, the West Allis Hale wrestling team earned a share of the GMC title, it's first conference wrestling title since 1988. It is the 10th wrestling conference title in school history and the first conference title for any Hale team this school year.

Hale earned a share of the league crown by defeating Menomonee Falls, 44-26, in its

final GMC dual of the year. Hale finished with a 5-1 dual meet record.

Congratulations go to all the varsity wrestlers: Jon Blatz, Trevor Kruzick, Luke Ellis, Jeff Schubert, Josh Petrovich, Andy Moyle, Micho Gruichich, Julien Moreno, Brandon Shimetz, Jake Gruichich, Logan Mocco, Taylor Tomczak, Jack Allen, Andrew Buelow, Jonah Rodriguez, Jeremy Shimetz, Dallas Wanta, and Ryan Vankerkvoorde.



Spring Sport Signup Date Approaching



The spring and summer sport signup date is scheduled for **Monday, February 20**, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Nathan Hale cafeteria.

The format for the evening will differ slightly from previous sign-up dates. Form submission will begin at 5 p.m. and continue through the evening. Parents and students are encouraged to obtain the needed forms prior to the sign-up night.

Following a brief message from the athletic

department, Rob Miller will speak to the assembled parents and student-athletes at 5:45 p.m. His presentation, "The Role of Parents in Athletics" is a straightforward message from athletes to their parents about how adults can help their child's athletic performance, create good memories and demonstrate respect from the perspective of the student-athlete.

Following the 45 minute presentation, sport coaches will be available

to meet with the parents of those coming out.

The presentation is open to all parents, not just those coming to the spring/summer sports sign-up.

Rob Miller has served as the commissioner of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, the Executive Director of the National Christian College Athletic Association, commissioner of the Sun Conference and was the Director of Champions of Character program for the

Guest Presenter: Rob Miller

All coaches, student-athletes and parents are invited to the West Allis Nathan Hale cafeteria for a guest lecture. NAIA Champions of Character Director Rob Miller will be on hand to speak. Join Mr. Miller on

Monday, February 20

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"Many schools have had the opportunity to have Rob speak to a variety of groups about character, leadership, and teamwork. Whether it was an athletic team, coaches, parents, or student body, Rob's passion in his presentation is powerful and pertinent. I would highly recommend Rob to any school that is looking for someone to motivate a group to reach higher standards or excellence."

Jim Ater, Athletic Director, Olathe District Schools (KS)

3:15 pm — Playing With Confidence

Understand what true confidence looks and feels like. What are you worried about? Discover the competitor's mindset. Earn the right to be confident. Be at your best when your best is needed.

4:15 pm — Coaching Foundations

A variety of topics are discussed from: Athlete stages, coaching stages, practice planning, planning a parent meeting, gaining credibility, gaining trust, keys to motivation, using punishment, working with challenging athletes, developing a team culture with athletes, coaches and parents, game coaching, to establishing clear behavioral standards.

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Boys Basketball Wins Holiday Tournament

The West Allis Nathan Hale boys basketball team won two games in the West Allis Hale Holiday Tournament to claim the tournament crown.

Hale beat Brookfield Academy, 71-56, in the opener. Travis Balczerzak had 16 points in that win. Hale downed a resilient Wilmot team, 68-61 to win the title. Nick Sotiros scored 14 off the bench in the victory.

The JV squad is coming off a win over West Allis Central, its fourth of the season. The freshman had a stretch where it won 5-of-6 earlier this season and have six wins on the year.



Poms Hosts Youth Night, Heads to State Competition



The West Allis Nathan Hale poms squad welcomed dozens of area girls to join them at halftime of the boys' basketball home game against Menomonee Falls on Friday, January 20.

The girls signed up for the event and practiced a routine with the Hale poms squad in preparation for the performance. Each participant received a t-shirt and a memory that is sure to last.

The team also has been diligently perfecting the Pom and Kick routines that it will compete at the state competition in La Crosse on Feb. 4. Good luck to our poms team and congratulations for advancing to state!

Bowling Team Update

The West Allis Nathan Hale bowling team owns an 8-10 record and is in fifth place in the WIHSBC District 1 White Division. Hale is coming off a victory over East Troy and a loss to New Berlin Eisenhower in its most recent action. The Hale bowlers have also posted wins over Franklin, New Berlin West and Pewaukee this season.

Girls Basketball Update

The girls' basketball team has posted two wins on the season, with victories coming over Brookfield East and Milwaukee Hamilton so far this season. In all, the team is balanced in scoring, led by senior Erin Barbeau's 7.0 points per game. Jennifer Stawicki is right behind Barbeau at 6.7 per game. The JV and freshman teams are coming off a sweep of West Allis Central. The JV has four wins while the freshman have seven on the year.

Gymnastics Team Update

The West Allis combined gymnastics team hosted Shorewood in its final home contest on Feb. 1 and is coming off a strong competition against Port Washington on Jan. 25 in which the team won 132-118. The team also faced stiff competition at the eight-team Kenosha Invitational on Jan. 28. The gymnasts will compete at the North Shore Conference meet on Feb. 17 before the WIAA Sectional competition on Feb. 25.

Boys Swimming Update

The West Allis Wave won its lone home swim meet of the season, defeating Pius IX, 110-72, last Thursday. Junior Nathan Pavcek won four events, while senior Grant Brown and sophomore Dale Medved picked up three wins. All three were part of the victorious 200-yard medley relay team.



Versnik Named to All-State Squad

Senior offensive lineman Sam Versnik was named to the 2012 Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State squad as an honorable mention selection.

Versnik was the anchor to the Hale offensive line in the 2011 season, earning many accolades along the way.

Following the season, he was also named first-team all-Greater Metro Conference and an honorable mention selection to the Community Now All-



Wrestlers Win Benefit Tournament

Hale wrestling won the first Bauer Brawl wrestling tournament at West Allis Hale. The tournament honored Steve Bauer, the father of three former Hale competitors, and this year's Huskies did Bauer's memory proud by winning the event.

Trevor Kruzick, Andy Moyle, Logan Mocco and Jack Allen all won individual championships. Hale posted eight top-three finishes scoring 198½ points to beat Wilmot's 159½ in the 13-team field.

Bauer Project, which will give scholarships to graduating seniors who are going on to college.

"I feel that we really came together to win this tournament," head coach Randy Ferrell said. "We had place-winners at 12 of 14 weight classes.

All admissions for the event went to the Steve

February/March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 BYBB vs WAC (Fr., JV) GRBB at WAC (Fr., JV)	31 BYBB at WA Cent. (V) GRBB at WA Cent. (V)	FEB 1 Booster Club Mtg. GYM vs Shorewood	2 BOW vs TBD GRBB at Brk. East	3 WRST at GMC Tourn. BYBB vs Brk. East	4 BYBB vs Greendale (R) GRBB at Oak Crk. (R)
5	6	7 BYBB vs Cudahy	8	9 BOW — WIHS Sect. GYM at Whitefish Bay	10 SWIM — WIAA Sect. BYBB at Tosa East GRBB vs Tosa East	11 BOW — Conf. Tourn. SWIM — WIAA Sect.
12	13	14 BYBB at Delevan-Dar. GRBB vs Wauk. North WRST — WIAA Reg.	15	16	17 GRBB at Hamilton BYBB vs Hamilton	18 BOW — Scholar. Tourn. WRST — WIAA Sect. BYBB at Wauk. So. (R)
19	20 Spring Sport Sign-Up Rob Miller Presentation	21 GRBB vs Greenfield	22	23 BYBB at Meno. Falls	24 GRBB vs Meno. Falls	25 GYM — WIAA Sect.
26	27	28 BYBB — WIAA Reg.	29	MAR 1 GRBB at Brk. Central	2 BOW — WISH Tourn. BYBB — WIAA Reg.	3 BOW — WISH Tourn. BYBB — WIAA Reg.

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

Schedules subject to change.