

## Wilson Boys Track & Field Wins First Title Since 1982

# Spring Athletes of the Week

Evan Keefer Trey Rees Nick Pawlak Olivia Mitchell Jen Darlak Joey Hecko John Bender Mark Coder Amanda Murray Holden Howland



Junior Connor Seeley qualifies for the NYS Golf
Championships! Connor will compete as the lone Niagara Orleans league golfer at the State tournament June 4-6 at Cornell's Robert Trent Jones course. Connor shot an 80 to get into the 9-hole playoff. He then shot a 39 to qualify. Way to go Connor and good luck!



The Boys Varsity Track Team finished the regular season with a 6-0 record and claimed the Niagara-Orleans League Championship for the first time since 1982. Leading the Lakemen were Cody Secor, Alex Fox, and Trey Rees. These young men paced the Lakemen during the season. Mason Secor and Michael Seeley were also important parts of the Lakemen Machine.

At the Niagara-Orleans All-League, Trey Rees won the 400m Dash, setting a new school record of 51.12 and won the 800m Run to claim two All-League titles. Mark Coder won the Pole Vault with a vault of 11'0". Alex Fox also won the High Jump for a second year in a row with a jump of 5'10".



The boys 4x400m Relay team of Trey Rees, Quinton Rees, Cody Secor and Mikeal Bell placed second. Section VI Track Sectionals take place at Pioneer on June 3-4, 2016.



#### **Varsity Baseball Looks Strong Heading Into Sectionals**

The Varsity Baseball team had a very successful season finishing with an 8-6 record in league play. This team was a very cohesive team that worked hard in practice. After starting the season 0-2, the team won three games in a row and never looked back. Offensively, the team was led by Holden Howland who had a team high 16 hits, 5 doubles and a .372 batting average.



Nick Pawlak had a .294 average that included 2 home runs and a team high 13 RBl's. Sophomore John Bender had a 4-0 record on the mound. He pitched 34

innings, striking out 52 batters, having a .62 ERA while allowing only three earned runs all season. This year's captains were seniors Jake Mitchell, Holden Howland and Nick Pawlak. Good luck to seniors Brandon Seider, John Carney and Caden Sidote. A very special "Thank You" to the Wilson community for supporting our annual penny drive as the program raised over \$1400.

#### Wilson Student-Athletes Recognized

Dick Dominico Scholarship winners John Carney and Zipporah Barrett



Thomas E. Hewitt Scholarship winner Rachael Cobo



NIAAA Essay Scholarship winner John Carney



Silver Medal
Congressional Award
recipient
Gabe Curcione



#### JV Softball Plays Well

The JV softball team started off the season beating Albion 16-1. We finished our season with a record of 7-7.



We have a strong team consisting of 18 players, 10 are returners. Sophomores include Raechel Blasius, Morgan Faery, McKenzie Gedeon, Madison Goodnight and Madeline Mocarski, 9th graders Isabella Schultz, Lyndsey Pawlak, Julia Johnston, Melena Amoia and Sam Ellis, 8th grader Anna Frerichs, 7th graders Kenzie Beyer, Alycia Thompson, Julia Faery, Meg Musall, Victoria Pawlak, Madelyn Seeley, and Stephanie Woolson.

Julia Johnston, Raechel Blasius, Anna Frerichs and Melena Amoia have done a fantastic job pitching this year. We have two ladies training to be pitchers in Madelyn Seeley and Meg Musall. The other 7th graders who have been contributing to the versatile team dynamics are starting catcher Julia Faery, Kenzie Beyer, Alycia Thompson, Victoria Pawlak, and Stephanie Woolson.

The JV Softball team finished their season with a big win against Newfane in extra innings. Julia Johnston was the sole pitcher striking out 9 batters, while big bats came from Julia Faery, McKenzie Gedeon and a sacrifice bunt by Isabella Schultz.



#### **Varsity Girls Track & Field Improves Record**

The Varsity Girls Track & Field team improved their overall record this season with 4 wins and 2 losses, placing tied for 2nd in the league. We have a very young team that is extremely talented!



I look forward to the future growth of our program. This year's captains included: Serina Jaeger-Delgado, Leah Herman, Zipporah Barrett, Courtney Wheeler and Emily Paterson.



Consistently earning team points in our League meets this season included:

Olivia Mitchell: 400m hurdles, 100m, 400m Relay, 1600m Relay

Serina Jaeger: 100m, 200m, Long Jump, 400m Relay Emily Paterson: 400m, 1600m Relay, Triple Jump Grace Gerber: 100m hurdles, 200m, 1600m Relay

Shea Munnikhuysen: Shot Put,

Discus
Skylar Munnikhyusen: High
Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
Julie Reagan: 1500m, 3000m
Katie Harding: Pole Vault,
400m Relay
Zipporah Barrett: 400m Relay,
1600m Relay
Jenny Myers: 100m, 200m,
400m Relay
This year we have a number of
athletes that are potential
Sectional Qualifiers.
Emily Paterson, Olivia Mitchell,

Serina Jaeger, Jenny Myers,

and Skylar Munnikhuysen

Grace Gerber, Zipporah Barrett,



### Varsity Softball Led By Strong Seniors

Seniors with experience definitely led the way for the 2016 Varsity softball team. Rachael Cobo, Lauren Couturier and Taylor Cyphert are five year Varsity players, while Ana Bryer, and Emma Okoniewski have been on the squad since freshmen year. Together with Haylea Day, Anthonena DeLisi and Keira Fletcher, our seniors established a tremendous work ethic on Day One, and carried it through to the end of the season. Four pitchers saw action this year, striking out 67 batters.



Ana Bryer, Katie Johnston, Emma Okoniewski and Kira Zappy all had key turns on the mound for the Lakewomen. Junior catcher Jen Darlak had an outstanding season,

leading the team in several stat categories including batting average (.519, which is the second highest in the league), runs (16), hits (28), RBIs (21), homeruns (2) and stolen bases (10). Junior Alex Seeley logged time in right field and was a consistent pinch hitter, while Emily Kelly found a second home in center field, making some fantastic diving catches and turning double plays. Eighth grader Emilee Muoio was a welcome addition to the Varsity team this year, and had some key hits throughout the season. The team ended its league play with 5 wins and 9 losses. Although our play was sometimes inconsistent, there were many impressive moments and standout performances. During the away Barker game, the girls turned three double plays, and led the league with fifteen. Offensively, the team ended its season with a .358 batting average, which is the highest Lakewomen BA in five years. Along with Darlak, leading the way at the plate were Lauren Couturier (17 hits), Anthonena DeLisi (17), Taylor Cyphert (14) and Emma Okoniewski (14). Our eight seniors have left a lasting impression on the softball program at Wilson, and have set the tone for all future teams to follow.

#### Varsity Lacrosse Struggles Through a Building Year

The 2016 lacrosse season was another building year. Our roster of 20 included many first year players mixed in with a few veterans and four outstanding seniors: Joshua Wagner, Matthew Morgan, Jacob Rice and Evan Keefer. Outside of our seniors, many of our players were first learning the basic skills of the game of lacrosse. In spite of this, the Lakemen competed hard in an extremely talented and highly ranked Class C of Section 6. We look forward to competing against top ranked Gowanda/ Silver Creek in Sectional play. Although we did not record a win, there were certainly some bright spots including: the overtime thriller as we hosted

Salamanca and led right until the final seconds, Mitchell Peck scoring in 5 consecutive games, Steven Lewis becoming among the best defensemen in the league, and Evan Keefer's record setting season between the pipes.



Evan led NYS in shots faced and total saves and was in the top 3 in Section 6 in save percentage. The team earned several notable honors including: Evan Keefer and Jacob Rice being selected to participate in the WNY

Outstanding Senior All Star Game, Keefer earning first team all league honors (receiving many all WNY votes and several All American votes), Rice was second team all league, and Mitchell Peck was an all league honorable mention. We are looking forward to an off season of growth and development in anticipation of a successful 2017 season. Next year's Lakemen will see the following key players returning: Captain Kyle Wiesinger and Steven Lewis return to anchor the defense, DJ Cloy and Aaren Horvath look to solidify the midfield, and Ryan Harrell and Mitchell Peck bring experience and scoring to the attack unit.

# JV Baseball Has Exciting Season

The JV baseball team finished with a 7-9 overall record this year 6-8 in the league. Although the record doesn't necessarily reflect it, this season has been exciting and very successful for the Lakemen. The team had a great blend of veterans and newcomers all step up this year. Highlighted by some great defensive plays and timely hitting, the team became a group that no lead was safe against. Because of the never give up attitude the players took on, almost every game this season was battle to the last out. This was evident every time we got into the late innings and the players stepped up their focus and intensity!

Offensively the team had a very successful season. Countless hours in the gym benefitted them as they averaged 8 hits and 9 runs per game. Led by Nick Streuber and Jake Miller who each batted over .400 on the season, and Cody Greenlief who led the team in extra base hits, including the teams only home run of the season, and runs batted in, the team was a threat to score every inning. The team was also a threat on the bases, stealing

51 bases on the year.

On the mound having to replace

the team's top 2 starters from last season seemed like a daunting task, but MacGregor Musall and Steven Frerichs handled the workload admirably. Mac led the team in wins, innings pitched, and strikeouts. Steven averaged over a strikeout per inning and picked off an astounding 12 runners this season. Both should be key contributors for the varsity pitching staff in the years to come. The team also got quality innings

The team also got quality innings from a quartet of 8th graders (Bobby Atlas 2B, Thomas Baia SS, Declan Faery 1B/P, Patrick Seeley C) who manned the many of the infield positions for the majority of the season. With this group and the other returners, next year's JV Lakemen will once again play high quality baseball and be a team that battles from the first pitch to the last out.















### Wilson Tennis Has Bright Future

Expectations were high this year, following Joe Hecko and Gabriel Curcione's appearance last spring as the N/O top doubles team at sectionals. Following up on their doubles success, they challenged themselves to become top singles players in the league.



Tri-Captain Joe Hecko raised his skills to earn the first singles spot and accumulated an overall record of 8-3. That earned Joe the first alternate spot in singles for sectionals. Fellow Captain Gabriel Curcione followed suit with a second singles record of 7-4. Kyle Lyon rounded out the

third singles play with an astounding 9-2 record. Captain Kallie Olear was our top doubles player this year. Her high caliber first doubles play was a tough for other teams to match. Other new comers played a significant role in the current and future rebuilding of the team, including Marlow Recht, Alex Couturier, Rebecca Connors, Max Feary, Allisa Smith, Mia Olear, and Kierson Skobjak.

This year's Varsity Tennis team were able to christen the newly remodeled courts on their way to a competitive 2016 season. The team's record of 6-6 secured them a fourth place finish. The team says a good-bye to Kallie Olear (Mercyhurst), Gabriel Curcione (Rochester Institute of Technology), and Marlowe Recht (University of Miami). Next year's team looks to fill some pretty big shoes. They are encouraged by the young talent that will join their team next season.



What a great spring we had! Below are some the highlights.

- Congratulations to the Wilson boys track and field team and Coach Garrett Stack for completing an undefeated season and winning the Niagara Orleans League championship. This is our first boys T&F title since 1982! Way to go team!
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- Congratulations to our Track & Field All-League Champs: Amanda Murray, Trey Rees, Mark Coder, and Alex Fox!
- Congratulations to the Varsity Baseball team on their sectional run to the B2 Finals!
- Congratulations to Rachael Cobo on winning the prestigious Thomas E. Hewitt scholarship!
- Congratulations to Zip Barrett and John Carney on winning the Dick Dominico Scholarship from the Niagara Orleans League.
- Congratulations to Coach Mark Kurtz on recording his 50th win in Varsity Baseball!
- Congratulations to Connor Seeley on qualifying for the NYS Golf Championships in June!
- Congratulations to John Carney on winning the Section VI / NIAAA Scholarship Essay contest.
   He competes at the State level for bigger prize money in June.
- Congratulations to Coach Brett Sippel for being selected by the Basketball Officials Organization as this years Sportsmanship winner!
- Congratulations to Coach Brett Sippel and the Boys Varsity Basketball team as they were recently awarded a BCANY All-Academic Team. They are one of four in NY State.
- If you're not following our @WilsonLakemen account on Twitter, you're missing out!
- The Wilson Wall of Fame has announced the date for their annual golf fundraiser on July 16th at Oak Run. Please contact the Wilson Athletic Office for more info.
- Wilson CSD has a new website. The Athletics page has been redesigned and continues to improve. Check it out!
- Congratulations to this years Orangemen Award recipients: Zipporah Barrett, John Carney, Rachael Cobo, Lauren Couturier, Alex Fox, Leah Herman, Serina Jaeger-Delgado, Matt Morgan, Kallie Olear, and Jordan Stoelting.
- Congratulations to the Spring All-WNY Scholar athletes:
   Winners: Zipporah Barrett, Lauren Couturier, Rachael Cobo, Leah Herman, Marlowe Recht, and Jonah Trank.
  - Honorable Mention: John Carney III, Gabriel Curcione, Taylor Cyphert, Haylea Day, Andrew Eames, Emma Okoniewski, Kallie O'Lear, Cody Secor, Brandon Seider, Jordan Stoelting, and Courtney Wheeler.

