

THE HUTCH

WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SPRING 2024

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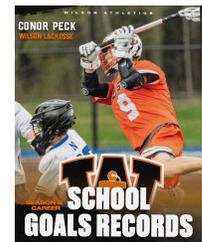
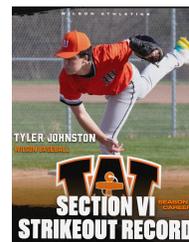
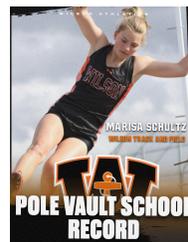
“Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose, it teaches you about life.”

~ Billie Jean King

Congratulations to our spring student-athletes, coaches, and parents on a wonderful season!

Here are a few of the many highlights from spring. Congratulations!

- ❑ All of our spring teams qualified as NYS Scholar-Athlete teams!
- ❑ For the 2nd time in two years, Wilson Athletics won the Sportsmanship School Award for the Niagara Orleans League as voted on by the teams and coaches.
- ❑ The Varsity Tennis team and the Varsity Lacrosse team were selected as the top sportsmanship team in the league!
- ❑ Wilson CSD will again receive the prestigious NYS School of Distinction Award for academic excellence.
- ❑ Varsity Baseball was a Sectional Champion!
- ❑ Varsity Softball was a Sectional Champion!
- ❑ 1st team All-League selections: Rian Faery, Abby Faery, Aubriana Cristiano, Tyler Goff-Brown, Conner Ernest, Ryan Hough, Madison Horn, Savanna Jones, Jaydan Ruble, Riley Robinson, Marisa Schultz, Bella Thrush, Addison Elia, Conor Peck, and Tyler Johnston.
- ❑ All-WNY Scholar-Athletes: Jacob Austin, Caitlin Cliffe, Aubriana Cristiano, Conner Ernest, Rian Faery, Abigail Freatman, Broderick George, Jack Ingwersen, Brayden Lepsch, Jack Mahar, Peyton McInnis, Conor Peck, and Casey Sidote.
- ❑ Congratulations to the 2024 Orangemen Award recipients: Rian Faery, Peyton McInnis, Cait Cliffe, Connor Peck, and Jack Mahar.
- ❑ A big “thank you” to the many spectators who came out to support our teams with class; our athletes and coaches greatly appreciate you.



VARSITY GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Coach Jaime Lepsch, Steve Zimmer, Stephen McCarthy

The varsity girls track & field team finished the season with 4 wins and 2 losses. We have a young team of 28 girls and with their athleticism and work ethic, they have a promising future. This season, we had many personal best efforts amongst the team and we also had a school record reset by **Marisa Schultz** in the Pole Vault, with a height of 8'6". We would like to wish our senior **Abby Freatman** all the best in her future endeavors.

Here are some season performance highlights:

All-League Honors:

1st Team & League Champions

Savanna Jones- 100m, 200m, 400m Relay

Marisa Schultz- Pole Vault, 400m Relay

Isabella Thrush- 400m Relay

Addison Elia- 400m Relay

Madison Horn- Pentathlon

2nd Team

Addison Elia- 800m

Isabella Thrush- Long Jump

Marisa Schultz- Triple Jump

Section 6 Class D Top 3 Finalists

Marisa Schultz- 2nd Pole Vault, 400m Relay & 3rd Triple Jump

Addison Elia- 2nd 800m, 400m Relay

Isabella Thrush- 2nd Long Jump, 400m Relay

Savanna Jones- 400m Relay

Section 6 Division 2 Qualifiers:

Addison Elia- 800m, 400m Relay

Savanna Jones- 100m, 200m, & 400m Relay

Marisa Schultz- Pole Vault, Triple Jump & 400m Relay

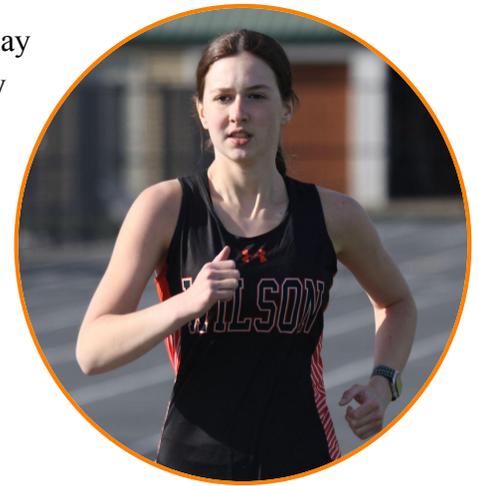
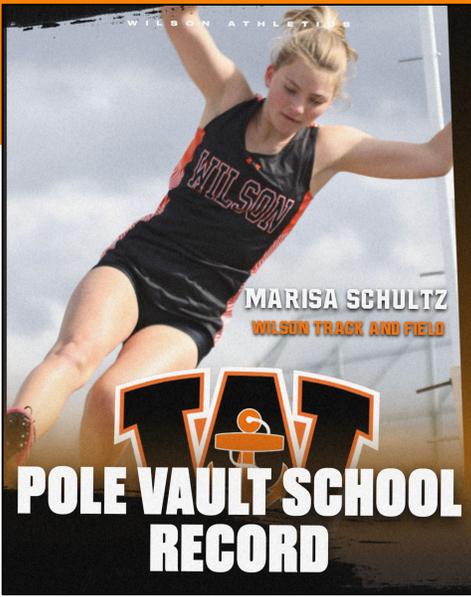
Isabella Thrush- 400m Relay

Gwen Anderson- 400m Relay alt.

Mackenzie Elia- 400m Relay alt.

Hayden Barlow- 400m Relay alt.

Madison Horn- High Jump



VARSITY BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Coach Garrett Stack, Steve Zimmer, Stephen McCarthy

The varsity boys track & field team finished the season with a 3-3 record. With 24 committed, dedicated and talented athletes, the Lakemen gave the teams in our league a run for their money. The Lakemen were captained by **Jack Mahar** and **Brayden Lepsch**. Under their leadership the Lakemen improved all season and were a pleasure to work with. **Jaydan Ruble, Jake Austin, Michael Ruble, Joey-Dane Jones, Aidan Neumann, Hayden Fellows, Jack Mahar** and **Brayden Lepsch** had outstanding efforts during the season. To the underclassmen, you did an outstanding job this season. I look forward to working with you in the years to come.

All League Honors:

1st Team

Jaydan Ruble: Steeplechase, 3200m Run

2nd team All League / Honorable Mention:

3000m Steeplechase: **Chase Martin**

1600m Run: **Jaydan Ruble**

400m Relay: **Jack Mahar, Jack Ingwersen, Michael Ruble and Aidan Neumann**

400m Hurdles: **Jaydan Ruble**

200m Dash: **Aidan Neumann**

3200m Run: **Jaydan Ruble**

Pole Vault: **Michael Ruble**

Honorable Mention

4x800m relay: **Joey Dane-Jones, Max Harmon, David Gurski, Hayden Fellows**

100m Dash: **Aidan Neumann**

800m Dash: **Joey-Dane Jones**

4x400m relay: **Hayden Fellows, Michael Ruble, Joey-Dane Jones and Aidan Neumann**

Class D Meet:

Jaydan Ruble- 2nd place Steeplechase

Jack Mahar-2nd place- Pole Vault

Mahar, Ingwersen, M. Ruble, Neumann -400m Relay

Sectional Qualifiers:

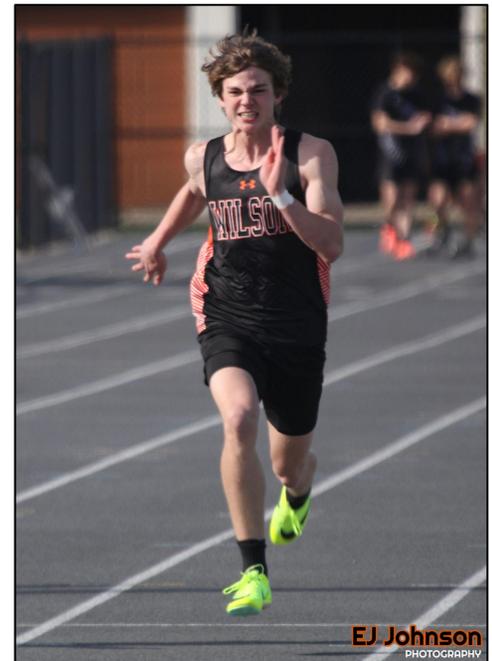
Jaydan Ruble: Steeplechase, 400m Hurdles, 3200m Run

Jack Mahar: Pole Vault, 4x100m Relay

Aidan Neumann: 200m Dash, 4x100m Relay

Jack Ingwersen: 4x100m Relay

Michael Ruble: 4x100m Relay, Pole vault





MODIFIED LACROSSE

Coach Brian Peck, Mason Branca

With a 26 player roster made up of 16 players new-to-the-sport, we relied heavily on our veteran players for their experience. These boys took to the sport with an eagerness to learn and played at a high level against experienced programs. Our 2-10 record does not reflect the determination to compete in each of our games. We set goals at the beginning of the season and I am proud to report that many were achieved: goals scored 54; goalie saves 141; faceoffs won 66; and ground balls 257. Scoring was led by first year players **Mason Schultz**

(18) and seventh grader **Cam (Ron) Martin** with 15. On the defensive end we rallied behind **Bryce Avery, Eli Moore, Logan Reinard**, and in net with 137 saves, **Damien Connor**. Thank you to **Mason Branca** for his assistance this season, bringing his playing experience to the team.

The future of Wilson Lacrosse is strong and congratulations to the seniors and underclassmen for the best year in Wilson sports history and all the memories!

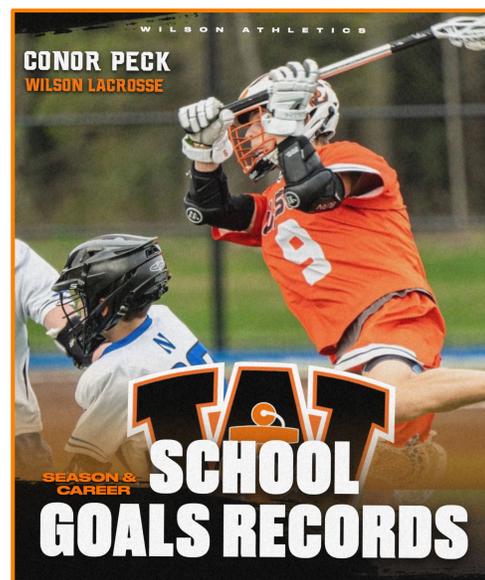


VARSITY LACROSSE

Coach Frank Felicetti

The varsity boys lacrosse team showed grit and resilience this year, battling as a developing team. These young boys have endless potential to grow in years to come, and the future is bright for Wilson lacrosse. The Lakemen had a 3-8 league record this season, with an overall record of 4-13. Senior **Conor Peck** led the team with 56 goals, solidifying his spot as Wilson's all-time leading scorer. Conor has 173 goals in his career, an impressive record to say the least. Up-and-coming **Wyatt McGinnis** put in 28 goals with 15 assists,

helping the Lakemen on the offensive side of the ball. **Nick Lemke** and **Hamza Merrick** also stepped it up this year, contributing to Wilson's success on offense. Goaltender **Gavin Sauer** had 264 saves in net, while 8th grader **Henry Wortkoetter** anchored the defense. With all of our defensive starters coming back next year, they will be a force to reckon with! This year the boys grew as a program, and as they work hard during the offseason, I look forward to much success in years to come!



JV SOFTBALL

Coach Cassidy Geise, Emilee Muoio



EJ Johnson

The 2024 JV softball team had a roster of 17 with one manager. The roster is as follows: tenth graders **Lauren Vanderlinden** and **Morgan Coulter**; ninth graders **Kairi Beck**, **Peyton Bell**, **Emma DiPasquale**, **Kylee Elia**, **Clara Ferdinand**, **Kaley Mahoney**, **Grace Rackiewicz Smith**, **Paige Thrush**, **Tori Wayda**, and **Jocelyn Ziemendorf**; eighth graders **Peyton Bell**, **Taylor Ernest**, **Kyra Fellows**, **Katie Hardy**, and **Kiernan Santana**; one 7th grader **Julia Durkee** and our manager **Samantha Serafini** (9th).

The junior varsity softball team ended this season with a winning record of 8-4-1, showing just how hard these girls can play. We would not have had a successful season without the contribution of every single teammate, on and off the field. Although we lost 4 times, it was never the same team twice, which shows the incredible growth this team achieved together. Our tied

contest was against the undefeated league champs, and was arguably the best game all season. Each member of this team should be proud of their resilience and the dedication they put into the game.

The spring season started out a little rocky with some rain-outs and cold games, just like every year, but the Lakewomen remained diligent, hardworking, and ready for the next competition. Some highlights of this season would be **Katie Hardy's** 61 strike outs, **Grace Racziewicz Smith's** two home runs, solid fielding by **Morgan Coulter**, 15 RBIs by **Lauren VanderLinden** and **Paige Thrush** stealing 23 bases. Win or lose, the Wilson JV softball team could count on each other to hit hard, run fast, and make the plays that came their way. This team has improved so much over the spring, and every single one of these athletes should be proud of their 2024 softball season.

The awards and recipients are as follows:

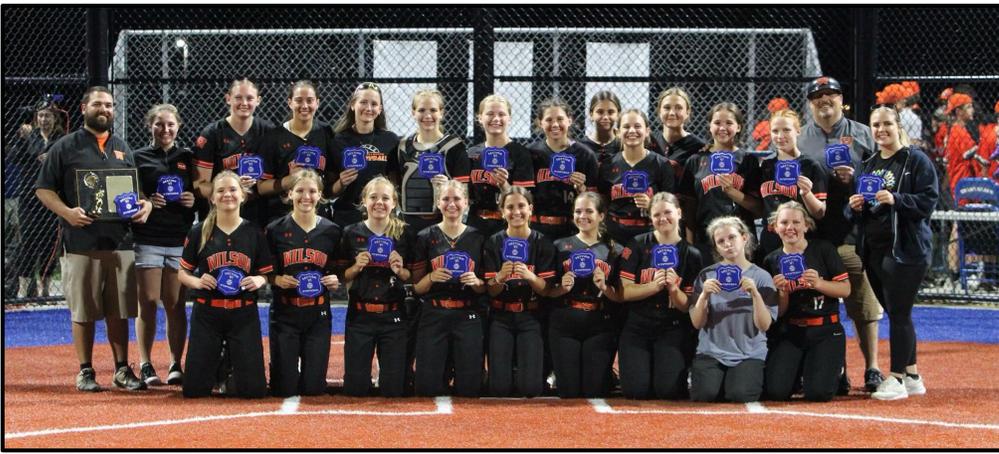
MVP award: **Katie Hardy**

Sportsmanship Award: **Clara Ferdinand**

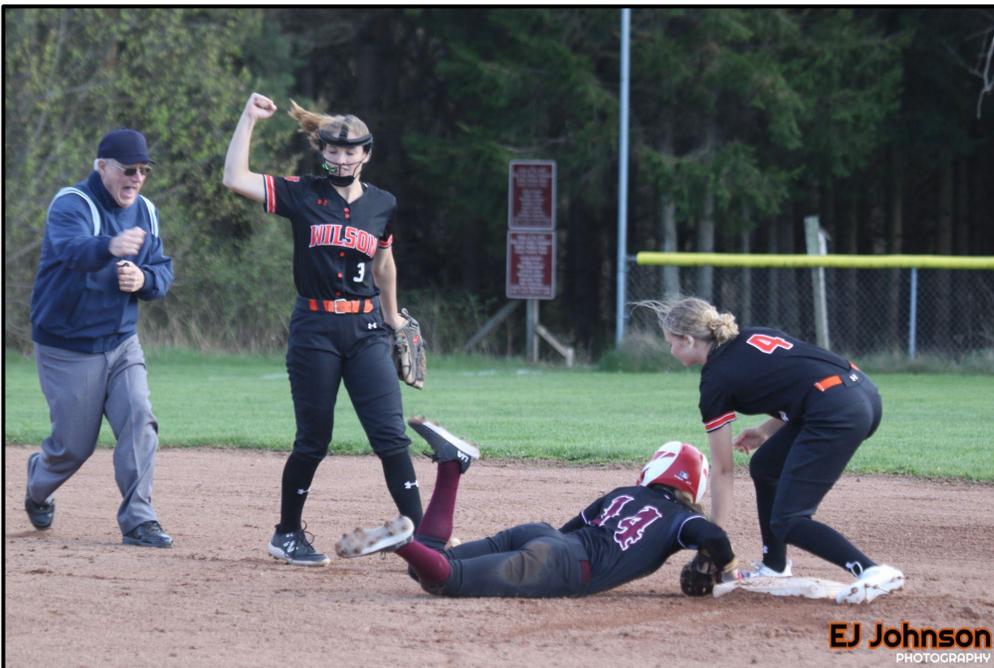
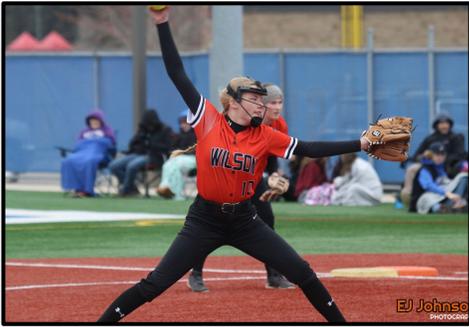
Coaches Award: **Morgan Coulter**

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach Dan Lucinski, Marc Muoio



The 2024 spring will go down as one of the most successful softball seasons in the last 23 years. However, it did not start that way. Infact, it started with a very difficult spring trip to Myrtle Beach where we learned many lessons about the team we wanted to be. That trip taught us that strong defense was our ticket to winning on a consistent basis. The girls did just that as we jumped into league play. We rattled off 10 wins in 14 games, which included beating Akron, Albion and Medina twice. It also included a great comeback vs. Roy-Hart, that landed the team in 2nd place. We hit our stride at the perfect time and as sectional playoffs started, we were ready to go. The first playoff game vs. JFK was a perfect combination of timely hitting, great baserunning, and even better defense. Our semifinal game landed us in a very familiar place that has not been kind to the Lakewomen... Portville. This game was all about our pitching. We gave up 3 hits and only one run to win the game 7-1. With the proverbial monkey off our back, we were on to the B-2 sectional championship. The team had a difficult task ahead - Falconer. With a championship on the line, the girls came through with their best defensive game of the season. After four scoreless innings, we finally got on the board and then tacked on another run in the sixth inning. The initial 2-0 lead led to a final score of 2-1!!! This was Wilson's first softball sectional championship since 2001. Words and pictures don't do justice as to how amazing this experience has been! This group of young ladies was as much fun as any we have coached, and we look forward to another great season with our many returning players!





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VARSIITY TENNIS

Coach Jeff Rogers, Melanie Collins, Kyle Lyon

TENNIS WINS SPORTSMANSHIP 2 YEARS IN A ROW!

The tennis team had an exciting season, as we placed third in the league with an 8-4 record. Playing singles for the Lakemen, and First Team All League recipients were **Aubriana Cristiano and Tyler Goff Brown**. Later in the season they teamed up and represented Wilson in the All-League doubles tournament. They defeated some of the best players to end the event in third place.

Our first doubles team was led by **Avery Nedelko and Lilly Gurski**. They earned Second Team All League spots with a 7-3 record. **Shelby Robinson and Tessa Guenther** dominated at second doubles, earning All League

Honorable Mention. Shelby jumped in a few times and played singles, winning 3-0 in those matches.

Our greatest accomplishment this season was winning the team Sportsmanship Award for a second year in a row. That honor reflects on all the players and attests to their good character and values. Everyone strived to win their matches, but they competed in a fair and respectful manner.

The team says goodbye to Aubriana, as she heads to SUNY Oswego to play on their women's tennis team. However, the returning players are ready to move up and meet the challenges next year.



JV BASEBALL

Coach Zach Ganshaw, Jeff Hart, Hunter Howland

The JV baseball team had a competitive season. It was filled with many learning experiences for a team of many 7th and 8th graders. It was also a learning experience for first year head coach Zach Ganshaw, who had to learn his team's strengths and weaknesses which is tough when the first month of the season is spent primarily inside.

The first stretch of the season was a real eye opening experience for a lot of the players who were starting or playing major innings for the first time. It finally clicked mid-season when the team split a double header

against Newfane. The team followed that up with a 5 game winning streak over Albion, Barker and Akron, including a series sweep over Albion & Barker. The team ended on a bit of a losing streak, but the future is bright for Lakemen baseball.

Cameron Bryer led the team on the mound and with his defensive ability. He led the team with 46 strikeouts. Cam also had a strong showing at the plate, batting .441 with 20 RBIs and 1 homerun. Cam was a real utility player for us. He was a player we could put anywhere

and have confidence that he could play the position.

Another dominant player was catcher **Mason Coulter**. Mason was a pitcher's best friend and his bat was very impressive. He had a .545 batting average including a streak of several multi-hit games. Mason was a consistent threat to always get on base.

The team finished with a 6-9 record (6-6) in the N-O league. With many starters coming back next year. The future is bright for JV baseball.

VARSITY BASEBALL

Coach Bill Atlas, Jarrett Johnston

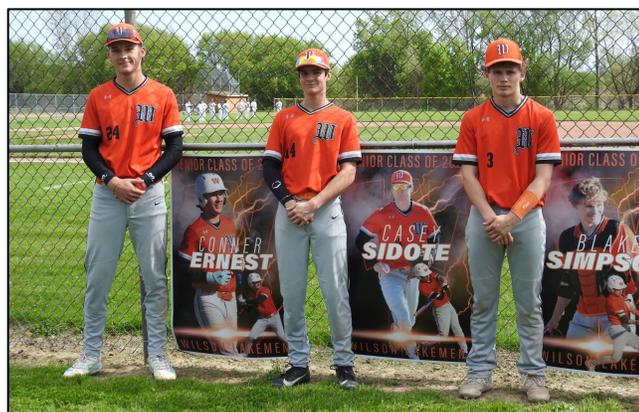
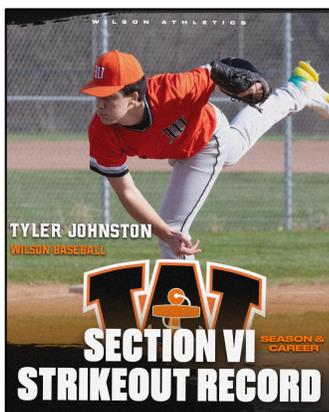
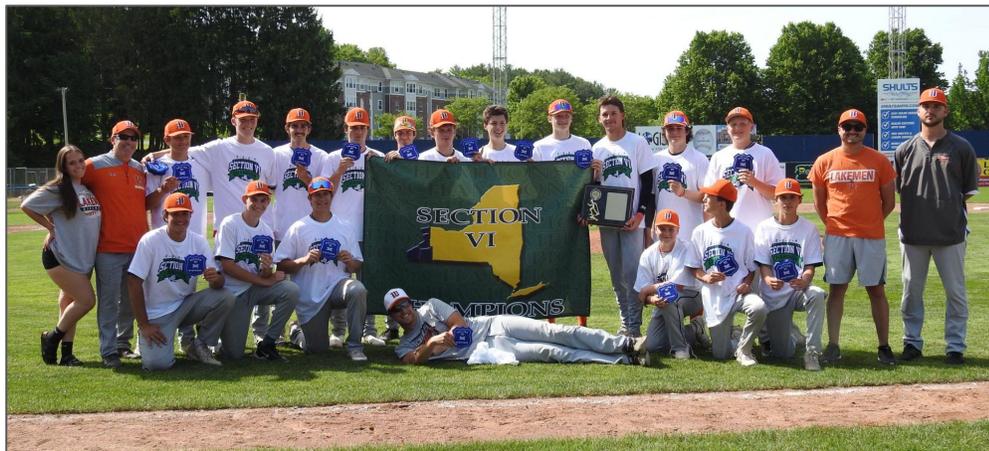
After a long hiatus, the varsity baseball team made an extraordinary comeback to the Far West Regionals, marking their first appearance since the memorable year of 1996. The team's resurgence is a tale of dedication, resilience, and an unwavering passion for baseball.

The seeds of success were sown in the chilly days of January, with the team committing to batting practice sessions every Thursday morning. As the snow melted and March arrived, the frequency of their training increased, signaling their determination to excel.

Spring break was a turning point for the Lakeman, as they embarked on a pivotal trip to Florida. This excursion was not just a getaway but an intensive baseball experience that honed their skills and team cohesion.

The regular season was a testament to their hard work, with the team securing a good record of 10 wins and 8 losses, against some very difficult Niagara Orleans League teams and a difficult non-league schedule. But it was their indomitable spirit that truly set them apart. The Lakeman faced each challenge head-on, displaying a resilience that became the hallmark of their season.

Their playoff journey was nothing short of cinematic, with consecutive victories against Barker, Holland, Frewsburg, and Gowanda. Each win was a stepping stone, building



momentum towards a pre-season goal, THE SECTION VI CHAMPIONSHIP, which the team won. However, the climax was bittersweet, as their run concluded with a loss against Bolivar-Richburg at the Far West Regionals.

Despite the final setback, the Wilson varsity baseball team's season will be remembered for its remarkable achievements and the fiery passion for baseball that propelled a group of young athletes into the annals of their school's history.

Individually, each player had their special contribution to the team. **Tyler Johnston** set Wilson and Section VI records for career and season strikeouts. **Ryan Hough** was

a stellar lead off hitter. **Blake Simpson** had a strong year behind the plate, playing catcher. **Conner Ernest** was 3rd in Section VI for strikeouts as a very strong #2 pitcher. **Tyler Durow** stood out for his keen eye at the plate and timely playoff hits. **Tyler Woolson** was solid at first base. **Casey Sidote**, the team's sportsmanship award winner, was stout at 2nd base. **Aiden Flynn** was a welcome addition coming back to play baseball, with great range in the outfield. **Colton Frerichs** was in the lineup as our designated hitter and helped his team in clutch situations. **Braden Seeley** was a quality outfield player that made plays each game. Finally, **Austin Woodward** was the "first guy off the bench" and gave us a spark whenever he was in.



Tyler is 3-3 in second singles, and 2-0 in first singles. He is the co-captain of the team and is extremely mature. He displays the best sportsmanship on the team during competitive matches. He and Aubrianna finished third in the League doubles sectional qualifier earlier this week.

Tyler
GOFF-BROWN

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 5/3/24

TENNIS



Tyler Johnston is undefeated in League play this season as a pitcher. He is also leading the league in strikeouts and is second in all of section VII in strikeouts (44). He recently became Wilson's All-Time Strikeouts leader, surpassing Wilson legend Steve Galtz. As a hitter Tyler Johnston is second on the team with an average of .381.

Tyler
JOHNSTON

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 5/3/24

BASEBALL

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Savanna Jones is a key part of the success that the Girls Varsity Track & Field team has had this season. She is consistent in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, placing in the top two at every dual meet this season and has provisionally qualified for Sectionals in both of these events. She is also the anchor leg in the girls 400 meter relay that has the potential to be the league champions and set a new school record. It will be fun to watch Savannah finish out this season because with each meet she only gets faster!

Savannah
JONES

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 5/14/24

TRACK & FIELD



Wyatt McGinnis is committed to perfecting his game. In just his sophomore year he leads the Lakemont with 11 assists and 24 in goals with 24. This promising young star is having a breakout season. Wyatt's ability to move the ball around the offense is vital to its success. His wicked shot cuts holes in the top corner of the net. His aggressiveness makes him a threat, creating scoring opportunities for his teammates. He is our midfield Captain and leads by example running around the field giving 110%. I am excited to see what the future holds for Lakemont across with Wyatt leading the way.

Wyatt
MCGINNIS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 5/17/24

LACROSSE



Connor only has one speed (full throttle). As a senior Captain he leads by example, running around the field 100 miles an hour. He already has 30 goals this season and well over 100 in his career. He will go down as Wilson's leading goal scorer. Connor has the ability to put the ball in the net with his wicked left-handed shot usually cutting through 3 or 4 defenders. His shot is impressive, as it is a thing of beauty. He is a vital component of the team's success on offense. He will be greatly missed next year, leaving a huge pair of shoes to be filled.

Connor
PECK

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 4/26/24

LACROSSE



Riley Robinson led the way pitching 4 games in 5 days, and winning all four games. Riley amassed 25 strikeouts over those four games, and was crucial in the four league wins. This led to a 9 and 3 record in the league (second place finish in the league). Riley pitched all 20 innings for those four games, and closed the door in three of those four games where the opponent was within two runs of the lead.

Riley
ROBINSON

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 5/14/24

SOFTBALL

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WILSON CSD ATHLETICS





Wilson's Hewitt Award Representatives
Abby Freatman and Brayden Lepsch

Last week in a win over Medina, Michael Ruble placed first in Pole Vault with a vault of 10'9", 2nd in the Long Jump with a jump of 19'4". He is a valuable member of the boys 400 meter relay team looking to place first at all league this week.

Michael
RUBLE

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 5/17/24

TRACK & FIELD

Marisa Schultz led the girls team last week in our first two track meets of the season. Marisa won both of her individual events (PV, TJ) against Royhart and Akron. She was also a key part of the 400m relay team placing first in both meets, as well as the 1600m relay team against Royhart.

Marisa
SCHULTZ

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK • 4/26/24

TRACK & FIELD

2023-24 ORANGEMEN

BASKETBALL

PEYTON MCINNIS
Class of 2024

LACROSSE

CONOR PECK
Class of 2024



(L-R) Jack Mahar, Conor Peck, Peyton McInnis, Rian Faery, Cait Cliffe, Mr. Roth

ZIPP GYM BANNERS

FOOTBALL

JACK MAHAR
Most rushing yards, single-season
Class of 2024

SOFTBALL

RIAN FAERY
Class of 2024

