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Wilson Central Schools Athletics Newsletter
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Winter Athletes of the Week

Rachel Senek
Connor Seeley
Yvonne Shepard
Aaron Weich
Shea Munnikhuysen



Senior girls basketball standout Rachel Senek eclipses the 1,000 point marker! Rachel is only the 2nd in school history to reach the milestone (J. Faegin '03). Rachel also broke Wilson's single season scoring record this year.



Lakewomen Take 8th Straight Title

Something weird happened to the Lakewomen this year... they lost a League game. Wilson's 62-game Niagara Orleans league winning streak was snapped by Medina earlier this season. The streak stretched over six seasons during which the Lakewomen won seven straight league titles. Following that loss, Wilson regained momentum and won their 8th straight League Championship. The season has been a lot of fun for the team from our early season trip to the Southern Tier and our own Wilson Showcase to senior Rachel Senek becoming the 2nd all-time leading scorer in Wilson history, reaching 1000 career points at home vs. Albion. The girls seemed to gain confidence and strength as the season went on and began playing their best basketball when it mattered most. The team entered Sectionals as the #3 seed and quickly became a favorite after knocking off perennial powerhouse Southwestern in a quarterfinal game at the Zipp. The girls then beat a strong Buffalo Arts team 60-58 at Sweet Home high school. From there it was back to Buffalo State College to play league foe Medina – the only league opponent to beat the Lakewomen this year. Wilson would not be denied, beating Medina convincingly 60-33 for the Sectional B2 title! Although the team would lose to Fredonia in the B Crossover game, the season was again a huge success!

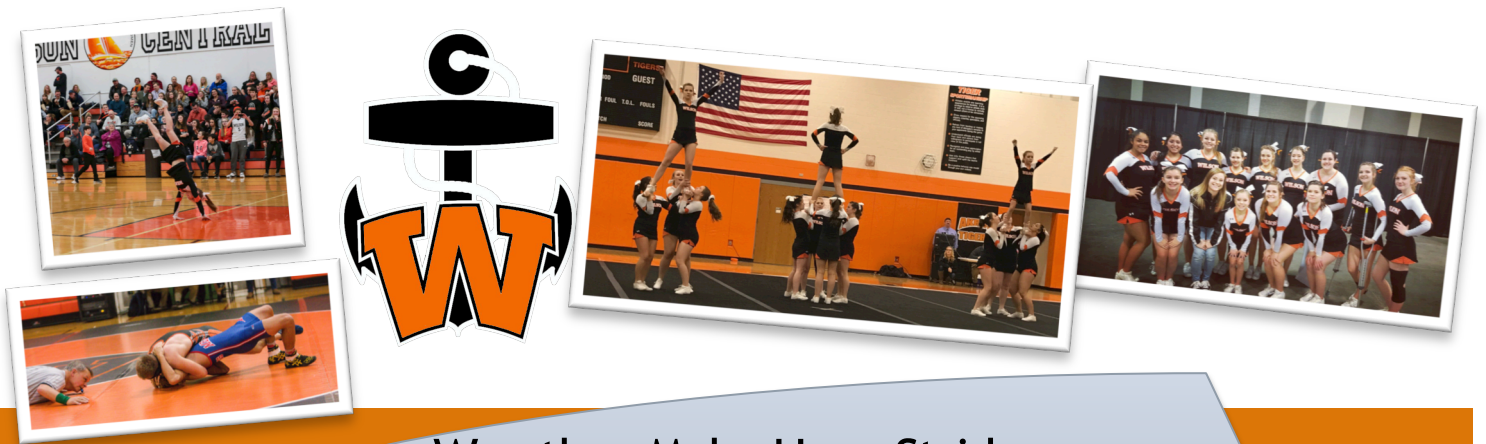




Cheerleaders Compete With the Best

The 2016-2017 Varsity Basketball Cheerleading team consisted of 14 cheerleaders. Seniors: Jenna Chesnut and Maura Bull. Juniors: Lillian Lacey, Hailey Roberts, Yvonne Shepherd, Sophomores: Kaylie Kress, Brooke Wisor. Freshmen: Rosie Brillhart, Emma Gast, Maddy Kelly, Ivy Montgomery, Sara Seider. Seventh Grade: Kirsten Day

The team started the season preparing materials for the upcoming basketball games. Once the game material was learned, the team moved on to preparing for the 4 competitions scheduled after the start of the New Year. With the rise in popularity of the sport of the cheerleading, it has become more challenging to safely create a routine for the girls to show case their strongest aspects. Despite the many obstacles to overcome this season, the team rose above and always performed their best. This year, the Niagara Orleans League held its first annual League Cheerleading Competition. Wilson competed against Akron, Medina and Newfane for the League Title. It was a great first year for the competition and we can't wait for next year.



Wrestlers Make Huge Strides

The Wrestling team had a strong finish to the year after a bit of a slow start. With half of the team being first year wrestlers, the team held up well against tough competition both in the league and in the section. We are fortunate to have a young, eager team that is compiled of four 8th graders, seven Freshmen, four Sophomores and five Juniors. Although the team ended with a 3-12 record, we finished the year with 3 guys earning at least 20 wins and 6 guys with over a .500 record. The team individually compiled a record of 144-168 record as a team and recorded 76 of those wins as pins. The team picked up its first league win since 2013 and look to improve next year. Out of the 9 tournaments we competed in, we had 37 place finishers in total. During those tournaments, we had three individual champions. Junior Matt Lange won the Medina Round Robin Tournament at 220lbs. Junior, Jake Sanborn won the N/O League at 120lbs. Sophomore, KJ Hoover won our Class D Sectionals at 152lbs. The standout wrestler of the year was Junior Aaron Weich at 182lbs. Weich finished 5th at Lockport, 2nd at the Medina, 3rd in the N/O League, 4th at Class D sectionals and 6th at the Small School State Qualifier.

Varsity Boys Basketball Led by Impressive Senior Class

The boys' varsity team finished the season with an overall record of 11-9 and a league record of 7-5. The team placed 3rd in the N-O League. A few highlights this season included winning the Wilson Tip-Off Tournament for the first time since 2008 and playing a dozen games that were determined by 4 points or less. The team exemplified the true meaning of a scholar athlete by compiling a team GPA of 93% and earning the scholar/athlete award.

The team was involved in several community volunteer projects including working at a local soup kitchen, helping collect food for the local food pantry with the girls' basketball team, assisting in the annual senior citizens breakfast, and helping with the local youth basketball league.



Strong Year for JV Girls Hoops

The 2016-2017 Wilson Girls JV Basketball team had a successful year. Going 10-2 in league play and 14-5 overall, playing many tough non-league games. The team was led by Co-Captains Isabella Schultz and Julie Reagan. Freshman forwards Isabel Dinse and Sarah Nugent combined for over 280 points leading the team in scoring, while 8th grade point guard Meg Musall and 8th grade forward Madelyn Seeley combined for 235 points. The team's defense was anchored by Emilee Muoio and Kenzie Beyer. The girls played a very tough non-league schedule with wins over Cheektowaga, Depew and Mt. Mercy. The girls took time out of their busy schedule one Saturday morning to walk the Village of Wilson streets singing Christmas Carols and collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. And that following Tuesday delivered over 80 pieces of food to the food pantry. Good job girls. The coaches are very proud of everything you have accomplished this season.

William Schwarzmüller Competes at State Tournament in Cross Country

Too late for print in the fall Hutch Newsletter was the outstanding accomplishment of sophomore Will Schwarzmüller. Will qualified and competed at the New York State Cross Country meet in November. He is the first Wilson cross-country runner to do so in a number of years. Congratulations William on a spectacular fall season!



JV Boys Basketball Prepares for the Next Level

The JV Boys Basketball season has been a nail biter from start to finish as half of our games have been decided by 5 points or less, including a pair of gritty overtime games. The play of the JV men has been impressive considering there were no returning starters from the prior season. The team of 14 players is led by four Sophomore Captains: Cal Seeley, Jon Littere, Jacob Miller and Jackson Rotella. They have been excellent leaders and tutors to our young team.

As a team, we are very balanced as scorers. In 15 of our games we have had 6 or more players score and in 7 of those games we had 7 or more players score. The statistical leaders are Rotella (10 pts/gm), Miller (8.5 pts/gm), Cal Seeley (8.2 pts/gm). The leading rebounders are Rotella (9.1 rb/gm), Brayden Thompson (6.3 rb/gm) and Miller (3.3 rb/gm), each player has contributed as all of them have at least 1 rebound.

These men bring a great balance of ability to score, play aggressive defense, work as a team, and give maximum effort. There have been many exciting games with a big win over Albion in OT, wins over Roy-Hart and Akron, 2 big wins over Barker and a nice non-league win over a very athletic CSAT team. In games that we have trailed these men simply did not give up. They battled to the final buzzer in each game regardless of the score. We battled back from 4 down against Albion for the OT win, and gave outstanding efforts to tough Grand Island and Health Sciences teams. We battled back from a 13 pt deficit starting the 4th qtr against an excellent Niagara Wheatfield team, only to miss a close 3pt shot at the buzzer to tie. We didn't win every game but these players simply did not quit.

Our 4 valued sophomore leaders will move up to Varsity play next year. We wish them well. However, we have a stable of talented young players who have stepped in many games this year to contribute. Marc Dolyk, Bobby Atlas, Mitch Mahar, Ben Mahar, Jon Moote, Jacob Hecko, Alex Martinez, Patrick Seeley, Brayden Thompson and Ben Lyman are all a solid foundation for the future of Wilson Basketball. We have collected food items to make Grab n Go (snack) bags for visitors at the Ronald McDonald House. We delivered these bags on Saturday, Feb 11. It has been a great season, but nothing says what a great group of kids we have than when several coaches and parents comment on the sportsmanship and class that our players exhibited on the floor. While wins are always nice to achieve on the court, these men are winning at the game of life!



Modified Basketball Has Great Participation

The modified boys basketball team looked to rebuild this season after losing 10 players to the JV program. But this year has been anything but a rebuilding year. From practice one the boys were determined to be a great basketball team, and the effort at each practice showed that the boys planned to make good on that! The team consists of 17 players, 12 of who are in 7th grade. The only two blemishes on the record were to a tough Albion team and a gritty Roy-Hart team, which the team bested later in the season. That game in particular was memorable because it was part of a triple-header at Roy-Hart and the varsity team, who many of the boys look up to, were in the stands to cheer us to our come from behind victory. Like that game many of the victories have come in thrilling fashion with overtime wins, great defensive stops and last second shots. The ability to perform when the game is on the line and not crack under pressure makes this an exciting team to watch. With this tough, dedicated group of players the future of the Lakemen basketball program looks to be very bright.

The 2nd season of Girls Modified Basketball was just as successful as the first. We had a terrific season. With a record of 9-1 the girls exacted revenge against Newfane, which was our only loss of year. The 8th graders stepped up this year and provided leadership and grit for our team, including a nail biter against Albion. The 7th graders worked very hard and improved tremendously. When needed, they were able to score a bucket, grab a rebound or make a steal. Although hit with injuries towards the end of the season, all 15 girls contributed to our success and I look forward to another fun and amazing season next year.

Annual Wilson Booster Club Fundraiser

The Wilson All-Sports Booster Club is accepting donations for their 7th annual fundraiser. The Reverse Draw and Basket Auction is taking place on **March 25th at the Ransomville Fire Hall**. Tickets for the event are \$30. By purchasing a ticket you are automatically entered into the grand prize drawings of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250. Need not be present to win. Along with the cash prizes, the Boosters have put together a prize (roulette) wheel auction where they spin for a chance to win prizes like spa gift certificates, foursomes of golf at local clubs, and fishing charters.

Do not miss out on the chance to help out the Wilson student-athletes by supporting the Boosters fundraiser. To purchase tickets, donate baskets/cash, or help out please contact any Booster Club member or call the Wilson Athletic Office at (716) 751-9341 x175. Cash donations can also be made on the Boosters PayPal site off the Wilson Athletics website at: www.wilson.wnyric.org/athletics. We hope to see you there!



**Wilson Booster Club
Reverse Draw**



**March 25th, 2017 6PM
Ransomville Fire Hall**






\$30.00 Ticket
50/50 Drawing, Prize Wheel
Cash Prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250
Need Not be Present to Win Cash Prizes!

See Director of Athletics Jeffrey Roth
or any Booster Club Officer for more details

All Proceeds to Help Wilson Athletes!

A Word from Athletic Director, Mr. Roth...

Congratulations to all of the student-athletes who participated this winter on a team! Your class, competitiveness, and character during competition were wonderful to witness. As I've said often, you are very easy to root for! This winter had many memorable moments and here are just a few:

-  Congratulations to Coach Brian Baker and the Wilson Girls Basketball team on their amazing 8th straight Niagara Orleans league title and the impressive Sectional title!
-  Congratulations to senior Rachel Senek on surpassing 1,000 career points. Rachel has also broken the single season points record (500 pts) for Wilson girls basketball. Way to go Rachel! You have had quite a remarkable career! I am thankful to have been able to witness it.
-  Congratulations to Wilson Superintendent, Dr. Michael Wendt, on being awarded the "Board of Directors" award by Niagara PAL for his support of kids in sport. Thank you for everything Dr. Wendt.
-  Congratulations to seniors Jennifer Darlak and Justin Daul. Both student-athletes were Wilson's PAL Prep Athletes of the Year AND will be our Thomas E. Hewitt Scholarship representatives in May. Good luck!
-  Congratulations to Coach Brett Sippel and the Varsity Boys Basketball team on being selected as the league's sportsmanship winner by the basketball coaches. Way to go team!