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Wilson CSD Athletics Fall 2020 Newsletter



**Varsity Girls Soccer is
Section VI Finalist**



**Field Hockey Named
Top Sportsmanship Team**



**Olivia MocarSKI
1st Team All-League**

**Leia Cloy
1st Team All-League**



**Lilly O'Lay
1st Team All-League**



**Owen Cloy
1st Team All-League**



**Nathan Meyers
1st Team All-League**



**Varsity Girls Soccer
League Co-Champs**



**Wilson Athletics Receives
School of Distinction &
NYS Senate Proclamation**



**Boys & Girls Cross Country
Named Top Sportsmanship Teams**

FALL 2020 ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#WILSONPRIDE

OWEN CLOY
NATHAN MEYERS
ANNA MEYERS
LILLY O'LAY
JUSTIN MESSING
CASSIDY WAGNER
GIANNA MARCHETTI
JOEY MOOTE
AL SCHULTZ
KYLEE HEALY

Girls Varsity Soccer Takes League Title

Despite many obstacles, twists, and turns, the 2020 Girls Varsity Soccer Team had a great season. The team had youth and experience on its roster. There were five seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, and four freshmen on the squad. The girls bonded and were a "team" immediately due largely to outstanding senior leadership from captain's Lilly O' Lay & Kenzie Beyer. The team finished 8-2 in league play and 9-3 overall. The girls were league champs (first time since 2015) and sectional runner-ups for the second year in a row losing to Southwestern, 2-0 in the finals. Two girls were voted to the Niagara Orleans League's First Team; Senior Lilly O' Lay and freshman Leia Cloy. Junior Kaelin Faery, Sophomore Maddie Miller, and Freshman Rian Faery were selected to the 2nd team. Honorable Mention went to Maddie Schultz (Sophomore), Isabella Lemke (Junior), and Kenzie Beyer (Senior). Congratulations, girls, on another fantastic season!



Varsity Golf Finishes The Season Strong

The 2020 Golf team had a memorable and fun year. The team finished 4th in the league but 2nd in the All-League Tournament. Nathan Meyers led the way, finishing in second place in the tournament with a score of 85. Matthew Carr, Evan Mahar, Michael Bubar, Sam Georgal, and Richie Meyers completed the top six golfers at the tournament finishing just nine strokes off first place. This year the team had 17 players with eight different golfers participating in matches. Nathan Meyers was the MVP earning first-team all-league honors for the second year in a row. Sam Georgal finished his fourth season on the team and earned the Lakeside Market Sportsmanship Award. Richie Meyers participated in every match and improved enough from last year to earn the Coach's Award. The remaining players on the team were Conner Ernest, Austin Grenga, Joshua Hoyt, CJ Humphrey, Jared Jaques, Brayden Lepsch, Jack Mahar, Hamza Merrick, Tyler Muoio, Conor Peck, and Brady Seeley. Thanks to everyone for playing and making this a fun and enjoyable season. A special thanks to the parents and family members who continue to support the golf team! Your presence at the matches is truly one of a kind!

Varsity Field Hockey Does It On & Off Field

The Varsity Field Hockey team placed 6th in the league this season. We had a league record of 3 wins and nine losses. Our biggest accomplishment as a team this season is being selected for the Niagara Orleans League Team Sportsmanship Award for the 3rd straight year. We earned this by winning with grace and losing with pride. This season, individual All-League honors were given to Olivia Mocariski- 1st team, Anna Meyers- 2nd team, Gianna Marchetti and Alycia Thompson- Honorable Mention. Anna Meyers was selected as the league Sportsmanship representative. Each year, we have a Pink Play for the Cure game. We continued that tradition and raised \$650 for the National Foundation for Cancer Research. This fall, we also did something in addition to that. We sold Mighty Niagara cards and were able to raise \$1600 to donate to Niagara Hospice. Despite the guidelines put in place this season to play through this pandemic, it was an enjoyable season, and the girls learned a lot along the way.

Boys Varsity Soccer Up For the Challenge

The 2020 season brought unprecedented challenges for every fall sports team, and the boys on the Varsity Soccer Team met every challenge with strength and resolve. The soccer program underwent a youth movement last year, and this year's team built on that and improved in every facet of the game. With a roster consisting of one freshman, two sophomores, and 14 juniors, the future is bright. With a shortened schedule and starting a month later than expected, the boys finished 5 - 5 in the highly competitive NO League and qualified for Sectional Play.

On the scoring front, Junior Captain Joey Moote led the team with seven goals, and Junior Captain Owen Cloy led the Niagara Orleans League with 12 assists. On Defense, Senior Captain and 2nd Team All-League Selection Michael "Spike" Miller anchored an impressive unit that included Sophomore Charles Clemente, Junior Jack Schultz, and Senior Benny Mahar. Together they surrendered fewer goals than the 2019 team and allowed freshman goalie Jake Austin to earn four shut outs in the net.

Once again, the Lakemen were well represented in the postseason awards. Joey Moote, Benny Mahar, and Senior Benjamin Lyman earned All-League Honorable Mention. Michael Miller and Junior Captain Patrick Hemming made 2nd Team All-League. Owen Cloy was a unanimous 1st Team All-League Selection and a finalist for All-WNY.

Modified Field Hockey Gets Better Not Bitter

The Modified Field Hockey Team started the season with nine players and ended up with 12 by the end of the season. Needless to say, it was a building year. We ended up with 12 of the most positive athletes I have seen in my years of coaching. Despite not winning a game, these girls were upbeat and positive about getting better each day/game through personal victories. They were truly the embodiment of the saying, "Better not Bitter!" which was our mantra! Several coaches commented on their positive attitudes, and one team even brought us donuts and cider because we were so positive! The Modified Field Hockey Team was comprised of Emma Dirig, Emma Tower, Lauren Vander Linden, Mackenzie Hardy, Mackenzie Wienckowski, Morgan Coulter, Rayn Cooper, Riley Robinson, Rosie Pries, Ruby Narehoon, Serena Day, and Stephanie Atlas. They were led by captains Steph Atlas and Rayn Cooper. I can't wait to have these girls back next year! #betternotbitter

Cross Country Bounces Back With Excitement

Although the 2020 season was not a typical season with big invites and a full race schedule, it was still a memorable and successful one. The teams showed tremendous improvement and worked hard all season. Both teams capped off the season by being selected for the N-O League Team Sportsmanship Award, which is voted on by the league coaches.

The girls' team had their most successful season since 2012 and finished the year in 3rd place with a 7-5 record. The team consisted of senior captains Kylee Healy and Jennifer Reagan, 10th grader Cassidy Wagner and 8th graders Madelynne Jowdy and Jackie Thompson. This strong pack of five runners was the key to the team's success. Cassidy Wagner ran her best race at the N-O All-League Meet and made 2nd team All-League. Honorable Mention All-League went to Jackie Thompson, Jennifer Reagan, and Madelynne Jowdy. Kylee Healy ended her four-year varsity career by being selected for the N-O League Sportsmanship Award.

The boys' team finished the season strong by running their best race in very tough conditions at Bemus Point to place 6th in the class C2 sectional race. The team was also selected for the league sportsmanship award voted on by the league coaches for the 3rd consecutive season. The team was led by senior captain Al Schultz who was chosen for the N-O League Sportsmanship award. Junior Justin Messing capped off an excellent season by running his best races of the season at All-League and sectionals to lead the team. Juniors Amel Jowdy and Mason Branca, along with 8th grader Tyler Johnston were consistently top 5 runners. Rounding out the team were Breckyn Schultz and newcomers Paul Smith, Ryan Messing, Joey-Dane Jones, Dylan Gurski, and Justin Hoyt. With only two seniors graduating this year, the team has an opportunity for a strong season next fall.

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

What a year 2020 has been. It's a year we will never forget. With our lives turned upside down since March, I was thrilled when the announcement came to allow "low and moderate risk" fall sports a season. We started the season late and ran a very abbreviated schedule, but it was better than nothing. I know for me, this fall helped to reshape my thought process about what I do here in Wilson. I no longer said "have to" when it came to things like going to a practice, talking with our teams or our coaches, or going to a Wilson game. Instead, I replaced it with "get to." With all the changes inside the walls here at Wilson High School, it was such a luxury to "get to" see a game again. Like everyone, sometimes I take my good fortune as the Wilson AD for granted.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize the Wilson student-athletes, the Wilson coaching staff, and the Wilson parents. I came out and spoke to every team this fall about our new "normal" and the guidelines and restrictions that we would face. To the credit of our athletes and our coaches, they took it all in stride. When I became the "spectator pass police" and the "mask police," I had zero problems. Collectively, we all just made the best of it. Thank you to everyone who played, coached, and spectated our games this fall. You have once again taught me that I don't "have to," I "get to."



Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Soccer Team coached by TJ Baia on capturing the Niagara Orleans League title

A big thank you to our photographer extraordinaire – EJ Johnson

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Soccer team on reaching their 2nd straight Sectional Final

Congratulations to each our fall varsity teams for qualifying as a New York State Scholar-Athlete Team

Congratulations to Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, and Varsity Field Hockey on their Sportsmanship awards

Thank you to the Wilson Booster Club for picking up the cost for our Girls Soccer team to ride in style on a coach bus to the sectional final

Congratulations to the following 1st team All-League selections:

Nathan Meyers (golf), Leia Cloy (girls soccer), Lilly O'Lay (girls soccer), Olivia Mocarski (field hockey), Owen Cloy (boys soccer)

Congratulations to the following Fall All-WNY Scholar-Athletes:

Lilly O'Lay, Kylee Healy, Anna Meyers, Olivia Mocarski, Matthew Ash, Kenzie Beyer, Rachel Elledge, Sam Georgal, Jared Jacques, Ben Lyman, Gianna Marchetti, Taylor Mielke, Meg Musall, Jennifer Reagan, Al Schultz, Madelyn Seeley, Alycia Thompson, Dakota Wagner, Megan Wawrzynski

JV Girls Soccer Has the Goods

This season, the JV Girls soccer team improved on many different levels. With restrictions due to the pandemic, the girls had the motivation to learn and get better each day. Our outstanding offense was led by forwards Emily Phillips, Bailey Fournier, and Cait Cliffe.

The midfield was led by 7th grader Rowan Simpson, a great asset to have in the offense. Our shutdown defense included Emma Larock, Morgan Kurial, Bridget McBride, and Abbie Faery.

First-year goalie Marisa Shultz was a force to be reckoned with in net, totaling three shutouts and a season total of 43 saves. The future continues to look bright for the JV Girls Soccer program!

Boys JV Soccer Plays Hard

The JV Boys soccer team continued to make their name known by finishing second in the league. The boys went 6-2 this season. However, what truly made this impressive team stand out is that out of the 16-man roster, 11 are seventh and eighth graders! These youngsters give me hope for the program's future, as the boys continue to work hard to play and learn all aspects of the game.

Leading the pack for scoring goals was Keegan Herrmann, with nine goals and six assists. Following him with four goals was Steven Varallo. Excellent play development was created this season by Logan Wolfe and David Gurski. On the defensive end, no-nonsense defending was instilled by a returning veteran, Blake Simpson, and supported by Ian Paul, Nick Palermo, and Brodey George. With all the great efforts from these hard-working boys, I am excited to see what the future holds.

Modified Cross Country Has Exciting Year

Modified Cross Country had another exciting year. Cassandra Ranney and Aurora Chase were the newest members joining the team this season. Parker Selbert was our only returning runner for the 2020 season. They came each day ready to practice and to beat their personal goals. There was never a lack of teamwork and dedication with these runners. They were always ready to go and willing to do whatever was asked of them. It was an excellent season by all. The smiles and jokes shared daily will always be remembered when looking back at this year. Great job, Cassie, Aurora, and Parker!

