



The HUTCH

Wilson Athletics Newsletter
Winter 2015-2016

Athletes of the Week

Zipporah Barrett
Ryan Bradley
Kallie Olear
Matt Lange
Matt Morgan
Alex Fox

Wilson Lakewomen Basketball Machine Continues

Quality leadership has always been a cornerstone of the proud tradition of girls basketball here in Wilson, and this year is no different. The 6 senior captains continue to lead the Wilson Lakewomen this year: Leah Herman, Rachael Cobo, Lauren Couturier, Zip Barrett,



Serina Jaeger and Jodie Vincent. The girls finished 14-0 in the Niagara Orleans League and completed their 7th straight league championship. They currently hold a 58 straight game win streak and haven't lost a league game since 2012. Wilson will be a #2 seed in the Section VI Tournament with their eyes on adding another sectional title to their impressive recent history. "I am so proud of each of the 14 players on this team. They have all accepted their role and do it with class



each day" says Coach Baker. The Lakewomen team holds close to a 95 GPA average with many of the seniors being ranked

in the top 10 of the senior class. Good luck to Coach Baker and the girls... We will all be rooting you on!
Go Lakewomen!

Boys Varsity Basketball Finishes in Third

**6th Annual Booster Club
Reverse Draw**

**April 9th 6pm
Wilson Fire Hall
\$25 ticket**

**See Coaches & Boosters
for tickets or to donate
cash or prizes.**

The boys varsity team finished the season with an overall record of 9-12 and a league record of 7-7. The team placed 3rd in the N-O League. A few highlights this season included defeating Bennett in the Wilson Tip-Off Tournament and giving league champs Medina their only league loss.

The team exemplified the true meaning of "scholar athlete" by



compiling a team GPA of 96.8% 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 pantries with the girls' basketball team, assisting in the annual senior citizens breakfast, and helping with the local youth basketball league. Coach Sippel would thank to give a special thanks to this senior class for their outstanding leadership.

Lakewomen Soccer Team Recognized

A special congratulations to Coach Baia and the Wilson girls soccer team on their outstanding run to the New York State Championship game in Cortland, NY. The girls took all of Wilson with them on this wonderful



experience. When they returned home they were honored at a girls basketball game with shirts from the Wilson Booster Club. Congrats girls!



Modified Girls Basketball

Wilson welcomed back Girls Modified Basketball this year. This was a fun group of girls that laughed hard and played harder! We had a terrific season, finishing as League Champs with a record of 7-1. Our only loss was against CSAT and it was the first game of the season. After shaking off the dust and nerves, the girls battled backed and played tough against each team, winning 7 games in a row. All 15 girls contributed to our success, whether by points, rebounds or defense. Wilson girls basketball has a bright future ahead of them.

Can't wait for next season and look forward to defending our title!



Boys Junior Varsity Continues Strong Improvement

The 2015-16 basketball season has been an exciting, successful one for the JV Lakemen. Having to replace a very talented group of starters from last year was no easy task. That coupled with losing the teams 2 starting point guards within a week of one another (one to Varsity and one to injury) left the season's future success in question. Nonetheless, the JV Lakemen put in a tremendous amount of time and effort leading to a 14-5 overall record, including an 11-3 mark in the league. The team is 2nd in the NO league, behind only undefeated CSAT who narrowly beat them in overtime in January. The team's balanced scoring attack is led

by sophomores Jared Carney and MacGregor Musall (8 points per game each), Zander Heim (7 ppg) and Matthew Daul (6 ppg). These 4 along with the rest of the Lakemen, not only can put the ball in the basket, but they play great defense as well, averaging outscoring their opponents 56-41.

The season has had many high points and thrilling moments, including beating a tough Medina team twice, holding on for a 1 point victory over Roy-Hart and besting rival Newfane in front of our home crowd. The highlight though was a 1 point come from behind victory over Medina. The Lakemen fell behind 18-5 after the first quarter and could have

easily packed it in, but instead they made a commitment at that moment to stop playing the game WITH each other, and start playing FOR each other. Cutting into the lead each quarter and finally taking the lead on a free throw by Jared Carney with 4 seconds left. The victory helped show the team that the belief they have in their teammates and the power of banding together is what breeds a championship mentality. While the teams 5 starters will need to be replaced next year, Freshmen Cal Seeley, Jackson Rotella and Jake Miller have played valuable minutes and will look to keep the wins coming for the basketball program.

Wilson Cheer Team Shows Competitive Spirit

The 2015-2016 Varsity Basketball Cheerleading team consisted of 16 girls and 1 male. Seniors: Jenna Schlosser, Kallie Olear and Mike Bell. Juniors: Jenna Chesnut, Olivia Fernandez, Maura Bull and Sarah White. Sophomores: Yvonne Shepherd, Hailey Roberts, Lillian Lacey, Veda Brillhart, Sadie White, and Alexis Erway. Freshmen: Brooke Wisor. Eighth Grade: Sara Seider and Rosie Brillhart. Seventh Grade: Abigail Neumann.

The team consisted of 8 new cheerleaders, so we started the season out with teaching everyone the basics of cheerleading and all of the material to be used at games. Once the game material was learned, the team moved on to preparing for the 4 competitions we had scheduled. Since becoming a sport in 2014, cheerleading has become a lot more popular and competitive. This made it challenging to create a routine that would show case the team's strongest aspects. The team worked together to overcome any challenges and did a wonderful job creating a fun to watch routine. We have taken our results from this year's competitions and already have plans

for making our routine even better next year.

This season the cheerleading team came together as a group to give the gift of warmth and reading through the Scholastic Books Pajama Drive. Each member of the team purchased a pair of pajamas, ranging from infant to adult sizes, and donated them to Scholastic. Scholastic then took those pajamas and paired them with a book which they then donated them to children and families in homeless shelters in our area during the holiday season. It was a heartwarming group activity that we will hopefully be making a yearly tradition. The squad also has plans to walk as a team in the Cystic Fibrosis walk coming up in May.



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Has Solid Season

The Girls JV Basketball team had a very successful season going 13 – 1 in league play. The team was led by the Sophomore Captains Sarah Yousett, Amanda Murray, Morgan Faery and Madelyn Austin. Each girl contributed with leadership and scoring; with all 4 girls scoring over 100 points. The future is looking good with many young talented

players returning next year. Such as Point Guard 8th grader Skylar Munnikhuysen, 9th graders Sarah Lewis, Izzy Schultz and Julie Reagan and a strong 8th grade class lead by Anna Frerichs, Emilee Muoio,



Izzy Dinse, and Sarah Nugent. The girls worked hard all season and it showed with improved play and an overall record of 15 – 5. Coach Moon and Coach Herman are very proud of the girls and can't wait until next year.

Modified Boys Basketball

There was great enthusiasm this year when it was discovered that a few of the Modified sports that had fallen by the wayside would make a return to our athletic offerings. Boys Modified Basketball was one of those very excited groups. Having the ability to have real practices, real games with uniforms and referees was enough to make seventeen of our 7th and 8th grade boys dizzy with anticipation of what turned out to be a great season. Through practicing skills and drills every day, to scrimmaging against each other each and every student progressed throughout the season. Developing and sharpening skills that they will use while playing basketball over the rest of their High School careers. The team finished the season with a 7-1 record and worked extremely hard to accomplish that feat. The only loss was an early season loss to CSAT that was later avenged at home and was likely our greatest moment of the season.

The Modified Boys basketball team would like to thank Mr. Roth and all who had anything to do with making room for Modified Sports in our athletic department. It was worth it!

Wrestling Looks To The Youth

Although losing three key wrestlers from last year, our young team accepted the challenge to show they won't be pushed around by their inexperience. The team came together as a team and helped push each other in practice and strengthening the core support. The team was led by lone senior, Matt Morgan and sophomore Jake Sanborn. Morgan is having a highlight year while making the All-Tournament team at the Sweet Home Duals going 5-0 on the day and coming off a first career league title at 195 lbs and is entering the state qualifier tournament with a career high 20 wins on the



season. While giving up an average of 4.5 forfeits per match, we encouraged the team to worry about the things they had control over, that being the matches we actually wrestled. By accepting this mentality, the team came away with a 6-20 record, which is an improvement from the 1-18 record last year. Senior Matt Morgan and sophomore Jake Sanborn led a young team with a bright future with one junior, Claytin Taylor. Four sophomores Alexis Provenzano, KJ Hoover, Aaron Weich and Matt Lange. Two freshmen, Mike Durow and Jarrett Pollanz. Two eighth graders, Maddy Kelly and Drew Westmorland and one seventh grader, Ben Wolfe.

Wilson Athletics is proud to recognize our 2016 PAL representatives Alex Fox and Zipporah Barrett. The PAL dinner was held February 21st at the Como in Niagara Falls.



To the delight of the over 30 Wilson people in attendance, Zipporah Barrett took home the female Prep Athlete of award! Congratulations to both Alex and Zip on outstanding athletic careers.

Wilson CSD is proud to announce the 2016 Hewitt scholarship representatives Rachael Cobo and Jonah Trank. The two will be



recognized in May at the Thomas E. Hewitt dinner along with the best student athletes from around Niagara County.





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



- Congratulations to the Wilson girls basketball team and Coach Brian Baker for completing an undefeated season, a seventh straight league championship, and the unbelievable 58-game league winning streak they will take into next season!
- This summer the Wilson CSD Athletic Department signed an exclusive partnership deal with Under Armour allowing our athletes some of the best clothing available! New uniforms have already been purchased this year for Track & Field, Tennis, Golf, and Cheer. More to come!
- There has been a few nice additions to our program for this year as well. We have added Modified Volleyball, Modified Girls Basketball, and Modified Boys Basketball. This will allow many more students to participate in athletics!
- I'd like to welcome Roxanne Benton to the Wilson District. Roxanne has been hired as my administrative assistant here in the Athletic Office replacing Gale Doe who retired in December. Roxanne is Wilson graduate and resident.
- Congratulations to community members Jay Mahar and Joe Daul. Both gentlemen were awarded at the 2016 Niagara PAL dinner for their volunteer service to the children of Wilson and all of Niagara County.
- It's with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of coaching legend Dick Liddell. Coach Liddell coached at a number of schools in the Niagara Orleans league including Wilson. He will be missed.
- The Wilson Wall of Fame has announced the date for their annual golf fundraiser on July 23rd 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!
- I am proud to announce the following Wilson coaches have recently reached milestone wins! (actual wins to date)

TJ Baia 250 wins for boys and girls soccer (65 wins - girls)

Brett Sippel 150 wins for boys basketball (179)
100 wins for boys cross country (105)
100 for girls cross country (115)

Brian Baker 100 wins for girls basketball (148)

