

TORNADO SPORTS WATCH

For Alumni



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It is hoped that Tornado Sports Watch for Alumni will be a three-time per year report of the sports programs at Mount Carmel Area High School. Editions in January, March and June are planned.

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WRESTLING

The wrestlers began the season with a second place finish at MCA's inaugural Randy Zigarski Memorial Round Robin Tournament - While placing second to Bethlehem Catholic, MCA crowned three individual champions in Chris Steck (5-0 with 5 pins), Nick Dusendshine (112) and Kyle Higgins (189). Second place finishers were Dylan Hornberger, Mick Saukaitis, Shane Wondoloski, and Sean McCollum. Brett Urbanavage and Brett Przekop took thirds. MCA also took a second place at the Selinsgrove Invitational with Saukaitis winning the only individual title.

After finishing the regular season with a fine 14-7 record, MCA limped into Sectionals with many injuries - They were fortunate to place 5 wrestlers in the finals, but came away with no individual titles - 7 wrestlers will advance into Districts including Chris Steck, Dylan Hornberger, Mick Saukaitis, Nick Dusendschine, Kyle Higgins, Shane Wondoloski and Matt Zigarski

Unfortunately, for the first time in a long time, MCA will not be represented in the Regional Tournament, as none of the wrestlers made it out of Districts. Coach Randy Reidler did improve his 5 year record at Mount Carmel Area to 81-33. Shane Wondoloski (119), Kyle Higgins (189), and Bret Urbanavage(215) were named to the second team all star team in Division II of the Heartland Conference Higgins (31-13) and Wondoloski (33-8 jr - 87-31career) were named to the News Item All Area team. Saukaitis, Dusendshine, Hornberger, Przekop, McCollum, Urbanavage, and Steck were given honorable mention.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

With much excitement due to the addition of the undefeated 8th grade team, MCA got off the a great start with a second place finish in the MCA Tip Off Tournament, Ranotta Ahrensfield and Kim Andruscavage were named to the all-tourney team. The girls would lose the consolation game in the K of C Tournament with Marissa Farronato being named an all star.

The girls managed to win an exciting game with Lewisburg in the seasonal finale to even their record at 11-11 to earn their way into District IV play. The 11 wins mark the most since 2001 and allows the girls into District play for the first time since 2000. Mark Moyer's record after 4 seasons stands at 28-67.

In the opening round of District IV play, the girls, as an 11th seed, took on 6th seeded Columbia Montour Vo Tech and would come away with a 52-43 loss. It marked the beginning of a terrific future for this very young team. The Tornadoes lose Kaitlin Hood and Brooke Sebastian, while returning everyone else, including, Ahrensfield, Andruscavage, Farronato, Danielle Bernini, Christine Mrozek, Alyssa Palewicz, Bridget Demko, Heather Bolick, Taylor Getty, Casey Smink. After the Season, Andruscavage was named to the first team all area team by the News-Item, while Ahrensfield was named to a second team slot.

As a side note. Kim Andruscavage became only the second freshman (Fantanarosa) in school history to score 30 points in a game this season. Leslie Gilotti, Carolyn Darrup, Marie McDonald, and Shannon Guinan also scored 30 in a game during their careers - ONCE Each - As a means of comparison, Maria Fantanarosa scored over 30 - 69 times in her illustrious career - over 40 - 23 times - I am sure that we will see many more by Andruscavage over the next 3 years!

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys got off to a fine 6-0 start before losing to undefeated Shamokin in the finals of the K of C tournament. The guys finished the season with a 13-9 record and advanced into District IV play for the 6th consecutive season under John Lazicki. Lazicki improved his overall record in 9 seasons at the helm to 116- 109. The boys were led by Juniors Seth Scicchitano and Mike Domaleski, who both scored in doubles for the season. Marcus Wasilewski, Matt Moroz, Justin Augustine, Joey Schwartz, Matt Koveleski, T.J. Heromin, Dan Hood, and Matt Snyder round out the squad.

The boys lost a hard fought battle with Hughesville by a 38-37 score in the opening round of District IV play in a boy-girl double header at Danville. Mike Domaleski was named to the first team of the News Item All area team, while Seth Scicchitano earned a second team spot.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Although competitive for most of the season, the girls would finish with only one win - although that was a one point victory over archrival Shamokin - the first victory in many years. Seniors Jamie Fletcher, Sarah Steely and Erin Shamansky, were honored after the season.

In the District IV meet, MCA would finish in 11th place in the 200 medley relay, 11th in the 200 free relay and 8th in the 400 free relay. Rachel Fletcher would place 19th in the 200 free and 24th in the 100 free. Sarah Steely would earn a 9th place finish in the 100 back and a 21st place finish in the 100 free. . Jamie Fletcher would finish 18th in the 100 back, while Amy Besser garnered a 25th place finish in the 100 breast. The team would finish 11th out of 21 teams at the meet.

BOYS SWIMMING

With only one boy swimming competitively, Chris Kanezo, the boys also went through their season without a win. Kanezo did manage to score points in every meet and deserves tons of credit for representing MCA to the best of his ability. Chris earned a 19th place finish in the 100 breast at the District IV meet.

EXTRA

Bob Chesney was named the new football coach at MCA, succeeding Mike Brennan, who will be leaving for the same position at Blue Mountain High School. Brennan compiled an 84-26 record in his 9 years at the helm, winning 2 state championships and 3 District IV titles along the way. Chesney brings 19 years experience as a head coach with stops at Shamokin, Lourdes, and North Schuylkill. His career record stands at 102-96-2.

HALL OF FAME

The class of 2009 includes - Mike Bergamo, David Fantini, Tom Kondisko, Jim Moncavage, Mike Mychak, Joe Palovick, Greg Sacavage, and brother and sister Vince Rawa, and Roseann, Rawa Bober. Scholar Athletes are Chrissy Candelora, Colin Menapace, and Eric Jepko. Special Achievement Awards went to Marcus Wasilewski, Chris Steck and former coach Mike Brennan