

“Pride of Methacton”
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The “Pride of Methacton” newsletter is a monthly publication which delivers to our schools and community updates on the commendable achievements of our athletic programs and milestones reached by individual athletes. Please enjoy our April installment of the “Pride of Methacton”, which focuses its attention on the individual and team accomplishments of our spring sports programs who are currently wrapping up regular season competitions and entering playoffs.

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Methacton Boys Tennis:

The 2021 boys tennis team finished with a conference record of 9-2 and an overall record of 9-3.

Senior Jeff Cooper finished 4th in the league at the individual PAC singles tournament and for the doubles tournament Jeff Cooper and Zach Stevenson finished 5th and AJ Schneider and Drew Samtmann finished in 6th place for doubles.

The boys had a really nice spring season overall! The student-athletes were super cooperative with all of the COVID guidelines and competed to the best of their abilities. Go Warriors!

Methacton Girls Lacrosse:

The Girls Lacrosse team had a successful season this year finishing 2nd in the PAC10 Liberty Division and Making it to the 2nd round of Districts to lose to the final District 1 champ Unionville. The team was led by co captains, Julia McCann Alexa Kratz, Delaney Smith and Mackenzie Clark. Post season awards went to 1st team all league: Jayme Weber, Mackenzie Clark, Mikayla Sheedy and Delaney Smith. 2nd Team honors went to Alexa Kratz and Megan Sanelli. The team went 11-3 in the league and 12-6 overall. Positives of the season are that most of the team will return but we bid a

sad goodbye to our seniors, Julia McCann, Alexa Kratz, Ryan Stanton, Kealy McCarthy, Allie Hazlett, Ava Probst and Grace Shields. We wish them well and thank them for their dedication and leadership.

Methacton Boys Lacrosse:

The Warriors started off hot at the start of the season with wins over Boyertown, Owen J Roberts, Phoenixville, and Pope John Paul. Senior Justin Sanelli and Junior Gunnar Seaman were off to an even hotter start with both Attackmen burying eleven goals each in just four games. Although it was early in the season, Perkiomen Valley was the last undefeated team in the conference alongside the Warriors. In a back and forth battle, the Vikings were able to hand Methacton their first loss of the season 7-6 in overtime. However, the boys bounced back to go on yet another four game win streak increasing their record to 8-1. Methacton lacrosse had a target on its back sitting at second place in the conference as they traveled to 6-1 Spring-Ford. The crosstown powerhouse defended their home field well. In a game which started out 3-0 in the Rams favor, the Warriors showed no signs of quitting, rallying back to just a 3-5 halftime deficit. Senior Midfielder Mike Merola, who was a machine all season, started off the first quarter with a bounce shot catching the top of the net, bringing the game to within one. Although Spring-Ford seemingly caught a second wind to hold off the Warriors with a final score of 9-5, handing Methacton its second loss halfway through the season.

This was the make it or break it point for the 8-2 Warriors as they moved on to games outside of the PAC. Within the next two weeks Harriton, Souderton, Upper Moreland, and North Penn would all fall to the Warriors. With yet another 4 game win streak; the 12-2 Warriors now hosted a first round District game. Searching for the program's first district win. The 24th ranked Ridley Green Raiders were not going to hand it over so easily. The Raiders began the district game scoring two quick goals in the first seven minutes, however this would be their last lead of the game. In a remarkable resurgence the Warriors defense consisting of Quinn Shields, Matson Leggin, Nik Leahan, and Goalie Owen Avelar held Ridley scoreless for the remaining 41 minutes. Within that time the Warriors managed to score 11 unanswered goals by Justin Sanelli, Gunnar Seaman, Mike Merola, Carlo Defillipis, Jimmy Maro, and Matt Cole.

After winning the first round of Districts Methacton had to face 8th ranked Conestoga in the second round, which ended up to be too tall of a task. The Warriors would go on to lose that game 18-8 and finish the season at 13-3. Coming off of a great season, Methacton's boys lacrosse program looks to continue the momentum into the next season.

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Methacton Softball:

The 2021 softball team overcame the obstacles and challenges of the past year and continued Methacton softball's winning tradition. The team finished in 2nd in the Liberty Division with a 12-4 record. For the 3rd year in a row, they qualified for the District 1 tournament, winning 1 and losing 1 game. Their overall record was 16-5. All – league selections have not been announced to date but a few of these talented players should receive recognition for their efforts this year.

While everyone did their best to make this a successful year, a large measure of the team's success can be directly attributed to the leadership of the senior class – Casey Biglin, Haley Chapman, Lisetta

Coppa, Paige Deal, Sereena Goodridge, Caraline Newman and Olivia Terry. These players worked hard to keep everyone safe and engaged in spite of all of the distractions.

Given the returning talent on the Varsity and the JV squads the success of this season should continue in 2022.

Methacton Baseball:

The baseball team stuck together through a challenging season of ups and downs and were led by outstanding senior leadership in captains Kevin Trafford and Jake Maggio, Mario D'Addesi, Joey Carfrey, Adam Rodriguez, Logan Kelly, and Jude Wozniak. Those seven seniors were honored on senior recognition day on Tuesday, May 18 and led the Warriors to a home victory over Christopher Dock. Methacton finished the season with a record of 11-9 after four straight wins to close out 2021. The highlights of the season included a big home win against first place Phoenixville, a no-hitter thrown by Mario D'Addesi against Pottstown at home, and the countless memories had at our annual Marathon Game fundraiser on Saturday, May 22. Most importantly, this group has been sensational both on and off the field. They represent Methacton with class, and the coaching staff is very proud of their efforts this season, especially in how we dealt with adversity. Best of luck to our seven seniors as they move on from our program. Methacton plans to work hard to be back and better than ever in 2022. Go Warriors!

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Methacton Girls Track and Field:

The Girls Track and Field team entered the season with the majority of the team experiencing a High School Spring Track and Field season for the first time. With a late start to the beginning of the season, there were many question marks as to how the team would perform. Within weeks, most of the questions were answered and the team went on to become the top team in the PAC. Although the record of 4-1 on the season reflects a 2nd place finish, the only loss of the season came at the hands of Boyertown, 76-74, when the team was without many of their athletes due to COVID close-contact protocol. During their 4-0 record in the regular season meets when the team was at full strength, they outscored their opponents by a combined score of 430-169. Methacton hosted their first Invitational, the "PAC Last Chance Meet", which showcased the top 12 athletes/relay teams from the PAC in each event. Although team scoring was not officially calculated as it was not an approved Championship Meet, combining the point totals of all of the events showed the Lady Warriors outscored second place Boyertown 163 - 106.

The girls went on to send several athletes and relay teams to the District 1 Championships. Junior Coco Dunham led the way with 3 qualifying performances. She qualified in the Long Jump, Triple Jump (5th place) and the 4x100 Relay. Freshman Summer Mellow joined Dunham on the 4x100 and also qualified in the 100M Dash. Junior Addi Gormley was a 3rd leg on the 4x100 relay and she added a qualifying performance in the High Jump (finishing 8th). Cameron Coless was also a leg of the relay. Senior Madi Eastmure was not only a qualifier in 2 events, she also earned a medal in both the High Jump (5th) and the 100M Hurdles (8th) at the District Championships. The 4x800 Relay of Aubrey Beaugard, Devon Petrei, Kate Thomas and Molly Thomas earned a chance to compete at Districts, as did Kaitlin Richards in the Pole Vault.

Coco Dunham (Triple Jump) and Madi Eastmure (High Jump) will be going to Shippensburg University over the Memorial Day weekend to compete in the PIAA State Championships.

Methacton Boys Track and Field:

The Boy's Track and Field team came into the spring season under a new coaching staff, Head Coach Dylan Bennett (Sprints/ Jumps), Chris Torpey (Distance), and Gabe Fernandez (Throws). The coaching staff had high expectations for the team after a tremendous winter season. Adding an additional 40 athletes to the roster a strong senior class was bolstered by a strong Sophomore class. After starting the season 4-0, the Boys team lost a PAC Championship to Spring-Ford. Motivated by a 2-2 record in 2019, the Boy's Track team finished the season 4-1 in dual meets. Seniors such as Jordan Layos, Tom Heffernan, Aaron Sanchez, Chris Spletzer, and Charlie D'Orazio motivate their young teammates to stay focused and motivated in a tough season with COVID-19. Sophomores Zach Willen, SahBri Hill, Christian Kinard, and Matt Behan proved that the underclassmen are going to be the shining points of the team's future. Juniors Vaughn Lackman, Chris McGlynn, and Justin Weychert provide strong leadership for their upcoming senior year. Sophomore Zach Willen competed at the District 1 Championships in the 100m and 200m coming up just shy of the PIAA State Championship meet. The coaching staff is excited to return next season and hopeful of claiming a PAC Championship. The Boy's Track team looks to continue their success from the 2020-21 season into the future.

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