

# Warren High School Athletics



## Year In Review

2018-19

## **REFLECTIONS**

The 2018-19 school year was one of progress and great achievement in Athletics. Beginning with the employment of a new Head Football Coach that made Friday nights fun again and changed the overall culture of our entire athletics program, to Basketball's return to the Convo, to Baseball's run to the District Finals, to the very popular and well-attended WOW Awards at the conclusion of the academic school year, and culminating with 8 Warriors on the podium and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish by the boys team at the State Track & Field Championships, 2018-19 saw the rise of Warrior Athletics.

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS – FALL SPORTS**

### **Cross Country - Girls**

The 10 member Girls Cross Country team, coached by Neil Brague, put together a solid season. Led by senior Casey Brague (15<sup>th</sup>/117) and sophomore Devanne Reynolds (16<sup>th</sup>/117), both outright regional qualifiers, Warren placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the District team standings and advanced to the Regional. In addition to Brague and Reynolds, members of the Regional Qualifying team included: Lily Herriott, Jenna Walters, Taylor Appleby, Savannah Jarvis and Bailey Gentile. Post-season honors included:

- All OVAC
  - Devanne Reynolds
  - Casey Brague
  
- All District
  - Casey Brague
  - Devanne Reynolds
  
- Regional Outright Qualifiers
  - Casey Brague
  - Devanne Reynolds

### **Cross Country – Boys**

Trent Sayre was the bright spot of a young but talented 17 member Boys Cross Country team of Neil Brague. The talented senior put together another outstanding season compiling an impressive resume of collegiate-worthy credentials, while earning his third trip to the State Cross Country Meet. Along the way, the team captured 4<sup>th</sup> place honors at the OVAC Championships and qualified for the Regionals with an 8<sup>th</sup> place team finish. Sayre was an outright qualifier, and joining him at Regionals was Brennan Perdue, Bryson Angelo, Matt Rauch, Justin Pate, Brady Nicewarner and Andrew Vincent. His achievements included:

- All-OVAC
  - Trent Sayre (4<sup>th</sup>)
  - Brennan Perdue (#30)Team finished 4<sup>th</sup>

- All-District
  - Trent Sayre - 4<sup>th</sup> Place/198  
Team finished 8<sup>th</sup>
- All-Region
  - Trent Sayre - 9<sup>th</sup> Place/181
- State
  - Trent Sayre - 43<sup>rd</sup> Place /180

## **Football**

The 2018 football season offered optimism to Warren fans longing for a winning team. Under the direction of Dan Day, former Saint Joseph's College Head Football Coach, the young Warriors finished 2-8, but competed in all games on the back half of the schedule, coming up with victories over Crooksville and Alexander. Three athletes earned post-season honors, led by Junior Brandon Simoniette (All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team-5A; OPSWA All-Southeast District 1<sup>st</sup> Team-All Purpose Offense), Sophomore Josh Welch (All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team - 5A); and Senior Tyler Schafer (All-OPSWA SE District Special Mention). Clay Miller was the recipient of the Burlsworth Character Award, a national honor.

At the conclusion of the season, Coach Day returned to the college ranks as the new head coach at Seton Hill University. The Warriors landed one of the Mid-Ohio Valley's finest, Matt Kimes, as his replacement. Kimes brings impressive credentials to the Warriors, serving most recently as the Offensive Coordinator of WV AAA playoff team Parkersburg South.

## **Golf - Boys**

Ultra-successful golf coach Nathan Evans and his young, but very talented Boys Golf Team put together an impressive 2018 season. After the loss of Nick Ward to graduation from the 2017 squad, Evans and his youngsters, led by Senior Austin Barta, surprised many with the following team accomplishments:

- Won the Washington County Championship (4th year in a row)
- Won 10 of 22 tournaments
- Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the OVAC Tournament
- DI OHSAA Sectional Champs
- DI OHSAA Districts – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Finished with a 92-38 team record

Austin Barta put together a dominant final season on the links by earning DI Southeastern Ohio District 1st Team and Player of the Year honors and All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team honors. Fellow teammate Sophomore Seth Dennis earned All-District 1st Team honors, as did Sophomore Chance Weihl, who landed on the Southeast District 2nd Team. Finally, Freshman Caleb Davis earned Honorable Mention District honors.

## **Golf – Girls**

Andy Biddinger, in his 1<sup>st</sup> year leading the Girls Golf Team, fielded a very competitive squad of eight players and competed in a full schedule. The team finished with a 15-3 record in dual matches. The team was led by Junior Hannah Jankauskas, who earned her way on the Southeast District 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, and fellow Junior Zoe Miller, a District Honorable Mention honoree. The remaining team members were Juniors Emilee Neville, Chloe Rader, and Grace Wharton and Freshmen Sage Husted, Carly McCutcheon, and Molly Young. The return of his entire roster and a few newcomers breeds optimism in 2019.

## **Soccer – Boys**

After losing a dominant, veteran, senior laden squad to graduation, the reigning-WHS WOW Awards Team of the Year faced a massive rebuild in 2018. The Ekrem Eksi led squad, which began the season with an 0-6 start, finished strong by winning 8 of their last 12 to finish 8-9-1 on the season and Sectional Runners-up. Leading the young Warriors was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Ohio and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District selection Ethan Yost (Jr.) and fellow senior 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District Matt Goodman. The Warriors were well represented with the following post-season honors:

### All-Southeastern District

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Ethan Yost, Matt Goodman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Joel Chevalier, Tommy Wussick
- Honorable Mention Bryar Powell, Grayson Clark

### Mid-Ohio Valley Soccer League Awards

- All League Ethan Yost, Matt Goodman, Joel Chevalier, Tommy Wussick
- Defensive POY Joel Chevalier

### All-Ohio

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Ethan Yost

## **Soccer – Girls**

The 2018 veteran squad of Head Coach Andy Pinkerton put together a respectable season with a final record of 7-9-2, including a post season tournament win. The young squad hosted and won a post-season tournament game versus Athens. The Warriors were well-represented with the following post-season honors:

### All-Southeast District

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Morgan Chapman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Taylor Sloan
- Honorable Mention Kayleigh Hutchinson, Alysa Pinkerton, Taylor Vickers, Allison Werry

### Mid-Ohio Valley Soccer League Awards

- All League Taylor Sloan, Alysa Pinkerton, Morgan Chapman, Kayleigh Hutchinson

## **Volleyball**

The 2018 Warren Volleyball team, coached by Michelle Tyo, posted a respectable 13-10 record after the loss of 6 seniors to graduation. Along the way, the Warriors finished runners-up to Morgantown for the OVAC 5A title, and managed to host a first round sectional match with Vinton County in which they were defeated. Senior standout Diamond Decker put together a dominant season, earning OVAC 5A Player of the Year and District 13 Defensive Player of the Year, and saw 4 teammates join her with post-season honors:

### All-Ohio Valley Conference

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Diamond Decker & Victoria Lewis
- 5A Player of the Year Diamond Decker

### All-Southeast District 13

- DPOY Diamond Decker
- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Victoria Lewis, Abby Gilliland
- Honorable Mention Madison Foy, Kaylee Ullman

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS – WINTER SPORTS**

### **Basketball – Boys**

Masterful coaching, combined with outstanding defense, unselfish play on offense, and the consistent play of Sophomore Seth Dennis and the Senior duo of Noah Nichols and Clay Miller, led the Warriors to a 15-win season and a second consecutive trip to the Convo. The Warriors exceeded most expectations after the graduation of a dominant senior class from the season before, earning signature wins over Parkersburg, Parkersburg South, Marietta, Chillicothe, and Whitehall. A challenging schedule prepared the Warriors for the post-season as they defeated a solid Vinton County team to claim the Sectional title, before bowing 42-32 to Jackson at the Convo.

Earning post-season individual honors in Boys Basketball were:

### Associated Press All-Southeast District

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Seth Dennis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Noah Nichols
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Clay Miller

### District 13 Coaches All-District

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Seth Dennis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Noah Nichols
- Honorable Mention Clay Miller

## **Basketball – Girls**

The Girls Basketball team, led by Coach Amy Colgrove, had a solid 2018-19 season. After losing 6 of their top 7 players from the season before, the Lady Warriors posted an 11-9 record, including a signature come from behind win over arch-rival Fort Frye. Optimism abounds as the Warriors will welcome back 9 of their top 10 players and a talented group of Freshman to next years' team.

Earning post-season honors for the young Warriors were:

- Associated Press All District
  - Molly Grayson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Team
  - Olivia Alloway – 3<sup>rd</sup> Team
  - Sommer Saboley – Special Mention
  
- District 13 Coaches All-District
  - Molly Grayson – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Olivia Alloway – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team
  - Sommer Saboley – Special Mention

## **Cheer**

Terri Roddy's 2018-19 Cheer Squad was a special group. They added to the excitement of all football and basketball games during the Fall and Winter sports seasons, and they were willing volunteers for any task needed throughout the school year. They will be remembered for their high energy halftime performances at all home varsity boys basketball games. Members of the Varsity cheer squad included:

Seniors: Abbey Bailey, Sydney Brown, Allison Roddy, Mikinzi Heiss, Kalei Knick, Emily Snyder  
Juniors: Kaylie Ahart, Kyra Gaughan, Hallie Walker, Kaira Wittekind

## **Wrestling**

The 2018-19 Warren Wrestling squad, coached by Jim Rhodes, posted a 95-27 overall record, including winning the team crown at the Washington Courthouse Invite. Eight wrestlers qualified for Districts, including Peyton Kellar (sectional champ), Trent Sayre (sectional champ), Brady Oberdier, Liam Kellar, Tristan Duffey, Cole Coleman, and alternates Ben Goedel and Dylan Anderson. Peyton Kellar once again claimed post-season headlines by earning his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive All-Ohio honors with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish at the State Championships. Kellar finished his sophomore season with a 48-5 record and 99 career victories.

## **TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS – SPRING SPORTS**

### **Baseball**

Ryan Lemley, the District's D2 Coach of the Year, and his youthful 2019 squad came of age during the 2019 season as they posted a 19-8-1 record, which included an end-of-season 11 game winning streak against one of the District's toughest schedules. Upper classmen --- Sr. OF Drew Huffman (All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team), Sr. OF/INF Noah Edgell, and the Jr. battery of Pitcher Brett Gandee (All-OVAC 1<sup>st</sup> Team) and C Thomas Miller --- were joined in the starting line-up by 6 Freshman and Sophomores, topped by a trio of

All District Sophomores in SS/P Seth Dennis (1<sup>st</sup> Team), 2B Evan Gandee (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), and 1B/P Kurt Taylor (Honorable Mention). Along the way, the Freshman and Sophomore dominated squad earned a trip to the OVAC 5A Tournament after a years' hiatus. However, that was only a prelude to what would become a flare for the dramatic for this ball club in the post season. Entering Sectional Tournament play as an 8 seed, the young and talented Warriors defeated Jackson in an 8-9 play-in game, before toppling top-seeded Unioto 11-1. This set the stage for the dramatic with old nemesis and rival Marietta for the Sectional title, a team that had defeated the Warriors 9 consecutive times. In this classic, the Warriors came out on top with a dramatic, game-ending, walk-off HR by Thomas Miller to secure the Sectional title and advance to the District.

Playing on the campus of Ohio University in the District Tournament, the drama continued as the Warriors rode the strong pitching performance of Kurt Taylor to another walk-off win, this time 2-1 over Circleville as Noah Edgell's single plated Brett Gandee with the game winner. The District final offered more dramatics as the Warriors battled Athens into extra innings, before bowing on an Athens 2 out, walk-off hit in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Two Brett Gandee hits ---- a game tying single in the 7<sup>th</sup> and a go-ahead single in the 9<sup>th</sup> -- added to the Warrior dramatics in this one.

Much optimism surrounds the Warrior Baseball squad as we look ahead to 2020. The Warriors will return 6 starters, including the entire infield, and 5 of its 6 top pitchers in what will be a deep and dominant staff. Baseball is the early frontrunner for the WOW Awards Team of the Year.

Below is a recap of the post-season honors bestowed upon this team:

- All OVAC
  - Drew Huffman – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Brett Gandee – 1st Team
  
- All District
  - Seth Dennis – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Evan Gandee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team
  - Kurt Taylor – Honorable Mention
  - Ryan Lemley – D2 Coach of the Year
  - Team – District Runner-Up

## **Softball**

The 2019 Softball Team, under the direction of first-year Head Coach Katie Dickson, battled to a 7-19 record with a young and inexperienced squad. Faced with an inexperienced pitching staff and the task of replacing 7 starters, the Warriors were an up and down ball club all season long. The young Warriors, often times starting as many as 6 freshmen and sophomores, showed promise in big wins over Wheeling Park, Parkersburg South, and Steubenville, but consistency could not be maintained. The Warriors were led all season by Senior P/SS Diamond Decker and fellow Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman Olivia Shutts. Below are their post-season honors:

- All OVAC
  - Diamond Decker – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Olivia Shutts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

- All District
  - Diamond Decker – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
  - Olivia Shutts – Honorable Mention
  - Kenady Sams – Honorable Mention

## Track & Field – Boys

The 2019 Boys Track Team, coached by 1<sup>st</sup> year head man Tyler Schaad, followed up 2018's success with one of the most dominating seasons in recent memory. The WOW Awards Team of the Year collected several team titles –most notably, OVAC 5A and Division 2 Region 7 titles – enroute to winning 10 of 15 meets with 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes along the way. The ultra-talented squad also managed to re-write the record books in the process. Led by a seniors Trent Sayre, Jake Herriott and Isaiah Kitts and underclassmen Justin Lough, Ethan Yost, Preston Rowland-Demster, and Brennan Perdue, this group capped off an impressive season with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place team finish in Division 2 at the Ohio State Track Meet. In doing so, 6 athletes reached the podium to earn All-Ohio honors.

Justin Lough	300 Hurdles	Time: 38.49 (#4 at State) – school record
Ethan Yost	800 Meter Run	Time: 1:54.04 (#3 at State) – school record
Trent Sayre	1600 Meter Run	Time: 4:17.58 (#2 in State)
Jake Herriott	1600 Meter Run	Time: 4:22.88 (#7 in State)

4 x 800 Meter Relay (Trent Sayre, Preston Rowland-Demster, Jake Herriott, Ethan Yost)  
Time: 7:47.60 (New School Record/#2 Finish @ State Meet)

4 x 400 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Justin Lough, Ethan Yost)  
Time: 3:21.35 (#4 at State)  
 \*Prelim time of 3:20.02 is a New School Record

Other notable performances from this team included:

- OVAC – Event Champions
  - Trent Sayre – 800 M Run & 1600 M Run
  - Brennan Perdue – 3200 M Run
  - 4 x 400 Relay – Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Justin Lough, Justin Lough, Ethan Yost
  - 4 x 800 Relay – Brennan Perdue, Jake Herriott, Ethan Yost, Trent Sayre (**8:00.92** – OVAC/5A/Stadium Record)
  - Ethan Yost – 400 M Dash (**50.83** – 5A Record)
  - Justin Lough – 300 M Hurdles (**39.08** – 5A & Stadium record)
  - TEAM – OVAC 5A Champions
- District – Event Champions
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Brennan Perdue, Jake Herriott, Ethan Yost, Trent Sayre) (**7:57.23** - District Record)
  - 4 x 400 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Justin Lough, Ethan Yost) (**3:23.94** - District and School Record)
  - 4 x 200 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Ethan Yost, Justin Lough)
  - Liam Kellar – Pole Vault
  - Trent Sayre – 1600 M Run
  - Ethan Yost – 800 M Run (**1:55.98** - District Record)



- Justin Lough – 300 Hurdles & 110 Hurdles
- Trent Sayre – District Athlete of the Year
- TEAM – District Runner-Up
- Tyler Schaad – District Coach of the Year
- Regional – Event Champions
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Preston Rowland-Demster, Jake Herriott, Ethan Yost, Trent Sayre)
  - 4 x 400 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Justin Lough, Ethan Yost)
  - Jake Herriott – 1600 M Run
  - Ethan Yost – 800 M Run
  - TEAM – Regional Champions
- State Qualifiers
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Preston Rowland-Demster, Jake Herriott, Ethan Yost, Trent Sayre)
  - 4 x 400 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Justin Lough, Ethan Yost)
  - 4 x 200 Relay (Isaiah Kitts, Trent Sayre, Ethan Yost, Justin Lough)
  - Jake Herriott – 1600 M Run
  - Trent Sayre – 1600 M Run
  - Ethan Yost – 800 M Run
  - Justin Lough – 300 Hurdles
- Record Breakers
  - Justin Lough – 300 M Hurdles (38.49)
  - Ethan Yost – 800 M Run (1:54.04)
  - Trent Sayre – 1600 M Run (4:12.70)
  - 4 x 200 Relay – Kitts, Sayre, Yost, Lough (1:31.01)
  - 4 x 400 Relay – Kitts, Sayre, Lough, Yost (3:20.02)
  - 4 x 800 Relay – Sayre, Rowland-Demster, Herriott, Yost (7:47.60)

### **Track & Field – Girls**

The Sally Maddox coached 2019 Girls Track Team put together a very impressive season of their own. Led by Seniors –Erin Bogard, Casey Brague, and Caroline Stollar – and a quartet of underclassmen in Emme Bowe, Allison Werry, Millie Ryan, and Lily Herriott, this squad boasted several top 3 finishes in the team competitions throughout the season. Along the way, records fell in the Pole Vault (Erin Bogard, 12'6, New District, Regional & School Records), the 400 Meter Dash (Allison Werry, 59.70, School Record), and the 4 x 800 Relay (9:52.36, School Record). At the OHSAA State Track & Field Championships, top headliner Erin Bogard earned All-Ohio honors claiming the title in the Pole Vault (12'2), while Sophomore discus sensation Millie Ryan got to the podium with a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Discus (126'11).

Other notable performances during the Spring season included the following:

- OVAC – Event Champions
  - Erin Bogard – Pole Vault
  - Millie Ryan – Discus
- District – Event Champions
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Allison Werry, Casey Brague, Lily Herriott, Caroline Stollar)
  - Allison Werry – 400 M Dash (59.70 – New School Record)

- Millie Ryan – Discus & Shot Put
- Erin Bogard – Pole Vault (12'0 – District Record)
- Regional – Event Champions
  - Erin Bogard – Pole Vault (12'5 – Region Record)
- State Qualifiers
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Allison Werry, Casey Brague, Lily Herriott, Caroline Stollar)
  - 4 x 400 Relay (Emme Bowe, Lily Herriott, Caroline Stollar, Allison Werry)
  - Erin Bogard – Pole Vault
  - Millie Ryan – Discus
  - Casey Brague – 3200 M Run
- Record Breakers
  - Erin Bogard – Pole Vault (12'6)
  - Allison Werry – 400 M Dash (59.70)
  - 4 x 800 Relay (Brague, Herriott, Werry, Stollar) 9:52.36

### **All-Academic Honor Rolls for Athletics**

At Warren High School, the success of our Athletics program is not just measured by the wins and losses of our teams on the playing fields and courts. Warren takes very seriously the education of our students and promotes success in the classroom by the honoring of our “student-athletes.”

- WHS Athletics (3.5+ cumulative GPA: 61 athletes qualified)
- Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (3.8+ GPA for the year: 44 Varsity athletes qualified)

The following were recognized for their outstanding scholarship and academic achievement at the second annual “WOW Awards”:

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| ● Top Team Grade Point Average        | Volleyball       |
| ● Top Senior Scholar Athlete (Female) | Caroline Stollar |
| ● Top Senior Scholar Athlete (Male)   | Matt Goodman     |

### **“WOW Awards”**

Created to recognize and honor Warren’s finest in Athletics, the “WOW Awards” is Warren’s version of the ESPN ESPY’S, with a splash of the Country Music Awards and the Rose Ceremony from the Bachelor. This year end event is a formal event that honors the special student-athletes, teams, coaches, and moments that make Warrior sports so special. Year 2 proved to be a much better event with a venue change, upgraded technology, and a crowd in excess of 500 people. Below are the winners from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “WOW Awards”:



# 2018-19

WOW AWARD	RECIPIENT
Top Team GPA	Volleyball
Top Senior Scholar Athlete - FEMALE	Caroline Stollar
Top Senior Scholar Athlete - MALE	Matt Goodman
Play of the Year	Boys Track 4 x 800 Relay
Moment of the Year	Boys Track 4 x 800 Relay
Fan of the Year	Patty Shawd
Makin' A Difference Volunteer of Year	Missy Liston
3 Sport Athlete	Madison Miller
	Baileigh Reynolds
	Millie Ryan
	Brock Bowen
	Caleb Davis
	Seth Dennis
	Derek McAfee
	Brennan Perdue
	Trent Sayre
	Jacob Smeeks
	Kurt Taylor
	Hunter Vincent
Ethan Yost	
Breakthrough Performance	Brennan Perdue
Strive for Excellence	Ethan Yost
Courage Award	Kayla Harnage
Clutch Performance of the Year	Thomas Miller
Team of the Year	Boys Track & Field
Coach of the Year	Dan Day
Freshman Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Abbie Smith
Freshman Athlete of the Year-MALE	Caleb Davis
Sophomore Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Millie Ryan
Sophomore Athlete of the Year-MALE	Seth Dennis
Junior Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Hannah Jankauskas
Junior Athlete of the Year-MALE	Ethan Yost
Senior Athlete of the Year-FEMALE	Diamond Decker
Senior Athlete of the Year-MALE	Trent Sayre