

TORNADO SPORTS WATCH

For Alumni

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It is hoped that Tornado Sports Watch for Alumni will be a three time a 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 boys, under head coach Randy Reidler started off with aa bang in winning the Selinsgrove Christmas Tournament Championship. Mike McCollum. HWT, James Haynes, 215, and Josh Malick, 112, won individual championships. The team went 4 -2 at the competitive Cannons Duals at Biglerville The Tornadoes then went on to win their second consecutive Schuylkill League Championship in January. Malick, 112, Haynes, 215, Jordan Politza, 171, and Mike McCollum, HWT, won individual titles. MCA placed 10 of 14 wrestlers in the top 6. In District IV Duals, MCA was upset in the 1/4 final round by Line Mountain 36-27. The Tornado grapplers finished their regular season with a tremendous 19-3 dual meet record, highlighted with an 81-0 victory over Williams Valley to clinch the Schuylkill League Division II Championship

The Tornadoes , wrestling in the Southern Sectional of District IV , placed second as a team to Line Mountain by a 142-158 score, The Tornadoes Josh Malick, 112, and James Haynes, 189, won tournament championships. Second place finishers were Shane Wondoloski, 103, Randy Elliot, 145, and Mike McCollum, 215. Third place finishes were earned by Erick Rossman, 140, Sean McCollum, 160, and Jordan Politza, 171.

In the District IV AA Championships, MCA placed 3rd out of 34 teams and had 2 individual champions in Malick (112) - 34-0, and Haynes (189) - 32-1. In addition, Mike McCollum placed third at 215 - 33-4, while Randy Elliot finished 5th at 145

Although Regionals did not quite go as expected - Malick(35-1) and Haynes(34-2) by virtue of 2nd place finishes moved on to the state tournament. Elliot and McCollum lost 3rd place consolations - McCollum ended his quest for 100 career wins at 97. He would have become only the 5th wrestler to post 100 wins - (Mike Garcia, Dave Fantini, Dave Evans, and Eric Lapotsky)

At the state championships, Haynes improved on last year's 6th place finish with a 5th place medal at 189 pounds. Haynes career record now stands at 89-13. Josh Malick also medaled with an 8th place finish (same as last year). Malick also went over the 100

win plateau, and his career record now stands at 103-15. Malick finishes at 37-4 and Haynes at 38-4. Both grapplers are juniors. Malick, Haynes, Randy Elliot, Mike McCollum and Ryan Kogut were named to the News - Item all area team. Malick was named to the Reading Eagle All Anthracite first team, while Haynes earned a second team spot.



James Haynes



Josh Malick

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Although not having the season they expected, the Lady Tornadoes finished the season with two consecutive wins over Panther Valley and Bloomsburg to end up 6-18. The girls program has had only three winning seasons since the 1985 District Championship Year - 1993(14-11), 1998 (17-11) and 2000 (14-12), But with the number of girls returning, and with the addition of that undefeated junior high team, coach Mark Moyer can look to a much brighter future for MCA basketball.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Coach John Lazicki, in his 8th year at the helm, led the Tornadoes to his best regular season record since taking over in 2000 with a 15-9 mark. They entered District IV play for the 4th consecutive year as a 5th seed. The Tornadoes fell short in the opening round losing by a 67-57 score to Wyalusing of the Northern Tier League. One good story from the game is that of Shawn Collier, four-year starter at point guard for the Red Tornadoes. Shawn, in his last game, was able to score 15 points, giving him 1004 in his career. He becomes only the 11th player in school history to reach that plateau. John's record now stands at 96-105 with a very good chance to reach the 100 win mark next season. Collier and Mark Costello were named to the first team all area team by the News-Item.



Shawn Collier

GIRLS SWIMMING: The girls under coach John Backes struggled with numbers during the regular season, In Schuylkill League Championships, the Lady swimmers

were able to place sixth at the league meet by virtue of scoring 68 points. Sara Steely place fifth in the 200 freestyle and 3rd in the 100 backstroke. MCA relay teams placed 5th in the 200 freestyle relay and 6th in the 400 freestyle relay. (Miss Steely is interesting in that she is a student at Lourdes Regional and is able to swim with the Tornadoes as a result of a co-operative program with Lourdes)

In the District IV Championship meet, sophomore Sara Steely placed 4th in 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.44 and 9th in 100 free in 2:08.13. Nadia Krashefski, Jamie Fletcher, Hanah Kolody, and Steely finished 4th in the 400 freestyle relay in 4:12.28 - 13 seconds faster than their previous best. The same foursome took a 7th place in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:53.88 Steely was named to the second team Schuylkill League all stars.

BOYS SWIMMING: The boys had only 4 members during the 2007 season and therefore went winless on the season. They did manage to place 6th at the Schuylkill League meet with a total of 63 points. Individually, Dan Betz placed 8th in the 200 freestyle, while Colin Menapace placed 6th in the 50 freestyle and 6th in the 100 butterfly. The relay teams placed 6th in the 200 medley relay and 5th in the 200 freestyle relay.

At the District IV meet, Colin Menapace raced to a 7th place finish in the 100 butterfly in 1:02.11, and would combine with Wally Watkins, Dan Betz, and Bill Joraskie to take a 7th place in the 200 freestyle relay (1:45.96), and 8th in the 200 medley relay (2:03.40) Colin Menapace was named to the first team Schuylkill League all star team, while Betz earned a third team spot.

ODDS AND ENDS:

Karrisa Tocyloski and Jonas Pachuski were honored as the Ed Romance Chapter's Scholar Athletes at its' annual banquet in March

Shawn Collier was recognized as a special achievement award winner by virtue of his 1000 points

Alums Jerry Brazinski(65), Wayne Scheirant (65), B.J. Swaldi (82), Tammy Trione (86) and Rodger Williams (58) were inducted into the hall of fame. The 1985 Girls District IV Champion basketball team was also honored. Present were coaches Deb Greco Perles and Bob Greco, as well as, players Maria Fantanarosa, Lisa Balitchik Varano, Mary Scicchitano, and Kim Little Chaundy