

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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BOYS TRACK: The boys, under coach Mike Farronato, finished the regular season with a 10-0 record in dual meets, The Tornadoes also finished at 7-0 in Division I of the Schuylkill League in clinching the League Title. The win in 2007 followed three consecutive years of 9-1, where the thinclads were edged out by Blue Mountain. The boys also had excellent showings in the Purple and White Relays, Breslin Relays, and Mount Carmel Invitational. It was the first undefeated regular season for Big Red since the 1998 season and first Schuylkill League title since '98.

Following the regular season, the boys went on to win the 37th Annual Schuylkill County Relays at Pottsville. They won 4 individual title in the 4 x 4, Fletcher, Kozloski, Pachuski, and Pisko (4:33), 4 x 8 (Fletcher, Graeger, Kozloski, and Watkins in (8:16), discuss (Balonis and Ambrose), and triple jump (Picarella and Costello).

At the Schuylkill League meet, Mark Ambrose defended his discuss title with a throw of 143'8", while Mark Costello added the javelin top spot with a throw of 188'3". Junior Matt Kozloski came from behind to capture the 800 meters with a time of 2:00.21 and also anchored the victorious 4 x 800 meter relay team to a 8:22.49 win along with Andrew Greagor, Wally Watkins, and Michael Fletcher.

Dan Picarella (43:1) and Costello (42:3) took 2nd and 3rd in the triple jump. Watkins added a 4th in the 800 as did the 4 x 400 meter relay team in 3:35.88. James Goins, Justin Latorre, Tim Bradley and Julius Demetrius added a 3d in the 4x100 with a 44.93..Bret McPeak added a 4th in the jav with a 166-3 and Jacob Shinskie picked up a 4th in the shot with a 43-8. Mike Plsko took 5th in the pole vault with a leap of 12-0.

The boys qualified 4 boys for the state meet in Shippensburg as a result of their performances in the District IV meet at Shikellamy. Mike Fletcher ran 1:59.41 in the 800 and finished second while the 4 x 800 meter relay team of Fletcher, Wally Watkins, Andre Graefer and Matt Kozloski ran 8:14.79 and also finished 2nd. Other finishers were Dan Picarella with a 3rd place in the triple jump (43'5"), Dave Albright - 4th in the long jump (20'4"), Jake Shinskie - 7th in the shot(44-7), Mark Costello - 8th in the triple (40-11) and 4 x 400 meter relay team (8th in 3:35.09.



Mark Costello _ Javelin Record Holder

The Boys 4 x 800 team of Kozloski, Graeger, Watlins, and Fletcher ran a 8:10.64 in prelims at States and qualified for the finals. Fletcher ran a 2:01.51 in the individual 800 and finished 18th in the state. The 4 x800 finished out of the money for the 2nd consecutive year with a 12th place finish in the final. Fletcher, Kozlowski, Ambrose, Costello, and Picarella were named to the News Item All Star team.

GIRLS TRACK: The girls, under coach Angela Farronato, finished the regular season with a 9-1 record (6-1 in the league). Their only loss was to Tamaqua. The girls are a very young team and will be expected to dominate the league in 2008.

The girls posted a fine 4th place finish in the Schuylkill County Relays, winning the 4 x 4 (Ibanez, Lawler, Novack, and Tocyloski in 4:17.1)

In the League meet, Sarah Novack finished 2nd in the 400 in 62.24 to pace the girls. She also helped the girls to a second place finish in the 4 x 400 in 4:20.39(Ibanez, Tocyloski, Wywadis, Novack). The girls 4 x 1 took a 3rd in

53.41(Ibanez, Tamara Bradley, Jocelyn Wywadis, and Marissa Farronato) Ibanez placed 4th in the 100 in 13.51 as Autumn Zigarski took 6th in 100 meter highs in 18.48. Ashley Pachutski took 2nd in the 300 intermediates in 49.46 while Krystal Kaminski took 2nd in the discus with a toss of 104'11". Novack's 104'10" was good enough for 5th in the javelin while Zigarski (8-6) and Paige Schoffler (8-0) placed 2nd and 5th in the pole vault.

The girls had Sara Novack qualify for the state meet with her second place finish in the 400 (1:00.79) and Krystal Kaminski qualified with her 2nd place finish in the discuss (101-3). Other finishers were the 4 x 400 meter relay team - 6th in 4:13.02) and the 4 x 100 meter relay team - 7th in 52.55

Junior Sarah Novack ran a 1:01.44 in the prelims at states and ended up with a 22nd place finish at the state meet. Krystal Kaminski threw 105'3" in the discuss to finish 17th at the state meet.

Ibanez, Novack, Pachutski, and Kaminski were named to the News Item all star team.

BOYS BASEBALL: The reigns were handed over to Joe Varano, after three years under Coach Ed Kaczmarek Kaz took the team from 6 wins, to 10 wins, to 14 wins, and 2 consecutive District IV playoff appearances. On May 1, Ty Klusman pitched only the 15th no-hitter in MCA history by handcuffing Tamaqua in an 11-0 victory. The last no-no was by Aaron Jayman in 1991. The boys also posted an excellent win over Blue Mountain by a 4-3 score. It was the first home loss for BM since the 2004 season. The boys finished the regular season with 5 consecutive wins to go 12-6 and 9-5 in the Schuylkill League.

Freshman Jeremy Yacobacci led the pitchers with a 4-1 record, while Ty Klusman blasted 4 home runs and Mike Pitcavage added 5 doubles

The Tornadoes entered District IV play as a 6th seed, but were upset in the first round by 11th seed Central Columbia by a 3-0 score

Mike Pitcavage led the Tornadoes with a .377 batting average followed by Chris Lutz at .333 and Ty Klusman at .321. Pitcavage also led the team in hits with 20, followed by Marcus Wasilewski with 18, and Chris Lutz, and Klusman with 17. Washy led the team with 20 RBI's.

Ironically, Central, as an 11th seed, won the District IV Championship in a win over Southern Columbia, a team we defeated in our 2007 opener.

Following the season, Klusman was named to the Press Enterprise All Area first team, while Pitcavage was listed with the second team. Wasilewski, Lutz, Fitzpatrick and Yacobacci were given honorable mention. Klusman, Lutz, Wasilewski, and Pitcavage were named to the News Item All Area team.

GIRLS SOFTBALL: The girls under head coach, Mike Trocki, again struggled through the Schuylkill League with a 5-15 record and 3-11 in the Schuylkill League. They were led by Jillian Ritz, Ciara Tate, Jessie McFee, Jenna Darrup, and Ashlee Kruskie. Ritz led the team with a .281 average and 16 hits and was a 4 year player and team captain. Kruskie pitched 18 complete games and strike out 88 and only walking 44. She was also a 4 year player and team captain. Jilian Ritz was the only player named to the News Item All Area team

EXTRA-EXTRA:

1982 grad Frank Sheptock will be inducted into the collegiate football Hall of Fame in July at Notre Dame University

1974 grad Dr. Ken Diminick will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in November in Philadelphia

Mount Carmel Area will become a member of the new Heartland Conference in 2008 in all sports. The new league will be composed of 25 teams, most of whom were members of the old Central Susquehanna Conference. We will be placed in Division II, along with Southern, Shamokin, Central Columbia, Loyalsock, and Warrior Run. We will keep associate membership in the Schuylkill League in wrestling, swimming and girls volleyball.

2006-2007 School Year - Hall of Fame Athletes of the Month

Jonas Pachuski	Shawn Collier
Karrisa Tocyloski	Michael McCollum
David Albright	Ryan Kogut
Dan Picarelli	Ashlee Kruskie
Ty Klusman	

Rotary Students of the Month

September - Brynn Bartko - University of Pittsburgh
October - Jessie McFee - Bloomsburg University
November - Benjamin Toland - Elizabethtown College
December - Jonas Pachuski - Rochester Institute of Technology
January - Mark Stankiewicz - Penn State
February: Michael Latorre - Susquehanna University
March - David Albright - Albright College
April - Kaila Augustine - College Misericordia
May - Phylcia Cimino - Work Force

