

Sports in Review

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Football

Record: (1-9)

Postseason: exit in Sectional semifinal

With the new stadium ready to go, the team lost its opening game against Greenwood. The team won one game against Terre Haute North Vigo, 21-12. Senior **D'Andre Miles** won FastTrack Mechanical Play of the Week during the game against Columbus North, as he slid behind the defense and hauled in a pass with one hand while tumbling through the rain and into the end zone. The Falcons lost the sectional semifinal at Brownsburg 56-3, ending the season. But coach **Matt Henninger** kept an upbeat attitude all season, pointing out that success in football is much more than a win or a loss on a scoreboard. It's about attitude, improvement and teamwork, and he praised his players in those areas. The first-year coach also explained the importance of Falcon Stadium. "Our guys have a home field to protect. Our students have the opportunity to develop their own traditions," Henninger said in an interview with "The Indianapolis Star." "We won't have to be on someone else's turf anymore."

Boys Soccer Record: (12-7-1)

Postseason: Placed 3rd in conference, winning sectional for the 4th year in a row

After reaching the Final Four in the 2016-2017 school year, the team lost 16 of its players. Despite this, boys soccer accomplished a better conference record of 4-2-1 this year. Seniors included **Alex Fuentes**, **Nick Vaux**, **Salvador Reynoso** and **Robert Lenhrin**. Lenhrin remained the top goal scorer for the team with nine goals after playing just one-third of the season due to a meniscus injury. With a team formed by players from all around the world speaking different languages, the team beat Roncalli 3-0, winning the sectional championship for the fourth consecutive year.

Girls Soccer

Record: (0-14-1)

Postseason: exit at sectional first round

The Falcons second year under coach **Emily Lahay** was a rough season with lots of team adjustments. The team started the season receiving three or four goals per match. Athlete standouts included sophomore **Paloma Lopez Rodriguez** as forward; junior **Lyndsey Ciampa** as defender; and senior **Esther Hnan Hon**, midfielder and forward. The team was defeated in the sectional first round by Lawrence North 3-0.

Boys Basketball Record: (4-19)

Postseason: early exit in sectional

Just two seniors—**Adam Taylor** and **Gabe Patterson**— were on this year's team helping guide the younger players. The team's first victory came at Whiteland in an intense match decided in overtime. The Falcons lost in the first round of sectionals against Pike's Red Devils, 74-31. Coach **Brent Keck** resigned after eight seasons, saying it was a privilege and honor to teach and coach with great kids, faculty and staff. **Mark James**, who led Ben Davis to a state championship, is the new boys basketball coach for 2018-2019.

Girls Basketball Record: (7-16)

Postseason: lost to Pike as host of the sectional during the semifinals

Senior standout **Sadie Hill** scored her 1,000th career point during the season. In both her junior and senior year, Hill was an all-conference selection. She's headed to Murray State to continue playing basketball. Juniors **Ariana Booker** and **Caitie Baird** were also team leaders. Falcon fans pointed to one of the most satisfying season wins: defeating conference rival Southport, 52-55. As sectional host, the Falcons fell to Pike 56-37. Next year's senior leaders will include **Baird**, **Booker**, **Molly Armstrong** and **Megan Bolyard**.

Softball (in season 3-17): The Falcons opened the season with an away game lost against Pike 0-18. Coach **Amanda Haberlin** made adjustments and corrections as the season continued. The team was led by seniors **Deja Denson**, **Makiah Thomas**, **Kaitlyn Korth** and **Taylor Hooton**. The team united after the loss against Bloomington North, preparing for their next match against Terre Haute South Vigo. The team will compete in sectionals on May 21.

Girls Golf

Record: (7-3)

Postseason: placing 4th place during the girls golf sectional

Seniors **Anna Eisenbarth** placed 3rd while **Alex Quinlan** placed 2nd as advancing individuals. The team won the Marion County championship for the 2nd year in a row. "This has never been done at PMHS," said coach **Andrew Sebold**. During the season, the team placed 8th at the Ben Davis Invitational and placed 10th at the Franklin Central Invitational. The team placed 4th at the Center Grove sectional golf meet.

Wrestling

Record: (18-2)

Postseason: team state runner-up, send six to state

Perry Meridian finished state runner-up, sending six to state. The team had two losses, but defeated IHSAA individual state champion Cathedral in a dual meet. Six wrestlers competed at state finals repeating their similar success from previous years. Seniors included **Daniel Below** who went to state his first year as a varsity wrestler; and **Noah Warren**, who became coach **Matt Schoettle's** first state champion. The wrestlers finished the season ranked 37th in the country.

Girls Volleyball

Record: (11-20)

Postseason: lost sectional championship to Roncalli

The girls volleyball team defeated rival Southport 3-2. Seniors **Karly Fraker** and **Taylor Hooton** led the team, which won all three of its last games. In the first round of sectionals, the athletes defeated Decatur Central, 3-0. They went on to beat Southport a second time in the season during the semifinals, 3-0. They lost in the sectional finals to Roncalli, 3-0.

Baseball (In season 7-16)

The season has really been one full of adversity for the baseball team. They have lost a lot of close ball games. They are about half way through and believe in this team and think that the tides will turn very soon. The team won against Greenwood during senior night 7-0. But the team while working on that they defeated Warren Cen-



Social Studies teacher and wrestling head coach Matthew Schoettle watched his first state champion, 170 lb Senior Noah Warren, take victory at Bankers Life Filedhouse (Photo by Adam Crozier).



Seniors Van Tha Sang, Alex Fuentes, Salvador Reynoso, and exchange student Lorenzo Vingolo pose after defeating Roncalli 3-0 and winning the sectional championship against Center Grove 1-0, Southport 3-2 (Photo by Fabian Contreras Rodriguez).

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Matt Schoettle: Teacher, Coach of the Year

Social Studies teacher and Wrestling coach **Matt Schottle** was bestowed the PMHS Teacher of the Year and 3-A Coach of the Year honors this year.

A Marine veteran, Schoettle works hard, even through his knee surgery. That kind of dedication is the mindset Schoettle wants to instill in all his boys in blue. The wrestling team sent the "Sinister Six" to state, but even state champions can improve. Despite being aware of this fact, Schoettle's "happy," He laughed at himself, saying that it is actually rare if he is ever happy, even after winning championships.

Schoettle said that all the hard work paid off, but it takes time, practice and dedication. "We have to work our ass off to be good" Schoettle said.

The team finished second in the state and number one in the 170 lb category. Along with senior **Noah Warren**, there were also three wrestlers in the finals. "I'm satisfied," Schoettle said, but he

also said the team could do better, describing the close and tight final match. Junior **Samuel Fair** had against opponent Hunter Watts, where he lost by a slim margin.

Schoettle said the students deserve the credit for their dedication and hardwork. After winning Teacher of the Year he was "very humble."

Schoettle wants to improve and be better every year. By understanding his students, they can understand his class, or the wrestling mat, better, he said.

"I was around good guys and better than me," he said. "The only way to beat them is if I keep working." That 'go get'em' attitude defines his coaching, players said.

During practice coach Schoettle tore his ACL and needed surgery. It was the first time he had injury, but he's still coaching and teaching, he said.

tral 4-2, Decatur Central 7-2, and Ben Davis 8-4 on Saturday, May 5th. They will played at Victory Field on May 14 against Roncalli in the Marion County Championship.

Girls Cross Country (63-49)

The girls cross country team had a successful season this year. They improved their team placement in nearly every invitational. The team placed 5th in sectionals and qualified for regionals, placing eighth.

Junior **Trinity Spurgeon** qualified for semi-state as an individual. The Class of 2018 includes: **Kayla O'Brian, Sarah Jones, Shaelyn Starks, Caroline Kavanaugh, Ruth Par** and **Caitlyn Rentzell**.

Boys Track

Record: (5-15)

Continuous improvement in individual performances especially individual PR's by **Andrew Haggerty, Tre Breziel, Luke Greenwood, D'Andre Miles, Chris Switzer**, and **Brandon Green, Jake Smith, Caleb Arnold** and **William Coleman**. Seniors have performed well. The underclassmen have gotten some good leadership from the Seniors. The Boys Track sectionals will be on May 17 at Decatur Central.

Girls Tennis

Record: (4-13)

The seniors all play varsity positions and have demonstrated leadership and maturity throughout the season, according to observers. **Anna Osborne**, a senior at #1 singles, defeated Southport's #1 singles player quickly in straight sets, avenging last year's loss in sectional to the same player. Once again, the sectional title will come down to a competitive showdown between Perry Meridian and Southport.

Unified Track (in season): Coach **Maggie Cooper** said during the first meet held at Southport High School a conference meet the team did very well. The second meet was at New Palestine where the 4x1 boys placed first. The next meet will be sectionals on May 19.

Boys Swimming

Record: (6-3)

The boys swim team had a rough start to the season because its former coach, **Chris Etherington** took a job in Kokomo, leaving the team without a leader when school first began. Physical education teacher **Judi Treat** stepped into his shoes before fall break commenced, coaching both the girls and boys swim team. Students praised their new coach for being supportive and upbeat even though they lost to Southport 103-77 on senior night. They placed 7th at the Franklin Community Sectionals.

Boys Volleyball

Record: (5-19)

The team experienced a rough year. Having several new players and senior leaders **Cole Knoblett** and **Khen Aung**; they've played for the team the last three years, and they have played in every position available on the court. **Va Ra Na, Kumar Lian, Raul Moreno, Luke Greenwood**, and **Fnu Jeremiah** were first year players and seniors. Senior **Karly Fraker** asked to be the team manager for the boys team. Her knowledge of the game and positive attitude was helpful, she's lead some practice drills and even coached the JV team when the coach was unavailable.

Girls Swimming

Record: (6-3)

The team started their season with **Judi Treat** as head coach helping to improve the team. Seniors included **Antania Sims, Molly Brodzeller, Natalie Monroe** and **Sarah Jones**. Six swimmers made it to finals in the individual rounds on Feb. 3. Monroe participated in the 100 Fly; junior **Kyra Skeens** in the 200 Free, freshman **Emme Egan** in the 100 Fly and 50 Fly. The Lady Falcons beat Southport 126-51 during senior night.

Girls Track (In season)

With many meets during the week, coach **Ryan Teverbaugh** complimented the team's performance, pointing to the Falcons' victory against state champions Warren Central and Ben Davis. Team placed third at conference with 110 points, 18 more than last year. 4x4 team placed top fifth in state. Sophomore **Hannah Bargue** finished top 10 on the 100 and 400. Senior **Sadie Hill** being champ at discus, throwing a 130' and 4". Teverbaugh expects to send six girls to go to state.

Lacrosse (In season 3-7)

Sophomores **Noah June, Evan Ferguson, Tanner Boston, Alex Laine** and **Chance Arboneaux** played lacrosse for two seasons outside of Perry and helped create the sport/club at PMHS. **Brian June**, president of the Parentboard, is the face of the lacrosse team. Seniors **D'Andre Miles** and **Tre Breziel** lead the infant team. Falcons lost to Southport 12-3, cementing the rivalry for next year's match.

Boys Tennis

Record: (5-12)

The boys tennis team lost sectionals against southport 3-2. Sophomore **Sajin Smith** won Regional, defeating Shenandoah's senior Seth Nation. In the championship, Smith defeated Brownsburg freshman Petar Petrovic, advancing to state Finals where he lost in the quarterfinals against Bloomington North senior Mac Rogers.

Boys Golf (in season 42-7)

With a great season, boys golf won the Ritter Classic with the coach **Andrew Sebold**, securing first place. The boys golf team placed second at the Marion County Tournament. Seniors **Nick Vaux** (first year) and senior **Riley Franklin** will play sectionals at Hickory Stick Golf Club at Center Grove starting June 1.

Boys Cross Country

Record: (74-51)

Perry Meridian advanced to semi-state this year as a team and was led by seniors **Chris Switzer, Luke Greenwood, Raul Moreno** and **Blaze Lowery**. Freshman **Andrew Haggerty** and juniors **Jakob Orr** and **Michael Sears** rounded out the team. The team won the Chatard Invitational and were runner up at Brown County, Fountain Central and Highland Invitational.

The football team at a conference game at Bloomington North. Seniors number 4 D'Andre Miles, number 23 Carlos Shane jr, number 54 Sophomore Nathen Bowsher, despite the falcons scoring first in the game the Cougars find a way to open the Falcons defense and won the game 34-24 (photo by Fabian Contreras Rodriguez).

