

Winter Sports Wrap Up

Out with Winter, in with Spring

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This winter season of sports has been very successful for many teams. The gymnastics team and two wrestlers all placed high at state. Girls bowling and boys swimming had very impressive seasons as well.

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team went 5-24 in the regular season. The biggest highlight win for the team was when they won against Bartlett High School. In the MLK tournament on January 16, they put up 54 points to the Hawks' 48. Bartlett was having a very solid season up to that point, going just 9-9, so the Barbs beating them was a huge upset. In the final game of the season against Glenbard North the team lost 21-47.

The girls team had six seniors who left last year, along with the Barb's center, Ajah Davis. The team this year lacked experience this year with this year's team having only two seniors, a handful of juniors, and five combined sophomores and freshman. Also, the team had a first year coach in Elliot Whitefield. Although the team didn't have the team the season they expected, or wanted, the young players can only grow from here.

Boys Basketball

The Barbs had a good season with a 17-10 record during the regular season. Coming into the second half of the season, the Barbs look to pick up where they left off making it to the IHSA Regional final last season. The Barbs look to use that as motivation to go further into the playoffs and bring home a State title.

For the third year in a row, the team won conference. Their first opponent in regionals was Glenbard East, which they best to advance and play Wheaton North.



Mikey Albert drives to the basket, photo taken by Cris Rojo.

Boys Swimming

Like a lot of the other teams, the swimming team had many seniors graduate last year, which left spots on their roster. Younger swimmers would need to come in and perform well. Even with all that adversity, they still had a great season. The Barbs did a good job starting their season off against Ottawa/LaSalle-Peru High School, beating them 94-75. It was a good confidence

boost to start their season off. The next week they placed third at the Freeport invite. In week seven, they beat Oswego/Oswego East High School 97-86, and the next week they just barely squeaked out a win against McHenry High, winning 85-84.

The swim team's season came to an end when the team placed fourth in sectionals at St. Charles East High School.

Boys Wrestling

The wrestling team has had its fair share of wins and losses going 12 and 17 in the regular season. The guys are heading to the regional tournament but what's special about the team this year is how much young talent is on the roster. They have 12 freshman and sophomores on the varsity team.

Freshman Fabian Lopez placed first at the Sectional tournament allowing him to go to the State meet. Along with him is Sophomore Blah Dahnweih placing fourth in the sectional meet allowing him as well to go to state. Freshman Fabian Lopez finished second at state in the 120 weight class.

Girls Bowling

The girls bowling team has had an impressive season. The team's biggest win of the year was against Rochelle High School in week 10 of the season. The team showed just how good they are when they swept division rival Rochelle both games this year, beating them 2848-2801, and 3132-2665. The stats for the overall season might not leap out at first, with the team going 9-13 overall, but as you go in depth with the stats you'll see that they've had a very solid season. While the Barbs have not placed first in a tournament, they have gone 9-3 in individual matches against schools such as Sterling, Kaneland, and Ottawa. With the type of winning play they've been having, they're looking like the team to beat in our conference. The team placed seventh overall at the regional competition.

Boys Bowling

The boys bowling team had a solid season. The Barbs had all sorts of young talent on the varsity team. Although they did not make the sectional tournament they are still on course for having a break out season next year with new incoming freshman and the young guys they have now.

They came in fifth at the conference tournament and sixth at regional.

Gymnastics

For the second year in a row, the Barb's gymnastics team has had an outstanding season. While they may not get the recognition they deserve, it doesn't stop them from putting on a great performance each and every week of the season. Last year the team finished with just two losses in the regular season and earned a trip to state.

In their first meet of this season, they went against the reigning state champions, Prairie Ridge. The Barbs,



Senior Aleah Leman performs on the uneven bars. Photo by Cris Rojo.

the state runner up last year, didn't let that intimidate them however, as they defeated Prairie Ridge 147.1 to 146.475. This was just the start to another dominating season for the team. They have been on a winning streak of 12 straight. This winning streak has earned the team a second straight year at state.

The Girls finished second overall at state, just behind Prairie Ridge, who's won state three times in a row.