

# NHS Athletic Update

New Hope-Solebury Lions

1/30/2017

Winter Week 8

## Boys Basketball:

The Boy's basketball team opened the week on Monday playing Church Farm School. In the first matchup Church Farm defeat the Lions by 22 points. On Monday night it was a different script. The Lion's battled back from a 25-20 half time deficit to win the game at the buzzer. With the game tied at 45 the Lions inbounded the ball with 13.9 seconds left in the game. **Brendan Shadle** drove the lane and dish a perfect pass to **Topher Taylor** for the game winning layup. The Lion's had a balanced scoring attack with Topher Taylor and **Kevin Dougherty** finishing with 13 each and **Nick Garritano** 11.

Wednesday night the Boy's Basketball host league rival Bristol. The Lion's took an early lead on the Warriors and never looked back. Nick Garritano's 23 lead the Lions attack followed by Kevin Dougherty's 11. With Topher Taylor on the bench with foul trouble the Lion's saw a trio of **Morgan Shadle, Connor Wallace and Pat Cooney** share solid minute in helping the team secure the win. The Lion's were 21-30 from the foul line in the game. The Lions went 14-21 from the line in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to defeat Bristol 52-43.

No Saturday the Lion's traveled to Council Rock South for the NY/PA Challenge to take on the Pioneers of Newtown, NY. The Lion's didn't waste anytime getting started. Brendan Shadle hit 3 3's in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to open the game up as the Lion's lead 21-7 after the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The end result was the teams 3 straight win by the score of 61-41. Nick Garritano lead all scorers with 17 points, Topher Taylor had 16 points and 8 blocked shots followed by Brendan Shadle with 16. Pat Cooney just 2 games back from an injury had 7 points off the bench.

The Lion's Close out the regular season with 3 games this week against Lower Moreland, Holy Ghost and DevonPrep.

## Girls Basketball:

### Week # 8 -- NHS Girls Basketball Weekly Highlights

The NHS Girls Basketball Team continues to play at a high level winning two games this week against solid programs. Currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the state (3A classification) and 2nd in District XI our NHS teams overall record now stands at 18-0 and 10-0 in the BAL.

On senior night, in a packed gym, Lower Moreland came to town undefeated in the BAL (8-0) featuring the BAL's leading scorer **Rachel Millan**. Millan, a senior commit to Chestnut Hill Academy, averages 24 points per game. The NHS girls' basketball players were in lockdown mode holding Millan to just 2 field goals and 9 points. NHS went onto win by 14 points. Final

score 47-33. Senior **Alana Davidson** led the way with a monster performance scoring 15 points, pulling down 13 boards and blocking 5 shots. Fellow senior **Kelly Hyland** continues to be a force on both ends of the floor. Hyland scored 14 points and collected 7 rebounds. Junior **Sarah Wilson** had 8 points and was all over the court hounding Lower Moreland coming up with 7 steals. Wilson also had 4 assists on the night. Sophomore **Jordyn Sherman** logged some valuable minutes and nailed two big 3-pointers to help keep Lower Moreland at bay. It was a special night for the NHS seniors as they were recognized by their coaches and teammates in front of family, friends, alumni and community supporters.

Just 14 hours after their battle with Lower Moreland, the NHS Girls Basketball Team took on the highly-toughed Pennington High School from across the river. Prior to the Pennington game honorary captain **Gabby Christy** was recognized as part of the New Hope-Girls Basketball Program thru "**Athletes Helping Athletes**". Athletes Helping Athletes is a program that provides awareness and community support by having special needs children serving as Honorary Captains at high school sporting events. As Honorary Captain, each child is specially treated, introduced to the crowd and participates in pregame activities. The special needs children love being a part of the program, but the bonds that are formed between the players and special needs kids are truly something to witness.

Pennington feature the Johnson sisters with Leah Johnson standing at 6'3" and her little sister at 6' 0". An exhausted NHS team with players who were coming off stomach bugs and the flu controlled the tempo of the game and frustrated Pennington with its patient and deliberate offensive. NHS went onto win the game by a score of 32 to 14 holding Pennington to its lowest scoring output in 5 years. The return of freshman **Katie Costello** from the flu was one key to the win for NHS. Katie helped shut down Pennington's post players. Costello had 5 offensive rebounds and a total of 8 on the afternoon. She also adding 3 points. Senior **Alana Davidson** led all scorers with 12 points. Davidson went a perfect 8 for 8 from the charity stripe and pulled down 6 rebounds. She needs just 31 points to reach one thousand in her career. Senior **Bella DeVito** hit to timely 3-point shots and added 3 assists ending with 7 points. Senior **Kelly Hyland** added 8 points and 4 steals.

The NHS Girls Basketball Team will travel to Jenkintown in a highly-anticipated game on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Jenkintown is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in District One (1A classification) and sits with a perfect 10-0 record in the BAL. The NHS team will return to the Lions Den for a Thursday contest with The Christian Academy. Game time is 7:00pm.

### **Wrestling:**

The NH-S Wrestlers had a very successful night this past Thursday evening. This being our only home match of the season and Senior night, the NH-S wrestlers looked forward to hosting VFMA. As it turned out none of the Seniors had a match and only three of

the underclass NH-S wrestlers matched up with the VFMA wrestlers. All three matches wrestled ended in pins by NH-S in the first period, the fastest being in .32 sec. The Senior recognition ceremony went very well honoring Mgr's **Bailey Hendricks**, Grace **Rakowsky**, **Wrestlers Max Lupisella, Collin Frankhouser** and **Chris Thompson**. We want to thank all of the parents and students who came out to support the NH-S Wrestling team.

#### **Winter Track**

In a light week for track, **Maryna Chuma** continued her quest for States at Lehigh University on Friday night competing in the high jump. She matched her season high of 5'-0" to finish 4th overall in a big division with some tough schools. The rest of the girls team and all of the boys will compete in their last regular league meet next Friday and Saturday (respectively) at Lehigh University.