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# Varsity Girls Soccer Team Ends Playoff Run with Championship

After the varsity girls soccer team finished the regular season with a 16-4-1 record overall and a North Shore Conference championship as they went undefeated in conference play with an 8-0 record. This was their 6<sup>th</sup> straight North Shore Conference championship. The team was ready for the playoff run as they were seeded 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Sectional.

## Regional Final: Saturday, June 3rd vs 7th seed Whitnall at Lubar Stadium

The Blue Dukes got on the board quickly in this game and had took control of the game with a goal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute by senior Sofia Englund with the assist from junior Elyse Leinweber. After scoring that goal, the Blue Dukes controlled possession the rest of the game and created numerous opportunities. Sofia Englund would score two more goals to get a hat trick on the night, with her sister, senior Lucia Englund getting a goal as well. Izzy Gonzalez would get the last goal in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute to give the Blue Dukes the Regional Championship with a 5-0 victory.



## Sectional Semifinal: Thursday, June 8th vs 3rd seed Waukesha West at Lubar Stadium

The 3<sup>rd</sup> seed Wolverines came into this matchup with a 11-5-1 record after competing in the difficult Classic Eight conference where they finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall. The Blue Dukes knew coming in, this would be a battle, but they were ready for it. In a physical back and forth game, where the Blue Dukes defense shined, as they shut down Waukesha West's offensive attack and limited them to very few chances, the Blue Dukes would advance to the Sectional Final with a 1-0 victory. Junior Izzy Gonzales scored the game winner with an assist by Lucia Englund and goalie Riley Franklin would end up with 5 saves

## Sectional Final: Saturday, June 10th vs 1st seed Pewaukee at Lubar Stadium

The 1<sup>st</sup> seed Pirates, who were also the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Division 2 team in the WSCA state poll, came into the game undefeated with a 16-0-1 record, which included a Woodland West conference championship. Pewaukee was very talented and would be the Blue Dukes biggest test in the season. On a beautiful night at Lubar, with a large crowd, the atmosphere was ready for an epic matchup.

The Blue Dukes got on board early and gained momentum in the 1<sup>st</sup> minute with a goal from Lucia Englund as they took all the wind out of the Pirates. The Blue Dukes would get another goal a few minutes later as Sofia Englund joined the party with a goal of her own. However, the top seeded Pirates would not go down without a fight, as they scored in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute to close to game to one goal and in the 36<sup>th</sup> minute would get another goal to tie the game heading into halftime.

Heading into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, both teams knew that a State berth was at stake and they both left everything on the field as they battled for an intense 40 minutes to determine the winner. Senior goalie Riley Franklin, who has committed to play soccer at Baylor University and was recently named North Shore Conference player of the year, was determined to shut down the potent Pewaukee offense in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Making remarkable save after save, Franklin kept the Pirates off the board and gave the Blue Dukes a chance to win the game. Franklin ended the game with nine saves That chance came in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute as Sofia Englund scored on a rocket to give the Blue Dukes the 3-2 lead and they would

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hold on the last 7 minutes to win the WIAA Sectional Championship and qualify for the WIAA State Tournament for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight year.



WIAA State Semifinal: Thursday, June 8th vs 3rd seed Sauk Prairie at Uihlein Soccer Park

The Blue Dukes match up with Sauk Prairie at State would be their 3<sup>rd</sup> State Semifinal matchup in a row. In an early game this season, Whitefish Bay would win 4-0, however with the stakes being higher, the girls were ready for the challenge.

Whitefish Bay came out firing as they controlled possession for the majority of the 1<sup>st</sup> half as they took seven shots on goal to Sauk Prairie's three shots. In the 28<sup>th</sup> minute, sophomore Itsy Smith scored on a pass from Lucia Englund to get the Blue Dukes on the board, 1-0.



Photos by Alan Herzberg

Sauk Prairie would not go away though, as they scored the equalizer in the 51<sup>st</sup> minute with a header to even the score at 1-1. The Blue Dukes did not lose their focus and scored the eventual game winner as Lucia Englund dribbled through the entire Sauk Prairie defense to put the Blue Dukes up 2-1 in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute. Sophia Englund would score the final goal in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute with an assist from senior Lauren Busalacchi to all but seal up the win with a 3-1 final.



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# Whitefish Bay High School

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### WIAA State Championship: Saturday, June 10th vs 1st seed Oregon at Uihlein Soccer Park

The Oregon Panthers, who came into the game with a 48 game unbeaten streak, were the defending WIAA Division 2 State Champions, and were the team to beat Whitefish Bay in last year's state championship game, was the team the Blue Dukes would play this year for the WIAA State Championship.

The Blue Dukes came out in the first 40 minutes and offensively created more dangerous opportunities against Oregon, while goalie Riley Franklin and the Blue Duke defense limited those opportunities for the Panthers. Things were trending the right way for Whitefish Bay until Oregon scored the first goal in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute and took the 1-0 lead. Some teams would not respond to the adversity that our girls soccer team did that day. The Blue Dukes kept the pressure on Oregon and after Elyse Leinweber forced a turnover in Oregon's half, Lucia Englund slotted a perfect ball to Sofia Englund, who scored to even up the game at 1-1 in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute.

10 minutes later, the Blue Dukes were on the attack again, this time with the Blue Dukes taking advantage of Oregon pushing forward. Lucia Englund took the ball around 40 yards out, dribbled by her defender and shot the ball past the goalie. An Oregon defender ended up trying to clear the ball, but failed to do so and it ricocheted off her foot and into the goal and the Blue Dukes took the 2-1 lead in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute.

In the longest 15 minutes of the season, the Blue Dukes find a way to hold onto the 2-1 victory and are the WIAA Division 2 State Champions, the programs 10<sup>th</sup> State Title overall!



photos by Stacy Revere



# Varsity Baseball Team Wins 1st Ever WIAA State Championship

After the varsity baseball team finished their North Shore Conference season with a 2-0 win over Slinger on May 19<sup>th</sup> to secure a North Shore Conference championship, their 4<sup>th</sup> in a row, the Blue Dukes went to another gear. They finished the regular season with a 5 game winning streak, which included wins over: Slinger (2-0), Waukesha South (6-2), Franklin (3-1), Milwaukee King (4-3) and Shorewood (7-1). They went into the postseason with a 19-7 record and the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed in the WIAA Sectional.

## Regional Final: Thursday, June 1st vs 6th seed Wauwatosa East at Cahill Park

With pitching ace, junior Tyler Andrews taking the mound for the Blue Dukes, they were ready to take on the Red Raiders. Tyler was dominant throughout the game, limiting Wauwatosa East to 3 hits over 6 innings. The Blue Dukes however could not get it going offensively as they only managed to get 4 hits. The big hit came from junior JD Dix as he hit a double in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning and scored senior Sean Callahan to take the 1-0 lead. The Blue Dukes didn't get anything else going until the 7<sup>th</sup> when they loaded the bases and scored a run on a balk from the Wauwatosa East pitcher. Junior Alex Brodersen, came on in the 7<sup>th</sup> to close out the game, worked around two hits to win the game for the Blue Dukes.

## Sectional Semifinal: Tuesday, June 6th vs 2nd seed Nicolet at Maslowski Park

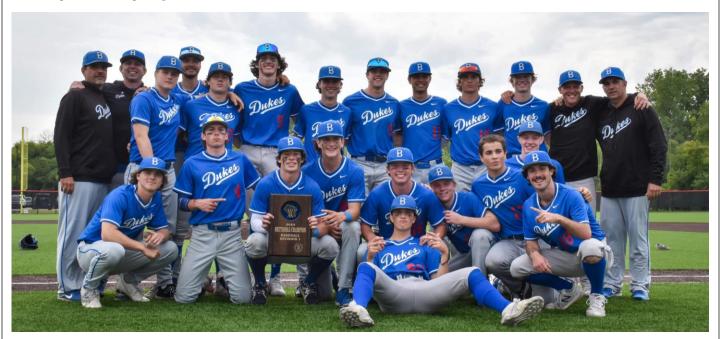
The Blue Dukes would face their crosstown rival Nicolet in the WIAA Sectional Semifinal game. Just 3 weeks ago, Nicolet had defeated Whitefish Bay 9-2, but this time around, the Blue Dukes were not going to lose. Behind an amazing pitching performance by Tyler Andrews, who threw a 7 inning no-hitter, the Blue Dukes had control of this game from the start as they scored one run in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. Andrews would finish the game with 4 strikeouts and he had his 1<sup>st</sup> high school no-hitter in the books. The Blue Dukes would add runs in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> inning and would coast to an 8-0 victory. The Blue Dukes offense was led by senior Jack Wrights two hits and two RBI's, senior Austin Wienke's two hits, one double and two RBI's, sophomore Harry Bortolotti's two hits and freshman Charlie McIntyre's 2 hits.

## Sectional Final: Tuesday, June 6th vs 1st seed Marquette at Maslowski Park

This marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the Blue Dukes made it to the WIAA Sectional Final in the past 4 seasons and they boys were poised to make sure this time, they would advance to the state tournament. In their way, was Marquette who came into the game with a 20-5 record and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Greater Metro Conference.

Taking the mound for the Blue Dukes was freshman Charlie McIntyre, who had only started one game prior to this matchup. Even though the moment was big, it was not too big for McIntyre. To help himself out, McIntyre hit into a fielder's choice, scoring one run in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. With McIntyre dealing on the hill, the Blue Dukes offense ended up collecting eight hits, with Wienke and Bortolotti racking up multiple hits. The Blue Dukes would push across another run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to give themselves as 3-0 lead heading into the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.

As McIntyre had done all game, he continued to shut down the Marquette offense along with his great defense, to two hits and no runs and pitched a complete game. The Blue Dukes win 3-0 and advance to the WIAA State Tournament.



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# WIAA State Quarterfinal: Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> seed Menomonee Falls at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium

The Blue Dukes came into this game as the 5<sup>th</sup> seeded team in the Division 1 State Tournament and riding an eight game winning streak. The matchup in game 1 was Menomonee Falls, who entered the tournament with 25-4 record, a Greater Metro Conference championship and the team that knock out the Blue Dukes at the Sectional Final last year.

As they had done all playoffs, the Blue Dukes got on the board early, getting one run in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning as junior Ben Van Bell's bunt scored senior Jack Counsell. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, the Blue Dukes added to their lead as Counsell hit an RBI single and scored junior Ben Volpe. The Blue Dukes would add two more in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning to expand their lead to 4-0 on a Counsell triple, which scored Volpe and Wienke's single scored Counsell.

Tyler Andrews was on the mound for the Blue Dukes and got into trouble in the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> as Falls hit a two run homerun in the 4<sup>th</sup> and a three run homerun in the 5ht to take the lead 5-4. Even though the momentum had shifted, the Blue Dukes didn't panic and went to work the next inning.

Senior Ian Gunn hit a double to get things going in the top of the sixth inning, then JD Dix's grounder led to an errant throw and Sean Callahan, who had pitch run for Gunn, raced home to tie the game at 5-5. Replacing Andrews on the mound was McIntyre as he took control the rest of the game. He pitched the final four innings without allowing a hit and striking out three in an impressive performance.

McIntyre also come up big in extra innings with his bat, as he came to the plate with 2 outs, bases loaded in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. On a 3-2 count, McIntyre hit a ball to short and was able to beat the throw for an infield hit and an RBI. The ball got away from the first baseman and another run scored to give the Blue Dukes a 7-5 lead. McIntyre would finish off Falls for a 7-5 victory.



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#### WIAA State Semifinal: Wednesday, June 14th vs 1st seed Stevens Point at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium

The Blue Dukes were ready for this one! Playing the top seeded team, Stevens Point, who had come into the game with an impressive 26-1 record, many would not believe how this game would go. The Blue Dukes jumped on early and often with four runs in the 1<sup>st</sup>, which included back to back to back doubles by Counsell, Dix, Wienke and McIntyre, five runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, one run in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, five runs in the 4<sup>th</sup>, which included a 3-run homerun by Wienke and to cap it off, two runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. With Brodersen doing an excellent job on the mound to keep Stevens Point off balanced, allowing no runs on 4 hits, the Blue Dukes win 17-0.

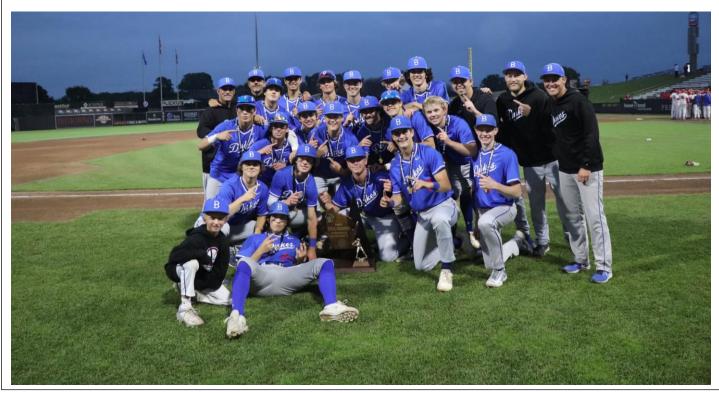


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WIAA State Championship: Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Hortonville at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium A confident Whitefish Bay varsity baseball team took the field for a chance at their 1<sup>st</sup> WIAA State Championship, riding a ten game winning streak. They had a formidable opponent in Hortonville, who came into the game with an impressive 27-5 record.

The game started similar to most of the games in this winning streak, with the Blue Dukes getting an early lead, 1-0 in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> as Jack Wright drew a walk to score a run. Hortonville would answer with a run in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> to tie the game at 1-1. The Blue Dukes wouldn't let that faze them as they scored 4 runs in the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning to get a 5-1 lead. Those four runs came on three hits, with Jack Counsell starting it off with a double, JD Dix with an RBI single, then Wienke followed up with an RBI single to score Dix. Wienke scored on an error and Ben Van Bell drew a walk to plate the 4<sup>th</sup> run of the inning.

Tyler Andrews took over from there! After only having 70 pitches on Monday, the Blue Dukes ace was ready for Thursday's game. Andrews dominated the game, as he pitched 6.2 innings, one run allowed on five hits, while striking out six. The Blue Dukes win their first WIAA Division 1 State Championship with the 5-1 victory!



# Girls Track Team Finishes 6th Overall at State and Kolawole Brings Home 2 Gold Medals

The Girls Track and Field Team had an impactful and fun season. With several meet victories and impressive showings along the way, the team ended their season as WIAA Regional and WIAA Sectional champions before finishing 6th place at the WIAA State Meet.

On the field side, junior school record holder Ryann Wesley proved to be a consistent competitor for the Dukes soaring high in the pole vault. She ended her season by finishing fourth at the state meet with a height of 11'6". Junior Finley Counsell earned a spot at the state meet in high jump where she cleared 4'10" and gained big meet experience. Junior Essence Burrows and senior Lola Kolawole long jumped for the Dukes as well. Both girls have held the school record in the event.

Distance runners consistently scored big points for the Dukes throughout the season and sent a 4x800m team comprised of seniors Natalie and Lydia Miller, junior Freya Stratte, and sophomore Paige Haglund to the state meet for a 10th place finish. Junior Lily Kriegel turned in an impressive double at the state meet with a 9th place finish in the 3200m run (11:04) and 11th place finish in the 1600m run (5:00).

Junior hurdler Lily Girzadas qualified in the grueling 300m hurdles and contributed to the 4x400m relay along with junior Martha Mitchell, sophomore Cherish Norah and Haglund.

The biggest boost to the Dukes efforts came from University of Virginia-bound Lola Kolawole who took home individual WIAA State title in the 100m dash (11.73), 200m dash (23.96) and was runner-up in the 400m dash (56.73).

Ultimately the hard work of the team paid off in dividends over a great season. With many seasoned athletes returning next year we look forward to seeing what the Dukes can accomplish in 2024.



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# Boys Track Finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> at Regionals, 4<sup>th</sup> at Sectionals and Sends 13 to State

This year 2023 track season got out the blocks quick as the boys team quickly got to work. Heading into the WIAA Regional meet on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lubar Stadium, the Whitefish Bay boys track team performed well getting second overall at the meet with some outstanding performances. The boys team would end up winning the 4X800 meter relay, the 4x400 meter relay and narrowly making it in the 4X100 meter relay due to bad exchange. They would also qualify sophomore Jacob Jones and senior AJ Springer through in the open 800, senior school record holder Will Smith and junior Landon Gallun in the open 200, senior Thor Gabik in the 300 hurdles, senior John Bartschatt and junior Naoh Vedder in the two mile, sophomore Will Mees in the discus and junior Ryan Scarlett in the triple jump all to the WIAA Sectional meet.

At the WIAA Sectional meet on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, the Blue Dukes would not disappoint, as they answered the call on their quest to qualify for the WIAA State Meet. Following the near miss in the 4X100 meter relay at Regionals, the boys team shocked the meet by winning the relay from lane eight with a team composed of senior Jack Counsell, Gallun, senior Joe Morello, and Smith running the fastest state qualifying time at the meet. The 4X800 and 4x400 relays would also meet the challenge as they qualified for the state meet as well. Jones and Springer both qualified for state in the open 800, and Smith would run a blistering 21.89 in the open 200 meter to win and go to state as well. An amazing effort was put forth by all athletes even the ones that did not qualify for state.

At the WIAA State meet on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at UW-Lacrosse, the Whitefish Bay boys competed fiercely fighting through all the adversity that comes with a state track meet. The 4X100 meter relay team finished on the podium with a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish running a time of 42.37. This senior heavy relay led by Will Smith was comprised of two other multi-sport seniors Joe Morello, Jack Counsell and junior Landon Gallun. The team bested its time from last year's state meet and competed fiercely. Senior Will Smith ended his high school career by breaking his own school record in the open 200metes at the state meet as he finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall at the state meet. Will broke his school record of 21.89 by running 21.80 and destroying his PR. This amazing group of young men set a standard of leadership, accountability and dedication that will start a new wave in Whitefish Bay track and field.



# Taigh Moran becomes First Whitefish Bay Student to Earn Prestigious Nomination

The National High School Musical Theatre Awards, also known as the Jimmy Awards, are a *national* celebration of outstanding student achievement, recognizing individual artistry in vocal, dance, and acting performance. Two main awards are given each year, Best Performance by an Actress and Best Performance by an Actor. Performers qualify as nominees by winning a regional competition in one of approximately 40 participating programs across the country. Each participating organization selects two winners for the region (a Best Actor and a Best Actress) who then become Jimmy Award nominees. For Wisconsin's Jerry Awards, any student who receives an Outstanding Lead Jerry Award may audition for this prestigious honor. After a thorough auditioning and call-back process, one actor and one actress are selected to represent Wisconsin and compete at the Jimmy Awards. Once selected, the Jimmy Award nominees travel to New York City for a week in June, culminating in a live show on June 26th (learn more here) in which the national winners are determined. During the week, the nominees rehearse their performances for the award show and receive coaching from industry professionals. Winners and nominees have often gone on to significant careers in musical theater.

For the first time in Whitefish Bay High School's history, a student from our theater program has earned the title of Jimmy Award Nominee ~ senior Taigh Moran! At the end of June, Taigh will represent Wisconsin as Best Actor and compete with students from across the nation in New York City. This honor is one of the most prestigious opportunities an actor can be afforded at the high school level.

# Congratulations, Taigh!

You can support Taigh by watching the Livestream of the Jimmy Awards on Monday, June 26th, starting at 6:30. Learn more at <u>https://www.jimmyawards.com/</u>



# Whitefish Bay High School Theater Honored: Jerry Awards!

Whitefish Bay High School Theater had the honor of performing at the Overture Center in Madison for the Jerry Awards it received for its winter musical Something Rotten!. The Jerry Awards honors excellence in high school musical theater from around the state of Wisconsin.

Something Rotten!, Whitefish Bay's winter musical production, received several Jerry Awards!

- \* The Spirit Award : Em Koehler & Anavi Prakash
- \* Outstanding Lead & Jimmy Awards Nominee: Taigh Moran
- \* Outstanding Musical Award \*

Schools that earn the Outstanding Musical represent some of the strongest theater programs in the state. Congratulations to all involved!

\* When a production receives the Outstanding Musical Award, the entire production team is recognized for their contributions:

Amber Kind-Keppel ~ Director & Producer Brent Johnston ~ Vocal Director Tina Wozniak ~ Choreography Paul Corrao ~ Pit Director Kenn Miller ~ Technical Direction & Scenic Design Bill Lewis ~ Scenic Design Artist John R. Dolphin ~ Lighting Design Gabriela Peterson ~ Costume Design Lisa Gregg ~ Makeup & Hair Design Bob Radke & Scott Longden ~ Sound Designer



## Girls Lacrosse advance to the Quarterfinals

WNS Girls Lacrosse played their final game of the season in a quarter-final match-up on June 5<sup>th</sup> against Arrowhead Red. This hard-fought game was not without its highlights.

Nine goals were scored by Chloe Bowers (WFB), bringing her career total to 211. Lily Valimont (WFB), Hattie Amato (WFB), and Lilly Johnson (NHS) each with one goal, and Karinna Anderson (WFB) had 2 assists on the night. Addie Burkholder (SHS), Clara Roepke (WFB), Maddie Kohler (SHS), Mary Ratacyzk (WFB), Abby Frieder (WFB), and Kacey Dulmes (SHS) handled the defensive end of the field all with caused turnovers and groundballs, playing down due to penalties on more than one occasion.

Caro Pierri (NHS) handled the pressure in goal with 6 saves. Ena Hines (SHS), Remy Grundert (Grafton), Mia McKinnis (Grafton), and Amelia Ramsey (Grafton) facilitated smooth transitions and redefends in the midfield. Alex Malaney (WFB), Hannah Kimmel (NHS), and Molly Quinn (NHS) created scoring opportunities for the settled attack.

Anavi Prakash (WFB), Shelby Quinn (NHS), Elisabeth Olson (WFB), Kiley Kebbekus (NHS), Ava Lavoncher (WFB), and Leah Twente (WFB) kept the momentum going, although the Wolfpack would come up just short ending their season with a score of 12-13 against Arrowhead Red, who would go on to win the State Championship.

## 2023 WNS Girls Lacrosse Awards:

WNS Girls Lacrosse Varsity Awards MVP- Chloe Bowers (WFB) Level Up Award- Maddie Kohler (SHS) Spirit Award- Molly Quinn (SHS) Offensive Hustler Award - Karinna Andersen (WFB) Midfield Hustler Award - Ena Hines (NHS) Defensive Hustler Award - Addie Burkholder (SHS)

## WNS Girls Lacrosse J.V. Awards

MVP - Ava Lavoncher (WFB) Level Up Award- Alanda Stoddard (SHS) Spirit Award- Margo Meyer (Dominican) Offensive Hustler Award - Ava Mathey (Nicolet) Midfield Hustler Award- Elisabeth Olson (WFB) Defensive Hustler Award- Mia Desrude (NHS)

## Whitefish Bay High School Award

Duke Pride Award- Karinna Andersen (WFB)

## **Classic 8 Red Conference Awards**

Honorable Mention - Addie Burkholder (SHS), Remy Gundert (Grafton), Kacey Dulmes (SHS)

Second Team All-Conference: Ena Hines (NHS), Lilly Johnson (NHS), Lily Valimont (WFB)

First Team All-Conference: Player of the Year - Chole Bowers (WFB)

# Wisconsin State Awards

Second Team All-State: Ena Hines (NHS), Lilly Johnson (NHS), Lily Valimont (WFB)

First Team All-State: Chole Bowers (WFB)

# All American

Chole Bowers (WFB)

WNS is ready for the first official W.I.A.A. season with 16 returning Varsity Players!

# Softball Ends Year with 10 Wins

The Whitefish Bay softball team had one of their more productive seasons compared to recent years. The team went 10 and 16 overall and 4 and 14 in North Shore Conference play.

The season would not have been a success without the senior leadership and dedication to the sport from Kylie Dreesen, Eileen Carey and Izzy Starker.

There was great effort throughout the season which helped all to improve their game. Two players received allconference honors. Eileen Carey earned 2nd team all-conference and Kyla Sullivan getting honorable mention. The top three hitters for the season were Carey, Sullivan and Jane Wallace.

Carey, Sullivan and Haley Solati were the top three RBI leaders. Carey and Taylor Hembel were the top two run producers. Serena Shuneson led the pitching staff with 4 wins. Abby Fay was very versatile playing 6 different positions. As was Grace Lodl providing athleticism in the outfield.

The JV showed great improvement throughout the season getting four wins.

With 13 returning varsity players, the future looks bright.

# Boys Tennis Team Sends 2 to State Individual Tournament

The Whitefish Bay boys tennis team concluded their 2023 season last week going 12-8 overall in team duals. They finished 8-2 in conference, finishing 3rd overall behind Homestead and Nicolet. Those two losses went down to the wire, losing those matches 4-3. It was an incredibly successful conference season for the young tennis team that graduates zero seniors and is already looking forward to a strong 2024 season.

Individually the season was capped off on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> by successful WIAA State Tournament runs by Tyler Schneider and Matthew Noack. Noack won his first match before bowing out in the second round to the 4th seeded player in the tournament. Schneider battled into the 2nd day (round of 16) before bowing out to the overall 5th seed in the tournament. Both players set individual goals to win matches at the State Tournament and accomplished them! Their teammates, coaches and followers of the program congratulate them on their tournament runs and look forward to having them both back to anchor the team's lineup.

# **Boys Golf Team Qualifies for Sectionals**

The varsity boys golf team headed to Sheboygan's Irish Course at Whistling Straits for the North Shore Conference Championship. Senior Carter Schmidt secured a Top 10 finish and earned third-team all-conference honors.

On May 23rd at the WIAA Regionals held at Muskego Lakes Country Club, senior Johnny Guo achieved a personal best score of 74, while sophomore Mario Stanescu also impressed with a personal best of 77. This led the team to convincingly punch their ticket to move on during the postseason and advance to the WIAA Sectionals.

With challenging conditions, including temperatures peaking at 90°, the team fell short at the WIAA Sectionals at Brown Deer. Stanescu and Guo both secured Top 20 finishes among the state's best high school golfers. Congratulations to the team on a great season!

# Boys Lacrosse Team Advances to 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Playoffs

The boys lacrosse team wrapped up another successful season in 2023. They finished the regular season with an 8-9 record and a 3rd place finish in the black division of the Classic Eight Conference.

In post-season play Lakeshore hosted the Cedarburg Bulldogs at Dominican HS. It was a very competitive contest and Lakeshore prevailed with an exciting 13-14 overtime win (scored by Kellen Elias -NHS) to advance to the next round vs the second seeded Neenah Rockets at Neenah High School. Lakeshore started off solid, down only 3-1 in the first quarter, however were unable to sustain their momentum throughout the game and ultimately lost 17-4. Despite the disappointing loss and exit from the playoffs, Lakeshore had a significant number of athletes collecting postseason accolades.

At Attack, Ian McLaren (WFB) received 1st team all-conference honors and Kellen Elias (NHS) received 2nd team all-conference honors.

At Midfield, Jake Mort (WFB) received 1st team all-conference honors and was also selected as this year's team MVP. Jack Giese (DHS) also received 1st team all-conference honors. Josh Beno received 2nd team all-conference honors and Nick Tichenor received honorable mention recognition.

At Defense, Jack Klemen (SHS) received 1st team all-conference honors and Odin Foster (NHS) also received 1st team all-conference honors. Ty Buck (NHS) received honorable mention recognition.

At Goalie, Dylan Creegan (SHS) received 2nd team all-conference honors.

At the Specialist position, Cole Silverman (WFB) received honorable recognition. Cole also set a new program record for career face off wins with over 387 wins.

The Lakeshore co-op program would like to thank all of their fans and member schools for their support this season. As boy's lacrosse moves to a WIAA sponsored sport, the co-op will be rebranded to the WNS Wolfpack to align with the girl's high school program as well as our youth program.