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## BOYS SWIMMING



**Swimming – Boys team returns solid nucleus, looks to get back on top of District XI.**

**Coach:** Tim O'Connor (29th season)

**Assistants:** Rob Barnum, Sean Fisher, Morgan Oxley Brighenti, Frank Donnelly, Marc Manley, Chrissy Cornish

*"Our boys team lost some huge points from our district and state teams last year, but returned a solid bunch, along with some youth moving up the competitive scale which should help this season be successful."*

**–Coach Tim O'Connor (29th season)**

### Last Year

- 8-1 EPC; District XI runner-up.

### Returnees

Sr. Roman Herman, Sr. Bryce King, Sr. Reid Lovett, Sr. Joe Lyons

### First League Meet

December 2 vs ES North, Home 4 p.m.

### Roster

- Seniors: Doug Cornish, Parker Gamler, Ridley Hartman, Brady Hazlett, Roman Herman, Bryce King, Aaron Kenny, Reid Lovett, Joe Lyons, Nate Peters, Will Reichart
- Juniors: Jack Duerholz, Evan Fegley, Evan LaRussa, Graham Lovett, Carson Mosel, Liam Schaefer, Matt Sirignano, Brennan Smith, Carter Smith, Evan Walker
- Sophomores: Seamus Daly
- Freshmen: Ian Kenny, Logan Mills, Chase Pennypacker, Shawn Pennypacker

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## GIRLS SWIMMING



**Girls team has a good mix in its lineup to compete amongst the top teams in District XI.**

**Coach:** Tim O'Connor (29th season)

**Assistants:** Rob Barnum, Sean Fisher, Morgan Oxley Brighenti, Frank Donnelly, Marc Manley, Chrissy Cornish

*"Our girl's teams, while small last year, really showed some grit and toughness, and we return some kids who earned state meet experience. Add to this some youth moving up the competitive scale, which should help this season be successful."*

**-Coach Tim O'Connor (29th season)**

### Last Year

- 8-1 EPC, District 11 runner-up

### Returnees

Key returnees – Jr. Mabry Krause, Sr. Sophia Harmon, Soph. Eleanor Lyons, Jr. Liz Mazzetti, Soph. Sriya Reddy

### Roster

- Seniors: Sophia Harmon, Laura Justesen (diver), Bella Marsh
- Juniors: Mabry Krause, Liz Mazzetti
- Sophomores: Taylor Bispeck, Reagan Coffey, Eleanor Lyons, Sriya Reddy, Maddy Roberts, Ella Shucavage
- Freshmen: Ellie Bowen, Kaylee Butz, Addie Cornish (diver), Kenzie Gaiser, Maddie Gower, Kayla Kenner, Chloe Mosel

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# GIRLS BASKETBALL



**Coming off one of the most historic seasons in school history, head coach Avon Mack's team was hit hard by graduation and another player transferring out. Despite that, optimism still remains high for the Hornets.**

**Head coach:** Avon Mack Jr. (2nd year)

**Assistants:** Christana Crivellaro, Sean Robbins, John Dietrick

## Last Year

- 25-3 overall/16-0 EPC
- EPC Champs ... District XI lost to Liberty third place game

## Returnees

Sr. Gabby DeVita (14.6, tri-MVP), Sr. Olive Whitney (6.3), Sr. Sierra Stevens (2), Sr. Kaitlyn Grochowski (1.3)

## Newcomers

Jr. Sophia Shutkufski, Soph. Gracie Ervin, Soph. Olivia Haberl, Soph. Eva Glover, Soph. Camryn Harp\*, Jr. Makayla McGinnis, Soph. Gabby East, Jr. Shirley Leman, Jr. Julianna Montero\*

*The 2024-25 season was a magical one for the program which won its first league championship in 18 years, had a 22-game win streak and finished with 25 wins, the most since 2000-01 ... Despite all that, there was still a sense of unfinished business as the Hornets lost two of their last three games in the post-season and did not have a chance to play for a District XI championship or a berth in the PIAA State Tournament ... Four key seniors — Doemling, Laird, Sokolofski and Naccarato — were lost to graduation along with Snyder who transferred out, but there's still a lot of good talent returning, including DeVita who's arguably the league's best overall player. Whitney and Stevens are also key returnees. Underclassmen Ervin, Glover, Haberl and Shutkufski should all have impacts playing more varsity minutes.*

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# BOYS BASKETBALL



**There's a new buzz around the Hornets program with an old but familiar name in Eric Luckenbill taking over as head coach. What's the outlook for this young and inexperienced team?**

**Head coach:** Eric Luckenbill (1st year)

**Assistants:** Eric Farkas, Matt Smereksi, Ara Hoderewski, Cole Ferguson, Zach Sabol, Tyler Murden

## Last Year

- 5-17 overall/5-11 EPC

## Returnees

Jr. Jake Ross (4.3), Jr. Matt Rooney (3.7), Jr. Tim Toles, Jr. Lucas Stephan (3.1), Sr. Robert Edwards

## Newcomers

Soph. Noah Newsome (transfer Executive Education), Sr. Cole Stuchko, Sr. Jayden Swan, Sr. Mitchell Pisarcik, Sr. Othello Karto, Jr. Ryder Fiore, Jr. Nathan Bottjer, Jr. Mason Weber, Soph. Ben Grochowski, Soph. Tyler Leman

*"The biggest challenge, and it's been something that we've talked to the boys about all year, is that almost everybody that is going to play varsity for us this year played very little varsity last year. Matt Rooney and Jake Ross had some opportunities a season ago to play some serious varsity minutes but that's about it. We are really trusting that the experience we got this spring and summer and in the fall is going to help us catch up. We are going to start the season probably the least experienced team when it comes to varsity minutes in the EPC and that's something we are not going to make excuses for. We have to overcome it."*

*"There's great talent in this conference this year. There are 18 teams and a lot of teams that have huge and lofty goals. Our goal is to make this year the best year it can be for our seniors and for our upperclassmen and do everything we can to win some games and get "The Hive" rolling again. We are a very proud program, and we have a lot of proud kids and great families that are going to help us get there."*

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# BOYS WRESTLING

**With a ton of talent returning to the lineup, there's plenty to be excited about for Best and the Hornets.**

**Coach:** Jim Best (3rd year)

**Assistants:** Jake Beitler, Omar Hadaad, Lee Todora

## Last Year

- 7-2 EPC/13-5 overall

*Junior Emilio Albanese (pictured) won 40 matches a season ago and finished third at the PIAA State Tournament.*

## Returnees (Record Last Year/Weight Class)

Sr. Jackson Max (133/139, 38-12, DII 4th, NE Regional 4th, PIAA 8th), Jr. Emilio Albanese (127/133, 40-7, DII 2nd, NE Regional 1st, PIAA 3rd), Jr. Teagan Caciolo (121/127, 34-14, DII 5th, NE Regional 3rd, PIAA qualifier), Jr. Lexi Max (114/121, 18-14), Sr. Aiden Bayard (139/145, 1-2), Jr. Tommy Fallstich (139/145, 11-18), Soph. Xyler Sallit (160/172, 22-15, DII 6th), Sr. Logan Armstrong (152/160, 10-8), Sr. Xayden Sallit (172/189, 35-13, DII 2nd, NE Regional 5th), Sr. Logan Roth (285/10-14), Jr. Logan Maher (133/139), Soph. Cam Martinez (107/114, 11-5)

## Newcomers (Weight Class)

Jr. Chase DeCesare (215/285), Fr. Andrew Gerken (107/114), Fr. Gio Garlan (107/114), Soph. Talan Springer (121/127), Sr. Nate Miller (127/133), Sr. Jayden Zheng (127/133), Sr. Bryce Kleinle (133), Soph. Landon Lake (139), Fr. Xander Leonetti (152), Soph. Jacob Strauss (152), Jr. Nicholas Compagno (152/160), Sr. Ben Strauss (160/172), Sr. Tonah Farley (172/189), Soph. Keith Johnson (189/215), Jr. Christian Pisani (215/285)

*"There's certainly excitement amongst the wrestlers and the wrestling community about this season. Last year we got ourselves qualified for the District XI team tournament after missing out two years ago and we wrestled a very good Easton program in the first round. We felt like it was a winnable dual even with one of our better wrestlers (Caciolo) out with an injury. We felt we missed an opportunity to advance to the semifinals, and I think that's been burned in the brain of our core group of wrestlers that have been training in the offseason and they're hungry."*

*"A year ago, we qualified five wrestlers for the state tournament, four of them are returning and we were able to put two of those five on the podium out at Hershey. At the end of the year banquet, I made a comment that we should be qualifying five or more in my opinion this year, but and we don't want to come back with just two medalists. If we qualify five, then we want five medalists. If we qualify six, then we want six. That should be the goal."*

**Coach Best**

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# GIRLS WRESTLING



**With high numbers in the program, first year coach Anthony Shave expects Hornets to challenge amongst the top teams in EPC.**

**Coach:** Anthony Shave (1st year)

**Assistants:** Steve Kroope, Scott Shotwell, Michael Laible

## Last Year

- 8-6 overall (5-5 EPC)

## Returnees (Record Last Year/Weight Class)

Sr. Olivya Kroope (155/26-3, D11 1st, 3rd SE Regional, PIAA State qualifier), Sr. Jocelyn Vargas (170/11-13), Jr. Petra Perez (235/), Sr. Flor Chouloupe (118/4-9), Jr. Ariana Koberlein (148/10-12), Jr. Brynn Koberlein (136/10-15), Jr. Danielle Rivera (112/6-14), Soph. Haily Laible (142/14-9),

## Newcomers (Weight Class)

Fresh. Nitzana Jamaica (100), Fresh. Lillian Erbrick (106), Fresh. Kanval Naveed (106), Fresh. Julianna Garcia (112), Fresh. Julia Paung (118), Fresh. Calia Shotwell (124), Soph. Sarah Lysinger (130), Jr. Mia Rifas (190), Soph. Kate Brion (190), Soph. Rayne Shaw (235)

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**Despite a number of key losses to graduation, Hornets expect another big season.**

**Head coach:** Tom Yard (1st season)

### **Last Year**

Regular-season and tournament champions

### **Returnees**

Sr. Zachary Brenner, Sr. Quinn Peck, Sr. Evan Borkowski, Jr. Ethan Brown, Jr. Chase Miller, Jr. Joseph Bonaventura, Sr. Emily Grabinski, Jr. Audrey Pawlak, Jr. Ryan Feldmann, Jr. Kathleen Rainford

### **Newcomers**

Jr Gracie Huffer, Jr. Cole Stamberger, Soph. Logan Yost, Soph. Martin Keane, Freshmen: Allison Baer, Morgan Bowers, Chase Evans, Carson Hensinger, Victoria Huff, Joshua Lujan, Eryka Nowak, Aubrey Semler, Skyler Smith.

### **EPC Challengers**

- Freedom
- Southern Lehigh
- ES South

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# CHEERLEADING



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**A look at the roster and competitions for this season.**

**Head coach:** Eileen Jeon

## Returnees

- Seniors: Taylor Haberle, Brooke Pospischil, Avery Denenberg
- Juniors: Korynne Valera, Lily Blatz, Camryn Stahley, Mairi Berrio, Nora Roberts, Angelique Miller, Lily Malinowski
- Sophomores: Grace Stuchko, Isabella Eck, Olivia Nonnemacher, Avery Haberle, Alexa Beitler
- Freshman: Allison McIntyre, Olivia Davison

## Upcoming Events

- District XI Competition
  - January 3 2026
  - at Easton Area Middle School

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