

Winter 2015

Manasquan High School

The Blue & Gray Perfection!



From the track to the pool and the lanes to the courts, Squan athletes have excelled this winter, led by bowlers Tyler Wolfe and Ella Luzzi, who posted perfect games in back to back matches.

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Mr. Hyland Wins National Award 2015 Gatorade Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year

By: Lauren Johnson

On January 12th, 2015 our very own athletic trainer, Mr. Hyland was awarded the Gatorade Athletic Trainer of the year by the NATA (National Athletic Trainer's Association). His vibrant smile, eagerness to help, and passion for his work has always been recognized by the Manasquan community but is now recognized nationally as well.

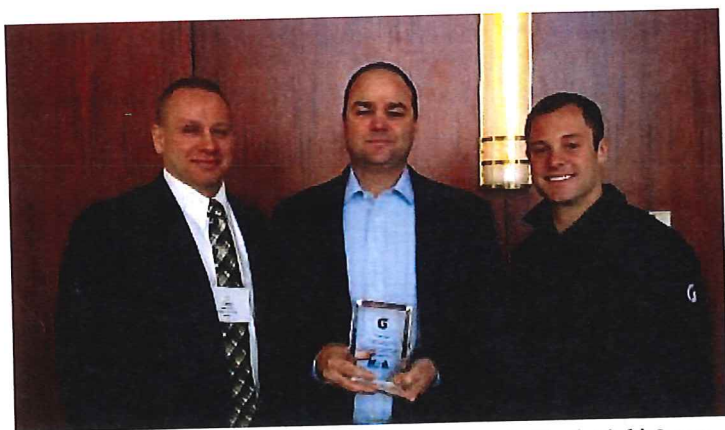
For winning this honor, Mr. Hyland was awarded a Gatorade Performance package, a Gatorade sidelines cart, and a \$1,000 grant.

Mr. Hyland was nominated by MHS athletic director, Mr. Kornegay, who says that "recommending him was easy." Kornegay has been working with Mr. Hyland for 15 years now. He calls Mr. Hyland "an outstanding athletic trainer." For 25 years Mr. Kornegay has "been in the business of high school athletics and Hyland is by far one of the best he's seen." He also describes how well Mr. Hyland is able to connect with not only the athletes but also the parents and medical people as well.

Mr. Hyland also received three letters of recommendation from MHS principal, Mr. Coppola, team's physician, Dr. Buddle, and athletic training student, Emily Maher.

Mr. Hyland said that he was "shocked and excited to win the award". He also said that he will be putting the \$1,000 grant he earned towards improving the MHS student athletic training program.

Mr. Hyland has had quite a career. Prior to working at Manasquan, he attended West Chester University where he received his degree in athletic training. As a senior in college



Above: Mr. Hyland displays the plaque presented by (at left) Casey Christy (NATA District 2 Secondary School Athletic Trainer Representative) and (at right) Fritz Steuber (Gatorade Representative)

he worked with the Philadelphia Eagles who trained locally. Then, Hyland worked at Widener University where he was a student athletic trainer. His last job before starting his career at MHS was at Novacare physical therapy.

With this fantastic talent and experience entails many opportunities. Over the years, a number of schools, colleges, and professional teams have offered him jobs. Hyland says he

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Mr. Fagen Named Outstanding Teacher of American History

By: Julie Hohenstein

All those fortunate enough to be taught by Mr. Fagen know that he is a man with both a passion for history and a knack for teaching: two qualities that can be attributed to his recent selection as the 2015 National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Outstanding Teacher of American History for the State of New Jersey.



Above: Mr. Fagen congratulates his student's stellar presentation

Mr. Fagen became involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution when he was asked to speak at a local meeting. Mr. Fagen's presentation was so impressive that he was nominated by the Governor William Livingston Chapter of the NSDAR in November of 2014 for the award and received word of his victory by the Historian General in December of 2014.

"I was caught off guard but also excited to be nominated," said Mr. Fagen. "I had not expected anything to come out of it."

To Manasquan High School and the surrounding community however, Mr. Fagen's victory comes as no surprise, as Mr. Fagen possesses a decorated resume. Mr. Fagen graduated from Manasquan High School in 1998 and continued his education at Wagner College, where he played hockey and lacrosse while pursuing a double major in history and business finance with a sociology minor. Upon graduation, Mr. Fagen attended Seton Hall Law School and received his degree in 2005. It was in 2007 that he earned his teaching degree from Jersey City University. In 2013 Mr. Fagen was awarded a grant from The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation to fund his graduate study of American History, which he is currently pursuing through The American Military University.

When asked if history were always his passion Mr. Fagen said that he had once wanted to pursue physics but a poor high school math teacher convinced him otherwise. It was then that he recognized his perennial interest in history: "It took a bad experience for me to realize that physics was not for me," said Mr. Fagen. "I had always liked to know facts and yell them out. Teaching allows me to do exactly that."

However, Mr. Fagen continues to maintain an affinity for numbers, as his favorite historical figure is the former math teacher, Bob Moses, who made significant contributions to the civil rights movement. In addition to his favorite figure, Mr. Fagen's favorite historical time period is the era surrounding

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And They Say That Lightning Doesn't Strike Twice

By: Julie Hohenstein

It was with sweaty palms and a racing heart that junior Ella Luzzi watched the bowling ball dance down the lane in her final frame. The seconds leading up to the ball's initial contact with the first pin felt like an eternity. Jaws dropped, eyes widened, and hands came together as the room erupted into applause. Ella Luzzi had just bowled a perfect 300, making her the first female in Manasquan High School History to do so. The date was January 29, 2015.

Junior Tyler Wolfe was watched with eager eyes by his teammates, coaches, and the remainder of the bowling alley's occupants. After a deep inhale Tyler entered into the motion he was so familiar with. The room went silent as everyone held their breaths, fearing that even the slightest exhale would alter the path of the bowling ball Tyler had just released. With the collapse of each pin came the rise of each spectator. Tyler turned his back against the conquered lane to notice that he was met by a standing ovation. Tyler Wolfe had just bowled a perfect 300, making him the first male in 13 years to do so. The date was January 30, 2015.

A perfect 300 in bowling is composed of twelve strikes (one in each of the first nine frames and three in the tenth frame) making it a rare feat for high school bowlers. For a team to achieve one perfect game per season is an accomplishment, but for two teammates to each bowl a perfect game within 24 hours of each other is almost unheard of. Matters are made all the more interesting when one learns that Luzzi and Wolfe are dating. The two have earned a nickname as "the power couple" after their exciting performances.

While Wolfe has bowled a perfect game before, Luzzi's previous record was a 220. "The most strikes that I have ever

bowled before was six in a row, which is only half the amount," said Luzzi. "I was so scared. Everyone in the entire bowling alley stopped bowling and came over to watch me. I was the only one even moving."

Just as Luzzi was the center of attention at Shore Lanes in Neptune, bowlers stopped to watch Wolfe in Asbury Park the following day. But while Luzzi admitted to feeling a sense of anxiety, stating that her arm felt

"numb", Wolfe maintained a cool head. "I don't get nervous," said Wolfe. "Even when everybody has stopped around me, it doesn't faze me much anymore." This is not surprising considering that Wolfe is no stranger to the bowling alley. Wolfe has been bowling since he was four years old.

In contrast, Luzzi's bowling career began when she joined the bowling club at H.W. Mountz Elementary School. Luzzi admits that it was not the most serious league, but it helped to develop her love for the sport. "They taught us how to bowl but we didn't verse any other teams. You

just went and paid \$8 and fooled around with your friends." It was at one of these practices that Luzzi was first introduced to Manasquan girl's coach Mr. Glenn: "He came over to our lane and asked if anyone was going to Squan and we said yes and he told us to join the bowling team. So I was like yeah I will. At the time I had no idea that bowling would become such a large part of my high school experience."

"He's such a great coach," Luzzi says of Mr. Glenn. "Really fun and nice and very supportive of everyone. He watches everyone bowl very intently and always offers help. He doesn't just sit there. He's very active." Luzzi's opinion of Mr. Glenn is one uni-

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Ella and Tyler share a laugh

Mr. Hyland

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chooses to stay at Squan because of the great community and town that it is, the types of students we have, and the enthusiastic, positive environment.

Hyland also says he loves MHS so much that he hopes for his kids to come here. He admits, "I plan on staying the next 10 years to see my kids become Warriors too." Another one of Mr. Hyland's favorite things about MHS is the traditional "chop."

The next step in Mr. Hyland's success will be this summer when he goes on a fully-paid trip to the NATA annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri (which was also a prize of the award) where he will get together with many other athletic trainers in the country for seminars and workshops. And there will also be a ceremony in his honor. A much deserved honor for such a wonderful man.

Mr. Fagen

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the Cold War: "So much was happening then," said Mr. Fagen. "War, espionage, good movies. You can't beat that."

And just as you can't beat the Cold War era, you can't beat a teacher as dedicated and well-intentioned as Mr. Fagen. "He works hard to always include the community," said fellow history teacher and 1998 James Madison Fellowship recipient Mr. Bryant. "I cannot think of anyone as deserving of this recognition and we thank him for his efforts to promote the history of Manasquan and the nation."

Mr. Fagen will be honored at the NSDAR annual state Award's Day on April 24, 2015. The program, which will be followed by a luncheon, will take place at the Westin Hotel in Princeton.

Are You Ready to Be Someone's Hero?

Annual Squan-a-Thon fundraiser quickly approaches

By: Reed Melchionda and Lauren Johnson

With all of the donations in and about 300 dancers accounted for, Squan-A-Thon is just around the corner. March 20th marks the sixth annual Squan-A-Thon, and the committee members have informed us that this could quite possibly be the best year yet.

Mr. Battaglia and Mrs. McKenzie are the two advisors of the event. Mr. Battaglia, a proud alumni of Penn State, has been inspired by its tradition of THON, and has therefore carried the concept to MHS. Mr. Battaglia leads the entertainment, communications, and special events committee.

Mrs. McKenzie, whose daughter is a graduate of Penn State and participant of THON, was also inspired to create Manasquan's own idea of this charity. She leads the dancers, food, and marketing committees.

This year's Squan-A-Thon is superhero themed, advertising with the slogan, "Be Someone's Hero." Each dancer has raised at least \$200 to help support local families affected by pediatric cancer or other serious illnesses. Over the past five years, Squan-A-Thon has raised over \$250,000. Johanna Keosseian, a member of the entertainment committee, hints, "To the eyes of local families, these dancers are heroes, which led us to the idea of this theme. On the night of the event, we want the dancers to feel like the

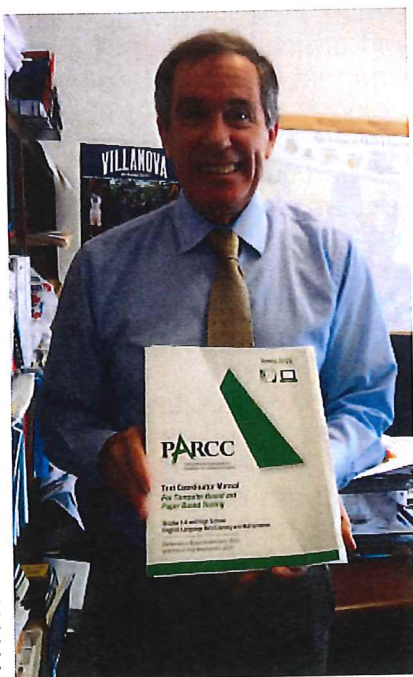


Seniors put on their superhero costumes to promote Squan-a-Thon. Pictured clockwise from left: Olivia Galinis, Julia Graney, Reed Melchionda, Mackenzie Grogan, Josie Millard, Kelly Nolan, Johanna Keosseian and Keely Flood.

heroes they truly are and plan to incorporate the theme into a lot of the activities."

Although the timeline of the event is held secret until the night of, Julia Graney leaks, "We definitely will incorporate some of the successful events of years' prior and certain trademarks such as the Line Dance, but this year we also tried to infuse some new ideas. I'm really excited to see it all come together."

Even if you have not donated, you are still encouraged to come visit in the beginning hours of the night. To all of the dancers, thank-you for being heroes to kids in need. We will see you in less than a month!



Mr. McCarthy and all of the school administrators have worked hard to prepare MHS for the first taste of PARCC.

4, 3, 2, 1... Ready or Not, Here Comes the PARCC!

MHS PARCC PBA Testing Schedule 2015

MATH (year-long classes): MARCH 9-11 (makeups scheduled for March 12-13)

ENGLISH: MARCH 23-26 (makeups scheduled for April 13-15)

MATH (spring semester classes): March 27-31 (makeups scheduled for April 16-17)

MHS PARCC End of Year Testing Schedule 2015

MATH (year-long classes): April 20-22 (makeups scheduled for April 23-24)

ENGLISH: May 18-19 (makeups scheduled for June 1-2)

MATH (spring semester classes): May 20-22 (makeups scheduled for June 3-4)

Winter Storm Juno: Hit or Miss!

By: Maggie Leddy

On Sunday, January 26th the people of the east coast prepared themselves for Winter Storm: Juno, which was predicted to drop record breaking snow in this area. Every news channel was covering the story, informing people that this was not going to be just a dusting, but 24-32 inches!

By Monday, grocery stores were packed with panicky customers ripping every essential item off the shelves. Gas stations had lines so long that there were coffee and hot chocolate beverages for drivers waiting to get filled up. Schools were already canceling Tuesday classes and some even had an early dismissal for their students and faculty on Monday to make sure everyone got home safe before roads were too dangerous.

With only a light snowfall all day on Monday, the worst was expected for midnight until eleven Tuesday morning with 3 inches accumulating every hour. Snow plows were out on the streets trying to get rid of anything that had stuck during the day to eliminate as much snow as possible before the big storm hit at 11pm Monday night. Going to sleep that night,

families were accepting of the possibility of losing power and waking up to three feet of snow the following morning.

To their surprise when they awoke on Tues-



day morning they looked out their windows and saw that not even a foot of snow developed over night. Some people in New York and New Jersey even said that they felt a little disappoint after so much hype for Winter Storm: Juno.

However, not everyone was lucky enough to wake up to such little snow. In Long Island, some parts of Connecticut, and Massachusetts,

the snow came just as predicted. In fact, Long Island took a heavy blow along the coast with houses ruined and families put in distress. No one ever thinks of blizzards causing as much harm as, say, a hurricane would, but in Long Island this was the case.

While many people were upset with the forecasters for being inaccurate, we should realize that we were very fortunate to get through the storm without any damage. Although snow is fun for the kids and we all enjoy a day off from work and an excuse to stay in our pajamas, it is also a threatening obstacle to deal with.

Winter isn't even close to being over. Many more storms are predicted for the season and it is up to us to stay tuned with the news and meteorologists to be as prepared as possible. It is always better to be over-prepared than under in these cases. Keep flashlights and batteries handy during the winter season as well as staying up to date with grocery shopping. Most importantly stay warm!



Jili Zhu

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thing and supporting it with a strong statement. It remains the core of American beliefs to this day. In my opinion, the quote gave and continues to give immigrants the hope that equal rights are something we, as immigrants, have come expect and appreciate.



About the author: Jili moved to America five years ago. He is in the 11th grade and lives in Manasquan. Jili likes learning about the opinions of people in different cultures. The staff and student body of MHS have made it a great transition.

Nicole D'Anton

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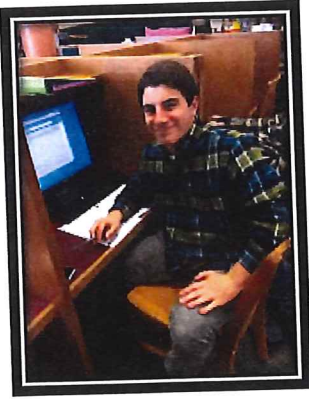
fall on deaf ears. With the help of seniors Liam Tobin, J.D. Donohue, and Julianna Zalinski, she scheduled a conference with Mr. Coppola. The students were well-equipped, armed with a PowerPoint presentation and a list of rebuttal arguments. Mr. Coppola, impressed with the students' preparedness, agreed with their viewpoints and scheduled a conference with the AP teachers. After discussing the pros and cons, Mr. Coppola honorably retracted the policy change: AP students would still have to attend the day of the midterm, but what was done during the class was left to the teacher—there would be no midterm.

Nicole is just a high school student who decided to take action in what she believed in. She saw something she seemed as an injustice, and acted accordingly. One student was able to change an entire school's policy on midterms. Students are powerless? Hardly.

BLUE BEAT

Where did you go this February Break?

By: Lauren Johnson



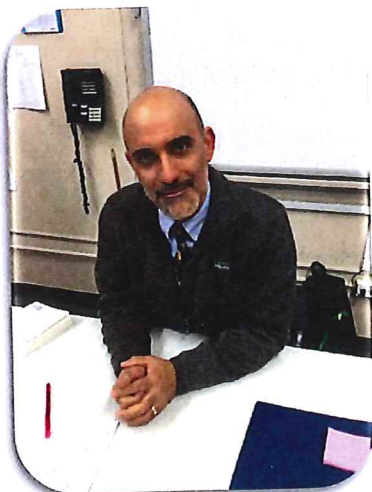
Matt Del Guercio went to Jiminy Peak with his family and filmed his brother snowboarding on the GoPro. He hung out at the resort because of his injured shoulder.

Mrs. Edwards spent her break with her family in SeaWorld where they saw Shamu and dolphins. They also got to feed some of the animals too!



Megan Gianforte lived on a boat for a week along with sophomore Julia Clayton, where they went to all different islands, such as Tortula, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, St. Thomas, and St. Johns. They also saw Squan juniors Jess Gerard and Emma Carton there!

Morgan Lavalla ventured to Colorado for break, where she went hiking in the warm weather and snow shoeing in the cold.



Mr. Harvey traveled to Key West with his wife, where they enjoyed the warm weather. They also saw famous author Ernest Hemingway's home, and visited restaurants and hang out spots he once went to, such as Blue Heaven, where it is said Hemingway refereed boxing matches. Mr. Harvey also visited the home of another famous author, Tennessee Williams.

The World Responds to #JeSuisCharlie

By: Julia Valgenti

As much of the world mourns for the lives lost in the tragic Charlie Hebdo incident, other parts of the world are responding differently.

UKRAINE COINS THEIR OWN #JESUISCHARLIE—"JE SUIS VOLNOVAKHA"

On Tuesday, January 13, twelve were killed on a bus passing through a government checkpoint near the town of Volnovakha. In response, Ukraine created its own variant of the popular "Je Suis Charlie" hashtag, with the hopes of equating the tragedy of the bus shooting to that of the Charlie Hebdo murders. The incident was blamed on local militia forces known as DNR-LNR, or the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republic. The Russian-backed separatist group is thought to have attacked the bus using Grad rocket launchers, but the group did not claim responsibility. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko hopes to use the popular hashtag slogan to "make the world know [Ukraine's] plea for support in fighting terrorism from DNR-LNR."

RUSSIA SHOWS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR CHARLIE HEBDO On January 10, protestor Mark Galperin, an anti-Putin activist, was jailed for holding a "Je Suis Charlie" sign in central Moscow. One person pickets are legal in Russia, but after another joined him, Galperin's protest turned into an illegal rally. Although individuals such as Galperin show support for the French satirical magazine, the incident reflects the Russian government's view. Renowned journalist Vladimir Pozner reflects the sentiments of many; "my sincere condolences to the families and friends of those killed in Paris at the hands of terrorists. There are no excuses or forgiveness for murders". Despite the Russian governments disdain for the actions of the terrorists, they also see the magazines actions as inappropriate and "inciting religious hatred". Speaking for the Russian government, Konstantin Dolgov, foreign ministry's commissioner for human rights, democracy and rule of the law announced: "We strongly condemn the barbaric attack of extremists on the staff of Charlie Hebdo."

PAKISTAN PROTESTS CHARLIE HEBDO

In response to the publication of controversial cartoons and the following support of Je Suis Charlie, protests were held outside of the French Consulate in Karachi. The demonstrations resulted in four gunshot wounds. The Pakistani Parliament passed a resolution condemning the cartoon as hate speech. The resolution announced; the "freedom of expression should not be misused as a means to attack or hurt public sentiments and religious beliefs". Other protesters rallied throughout the country including the banned militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. The group's founder, Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, expressed his outrage for the cartoons at a large rally in Lahore. "It is time for Muslims to unite" he said, "otherwise the West will continue with such acts." Uprisings throughout the country expressed the government and the people's contempt for Charlie Hebdo.



Unity March

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many, and Ibrahim Boubacar Kéïta, the president of Mali, linked hands with the president of France, François Hollande, in order to show their support.

The ceremony was beautiful and it brought the nation of France closer than possibly ever before. What happened to the citizens that died was tragic and even though it was hard to go through, the people of France and those in *Charlie Hebdo* will not give up hope for a better tomorrow.

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The attacks caused a surge in unity throughout the world for freedom of speech. "Je suis Charlie" has become a symbol for those whose opinions put them at risk for violent retaliation. A march through Paris led by world leaders expressed solidarity for freedom expression. A few weeks after the tragedy, the Charlie Hebdo's "Survivor Issue" sold out worldwide. The 5 million printed copies also caused outrage in the Islamic community as it once again published images of the Prophet Muhammad. See Julia Valgenti's article for more information on public reactions from around the world.

By: Maggie Leddy

Ivy League



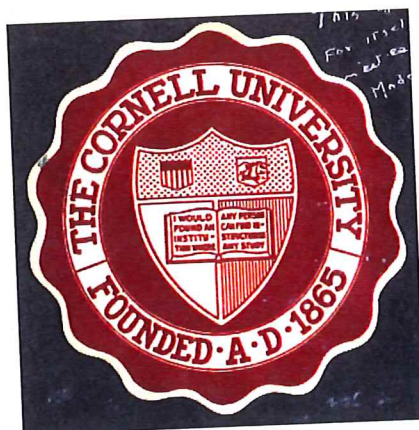
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Reed Melchionda-
Princeton University

"I visited Princeton for the first time this past summer and completely fell in love. The campus and surrounding town are breathtaking, and the school has everything I've always wanted: a relatively small student population, focus on undergraduate studies, and within the state of New Jersey. I plan to study Finance."

Nicole D'Anton- Cornell University

"Cornell has a really good engineering program so that's what drew me to it in the first place. I'm planning on majoring in chemical engineering. My brother went there and I watched him have a really positive experience so I'm looking forward to doing the same."



Julianna Zalinski-
Cornell University

"It's nice to see my hard work paying off. I can't wait to start my journey at the university. I plan on majoring in psychology."

College Bound Seniors

Where has the Class of 2015 Been Accepted?

Based on acceptances handed into Guidance as of January 31, 2015

Fordham University
University of North Carolina Willmington
Penn State University
The College Of Charleston
University of South Carolina
Florida Gulf Coast
University of Mississippi
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Rutgers University
The University of Vermont
East Stroudsburg University
The College of New Jersey

Northeastern University
Catholic University of America
Haverford College
Marymount Manhattan
Monmouth University
Villanova University
Ramapo College of New Jersey
San Diego State University
West Virginia University
Rider University
East Carolina University
Florida Institute of Technology

Montclair State University
Ohio State University
Babson College
University of Colorado Boulder
West Chester University
Towson University
University of Delaware
University of Hawaii
Lehigh University
James Mason University
Arizona State University
Dowling College



BLUE & GRAY SPORTS

Boys Basketball Ties for Division Title, Hopes for Glory in States

By: Julie Hohenstein

The Warrior gym contains a contagious sense of school spirit during basketball season. There's just something about the sound of excited chatter, sight of perfectly placed shots, and presence of a rowdy student section that has the ability to get one's heart racing. And of course: there's no better feeling than being part of a winning team.

The Manasquan boys' basketball team is wrapping up one of its most successful seasons to date. The boys celebrate a record of 17-4 as they enter the Shore Conference and State tournaments, ranking them second in the Shore Conference A Central Division.

However success has not been effortless for the boys. "The season definitely has not gone as planned," says junior center Ryan Jensen. "For example, Bradshaw joining the team really helped us, but the various injuries that we suffered throughout the season set us back."

Maintaining a positive attitude, Jensen credits some of the Warriors success to the adversity the team has faced: "All of the obstacles forced us to come together as a team. Everything brought us a lot closer and motivated us to work harder."

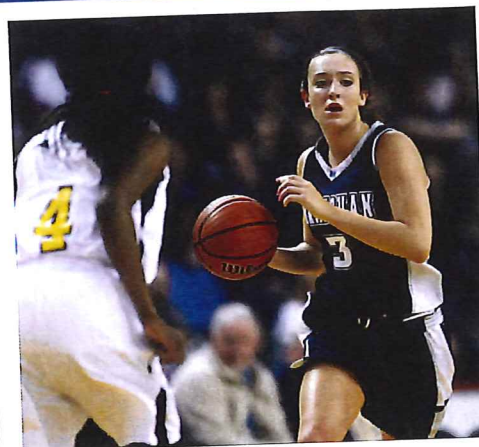
A pivotal game for the warriors occurred on January 23rd; when the boys secured a 52 to 45 win over the Rumson-Fair Haven Bulldogs, halting a seven-game winning streak for RFH. The energy on the court, as well as the enthusiasm of the USA themed student section, helped to create a memorable

game for team.

The warriors are coached by Andrew Bilodeau: a man with 19 years experience in varsity athletics. "Bilodeau is one of the best coaches that I've ever had," says Jensen. "He is a very hard person to understand and usually is seen as just the crazy guy yelling 'JENSEN!!' from the sidelines, but he always keeps us on our toes, thinking and concentrating during the season."

While Jensen is only a junior and therefore has another year in the program, Coach Bilodeau will be losing five seniors this year. Senior guard Matt Paturzo, who has proven himself as a consistent player throughout his four years at MHS, expresses his thoughts as his final season winds down: "I am very sad about graduating because I really enjoy basketball and the team," says Paturzo. "But mostly, I'm going to miss playing for Bilodeau a lot. He's a great coach and an even better guy."

Paturzo also references the obstacles faced by the team throughout the season, stating that, "The adversity we've had to face is going to be important for us during the playoffs." Unfortunately, the boys were knocked out of the Shore Conference Tournament by CBA on February 22, but the team intends to fight hard in States. The warriors are scheduled to play Cinnaminson on Monday, March 2nd in the first round of the State Tournament and are looking forward to their chance to compete for a championship.



Marina's Milestone

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play with her everyday because she motivates me to be a better all-around player."

Marina's award is all the more impressive considering the fact that she missed 30 days of her junior year season after transferring to Manasquan from Point Beach.

Marina's milestone makes her the 91st high school basketball player in New Jersey to achieve such a distinction. However, Marina and older sister Michaela Mabrey, current junior guard at the University of Notre Dame, are the first sisters in New Jersey history to both reach the 2,000-point mark. (The family may earn an even greater distinction as freshmen guards when Dara completes her high school career. Dara is a promising player who has proven herself as a starter for Manasquan.)

"I'm both honored and thankful to follow in my sister Michaela's footsteps. It's a great feeling to always have Michaela by my side to help me through the hard parts. I look forward to spending time with her freshmen year both on campus and on the court." Marina will be reunited with her sister at the University of Notre Dame in the coming year where the two will play together for one more season. Marina will be attending the University of Notre Dame on an athletic scholarship as a member of the class of 2019.



BLUE & GRAY SPORTS

Senior Boys Lead Winter Track to Success

By: Julia Valgenti

The Manasquan track team has had an exciting winter season, full of personal bests, new records and senior successes. On February 8 two Warrior runners advanced from the Central Jersey Group II sectionals on to states. The meet was remarkably successful for the senior boys who wrapped up their MHS Winter Track careers in style.

Craig Lapham set a personal best in the 1600 with a time of 4:35.19.

He finished the race with a negative split, running the final two laps five seconds faster than the first two laps, allowing him to catch many runners. Shane McNamara also ran a personal best of 52.14 in the 400. Shane's time set a school record, beating Alfred Esdaile's 1981 record by almost nine tenths of a second. Unfortunately, in a very fast heat Shane placed seventh despite his time. According to the Coast Star, in any other heat would have placed in the top five and qualified for states. But nevertheless McNamara earned his place in states with a time of 2:05 in the 800.

The senior boy's success at sectionals continued into the Varsity Classic in New York City. Shane and Craig teamed up with fellow seniors Kyle McDermott and Liam Tobin to beat their own school record by an astounding 15 seconds in the Distance Medley Relay. McDermott started the race with a 3:23 in the 1200, followed by McNamara in the 400 with a time of 52 seconds. Liam Tobin ran the 800 in 2:06 and Lapham ran in

Track Stars! Pictured from left to right: Craig Lapham, Liam Tobin, Shane McNamara, and Kyle McDermott.



GR 2 BOYS 800 METER		
NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1 CAULEY	BARITAN	1:59.97
2 DILAURENZIO	BARITAN	2:00.93
3 NATOLI	MATAWAN	2:01.28
4 GROSS	ROBINSON	2:02.12
5 BUNION	RAHWAY	2:04.85
6 MCNAMARA	MANASQUAN	2:05.40

GR 2 BOYS 1600 METER		
NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1 MICHON	ROBINSONVILLE	4:32.53
2 THORP	RUTSUN	4:37.04
3 DENNO	HOLMDEL	4:37.98
4 LAPHAM	MANASQUAN	4:35.19
5 MITTO	BARITAN	4:35.95
6 BARBARO	HOLMDEL	4:37.10

Above: Squan makes it on the leaderboards, as McNamara and Lapham's times break the top 5.

the Baton in 4:36.3. The strong foursome finished with a final time of 10:57.4.

Although the girls had no placing runners, they shared the boy's success in setting personal bests. Sophomores Brona Nielsen and Maddy Harkness ran the 800 in 2:48.92 and 2:56.28.

Both the boys and girls track teams had a successful winter season and look forward to the spring.

Girls Basketball Looks Forward to Rematch with St. Rose

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Rose most recently competed in one of the most grueling games yet this season. The undefeated Purple Roses wanted to catch the victory that they had fallen short of in the Shore Conference final last year. The Warriors were determined to maintain their winning streak. The score remained close for most of the game but Squan fell short by three points when a few players got into foul trouble and made a few turn

overs. Although the loss was painful, many predict Squan will have another shot at reclaiming victory over the Purple Roses.

As the Shore Conference approaches, the Lady Warriors will prepare by forgetting about the past. Black said, "We're going to look ahead, not behind. We can't dwell on the loss and need to stay composed." With the Warriors seeded #2 for the SCT in the APP, they will play Manchester Township first and possibly replay SJV or St. Rose in the

final stages.

The girls' varsity basketball team has performed tremendously over the course of the season and will be expected to carry out their successful efforts. Gill commented "In order to be champions, the entire team has to step up and continue to execute effectively every single game."