

# Cathedral Prep Fall Mid-Season Sports Report

As the calendar closes on September, it is approximately midseason for many fall sports.



## Football

Record: 5-0

With half of the regular season over the Cathedral Prep football team have had a great start to the season. With a perfect 5-0 record, including key wins versus McWho and Benedictine from Ohio, the football team looks to keep it rolling in the second half of the season and go for another perfect regular season and winning a District 10 championship versus Warren.

The Ramblers are ranked 2nd in the state in class AAAA behind last year's state champions Imhotep Charter. Prep is led by quarterback Joe Mischler who has been having a stellar year along with Notre Dame commit, linebacker Matthew Bauer, who have led the Ramblers in total yards and tackles respectively. Senior starting wide receiver Trey Deitrick talked about the mindset of the team right now. "I expect that we go through the regular season undefeated even though we have tough opponents coming up like Canisus. We have a great chance at a state title run, but if we take it game by game we can beat anyone in the state." This attitude is the key to success for the season especially coming off a 2nd place in the state finish last year.



## **Soccer**

Record: 7-1

It has been a solid start to the season for the Prep soccer team, especially coming off a huge win at McWho last week. The Ramblers are riding high with a 7-1 record. Their lone loss came from a very talented Clarence team from New York. Seniors Phil Cammarata (St. Bonaventure commit) and Richard Blanchard along with juniors Zach Hein and Matt Zupan have led the Ramblers each game.

The soccer team has a huge second half of the season coming up as they play some great teams from Ohio in Lake Catholic and Walsh Jesuit along with another battle with the team from Millcreek. The team looks to keep their momentum going as they look to the playoffs and their quest for a third consecutive District 10 title and a possible run to states.



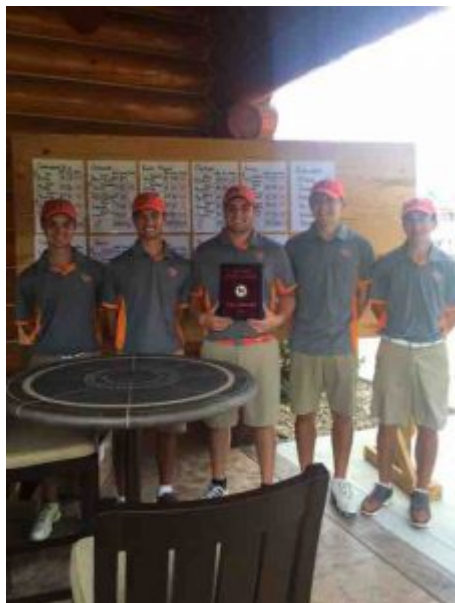
## **Water Polo**

Record: 12-2

The Cathedral Prep water polo squad has been working hard in the first half of their season, and this hard work has paid off with a 12-2 start. Of these 12 wins the most important one came versus the Trojans in the first win at the new David Hallman III Aquatics Center. In addition to great performances in the McDowell Cup, the Tiger Classic and the Beast of the

East tournaments, the Ramblers look to keep the momentum going to win the first annual Erie Challenge, which will be held at the PVEC. The team hopes to be as successful as last year's team who made a deep run in the state tournament.

## Golf



The regular season just wrapped up for the Rambler golf team on Monday at Whispering Woods Golf Club where they won their 11th straight region title with a team score of 309 over 2nd place McWho who scored 331. With their region win, the golf team automatically qualified for the District 10 team championship where they will face the Warren Dragons at The Country Club in Meadville next Friday.

Individually, the Ramblers were led by Region Golfer of the Year, Ryan Misko, along with Alex Pol and Rob Harris who were all first team all region and automatic qualifiers for the District 10 Individual Championships which will also be held next Friday and Saturday at Meadville. Mark Majewski (Second Team All Region) and Patrick Kelly (Defending District 10 Individual Champion and PA State Qualifier) will play Monday in the Region Qualifier at Meadville to determine their spot into the Individual Championship. The Ramblers are looking for their first District 10 team title since 2013 and a chance at making the State Team Tournament.



## Cross Country

Record: 3-1

The cross country team has hit the halfway point in their season with wins in the region versus Central Tech, Strong Vincent and McWho. They also received a 5th place finish in the McDonough Invite in Cleveland. They are led by seniors Kyle Wagner and Ryan Garich along with junior Kyle Martin and sophomores Matthew Whaley and Alex Chelton who all have had stellar performances. The Ramblers have clinched the region for the second consecutive time with four more meets left of the regular season.

This school year has gotten off to a great start for all of Prep's sports teams. Optimism is high for all of the teams as they look for continued success for the rest of their season.

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## Adrian Peterson out 3-4 months

On Sunday Night Football of Week 2, America again watched Minnesota Vikings running back go through yet another major injury. During the game against the Green Bay Packers, Peterson tore his meniscus during an awkward tackle. This injury is projected to keep Peterson off the field for three or four months, which would result in Peterson's probable

return at the start of the playoffs, if the Vikings make it. Though he has had no more complications with his knee since the injury, he was placed on the injury reserve by the Vikings. However, they did promise Peterson that he will always have the option to finish his career in Minnesota.

In the one and a half games Peterson played this season he recorded a modest 50 rushing yards on 31 attempts. Compared to his career number of 4.9 yards per carry, his short season had been anything but normal.

Peterson is 31 years of age, and he has had multiple injuries in his NFL career dating back to 2007. He has injured his knee three times, his leg twice, his ankle twice, his groin twice and his foot once. Have we seen the best of Adrian Peterson? Is his career on the downward slope to his inevitable retirement?

We will never know until his recovery in the distant future. Vikings' fans are distraught because of Peterson's injury and the fact he will not complete his unwritten yearly expectations as the face of the franchise. Lifelong Vikings fan Will Gottesman, a senior at Mercyhurst Prep, said, "It's sad seeing such a great player suffer so many injuries." He went on explaining that, "If it weren't for his constant injuries Peterson could've been the greatest running back in NFL history."

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**Student Profile: Mark  
Majewski**

Mark Majewski, a senior at Cathedral Prep, has been recognized countless times for his athletic achievements throughout his grade school and high school years. Mark has played on many sports teams in his days, and has excelled at them all. His success can be attributed to a few factors: practice, sacrifice, and of course, genetics.

According to Mark himself, he has been exposed to sports since his earliest days. In an interview with Mark, he stated that he has baby pictures of himself holding basketballs. "The first sport I ever played was golf. I started playing when I was three," Mark said. "When I was around 10 years old I had to quit playing golf because the baseball swing actually gets affected by the golf swing." Many people aren't even good at playing one sport by age 10, yet Mark already had to give up one sport to pursue another he was equally skilled at.

Mark started to gain recognition for his athletic talents as early as the 5th grade. Mark played JV basketball during his 5th and 6th grade years at Our Lady of Peace (OLP). He then played varsity basketball and tennis at OLP during his 7th and 8th grade years. He also bowled his 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years. Mark placed fifth in the diocese his very first year playing tennis at OLP.

After dominating the middle school scene, Mark went on to play various sports in high school at Cathedral Prep. Mark played four years of baseball, playing on varsity his freshman year. Mark also played basketball. He played freshman basketball in 9th grade, JV basketball in 10th grade, and varsity basketball in 11th and 12th grade.

Mark decided to try something new this year and tried out for Prep's golf team. Mark made varsity his first year, something many golfers hope to accomplish in four years. When asked what Mark's strengths are as a golfer, fellow varsity golfer Ryan Misko replied, "Mark has many strengths including his athleticism. This allows him to easily transition between

multiple sports and still be successful. He has a very solid golf swing that allows him to shoot low scores." Misko also stated how he was impressed with the fact that Mark plays other sports because most golfers that he plays with only play golf.

Mark has a long family history of athleticism, including his grandfather who played basketball for Prep, his mother who played basketball for Mercyhurst, and his father who played basketball at Penn State Behrend. Mark's father, who doubles as his basketball coach at Prep spoke about what Mark brings to the team. "Sacrifice, effort, dedication and commitment," Coach Majewski said. In fact, it was the sport of basketball that first brought Mark's parents together. Mark said that his parents met at the neighborhood basketball court. With such an athletic history, it is no wonder Mark is as athletic as he is.

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## **First NHS Blood Drive of the Year Successful**

Over the past few years Cathedral Preparatory School's National Honors Society has saved countless lives with its annual blood drive. In past years NHS has held two blood drives during the school year, and this year they plan on having three. The first blood drive took place this past Wednesday, Sept. 28. All students had been encouraged to donate blood, and NHS members had also been encouraged to work the event. Some NHS members worked sign ups at lunch, while others admitted donors and distributed snacks.

Prep's NHS is led by President Robert Quinn, but the Blood Drive was chaired by senior Mark Leone. His job was to assign NHS members to different shifts, sign donors up at lunch, and hang posters throughout Prep's halls. He will "not personally chair another blood drive due to time constraints in the future," but clearly is proud of his achievements this time around, as he feels the blood drive was "a huge success." He would like to thank all the students and faculty who donated.

Mrs. Slaby, faculty advisor to NHS, provided some inside information on NHS's reasonings and hopes. She stated that NHS made the jump to three drives in a simple effort to save more lives. Last year they collected 80 pints with two blood drives. This year they are doing three to make 100 pints a realistic goal. One pint of blood saves three lives, so this amounts to saving 300 lives. The drives are all spaced at least 56 days apart, so if someone desired to donate at all three, they could. It also gives student athletes that don't want to donate during their season a chance to donate at another point during the year. Donors this year had to fill out a new form concerning the Zika virus that has become such a problem. This minor inconvenience likely brought the number of donors down slightly, but needless to say this was a very necessary precaution.

Those looking to donate should know that on rare occasions there are some negative side effects. Senior Luke Baloga reported that after donating he "felt drained... literally." All blood loss jokes aside, Luke felt very tired and out of it after giving blood and claimed to have a pretty gnarly headache. Many times student athletes cannot go to practice or games after giving blood because it depletes their energy so much. However, most people feel fine after consuming a few of the complimentary snacks and sodas.

Thanks to the combination of students and faculty who donated their time and blood to this great cause. Keep your eyes and ears open for the next NHS Blood Drive at Cathedral Prep, as



there is no feeling like the feeling of saving lives.

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# Apple releases iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus

Apple recently released the latest versions of the iPhone known as the iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus. The phones are the same sizes as the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, but they have numerous differences in features.

The features of the new iPhone are impeccable. There is no headphone port, for they have introduced Apple Bluetooth headphones. Although these headphones called "Air Pods" are \$159.99, Apple includes them in the box upon purchase of the new iPhone along with an adapter to which you can still hook your old headphones into. It is great invention, although some might disagree. Another huge feature is the iOS 10 update. Many people are already familiar and have this update, but on the new iPhone the update is used to its maximum limit.

The iPhone 7 has new color finishes on it, including the Jet Black Edition. It also is splash and water resistant carrying along a new and improved home button. The iPhone 7 has improved to a better resolution and flash but the iPhone 7 Plus has something a little better.

The iPhone 7 Plus has introduced two new camera lenses with a new flash for clearer photography. It has given the flash 25 percent more brightness and photos are now 3-D when clicked on.

Both the iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus have two times longer battery life than the iPhone 6, which is the longest battery

life ever in an iPhone. They also have new and improved stereo sound, which is two times louder than the iPhone 6s.

Pricing for the new iPhone 7 is \$649 or \$32.41 per month and for the iPhone 7 Plus it is \$769 or \$37.41 per month.

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## TV Review: Stranger Things

*Stranger Things* is a new TV show that has just been brought to Netflix. There are categories on Netflix which I have found *Stranger Things* to be in the trending section. Many people are aware of this new hit TV show even though there are only 8 episodes in the one and only season.

I personally really liked this show because it was different. It has been a while since a show this interesting has come out. Everything about this show is well thought out. This show really makes you think your own way through everything. It is like you are the detective when in reality you are just watching the detectives do the work. This show is very detailed, and if you do not pay attention you might be lost. I highly recommend watching this show if you like mysteries and drama.

*Stranger Things* starts out with four young boys playing a game which took up to 10 hours of play. It is time to go home and three of the boys head out. While two of the boys are making it to their houses, the last one (Will) is in trouble. Will stumbles to his house, loses his bike, and runs into his shed. He picks up a rifle and loads it up ready for whoever was following him or chasing him. The light starts flickering and Will hears a creature behind him. He turns around and boom...Will disappears into thin air. Just like that, Will is identified as missing. This one scene sets the mood for the

rest of the season.

Don't hesitate and go watch this show right now. Stay tuned as the *Stranger Things* Twitter account has just revealed that there will be a season two in 2017.

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## **Presidential candidates square off in first debate**

Election season is upon us and you'd be wrong if you didn't think this first debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton was going to be "yuge." This presidential race is unlike any other race Americans have seen. The Republican and Democratic parties have nominated their candidates, and the debate was held on Monday, September 26. The debate brought in around 70-80 million viewers. The debate lasted for an hour and a half and was a commercial free broadcast on almost every cable news channel.

The topics for the first debate were "America's Direction," "Achieving Prosperity," and "Securing America." The moderator for the first debate was NBC's Lester Holt. The debate started with the question asking each candidate how they would put more money in the pockets of the American people. Clinton responded by stating that America needs an economy that will work for everyone. Clinton also wants to raise the minimum wage, along with making sure that women get equal pay. To top it all off Clinton said she wants the wealthy to pay their share.

For the same question Donald Trump took a different approach. Trump said he wants to start by stopping big companies from leaving the country. Trump also wants to cut taxes on big and

small businesses. His main goal in doing all of this is to allow businesses to have the money and freedom to create more jobs for the unemployed in America. To finish his response to this question Trump also said that he would like to renegotiate trade deals with our foreign allies.

In a time of unrest for America, a question about police force was brought up during the debate. Trump and Clinton both agreed on their answers; they both want to see the police create a stronger relationship within the communities they serve, although they have different strategies for how to accomplish that. After many controversial police shootings in America it is good to see the two presidential candidates address and agree upon the importance of this issue.

It wouldn't be a Trump vs. Clinton debate if the issues of Trump's unreleased tax returns and Clinton's deleted emails did not come up during the conversation. Clinton used a private server to discuss government issues. While this made national headlines, Clinton's defense is calling out for Trump to release his tax returns. Trump claims that he is currently under audit and that his lawyers recommend that he wait until his audit is done with before he releases his tax returns to the public. However, Trump said that he is willing to go against his lawyers once Hillary releases her 33,000 deleted emails. This has become a hot issue of debate during this presidential race.

This was the first of three scheduled presidential debates leading up to Election Day on Tuesday, November 8. The next debate will be a vice presidential candidate debate on Tuesday, October 4. The next debate between Clinton and Trump will take place on Sunday, Oct. 9.

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# Marlins honor José Fernández after tragic boating accident

At age fifteen, a young boy from Santa Clara, Cuba attempted to defect from Cuba to the United States on a small boat. José Fernández was denied and was imprisoned three times, and on the fourth try, he and his mother made it to the United States. Prior to arrival in the United States, Fernández's mother was washed off of the boat into the sea. Without even considering his own life, Fernández jumped in and saved his mother. He was always described as a good, courageous person who had a tremendous love for life.

Adding to his love for life, he had an unbreakable bond with his grandma, Olga Fernández, who taught him the game of baseball while he grew up in Cuba. His grandmother, who was not on the raft when he and his mother defected, was left behind in Cuba. In 2013, Fernández was on his way to the Rookie of the Year award when Miami Marlins owner, Jeffrey Loria, reunited the Fernández family as he brought Olga to the United States to see her all-star grandson. Fernández was speechless when he laid eyes on his grandma for the first time in six years.

This past Sunday morning, on the gorgeous Miami Beach, José Fernández laid dead due to a boating accident that happened earlier that morning. He and his two friends, Eddy Rivero and Emilio Macias, went out to boat on Miami Beach on Saturday night. The boat is predicted to have crashed a little bit before three o'clock that morning.

USA Today reported earlier today that prior to the accident, Fernández and his pregnant girlfriend had an argument that night. After the argument, Fernández left along with his two friends to go boating at Miami Beach. The 32-foot fishing boat slammed into a jetty tossing Fernández, Rivero, and Macias all

outside of the boat, leaving the boat on the jetty.

The next morning, the Miami Marlins released a statement saying that their game against the Atlanta Braves would be cancelled due to Fernández's death. This past Sunday, all of south Florida was mourning the loss of their star ace pitcher. Both the Marlins and the Braves spent some time at the field that day to remember José Fernández. Dee Gordon, the second baseman for the Miami Marlins lay out on the mound, the mound that belongs to José Fernández forever and always.

On Monday night, the Marlins faced off against the New York Mets. The Marlins decided to have each one of their players wear Fernández's jersey to honor him. During pregame, the Marlins honored Fernández with a playing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on the trumpet. In the first inning, one of Fernández's best friends, Dee Gordon, wore Fernández's helmet as he started off his at-bat in the right handed hitter's batting box. Gordon is a left-handed batter, and after he took the first pitch for Fernández, he stepped into the left-handed box and blasted a solo home run into right field.

Emotions arose and as Gordon was rounding the bases, he began to cry. When he got to home plate, he pointed up to the sky for in remembrance of Fernández. The Marlins ended up winning the game by a final score of 7-3. After the game, members of the Marlins placed their hats on the mound in remembrance of their fallen teammate.

Baseball is still mourning this tragic loss of one of the best pitchers in the league. During Fernández's four years in the Majors, he pitched with an outstanding record of 38 wins and 17 losses. Adding to the wins and losses, he also held a 2.58 ERA. He pitched 471.1 innings, had 589 strikeouts, and had a WHIP of 1.05. With the rate that Fernández was going, he could be potentially have been a future Hall of Fame inductee. The Marlins retired Fernández's number, stating that nobody will ever wear 16 again. Heaven has gained another ace, and that

ace's name is José Fernández.

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# Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie file for divorce

Brangelina is back in the news again, and this time it's not for one of their new movies or acts of charity? It's been quite a rough week for both Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. The two recently filed for divorce Wednesday, and news reporters say there are multiple reasons why the couple is not together anymore.



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The two have raised six children during their nearly two years of marriage, and 14 years together. What caused Angelina to file for divorce on Brad? One source tells that one of their sons, Maddox, was “verbally” and “physically” abused by Pitt on a private plane. A day after this event had occurred, Jolie sat down with Pitt, and told him that she was filing for divorce. Referring to Brad, Angelina states that “He is just wrecked by this.”

As most of us know, Hollywood Stars' relationships frequently end up going South.

One angry media woman says, "So sad that there are six kids involved in the mess created by you two," while another says, "She wants a new man. Bottom line." We all know that many of people on social media spend their lives doing nothing but reading and hearing about Hollywood drama, reading the Enquire, and surfing the Internet for new Hollywood phony stories.

I sat down with numerous students and asked them this question. "Why do Brad and Angelina get so much attention for something that happens everyday?" A common response from the students was because the two were both famous Hollywood movie stars and that anybody as well known as them will receive attention for everything and anything. Most famous people will receive attention for stupid little events in their lives that are happening daily to others and nobody ever reports about others. Hollywood drama is everywhere and there will be more to come when the couple become officially divorced.

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## **Student Profile: Trent Robison**

The smell of freshly cut grass, the thud of a leather glove, and the crack of a wooden bat against a fastball brings Trent Robison to his home. Nothing more than a seventh inning stretch or home run that stretches over far left field before clearing the wall could give Trent such excitement. Robison, a junior at Cathedral Prep, has fallen in love with the sport of baseball and dedicates most of his time and energy into



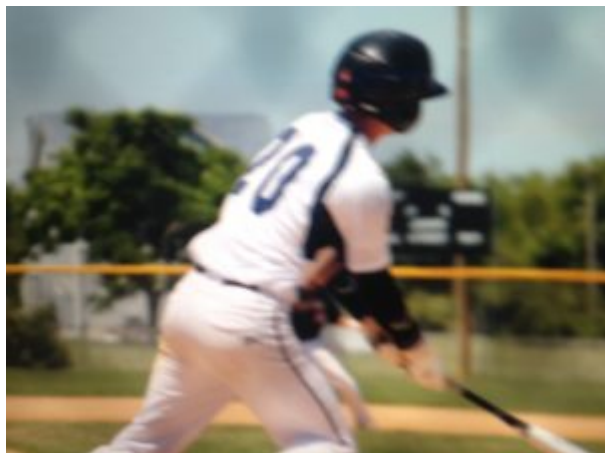
becoming the next Babe Ruth.



Trent plays for the Ramblers during the spring baseball season but also spends a lot of time playing during the offseason with Tri-State Arsenal. Tri-State Arsenal is a highly competitive travel baseball program based in New Jersey. Trent puts a lot of time to this club, "I play during the summer with Tri-State Arsenal, and during the winter primarily

after Thanksgiving I make the trip about every one to two weeks to train." During these trips Trent plays under the lights, so to speak. "When I arrive at the Tri-State's training facility it's around 10 to 10:30 at night. I practice outfielding and then the next day we practice all aspects of the game."

Trent recounts vividly what brought him into the sport of baseball. "When I was about two years old my mom and grandma bought me my first glove as a present. I would spend hours outside throwing the ball around and making catches." It didn't stop there though. He joined T-ball leagues and walked to his local baseball field whenever possible. Trent visited the local AA baseball team, the Erie SeaWolves and was a bat boy for the club. From there he knew he wanted to take his baseball career to the next level.



While playing for Tri-State Arsenal he has been across the East Coast to play America's favorite past time. Perfect Game Super 25 National Championship and the Perfect Game WWBA National Championship are only two of many major championship games Trent has taken place in.

He cherishes these moments, "I love being out on the field," he says. "It's what I've been working towards. I've put in the time and I'm grateful for every second."

Players and coaches alike have seen Trent's hard work pay off on the field. Trent was playing third base at the Perfect Game Super 25 National Championship when he made a magical play after a ground ball took a hop off the third base bag. "The ball rocketed off the bag with a huge amount of spin; I've practiced this and was able to snag the ball and make the play at first keeping the game-winning run from being brought home."

He has earned notice from numerous fans and coaches. He has visited the likes of Vanderbilt and the University of Miami, major division one powerhouses in baseball. "It's crazy to see that I could be playing there one day. That's my goal, and I'm going to keep grinding it out until I make it."