

Cathedral Prep water polo team places third in state

The Roy G. Snyder Natatorium at Wilson High School was absolutely electric over the weekend. The stands that lined at the schools lower house swimming pool were overflowing with athletes, fans, and college coaches alike watching some of the finest water polo the state had to offer. Eight teams, which included Pennridge, Governor Mifflin, North Allegheny, North Penn, Cathedral Prep, LaSalle College, Cumberland Valley, and host Wilson High School battled hard all season long, and earned a spot to play for the 2017 Water Polo State Title.

The Cathedral Prep Rambler water polo team found themselves in the state tournament after an impressive regular season. With wins at the McDowell Cup, Screaming Eagle Tournament, Tiger Classic, and a semi-finalist finish at the Beast of the East, Prep had the number one seed at its Western Conference Championships.

The North Allegheny Tigers upset Prep in the conference finals by a score of 17-13, ultimately giving them the fourth seed at states.

After arriving in Reading, Pa., late Thursday night the Prep water polo team spent the day preparing for its first round battle against Governor Mifflin, the tournament's fifth seed at 7 p.m. The whistle blew, and the crowd roared for the Ramblers as they stormed out in front and never looked back. Prep went wire to wire besting the Mustangs 13-7. Calvin Behm paced the Ramblers with 8 goals, Thomas Uht had 3. Robbie Maholic and Alec Thomas also both tallied one.

"This was big for us. The second the final buzzer sounded we had a weight lifted off our shoulders," commented varsity starter Robbie Maholic. This placed the Ramblers in the top

four in the state and ended a shaky four-game losing streak they carried with them into the tourney.

Early the next morning the Ramblers faced their toughest test to date. Facing the number one seed and host team Wilson, the team had more than they could handle. After a back and forth first half, the Bulldogs ran away with it in the closing minutes to beat Prep by a score of 15-8.

"This isn't what we wanted, but we played well. We are ready to come back tonight and finish off strong," said Christian Fortin. He scored 2 goals in the loss. Calvin Behm had 5, and Michael Rahner had 1.

In the third place game, the Ramblers squared off against Western Conference rival North Allegheny. Losing there past two games against the Tigers, the Ramblers fought tooth and nail to come out on top once again. In a thrilling battle that came down to the wire, Prep topped the Pittsburgh school 13-10. Thomas Uht had a spectacular performance in his final game scoring 6. Calvin Behm had 4 and Alec Thomas, Ethan Neff, and Robbie Maholic all had 1."

"I'm really glad I was able to end my career on such a high note. [It] couldn't have been better," commented Thomas Uht.

Concluding the tournament, the Prep water polo team was presented with the third place state trophy for their efforts. Christian Fortin was an all-state team honorable mention. Andrew Burns made third-team all-state, Thomas Uht second team all-state, and Calvin Behm first team all-state. The Mr. Water Polo Award was given to Calvin Behm for the first time in school history as the best player in the state.

"It's a great honor," commented Calvin on the award. With this finishing, Prep takes home one of its most impressive state hauls in recent history.

“I would like to thank all of the seniors. They have made my job and this year very enjoyable,” said Coach Mike Doyle.

Prep water polo sweeps at Screaming Eagle

On Friday night the Cathedral Prep football team stormed the field under the stadium lights as hundreds of fans cheered them on to victory at McDowell’s Gus Anderson Field against their arch-rivals. Meanwhile some five hours away the Rambler water polo team fought in the icy waters of Cumberland Valley’s High School natatorium for the title at the Screaming Eagle Water Polo Tournament. Over the weekend, they faced four different opponents in less than 24 hours battling fatigue, pain, and hunger for the title.

Prep opened the tournament against Penridge late Friday night against a team the Ramblers haven’t faced in two years. The last meeting between the two teams came in the 2015 state quarterfinals where an offensive showcase from both teams led to a mind boggling 21-20 win by Prep.

“We knew they had lost some seniors since then, but we didn’t take them lightly,” commented senior captain Andy Burns. “We knew they were a physical team and we had to execute.”



A physical first quarter led to four kick outs and Thomas Uht was rolled from the game seconds before the quarter ended on a brutality call after trying to evade a Pennridge player that was illegally grabbing him on a fast break. The physicality of

the game continued, but a more grounded Prep team managed to get their feet under them and finish the game very clean with a convincing 16-8 win. Calvin Behm ran the offense, sending 10 into the back of the net while Ethan Neff had 2. Alec Thomas, Mike Rahner, Thomas Uht, and Robert Maholic each netted one as well.

The whistles from the head ref blew as the sun was coming up over the mountains in Central Pennsylvania as the Ramblers tore down the pool for possession of the ball against Souderton High School in an early morning dog fight. Minimal sleep had no effect on the Ramblers as they cruised to an easy 17-9 after four quarters of tough play. Calvin Behm had 8 goals while Mike Rahner had 3, and Thomas Uht 2 threw in. Kyle Nelson, Robert Maholic, Christian Fortin and Ethan Neff found the open goal to nab scores as well.

“This was a good first game for us,” said coach Cody Miller. “We were able to exploit there defense early and put a lot of different players in and rest some of our starters for the later games,”



As the morning churned on, so did the water as the Rambler polo team hopped in once again with their headgear bound up around their heads prepared for one of the biggest games of the weekend. Prep stared down rival Cumberland Valley, the 2016 PIAA

defending state champions who were crowned last fall after defeating Cathedral Prep in the semifinals and North Penn in the finals. Prep played a ground out offense while their defense battled hard, shutting out the state champs in the first half while Prep held a comfortable 6-0 lead.

“That shows the discipline of our team and the work we’ve done,” said captain Thomas Uht. “We were able to shut them down and created opportunities for ourselves, giving us the advantage.”

The Ramblers held onto its lead and never looked back downing Cumberland Valley 11-3. Calvin Behm, the all-time leading scorer for Prep got the ball past the goalie 6 times. Alec Thomas nabbed 2 while Mike Rahner, Kyle Nelson and Christian Fortin bettered the defense, all putting in one.

In the final game of the day, the boys splashed and dashed against Philadelphia’s LaSalle College. The senior-heavy explorer team was up for a game. The physical LaSalle team got the team in foul trouble early. Three different players were one foul away from getting ejected, and a beaten Prep team sluggishly turned the ball over early keeping the game close in the first half. Head coach Mike Doyle rallied his team to a convincing and forceful win. Calvin Behm had 10 goals in the final game.

“I had a pretty good tournament this weekend. I was able to get my hands on the ball a lot and take advantage,” Calvin said.

Also adding goals were Thomas Uht, who had a hat trick. Mike Rahner, Robert Maholic & Christian Fortin all scored twice. Kyle Nelson and Robbie Lupo slammed one home each.

The Cathedral Prep water polo team went 4-0 over the course of the weekend, showing promise as the season picks up. The Ramblers, now 7-0, will head to Pittsburgh to play at North Allegheny this weekend in the Tiger Classic, and host rival

McDowell this Wednesday at the David M. Hallman III Aquatics Center. JV action begins at 3:30 p.m. and the varsity boys play at 7.

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.

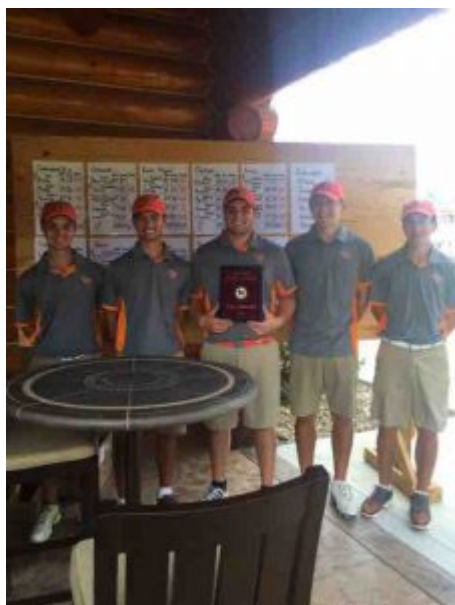
The soccer team has a huge second half of the season coming up as they play some great teams from Ohio in Lake Catholic and Walsh Jesuit along with another battle with the team from Millcreek. The team looks to keep their momentum going as they look to the playoffs and their quest for a third consecutive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

Prep water polo victorious over McDowell in new pool

This past Wednesday, Sept. 14, the Cathedral Prep water polo team played McDowell in their home pool at the PVEC. This is the first time the Ramblers have played the Trojans in the new all-deep pool, and it went well for the home team.

Before the game, senior co-captains Tony Squeglia and Jacob Schmidt enjoyed their senior night, having their accomplishments read to the crowd and receiving senior gifts. After this they hopped into the pool and showed McDowell what's what.

Right off the bat Prep established its dominance when Jake Schmidt won the swim off, getting the ball in the Ramblers' possession. Schmidt continued to thrive, whipping three goals past McDowell in the first period. Juniors Calvin Behm and Thomas Uht helped out here as well with Behm scoring twice and Uht once, ending the first period with a score of Prep 6, McDowell 4.

Tony Squeglia took charge the second period with four goals. Each goal sailed past the goalie with even more speed. Tony and the whole team also played aggressively on the defensive end, barely giving the Trojans room to shoot. Calvin Behm, Jacob Schmidt, and Christian Fortin each scored a goal apiece this period, giving Prep seven goals and McDowell a measly three. At the half Prep led 13-7.

Prep did not slack off in the second half, although their comfortable lead allowed them to put in some nonstarters. McDowell did a little better in this period than in previous ones, scoring six goals, but it wasn't enough to catch up to

Prep. Squeglia and Behm proved to be forces to be reckoned with, each adding two points to the board. In addition, Schmidt scored once, Fortin scored once, and sophomore Robbie Maholic scored his first goal of the game.

Going into the fourth period McDowell trailed Prep by 7, and Prep's defense would not allow them to close this sizable gap. The Ramblers scored four goals in the final period, the most exciting of which was Squeglia's backhanded shot that went right past the McDowell goalie. The other three goals were scored by Calvin Behm, Christian Fortin, and Mark Miller. When the final whistle blew the score was Prep 24, McDowell 19. The Ramblers dominated throughout the game, and this superb performance seems a good indication of a successful forthcoming season.



The final score was 24-19 Prep

From a spectator's point of view, the Cathedral Prep water polo team seemed very strong and full of talent. Due to their apparent dominance it was surprising to learn that both captains agreed it was not the team's best game. While they did not believe the team played to its full potential, they were both satisfied with getting the win over their rival. Jake Schmidt added that the win "counts towards [their] standings in [their] conference," which is a good thing. He's looking forward to the next time they face the Trojans in the water, as he's convinced that "the outcome will not be as

close as it was last night.”

Prep water polo team takes 3rd at states



On Nov. 6–7, the Cathedral Prep Water Polo Team took part in the Pennsylvania State Tournament held at Wilson High School in Reading, Pa. Prep had taken first place in the Western Conference game the week prior after beating North Allegheny and was seeded third going into

the the state tournament.

Prep's first game took place Friday night against the sixth seed La Salle College School of Glenside, Pa., in a rematch of Prep's 11-7 victory in October. Despite a slow start, Prep was able to put the game away with a 12-6 victory. In the win, sophomore Calvin Behm and junior Anthony Squeglia had three goals each, seniors David Rahner and Thomas Squeglia each had two, and one goal each from seniors Rex Riley and Patrick Steele. Senior Daniel Anthony had nine saves in goal.

The second game was against second seed Cumberland Valley of Mechanicsburg, Pa., in a match for a slot in the championship game. Prep had a 1-2 record against CV going into the tournament and was hoping to advance to the final game. Another slow start led to Prep down 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

However, Prep was able to even the odds and tie the game at

5-5 at the half. Unable to keep up the momentum in the third quarter, Prep fell goals behind and was unable to outscore CV in the fourth, resulting in a 8-11 loss. Riley had four goals, Behm had three, and A. Squeglia had one goal.

Following a loss from number one seed Wilson High School against four seed North Penn, the stage was set for a Prep-Wilson match for the third place slot. Prep had an 0-2 record against Wilson for the season, but both losses were within one goal. Being the home team, Wilson had a cheering section for the game; however, Prep had almost all the other teams at the tournament on their side.

With a 5-3 deficit at the end of the first quarter, Prep was determined to not end the game like the last and produced a tremendous offensive attack with countless goals scored on both sides. With less than 30 seconds left in the fourth quarter, and Prep ahead 18-17, it looked as if victory was within reach. However, a last minute turnover on a highly questionable ref call resulted in a last minute goal.

Tied up, the game entered two three minute quarters. Knowing this would be the last game of the season—or for the seniors, their last game ever—the team was determined to put it away. Prep scored an additional four goals, while shutting out Wilson at the same time, winning the game 22-18. Behm had eight goals, A. Squeglia had five, Steele and T. Squeglia had three each, Rahner had two, and Riley had one.

For their efforts throughout the season, seniors Daniel Anthony and Thomas Squeglia were rated third team all state. Junior Anthony Squeglia was ranked second team, and former rookie of the year, Calvin Behm was ranked first team all state. Water Polo Coach Mike Doyle also was awarded the Pennsylvania Coach of the Year award.

Prep water polo goes 3-1 in home tournament



Cathedral Prep senior water polo player David Rahner envisions his future success both inside and outside of the pool.

On October 16-17, Cathedral Prep hosted its only home tournament of the season at Penn State Behrend. Prep opened the tournament Friday night against Wilson High School of Reading, Pa. Prep had last played Wilson at the Beast of the East tournament three weeks prior and came up just short in the 9-8 loss on Wilson's home waters, leaving the Ramblers itching for a rematch.

An early goal from junior Anthony Squeglia and a shutout first quarter by senior goalie Daniel Anthony kept Prep ahead 1-0 at the end of the first. The second quarter resulted in four goals from each side and Prep maintaining a 5-4 lead at the half. However, Wilson broke away in the third quarter and

scored four goals while the Ramblers were only able to counter with two. With two minutes left in the game, the score was tied up at 9-9 thanks to two goals from A. Squeglia and senior Thomas Squeglia to counter another goal from the opposing team. However, after a breakaway play and goal by Wilson, and Prep unable to score on a counter play, the Ramblers fell 10-9. A. Squeglia and T. Squeglia scored three goals each, two from sophomore Calvin Behm, and one from senior Patrick Steele. Anthony had sixteen saves in goal.

Prep then went on to play Thomas Worthington High School of Worthington, Ohio, later that night. The team had taken on Thomas Worthington before, and the team knew the game would be much more easygoing than the previous game. Prep was able to put TW away 13-7 thanks to four goals from T. Squeglia, three each from Behm and senior David Rahner, two from A. Squeglia, and one from senior Austin Hancock.

On Saturday morning, the team played North Allegheny High School of Wexford, Pa. Prep started the game very rocky and was losing 5-4 at the half. After a change in strategy, the Ramblers pulled ahead and won the game 12-7 thanks to five goals from A. Squeglia, three from Behm, two from Rahner, and one each from T. Squeglia and Steele.

The water polo team would then go on to play their rival, McDowell High School, that evening. Ready for what was expected to be an easy win against McDowell, Prep made sure to pack a punch with a 20-9 victory over the Trojans. In the win, goals were provided by T. Squeglia with six, Behm with five, four from A. Squeglia, and one each from Rahner, Steele, senior Joshua Kurczewski, sophomore Thomas Uht, and sophomore Dominic Montefiori.

Contributions to the win were also made possible with the help of the Prep cheering section boosting the team's morale. Despite recent controversy behind the cheering section in recent weeks, the students did a great job in providing cheers

(not jeers) and enhancing the athletic experience.

In the victories against North Allegheny and McDowell, Prep was able to clinch a spot in the the Pennsylvania State Tournament which will be held on November 6-7 at Wilson High School in Reading. Prep will play next for the Western Conference Championship on October 31 at North Allegheny High School in Wexford.

Cathedral Prep water polo team takes second place in Beast of the East Tournament



Last weekend, the Cathedral Prep water polo team traveled to suburban Philadelphia to take part in the very large Beast of the East tournament. The Beast of the East tournament consisted of all the water polo teams in Pennsylvania, with additional teams from New Jersey, Maryland,

and Ohio.

The first two games on Friday night took place at Souderton Area High School in Souderton, Pa. The first game was against Upper Perkiomen and after five goals in the first 1:40 of play, it was clear Prep would win no contest. By the start of the third quarter all of the team's subs had had the opportunity to play thanks to a 9-1 lead by the starting team. Prep would go on to win the game 18-8 thanks to 4 goals from sophomore Calvin Behm, 3 from junior Jacob Schmidt, 2 from

sophomore Mitchell Cizmek, and 1 goal each from senior Josh Kurczewski and eight other players.

The second game against Souderton was the opposite. With the score tied 10-10 at the half, everyone on the team was on the edge, knowing the game could make or break the tournament. However, Prep was able to gain a 2-goal lead at the end of the third, and win the game 20-19 thanks in part to 5 goals each from Behm and senior Thomas Squeglia, and 4 from junior Anthony Squeglia.

Prep began the second day of the tournament at Wilson High School in West Lawn, Pa., with a 12-7 victory against Landon High School of Bethesda, Md. The victory came thanks in part to 3 goals from Behm, 2 goals each from A. Squeglia and senior David Rahner, and 16 saves by senior Daniel Anthony in goal.

But the prior wins didn't matter so much as Prep had made it to the semifinals against Cumberland Valley High School of Mechanicsburg, Pa., who Prep had yet to beat in the past four years. The first quarter of the game contained much back and forth action with 2 goals scored for Prep by senior Patrick Steele and T. Squeglia to neutralize CV's 2 goals themselves. By the end of the second quarter, Prep had gained a 7-4 lead over CV thanks to 3 goals from Behm and singles from Rahner and A. Squeglia. After 2 more goals from Behm and 1 from senior Rex Riley in the second half, Prep had achieved a 10-8 victory over Cumberland Valley, which the team had viewed as the toughest team in Pennsylvania.

Prep was set to take on Wilson HS, the defending state champions, in the final game in their home pool, a game that would be as challenging as the Cumberland Valley game prior. During the first quarter, Prep started the game trailing by as many as three goals at one point. By the end of the second quarter, Prep had only held the lead once and only by a one goal difference. By halftime, the team had run out of steam and was struggling to keep up with the Wilson team who had

been well rested for the game. Prep fell 9-8 and the game remains the team's only loss to date. T. Squeglia and Behm netted 3 goals each and 1 goal each by Steele and A. Squeglia was scored in the loss.

Despite the loss, the team is more determined than ever to fight for victory next time around. The team plans to travel to North Allegheny High School in Wexford, Pa., on Oct. 2-3 to take on North Penn High School of Lansdale, Pa., and Thomas Worthington High School of Worthington, Ohio, on Friday, and a rematch against Cumberland Valley on Saturday.

A rematch against Wilson High School is expected on Saturday, October 17, in Erie when Prep hosts the Erie Challenge tournament at Penn State Behrend.

In addition, Calvin Behm and Anthony Squeglia; and Daniel Anthony and Thomas Squeglia were named to the first and second all tournament teams respectfully.

Ramblers' fall sports season off to good start

It's arguably the best time of the year here at Cathedral Prep with all of the school's fall sports teams kicking off their seasons. As always the school has high expectations for all of the teams and the goals they wish to accomplish this season. Take a look at all of the teams competing during this fall season.

Cross Country



The Ramblers cross country team opened up their season with a dual meet against defending state champion North Allegheny on Sept. 8 at Frontier Park. The Ramblers fell short and suffered their first loss of the season.

The following Saturday the team traveled down to Schenley Park in Pittsburgh, Pa., to compete in the annual Red White and Blue Classic. Evan Fritzke paced the Ramblers, finishing 27th overall out of roughly 300 runners. He was followed by teammate Bailey Klein who finished 30th overall. As a team the Ramblers placed 6th out of a field of 30 teams. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Sept. 22, as Prep duals against their rival McDowell at Frontier Park beginning at 4 p.m.

Key Losses: Jack Lindenberger, Norman Stark, Michael Clark, and Matthew Neville

Key Returners: Evan Fritzke, Jack Dey, Bailey Klein, Noah Nicolia, Kevin Haight, Kyle Wagner, Roman Zegarelli, and Jake Schlosser

Football



Football season is back which means it's the craziest time of the year around the halls of Cathedral Prep. The football team recently went down to Kissimmee, Florida to open the season taking on the Wakulla War Eagles. The War Eagles were led by LSU-commit Feleipe Franks as well as Keith Gavin, one of the top wide receivers in the class of 2016. The Ramblers were

ultimately defeated by a score of 31-14. Malano Jones rushed for a pair of touchdowns and gained 80 yards on the ground in the loss. When senior captain Sullivan Johnson was asked about how the overall experience of playing in Florida will help the team he responded, "Wakulla was a very talented team with tremendous athletes. We had to play at a very high intensity just to compete and that took us to another level. If we play with the passion throughout the season that we had in Florida we will have a very special season."

The Ramblers most recently squared off against region opponent Strong Vincent, on Friday, Sept. 11 at Veterans Stadium. It was all Cathedral Prep in this one. TaNauz Gregory set the tone by recording an interception on Strong Vincent 's first play from scrimmage. From there on out the Ramblers were rolling, and they defeated Vincent by a score of 63-0. The Ramblers next outing is Sept. 18, with a 7 p.m. kickoff at Gus Anderson Field against McDowell. The opposition goes into the game with a winless record of 0-2. They were defeated by Lake Catholic 63-7 in Week 1 and fell to Canton McKinley 27-10 the following week.

Key Losses: Charlie Fessler, DeAngelo Malone, James Trucilla, Jake Galla, Tim Zieziula, Sean Harris, Jermaine Hunter, Troy Woodard, Sam Sweny, Bryce Boyd, Billy Norfolk, Alex Kissel,

Mike Spizarny, Dominic Kramer, and Chris Callari

Key Returners: TaNauz Gregory (Sr), Matthew Bauer (So), Malano Jones (Sr), Jose Casiano (Sr), Timmy Beveridge (Sr), Sullivan Johnson (Sr), Dajon Heidelberg (Sr), Mike Buzas (Sr), Adam Figurski (Sr), Mitchell Gresh (Sr), Shane Scott (Sr), Nick Bizzarro (Sr), Koron Williams (Sr), Alex Comi (Sr), Jeremy Hill (Sr), Jerry Roberts (Jr)

Water Polo



The Cathedral Prep's water polo team opened up their season with a splash, by "drowning" a talented North Allegheny team 15-8. Over the weekend the [Ramblers placed first in the very prestigious Ohio Cup](#), avenging their second place

finish from last season. The hype has already begun for Wednesday, Sept. 23, as the squad takes on rival McDowell at the Intermediate (McDowell) starting at 7:15 p.m. The senior class has yet to lose to McDowell in the pool and look for another dominating victory over the Trojans. Following McDowell, the Ramblers will be playing in the highly regarded "Beast of The East Tournament" held in Philadelphia, Pa., from Sept. 25-26. The expectation for this year's team is as high as it has been in recent years and there does not appear to be any signs of a let down.

Key Losses: Daniel Bauman, Davis Nies, Eli Chase, and David Kuhar

Key Returners: Dan Anthony (Sr), Tom Squelia (Sr), Tony Squelia (Jr), Rex Riley (Sr), David Rahner (Sr), and Calvin Behm (So)

Soccer



The Cathedral Prep soccer program is rapidly growing and strengthening year by year. There is much anticipation for all that this year's team will accomplish. The Ramblers are returning a lot of experience from a very successful team that won the District 10 championship just a season ago. The biggest hole that needs replaced can be found at goalkeeper where the Ramblers lost legendary goalie Oliver Wiesner.

Senior Michael Stark is called upon to guard the net and so far all signs point towards another successful season of strong goalkeeper play. They have almost the entire defensive unit back with Nick Paglia, Gage Bamberger, and Derek Jones returning along with senior captain Antonio Simora. The three-headed monster of Zach Hein, Phil Cammarata, and Tommy Russo look to dominate the center of the field while transfer Matthew Zupan looks to score the goals along with Brady Sittinger.

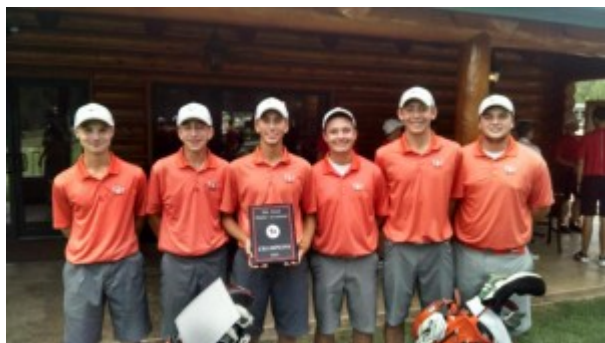
The Ramblers opened up play on Sept. 9 at Dollinger Field against General McLane. The Ramblers were victorious as they defeated the Lancers by a score of 10-0. The Ramblers then defeated Youngstown Ursuline 8-2. Junior Brady Sittinger has started out the season on a tear scoring 7 goals in just two games. Whoever wants to witness the Ramblers in action can take a trip to Dollinger Field on Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. when they will face McDowell.

Key Losses: Oliver Wiesner, Sean Reed, Steven Brown, Dino Krdzalic, Sammy Tojaga, and Nick Baran.

Key Returners: Antonio Simora (Sr), Nick Paglia (Sr), Gage

Bamberger (Sr), Sammy Tojaga (So), Zach Hein (So), Brady Sittinger (Jr), Thomas Russo (So), Ryan Bogniak (Sr), Phil Cammarata (Jr), Derek Jones (Jr), and Michael Chrzanowski (Sr)

Golf



Golf starts their season relatively early to ensure the state playoffs will not be affected by snow or any other uncontrollable weather conditions. This year's starting lineup consists of senior Ben Ladaika, senior Jordan Henry, junior Ryan Misko, sophomore Robbie Harris, sophomore Alex Pol, and last but certainly not least, freshman Patrick Kelly. The Cathedral Prep golf team started off their season in a dominant fashion by defeating McDowell by a grand total of 42 strokes.

The Ramblers have competed and placed highly in some prestigious tournaments thus far such as the Rough Rider Invitational in Kent, Ohio (1st Place), the Corry Invitational (1st Place) and the University School Tournament in Kent, Ohio (2nd Place). A huge congratulations goes out to senior Ben Ladaika who buried his first career hole-in-one this season. "I was more in shock than anything," Ladaika said. "I knew it went in and saw it go in, but it still hasn't sunk in my head that I made it." The Ramblers currently sit at 4-0 in region play and continue to show consistency on the course. The hopes are high for the remainder of the season and we wish the golf team the best of luck as they enter their final stretch of the regular season.

Key Losses: Ryan Podufal, Jack Kloecker, Jack Bloomstine, Jack Kelly, and Dana Stewart

Key Returns: Ben Ladaika (Sr), Jordan Henry (Sr), Ryan Misko

(Jr), Robbie Harris (So), and Alex Pol (So)

If you're looking to support any of Prep's teams this fall season, you can [view the schedules of all the Rambler teams online](#).

Prep water polo takes first place in Ohio Cup



Coach Mike Doyle instructs the team on how to win the game.

On Sept. 12-13, the Cathedral Prep water polo team traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the Ohio Cup Tournament for the second year in a row. The Ramblers took 2nd place in the tournament last year following a 14-10 loss to Chicago Park District and returned this year determined win it all.

The team started off the tournament against St. Charles of Columbus, the defending Ohio state champions. The Ramblers had just gotten off of a four-hour car ride and had a bit of a rocky start to the tournament. At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied at 3-3, and Prep fought hard to edge out a lead of 5-4 at the half. Despite evening out the

score by the end of the third quarter, St. Charles was unable to take over the lead and fell to Prep 9-8 thanks to 4 goals from Anthony Squeglia, 3 from Calvin Behm, and 1 goal each from Rex Riley and Thomas Squeglia. Defensive contributions were made by Daniel Anthony with 16 saves in goal, and David Rahner with a game saving field block in the late fourth quarter.



Junior Tony Squeglia prepares to block a shot.

The second game was against the Oakwood Lumberjacks of Dayton, Ohio. The Oakwood game came with much relief from the previous nail-biter as Prep gained a 11-4 lead at the half. The momentum continued as Prep chopped down the Lumberjacks 16-10.

Large offensive contributions included 5 goals from Behm and 2 goals each from T. Squeglia, A. Squeglia, Riley, and Patrick Steele.

The third game, played against the tournament host, Kilbourne High School, was an even greater victory as the Ramblers crushed Kilbourne 18-3 thanks to an entire team effort.

The second day began with Prep scheduled to play Chicago Park District in the semifinal with Prep determined to gain revenge. The team experienced some internal offensive challenges in the first quarter as it ended with Prep down 1-0. Following a changeup in offensive strategy, Prep led the competition 5-2. The game ended with a 10-5 victory thanks to

4 goals from Behm, 3 from A. Squeglia, 2 from T. Squeglia, and one from Rahner.



2015 Ohio Cup Champions

Following four wins in a row, Prep found themselves in the championship game for the second year in a row, this time against St. Xavier of Cincinnati, Ohio. Prep led St. X 2-1 at the end of the first, and netted two more for a 4-1 lead at the half thanks to 8 steals by Prep's team defense during the quarter. The game ended with a Prep victory of 8-4 thanks to 4 goals from Behm, 2 from A. Squeglia, and 1 each from Riley and Rahner. Prep had accomplished their two-year mission of winning the Ohio Cup.

In addition, the All-Ohio Cup Team awards were given out to the seven best field players and goalie for the tournament.

Of the seven, two players from Prep were chosen: goalie Daniel Anthony and whole set Calvin Behm.

The Ramblers are off this weekend and will resume playing on Wednesday, September 23 with a 7:15 p.m. game on the road against McDowell, followed by a trip to the Philadelphia region for the very large Beast of the East Tournament on September 25-26.

Cathedral Prep Water Polo 2015 Season Outlook



The 2014 Cathedral Prep water polo season ended with Prep taking 4th place in the Pennsylvania State Tournament.

Last year's senior class contributed quite well to the water polo team with the shooting abilities of Daniel

Bauman, the trusted defensive talent of Davis Nies, the natural good looks of utility player Eli Chase, and the wisdom and knowledge brought to the game by David Kuhar. Despite these great losses to the team this past year, this year's large senior class has much to contribute to the team.

This year's starters include the highly skilled driver, David Rahner (Sr); aggressive shooter, Thomas Squeglia (Sr); powerhouse player, Anthony Squeglia (Jr); Pat Steele (Sr), a second year, yet quick-to-adapt recruit from the CP Basketball Team; and well experienced goalie, Daniel Anthony (Sr). The 2014 Pennsylvania Rookie of the Year, Calvin Behm (So), will also be returning to the team for his second year as Prep's starting whole set following his return from training in the water polo mecca of Hungary this past summer.

Whole defender Rex Riley (Sr) has been forced to take leave from several of the team's tournaments this season due to his busy swimming schedule and his commitment to swim in college.

In Rex's absence Jake Schmidt (Jr), the lightweight, but quick and effective driver, has been called up as the team's "8th" starter. Other notable contributors to the team include utility players Joshua Kurczewski (Sr); Thomas Uht (So); and

Austin Hancock (Sr), who made a return to the team after a year of absence from the sport. Sophomores Dominic Montefiori, Mitchell Cizmek, Andrew Burns, and freshmen Robert Maholic and Fats Causgrove are still learning the sport, and make up the remainder of the team.

This year, former part-time Cathedral Prep water polo and swimming coach Mike Doyle has been appointed full time to work for Prep as the school's Aquatics Director and overseer of the new PVEC pool. Assistant Coach Colleen Sheldon has also made a return to the team's coaching staff for her second year.

The team's prospects for this year's Pennsylvania State Tournament have never looked brighter for the Ramblers as chief rivals such as North Penn HS of Lansdale, Pa., and defending state champion, Wilson HS of Reading, Pa., graduated many contributing seniors in the class of 2015. However, Cumberland Valley HS of Mechanicsburg, PA appears to be as big of a threat as always to the team's quest for the PA State Title, having defeated Prep in the 3rd place game at the State Tournament last year with a score of 14-9.

The Cathedral Prep Water Polo Team has started off the year with a 15-8 victory over PA Western Conference rival North Allegheny HS of Wexford, Pa., on Saturday September 5th at North Allegheny Senior HS, and a first place finish in the 16-team Ohio Cup Tournament on September 12-13.