

Boys track race through another successful season

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As the boys' track and field season begins to ends, their dual meet season record is 2-3. The team began with a strong start with a win against Hartland, but went down swinging against Milford, then regained themselves again against Howell, lost against Grand Blanc, then Pinckney ending the season with a 3-2 record. With the season quickly winding down, many track athletes are expected to continue their seasons at conferences, regionals last week, and most likely, states next week for a few individuals.

Seniors Alec Gillis, Patrick Tucker, Justin Matuzewski, Max Zawisa,

and Justin Graham are all honored to take on the responsibilities and the roles of being team leaders and captains this season. A few weeks ago at the Brighton Bulldog Invitational, senior captain, Max Zawisa broke the Brighton High School 300m hurdles record. He is now the first Brighton athlete to break 40 seconds in the event.

"I've been looking forward to breaking the record for a very long time. I've been training alone to beat the record since July, then I ran with a club in September through March before the Brighton spring track season began," Zawisa said.

Track and field is a sport that helps the runners stay healthy, many athletes on the team also bond through the sport. These are only

a couple of the big reasons why track is such a great sport. Junior Matt Knop runs the 1600m, 800m, and 4x400m, and has just finished his third season on the team.

"I had lots of fun all season long, especially when the season started and ended. I love the social aspect of the sport the most. Training with my awesome teammates made running a little less painful and a lot more fun. I'm already looking forward to next season," Knop said.

The conference meet passed on May 13, as well as the regionals meet on May 19. Only Max Zawisa in the 300m hurdles and Justin Klaus in discus will continue to the state meet coming up next week on Saturday, June 3 at East Kentwood.



Max Zawisa getting set for the 400m against Grand Blanc Photo by Colleen Monroe

Girls varsity tennis finish 4th at Regionals tournament

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The girls varsity tennis team has been off to a great start this season having a record of 4-1. Their first meet was on April 13th at home at 3:00. So far the team has played in two tournaments. The first, they ended up winning the whole thing, and the second tournament they came in second.

The girls have been playing great this year and have all been pulling their own weight on the court.

"Our biggest rival is Hartland and we beat them 7-2 on May 11th, it was such a great feeling beating them and I am very excited to see what the rest of the season has to bring," senior Morgan Myers said.

This year, if the girls beat Novi and Northville, two of their bigger competitors they have a great chance to make it past regionals.

They would play against those two teams in regionals and hopefully have some girls going to states.

"I think we will do well this year, we have some strong players on our team so we could make it past regionals possibly. Last year our one signals made it to states so I'm hoping we have more this year," senior Monique Sizeland said.

This year there are eight seniors out of 19 total, so this is a fairly older team. All of the seniors have been

playing since at least sophomore year so they all of great experience with tennis. There are 3 freshman and 4 sophomores but that is good because by the time they are seniors and juniors they will all have been playing with each other for a decent amount of time and will know everyone's strengths and weaknesses. "The girls have been doing a great job this year and I am very excited to see how far they will make it, I have a lot of faith in them. I am

also excited for the years ahead because many of our younger girls are doing a great job this season so far," Coach Jeff Miner said.

Last season they had singles make it to States but did not place, this year hopefully will have a better outcome considering there are 8 seniors who have all been playing for a couple years now. Miner thinks they will do well and they are all very excited to see where they will make it this season.

Dodgeball raises money for Young Life Summer Camp

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Saturday June 6th, the Legacy Center will be hosting the annual Young Life dodgeball tournament. The tournament's purpose is to raise money for the annual summer camp trip at Timberwolf Lake this coming June. The tournament is broken up into separate categories based on girls, co-ed, and boys' bracket. which insures that teams are fair.

Anyone could have signed up for the tournament and everyone is welcomed to join. The majority of teams were made of kids from BHS,

but two teams were made of people from Young Life, Lansing. The atmosphere is nonjudgmental while still having the competitive tension between rival teams. But, it is not just all about playing dodgeball.

"We are here to have fun and to send kids to camp," teacher Jonathan Wendrick, head of Young Life Brighton said.

The \$60 registration fee per team goes toward sending kids from Young Life to their annual summer camp from June 15-20. The five day camp is marketed as the best week of one's life, everyone is encouraged to join. Being a mem-

ber of Young Life is not required. The tournament brings the community together by uniting people from all walks of life through competitive games of dodgeball. Teams are made of six individuals from any age group. From there it is a round robin tournament so the amount of games each teams plays depends on the number of teams that show up for each bracket. The girls played each other three times while in the boys league each team played seven games.

After these games were played, a playoff bracket was constructed to finish off the night with

the most competitive games. "I looked forward to the increase in intensity. What I didn't expect was the terrible call by the referee (Jonathan Wendrick) that blew the game, but it really doesn't matter," participant Zach Lally said.

The teams have the freedom to choose their members, team name, and uniforms. Interesting uniforms are encouraged as the team with the best style receives a prize. Prizes awarded all night as participants were encouraged to place their name in the tournaments raffle. Prizes ranged from frisbees all the way to gift cards to restaur-

rants all around Livingston County.

"The sun ended up shining right into our eyes which lead to our first loss of the night, but all in all I had a great time playing with all of my friends," participant Kyle Gerike said.

In the end, the tournament raised money for camp, raffled off prizes, and allowed everyone to have a great time. Kids got to dodge, dip, dive, duck, and dodge their way through a night of fun dodgeball and great friends. This mission of the tournament, to raise money was successful and teams are already preparing to come back next year to dodge their way into the championship.

Brighton High School rugby is chasing another championship

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Unlike last year, the rugby team is now in Division 1 so it will be more of a challenge and the team will have to work even harder than last year to claim another state title. The rugby team as of May 17th is 3-1 and have a crucial game against Birmingham next week to see if they can make it

into the first round of playoffs to play at Dexter against Grandville.

The team has been practicing and working harder than ever to get the new kids that joined the team this year to know the game as well as the kids coming back from previous years. The team looks good for the years to come. There were more than 20 new students that came out to play this year and almost every one was a junior,

sophomore, or freshman. The rugby team is solid in every position.

The team's record so far is 3-1 winning against Dexter, Dearborn, and Birmingham and a tough loss to Troy 42-15. The season has been going well so far as the rugby team has a winning record. The semi finals playoff game against Dexter was on May 20th. If the team wins this they will go to the second game and have to work harder because

the opponents will get much better as the team goes further into playoffs. The hardest part of playoffs is playing the last two games just a day after each other because there is only a day of rest in the season that players get a whole week without playing another game. It would be an amazing accomplishment to win back to back state championships and it would make the rugby team the "team to beat" next year and many years to come. The rug-

by team plays on May 20th in the quarterfinals and semifinals against Grandville and either Rockford or Dearborn depending on who wins the game. Then the finals will be against a team in the west division.

I asked senior player Evan Roberts what he feels like when playoffs come around "The playoff atmosphere is definitely more tense, it's much different than playing games in the regular season because it's a win or go home situation"

Boys golf is in full swing and it couldn't be going any better

Miguel Mesa
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BHS has always been a powerhouse when it comes to golf, and this year is no different. Golf is a sport that is played in spring because it's when the courses are in the best condition. This years captains are seniors Skylar Carleton and Spencer Gehres, these two have been on the team for four years and bring strong leadership and consistency to the team.

"Our biggest strength is most likely our quality of players; we have a lot of really good guys who are focused and ready for the season, they spend quality time on the course, and in the gym, this'll really help us on the road to states. On the other hand, one of our biggest weaknesses is our inconsistency of play. We are all good players but sometimes we get distracted and don't play to our full potential. If we can get that out of our systems, I think we have a really good shot at the state tournament this spring," Carleton said.

This year is full of promise for the boys golf team if they are going to play well. Not many teams show the same potential and skill that we have here at BHS, and that will be the deciding difference when it comes to districts, regionals, and hopefully a state title run.

"Being on JV, I have a lot to prove to make it on varsity next year. I really hope I can practice and improve enough in order to make varsity next year. The varsity team is full of guys who are really good and I think I can learn a lot from them," freshman Preston Carleton said.

Depth is not an issue for the boys golf team, the varsity and JV teams are exceptional so there is a lot of promise for years to come. Coach Sean Mulligen has been the coach for three years, and he continues to provide expert advice and leadership to the boys on the team. Coach Mulligen keeps the boys strong with workouts and practices three to four times a week, and although this is rigorous, it is necessary to keep our boys at a

higher level than the competition. "I love being on the golf team, the practices keep me on my toes when it comes to the game, and the

workouts keep me in good shape. They can sometimes be strenuous, but I know it'll all be worth it in the



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