

***“Pride of Methacton”***  
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The “Pride of Methacton” newsletter is a monthly publication which delivers to our schools and community updates on the commendable achievements of our athletic programs and milestones reached by individual athletes. Please enjoy our April installment of the “Pride of Methacton”, which focuses its attention on the individual and team accomplishments of our spring sports programs who are currently wrapping up regular season competitions.

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### **Methacton Boys Tennis:**

The boys tennis team has been having an overall solid season with an 11-4 overall record to date. We lost our number one player, Subhanik Purkayastha, halfway through the season due to a stress fracture in his wrist and had to make some adjustments to the lineup. The boys really stepped up and officially clinched the PAC-10 championship last week for the 3rd year in a row with a 9-0 overall record in the league. We have had one of our strongest seasons scoring 7-0 over 7 of the 9 teams in the PAC-10 and only dropping a total of 4 matches.

In individual play, seniors Nick Simeone, Hari Santhanam and sophomore Krishna Suraesh competed in the league singles tournament and Nick finished in 3rd place, which qualified him to compete in the district singles tournament.

Looking ahead we have the league doubles tournament this week and will play in the team district tournament next week.

### **Methacton Girls Lacrosse:**

As the regular season winds to an end the girls lacrosse team finds themselves once again in the Pac 10 playoffs as well as positioned for post season District Play.

The team has offensively been led by Senior Sara Hughes ( St. Joseph commit) who scored her 200 career goal on Friday against Perk Valley. Other offensive leaders include Jackie Cerchio (Temple commit) who leads the team in Assists and Daria Lucchesi ( JMU Commit). The defense is anchored by a solid experienced senior core of Katie Markle, Deb Peifer (Manhattan Commit) Julia Cook and Emily Sayre who have been successful in stopping the top goal scorers in the league. The team has had solid wins over non-league leaders of Plymouth Whitmarsh and CB west which has helped them earn a ranking of 17 in Lax power. Once again the Methacton Girls Lacrosse team will head into the Pac 10 playoffs with the intent to revenge the 1 goal loss last year in the final against OJR.

### **Methacton Boys Lacrosse:**

The boys lacrosse team concluded their regular season with an 8-10 record (8-8 PAC-10). As the fifth seeded team in league they fell one spot short of a Final Four bid. The season saw a number of firsts for the program, including their first ever home night games. The team bested Souderton 10-5 in their first night game then followed by topping league foe Phoenixville 15-5. They dropped a heartbreaker in their final game of the season losing to visiting Harriton 7-6 on a goal in the final 30 seconds of regulation.

Senior Aidan Denecke joined the Century Club during his Senior Season, scoring his 100<sup>th</sup> Varsity goal this year. He is only the second player in the program's history to achieve that mark. This is even more impressive considering he sat out his sophomore year due to injury. He and six other senior players (Andrew Benci, John Lausch, Gil Price, Eric Dietch, Nick Salerno, and Connor Stevenson) were honored for their contributions to the program during the home night game against Souderton.

The team is finishing their year with a community service project at a local retirement community and look forward to building towards continued success both on and off the field.

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### **Methacton Softball:**

The softball team is at 10 - 4 and currently in 2nd behind Spring-Ford. There are 4 regular season games left to play this week. The team is working hard to finish strong and get a spot in the PAC 10 final 4 and a seed at the District 1 tournament.

### **Methacton Baseball:**

The baseball team is working extremely hard to fight back into playoff contention. After a slow start the team has played well enough to get to 8-6 on the season with six games yet to play. The highlight of the season so far was a 6-4 ten-inning thriller win under the lights at perennial powerhouse Spring-Ford. The win sparked the Warriors in the right direction and will hopefully become the win that started a run towards the post season. That win was led by Varun Royyuru and Demetrio Rodriguez on the mound and two huge two-run hits by Dylan Feaster and Patrick O'Neill. The major individual highlight of the year also came that night when Dylan Feaster made a diving catch on the run in center field that will be remembered for many years to come. The team is led by their ten seniors and the season will be decided over the next week or so. Most importantly, this group has been sensational both on and off the field. They represent Methacton with class, and the coaching staff is very proud of their efforts this season, especially in making our annual trip to Florida a huge success. Go Warriors!!!

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## **Methacton Girls Track and Field:**

The Girl's Track and Field team has been having a season full of exceptional performances. Multiple team members are amongst the top performers in the District and the State. And multiple team members have broken records. Our school's 4x100m record was broken by the relay team of Caroline Duffy, Lauren Prusacki, Amy Domenick, and Rainah Dunham with a new time of 48.61 seconds. The Triple Jump relay of Rainah Dunham and Fallon Brown broke the Oxen Reider Meet Record jumping 70'8.25" combined. At the freshman/sophomore Falcon Invitational, Fallon Brown created a new Pole Vault record of 10'3" and Lauren Prusacki created a new record in the 100m dash running 12.3 seconds.

We are now entering into the PAC Championships with a 7-2 winning season and as one of the top competitors with an equal chance of winning the title. The girls are a strong force. Their unity, perseverance, talent, and drive has led them to their current success and will continue to take them to new heights as they enter into the Championships.

## **Methacton Boys Track and Field:**

The boys Track & Field team is now 8-0 with one league meet remaining against Spring Ford next week. Entering into the last week of the regular season with the championship to follow the boys are locked in for the final four and will compete for the overall Pac 10 Championship being held at Phoenixville May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of PAC 10 and District 1 qualifiers who hit the required time, distance or height in their events.

### PAC 10 Qualifiers

300 Hurdles – Chris McGinley Alex Yablonski Chris Huber and Milan Harris

100m – Nick Shaffer, Griffin Bilicic, Jim Keenan, and Kareem Eleskandarani

1600m – Justin Leggin and Josh Brycki

400m – Nick Shaffer, Griffin Bilicic, Max Jones, Will Roese, Chris Meehan, and Josh Neuman

110 Hurdles – Chris McGinley, Milan Harris, and Alex Yablonski

800m – Aiden O’Leary, Nick DeFilippis, Josh Brycki, Mike Clark, and Sean Ritchie

200m – Nick Shaffer, Griffin Bilicic, Kareem Eleskandarani, Jim Keenan, Milan Harris, and Max Jones

3200 – Justin Leggin, Garrett McPhillips, and Tom Chimes

Shot Put – Koran Singh and Pat Maloney

Discus – Pat Maloney, John Koehler and Scott Stueben

Javelin – Alex Nicoletti, John Koehler, and Chase Reber

Long Jump – John Keenan, Will Roese and Kareem Eleskandarani

### District 1 Qualifiers

100m – Nick Shaffer

200m – Nick Shaffer and Griffin Bilicic

400m – Nick Shaffer

4 x 100m Relay – Jim Keenan, Kareem Eleskandarani, Griffin Bilicic, and Nick Shaffer

Discus – Pat Maloney

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