

Spring

Minutemen claim South Jersey Group IV title

Eric Sommermann '10 was summoned from the bullpen by head coach Mr. Bill Alvaro in the seventh inning of a 7-4 Minutemen lead against the Lenape Indians in the South Jersey Group IV Championship.

Three more outs to continue an already remarkable fun as the No. 13 seed. Two outs with runners at the corners. Sommermann induced a pop to centerfielder Dan Simnor '11 for the victory.

"It's wonderful [to help the team], but this isn't what we want. We still have two wins. Two wins to the ultimate goal," Sommermann said after the game.

Unfortunately for Washington Twp., they were stymied one win short of their second championship in four years by Jackson Memorial—the Central Jersey winners. How much their low seed and mediocre record was grossly overplayed in the papers (not this one) did not affect the will of these underdogs.

The Minutemen finished at a 18-12 clip, that was led by every senior—Nick Favatella, Adam Warburton, Ryan Dougherty, Sean Nolan,



KEVIN WHITEHEAD '10/The Patriot

The Minutemen pile senior reliever Eric Sommermann after recording the last out against the Lenape Indians.

"Everyone on my team was my family."

The Minutemen rallied around a timely hitting group and a left-handed arm attached to Adam Warburton '10. Warburton—who finished the season 9-3—dominated, winning every game for the Minutemen in their playoff run not named Jackson Memorial.

A lineup that featured a Nolan-Favatella-Warburton-Mark Jankowski '11 combination propelled the Minutemen to their Sectional crown.

"This senior class was unbelievable for us. They may not be the most talented senior class we've ever had, they worked harder than any other class we've ever had," Alvaro said.

To go this deep into a tournament sets a nice example for underclassmen. Players like juniors Jankowski, Nick Valori, Jonny Morad, and Dan Simnor got their feet wet and know what it takes to win.

It also takes guts. "I [gave] myself up for this team because I just want to win," Warburton said.

None has gone unnoticed. "To be one of only four teams in school history to say they've won a Sectional title and gotten this far is just an incredible accomplishment for these guys."



Photo courtesy of Ricky Dunn '10

Ricky Dunn '10 kills a ball in a regular season game. Boys' Volleyball went 8-11 overall

Promising Future for Lacrosse



Chapman

First-team Olympic Conference junior captain Steve Chapman led the Minutemen in goals in 2010.

Record: 18-4

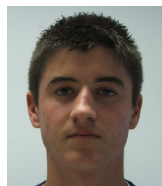
Coach: Ms. Sandy Stockl

Standouts: Taylor Faussadier '11, Steph Gardner '10, Megan Tiernan '12, Erin Waller '11

With captains Nicole Kovacs '10, Santina Mazzola '10, and Erin Waller '11, the Minutemen won the Gloucester County Cup championship in overtime versus Clearview. Stockl called the season a "great success". In 17 years of Washington Twp.'s Girls' Lacrosse existence, only one team has surpassed 2009's win total.

Eldridge claims Conference honors

Weston Eldridge '10—who has played tennis for seven years—was appointed second team All-Olympic Conference and led the team in all facets of tennis. Guiding a team that struggled with Conference elites—Cherokee, Cherry Hill East, and Lenape who were the top three seeds in State play—eight of the Minutemen's ten losses were to Conference foes.



Eldridge

Eldridge anchored their squad, always playing each team's number one singles player.

"It was tough going into [each match] because you can always expect their best no matter the circumstances," Eldridge said.

"The top players rarely have lapses in their game."

He was 9-13 in singles this year which capped a respectable 50-42 career.

Run Forest Run!

Record: 5-0

Coach: Mr. Rich Bostwick

Top Performers- A.J. Ashton '12, Devon Carter '10, Anthony Dentino '11, Jon Feigin '11, Steve Morrone '10, Royal White '10

Continuing from their indoor success, Boys' Spring Track and Field made even more news, most notably Morrone and Carter. As a team, Washington Twp. won the Olympic Conference title for the fourth year in a row. Also, for the second year in a row, the Minutemen capped their season by a 4x400

win against Cherokee in dramatic fashion—Xavier Fraction '09 then Morrone. Their anchor leg epitomized their season—out-kicking, out-striding, and out-working their opponents until short of breath.

Carter and Morrone won State events 110 hurdles and 800 meter, respectively. They were also invited to the Meet of Champions. **Future:** Drew Balkenhol '13, Jordan Fraction '11, Ryan Lawrence '11, Larry Porter '12, Tyler Stumm '11, Randy Smith '12

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2009-10 Sports Highlights

Fall

Coaching legend retires after 39 years

First known as a gym teacher in 1971, entering a new soccer program at age 22. Now known as a lasting coaching legend at Washington Twp.

Times have changed. Patterson—who has been the only soccer coach in WTHS's history—retired this past April. Compiling a record of 380-250-70 over 39 seasons, Patterson led the Minutemen to four conference titles in 1979, 1983, 1994, and 2007.

Although he had many illustrious seasons, 2007 was his most successful one. The Minutemen won the South Jersey title, backed by goalie Kevin McMullen '07 and midfielder Dwayne Dove '07.

"It was the first time in school history that we ever won. That was one of my top moments as a coach,"



Courtesy of Mr. Fred Ruberti

Coach Patterson was 380-250-70 in his career at WTHS.

Patterson told *The Patriot* before the 2009 season.

XC wins Glou Co title

Record: 3-2

Coach: Mr. Rich Bostwick

Standouts: Chris Bucci '10, Anthony Dentino '11, Tom Gallaher '10, Dan Gresh '11, Adam Krause '10, Sean Reeve '10,

On point with county Coach of the Year, Rich Bostwick—who took over for Mr. Bill Albertson—the Minutemen added cross country to their fleet of foot repertoire. Runaholic and Meet of Champs invitee Dentino paced a team under their first year cross country coach and won Gloucester County Meet.

Future: Dan Gresh '11, Jordan Fraction '11, Randy Smith '12, George Dwyer '11

Field Hockey

Record: 19-3

Coach: Mrs. Jeannine O'Connor
Standouts: Steph Gardner '10, Kaitlyn Grabert '12, Lisa Patrone '10, Laura Rose '10

The Washington Township Minutemaids, one year removed from a historic win over rival Eastern, recorded yet another winning season. This year, however, Eastern had their number, winning all contests against the Minutemaids. Township was second in Olympic Conference and in South Jersey, only to, well, you know. Senior captains Patrone, Rose, Sam Miller '10, and Erin Hills '10 guided the impressionable underclassmen by showing what Varsity, winning field hockey is like.

Future: Kaitlyn Grabert '12, Lindsey Hatch '11, Caitlyn Taulane '11

Football

Record: (8-2)

Coach: Mr. Mark Wechter

Standouts: Robert Dim '10, Adam Marcucci '10, Nick Valori '11, Ryan Willz '11

The Minutemen—in the first year of their novel spread offense implemented by Wechter—saw how athleticism and speed can change a football game. With a plethora of premier targets, quarterback Valori had little trouble finding a receiver and delivering a strike on a line.

"I thought last year was a great first year in our offense," Wechter said. "We were productive, we were 8-2, and we scored point except against Cherokee. We'll be ready for that change-up."

A lone blemish in the 2009 season was a 35-0 loss on a rainy Homecoming night. Wechter thought the Minutemen were "over matched in some areas", however, this year is different.

"We'll be ready this year. We'll be ready for that kind of stuff," Wechter said. "We're definitely a step ahead just because of the offense. We have the under-classmen that have played last year and they are very good football players."

Future: Chalie Huff '11, Ryan Willz '11, Cordell McInnis '11, Jordan Parra '12, Lee Robledo '11

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All teams who replied to the reporter's queries appear in this issue.

Senior Stardom

Record: 12-5

Coach: Mr. Rich Flemming

Standouts: Janel Eldridge '12 (16-8), Christina Liuzzi '10 (16-7), Ali Salkowski '10 (20-8)

The Girls' Tennis team captured their fourth consecutive Gloucester County Tournament crown—first in doubles play with Erica Venuti '10 and Angelea Umali '11. Also, Gabi Muller '11 and Ave

Parraggio '13 placed right behind their top doubles tandem.

Following a very productive four year Varsity career, Salkowski was able to take second in the tournament.

To Flemming, their three graduating seniors—Salkowski, Liuzzi, and Venuti—will be hard to replace.

Future Players: Janel Eldridge, Ave Parraggio, Gabi Muller

Winter

Bowling Wins States

Washington Township bowling enjoys best season yet

Record: 60-12
Coach: Mr. Mike Hudock
Top Performers: John Bartosiewicz '10, Captain Nick Maccarone '10, Matt Lucich '10, Steve '11 and Jason '13 Pavlinko



Photo courtesy of Mr. Mike Hudock

Steve Pavlinko and Bartosiewicz each bowled perfect games.

In past years, bowling has rolled under the radar as a sport offered at WTHS. This year's team made their presence felt and has accomplished feats that Washington Twp. has not seen in their lanes' past.

The bowling team won their Conference, South Jersey final, and ultimately the State title.

"It was a good way to go out, just to go out with a bang," Maccarone said.

Maccarone provided leadership and also performed when his team needed it.

"I kept the team up and led off the frames on a good note," he said.

In season play, Steve Pavlinko and Bartosiewicz

lit up their lanes with perfect 300s.

Future Players: Steve and Jason Pavlinko

Sniping Sarin snatches record

Amidst the pursuit of center Eddie Sarin's '11 championship aspirations, he was able to break Washington Twp.'s single season goals and points records held by Fred Brewer since 2002. Sarin had 50 goals, 39 assists for 89 points. Brewer had 76 points in 2002

Though Sarin was pleased with his performance, he felt that his season ended too quickly.

"It feels good to have [the record], but I want the championship more than anything. It's nice to have it, but it's not the best feeling in the world," Sarin admitted.

Mr. Jim Macchione has resigned from head coach and has been replaced by Mr. Mike Glick. Sarin is confident Glick's system and hopes to surpass last year's success.

"My [2009-2010] line mate, John Smith ['12], is on a different line. [Glick] is separating our best players so the whole team can do well, but I would love to break my own record," Sarin said.

Basketball runs hardwood

Record: 17-11

Coach: Mr. Robert Byatt
Standouts: Seniors - Chuck Clark, Nick Favatella, Chris Grabbe, Matt Lopez, Adam Marcucci

Byatt and company brought yet another productive season to the hardwood, notching their sixth consecutive winning season while remaining in the Top 20 all season. The Minutemen were Christmas Tournament Champions. Due in part by a senior starting spread, the Minutemen had a lasting impression on Byatt, saying they had "great careers". Lopez reached a 1000 point milestone, making him the second consecutive senior to eclipse that record (Ricky Hudson '09). Lopez will take his success to LaSalle and play for the Big 5 Explorers.

Future Players: - Mark Jankowski '11, Kaevon Pleasant '13, Ben Maffet '11, Jason Melfi '11, Sean Smith '12

1000!

Giedemann, Lopez reach milestones

This year guard Ashley Giedemann '10 and center Matt Lopez '10 were able to eclipse the 1000 point mark and place themselves amongst the best to sport a Twp. unifom. Giedemann is the second leading scorer all-time and exits the girls' basketball program with a glimmering record.

"It's definitely a great feeling to represent Washington Township and be up on that banner," Giedemann said. "I think it's a big accomplishment and I'm proud to achieve that "I always wanted to be a scorer, always wanted to be the person to go to on the court, and be there for my team," Giedemann said.

The La Salle bound 6'10" center played an integral role in the Minutemen's success and hopes to be an impact for the Explorers.

"I chose LaSalle because it's a great school in a great conference," Lopez told *The Patriot*, "I'll also get serious professional looks if I excel on the court."

Cheerleading wins 11th straight Conference

Coach: Mrs. Chelsea Ferri
Standouts: Steph Catudella '11, Sam Hersch '10, Ashlee Mericle '10, Demitri Pleasant '10, Dana Villasin '10

The Washington Twp. Cheerleaders, again, salvaged their perennial title. Led by their captains and guidance by coach Ferri, they

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were able to dominate during Conference play and also take second place at the Battle at the Capital—where the Minutemaids took first place there a year ago. They will pursue their 12th straight title with the void of their top performing seniors.

Winter Track dominates state, region



Courtesy of Mr. Dale Biebel

(left to right) Jon Feigin (200m), Steve Morrone (800m), Devon Carter (400m), and Uriah Brickhouse (200m), won the Sprint Medley at ICAHN with a time of 3:30.30

Entering the 2009-10 winter season the Minutemen had a glaring question—How can you replace sprinter Tim Carey '09 and long distance Xavier Fraction '09?

Answer: Steve Morrone '10 and Devon Carter '10

"We did it. Next year it might be [Anthony] Dentino ['11] and [Jon] Feigin ['11]. We might not have that state champ next year, but our relay teams are going to be stronger," Bostwick said. "These guys were already contributors on the team, I can only assume they are going to get better."

Lacovara sweeps 12 Varsity letters

Sports? Check. Brains? Check.

Lauren Lacovara '10 is the epitome of excellence in and out of the pool, on or off the track, and even outside of the hilly terrain.

Lacovara has earned a dozen Varsity letters over her four years at WTHS—that's a Varsity letter in every single season.

Perfect. Her keys to success are easier said than done.

"Hard work, time management skills, and the drive to compete [really helped me]," Lacovara said.

These skills and efforts for four years did not go without recognition. Lacovara was one of 20 student athletes who were rewarded for their academic proficiency and sports

savvy. She was awarded at the second annual Courier-Post/Kiwanis Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet along with classmate Nick Favatella '10.

Lacovara will be taking her success to St. Joe's University where her well-rounded scholastic career will continue. Lacovara applied to Penn State, University of Maryland, and University of Delaware, but decided last-second that St. Joe's was right for her. She also was given an academic scholarship from her school of choice.

"I got a lot of money academically from them so I decided I wanted to run [track and cross country]. So I talked to the coach so maybe next year I can get money [for athletics]" Lacovara said.

The Hawks are enrolling one of the premier student athletes Washington Twp. has ever had. Furthermore, she will have those letters, those skills in her back pocket.

Swimming season highlights

Record: 5-5

Standouts: Eric Emmerson '13, Kyle Hill '12, Sal Liberto '11, Keith Marr '10, Nick Schillaci '13

Coach: Mr. Bill Albertson

Township's swim team was able to win the Gloucester County meet and also added key wins against Conference rival Cherokee and Bishop Eustace Prep.

Marr, a four-year starter, led Washington Township as one of six seniors. "I feel the swim program has a lot to offer. I got a lot of experience and saw what kind of swimmers will be out there," Marr said.

Marr feels he led his team well.

"It made me a better swimmer and it was tough to keep everyone motivated. Whatever helped the team," Marr said.

Wrestling wins Sectionals

Record: 23-3

Coach: Mr. Ralph Ross, Mr. Brett Fetty, Mr. Mark Manchio, Mr. Dave Tomasette

Standouts: James Higgins '10, Charlie Huff '11, Ricky Carter '12, Colin Walsh '10, Matt '12 and Chris Salera '11

With 2009-10 Coach of the Year, Mr. Ralph Ross, at the helm,

the Minutemen captivated many team and individual honors and records—winning Olympic Conference, South Jersey Group IV, and also ending the season as the



MARIA BRASCO '10/*The Patriot*
James Higgins set school record of 139 wins.

second ranked team. Higgins became the all time wins leader, Huff and Carter were ranked fifth and sixth in the state, respectively. Walsh passed the 100 win plateau of his career. The Minutemen lost to Jackson which ended their season.

Dual-sport standouts

Nick Favatella '10



Varsity Point Guard, Shortstop

Nick Valori '11

Varsity Quarterback, Left fielder/Catcher



Adam Marcucci '10



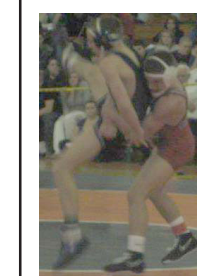
Varsity Football - Wide Receiver, Basketball - Forward

Craig Boznjak '10

Varsity Football - Wide Receiver, Basketball - Forward



Charlie Huff '11



Varsity Running Back, Wrestled 130 lbs.