

THE SPORTS PAGES

The winter sports season included several accolades for the combined Roy-Hart/Barker girls swim team and the combined wrestling team. Girls wrestling produced a successful inaugural season with seven wrestlers on the Roy-Hart/Barker team roster, including Barker sophomores Isabella Gatto and Makayla King.



SECTION VI SAAC WORKSHOP

SAAC (Student Athletic Advisory Committee) is composed of one male and one female athlete from each grade who has been identified as having potential leadership skills to serve as a liaison between our student-athletes and school administration. This year's active members consist of:

- Freshman - Drew LaGreca
- Sophomores - Naomi Bish and Peyton Wagner
- Juniors - Madelina Pavlock and Luke Fay
- Seniors - Shelby Dauphinee and Michael Kalynycz (both completing their third and final year in the club)



On Thursday, March 20th, four members (Above Right, L-R: Kalynycz, Wagner, Dauphinee, and LaGreca) of the Barker SAAC traveled to the PBS building in downtown Buffalo for their first annual Section VI workshop. SAAC meets three times a year with the other SAAC clubs in the Niagara-Orleans League where they work on leadership skills and have the opportunity to network with their competitive peers within the league. However, this time the Barker group had the chance to work with 120 students from 16 schools that represented all five leagues in Section VI. Included in the event were icebreaker activities, a number of guest speakers on various athletic

topics, and an opportunity for some of the members to be interviewed to promote our clubs on X and even partake in shooting a commercial to be aired at a future date on PBS.

In May, the club will conclude the year with a community service project that is yet to be determined.



2024-2025 N-O League Girls Swimming Co-Champions
(Barker members of the Roy-Hart/Barker Channel Cats, L-R): **Madelina Pavlock, Cheyann Walker, Shelby Dauphinee, Mirabelle Strong.** Not pictured - Gloria Haller.

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NIAGARA PAL PREP ATHLETE AWARDS

The Male and Female Prep Athlete Award is given to a high school senior adhering to a high level of athletic achievement. The basic criteria are participation and excellence. Madilyn Detschner and Owen Harris (pictured at left) were this year's Barker honorees.

Madilyn Detschner has been a dedicated athlete at Barker High School, excelling in both field hockey and track & field. She was named 1st Team All-League in her junior and senior years and earned 2nd Team All-WNY honors as a junior, followed by an All-WNY Honorable Mention as a senior. Her leadership on the field was evident when she served as team captain in her final season and guided her team to a Class C runner-up finish as a sophomore. Beyond athletics, Madilyn has been recognized for her academic achievements, earning Scholar-Athlete honors for three consecutive years. She was also named an All-WNY Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mention in the fall. In addition to her success in field hockey, she has been a three-year captain and key thrower for the track & field team, securing a 6th place finish in the

league tournament last year. Madilyn plans to continue her field hockey career at Elmira College, where she will major in Early Childhood Education. Her dedication to both sports and academics has set her apart as a leader and role model.

Owen Harris is a multi-sport athlete, excelling in cross country, basketball, track & field, and baseball. His ability to compete at a high level across multiple sports highlights his versatility and commitment to athletic excellence. A four-year varsity cross country runner, Owen was a two-time team captain and helped lead his team to two league championships. In 2022, he was a key contributor to his team's Class D runner-up finish. He also competed for two years on the varsity basketball team, demonstrating his leadership by serving as team captain in his senior year. His contributions in both cross country and basketball were recognized with multiple All-League and Scholar-Athlete honors, as well as Coach's Awards in both sports. Owen has also been a competitor in track & field and baseball, continuing to expand his athletic repertoire. After graduation, he plans to attend trade school and pursue a career as an HVAC specialist, bringing the same dedication and work ethic to his professional future that he has shown in athletics.

Scholar-Athlete Teams:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Roy-Hart/Barker Girls Swimming

Individual Scholar-Athlete:

- Luke Fay - Roy-Hart/Barker Wrestling

Niagara-Orleans League Sportsmanship Award:

- Roy-Hart/Barker Wrestling

Niagara-Orleans League/Genesee Region Exceptional Senior Basketball Game:

- Owen Harris
- Isaac Monaco
- Logan Murrell
- Rachel Samson



Luke Fay:
Roy-Hart/Barker
Wrestling -
Individual Tech
Record Breaker - 10
(was 8)



Madelina Pavlock:
Niagara-Orleans
League Champion -
Swimming, 400 Free
Relay