



The North Baltimore Golf Program had another great year! With both a boys and girls team, participation in the program was strong. The boys team ended the season with ten players, and the girls team ended with six, with an overall total of five senior players. The season began on August 8th, and the girls ended the season by taking first place in sectionals. Great job, ladies! The boys finished in tenth place in sectionals, which Hunter Baker felt was promising finish for their developing program. "I think the past season went really well," Baker said, "Individual performance was strong, and we finished in a decent spot in the BVC."

Team motto: "Win or lose, we still get ice cream."

The girls team finished first at Sectionals.

Coach Bill Bucher's recipe for success was "chip, putt, par".

The teams' favorite game was "Capture the Club."

Coach Kathi Bucher always gave the players peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Seniors



"I really enjoyed my last year as part of the golf team. We had a bunch of good times and great scores,"

Joshua Rockhill



"I wouldn't have asked for a better team. We really worked together to accomplish a goal and we had an amazing season,"

Valerie Buchanan



"I couldn't have asked for a better team. We worked together to accomplish our goals and we really persevered in the end,"

Hanna Rose



"Even though I was injured during the season, I still really enjoyed learning the game and cheering on my friends,"

Madyson Aguinaga



"As a first year player, I wasn't too sure how I would do. But at the end of the year I feel like I really improved,"

Kalissa Carpenter

"One of my favorite memories from the was season was eating with my teammates after every match, win or lose," said Hunter Vogelsong.



"Winning 1st in sectionals was an amazing feeling, and I hope to be back next year," said Lilly Westgate.



The players' favorite activities were team bonding activities.

Working hard at practice and keeping focused was the main goal of the team.

The coaches always made sure to express how proud of their players they were.

Though there were multiple teams, the players felt bonded together as one big family.

Before every home game, the players enjoyed giving gifts to their "big and little sisters".



Seniors

"Although we didn't have the best season, I will miss playing the game I love."

Megan Smith



"It may not have been our best season, but I was still able to reach my goals."

Katelyn Weinandy




"My favorite memory in volleyball was when my team all pulled together and supported me when I tore my ACL at Elmwood," said Allison Kepling.

"Volleyball this year was fun! This past year was really enjoyable and I am excited for next year and what's to come," said Madelyn Gerdeman.

"This year was really exciting and enjoyable because we did a lot of hitting. That was exciting because I am a hitter, and I liked really focusing on that skill in practice," said Hailey Watson.

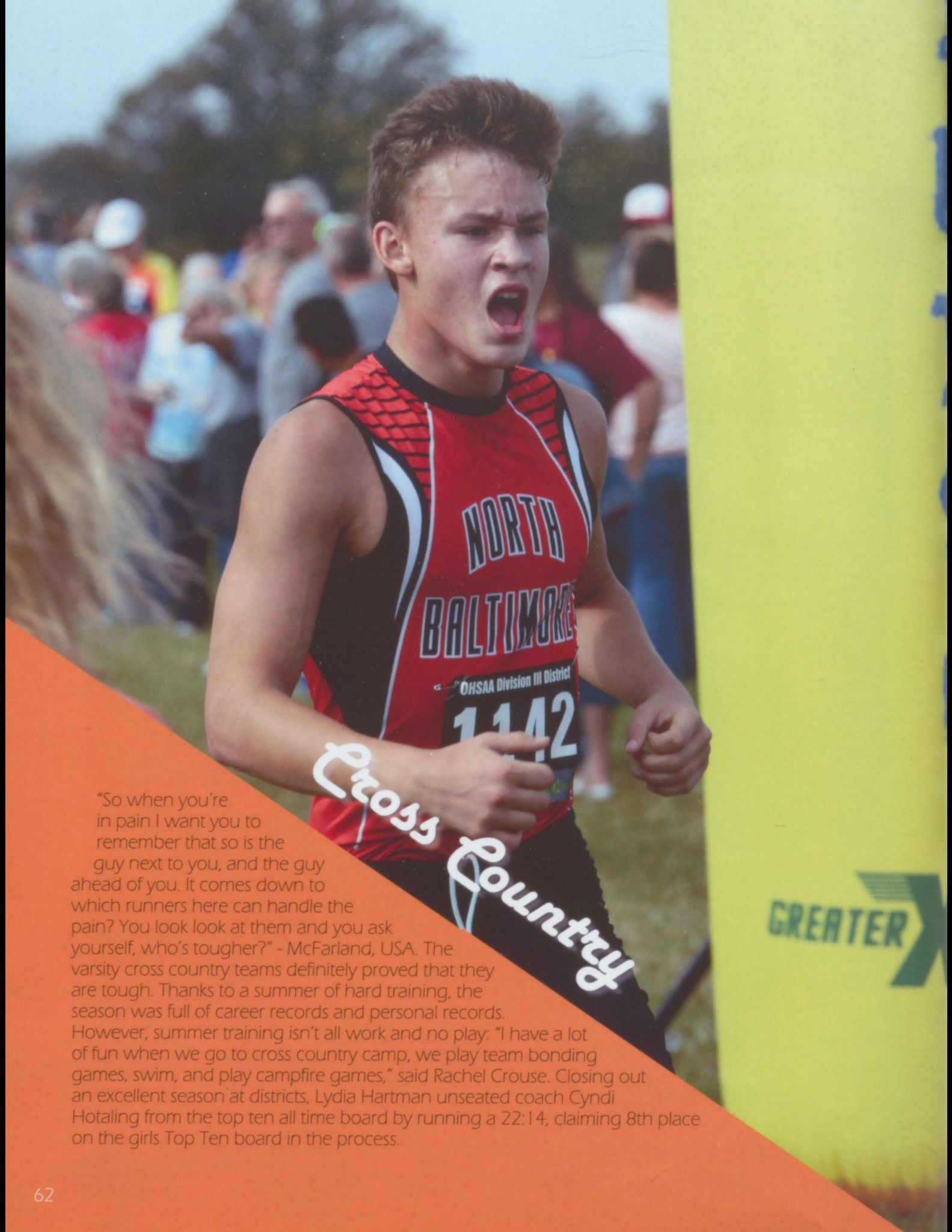
"I enjoyed the big and little sisters tradition. I loved writing notes to my little sister, and it was wonderful to be able to encourage the younger players," said Chloe Lanning.

"Despite the team not doing well, volleyball was still fun this year and I cant wait to improve as a whole next year," said Skyler Vogelsong.



Volleyball

The 2017-18 Season was a learning experience for the young Lady Tiger Volleyball teams. With only two seniors, Katelyn Weinandy and Megan Smith, the ladies encountered adversity, but handled it well, playing tough matches against strong area teams. Coached by Brooke Stover, Michele DeBusman, and McKenzie Dyer, the players always gave it their all, and are already looking forward to getting back into the gym to improve their game for the next season. "It's important that we keep a positive attitude - bad attitudes can destroy teams," said Grace Stanfield. "I think if we continue to work hard, our record will improve."



Cross Country

"So when you're in pain I want you to remember that so is the guy next to you, and the guy ahead of you. It comes down to which runners here can handle the pain? You look at them and you ask yourself, who's tougher?" - McFarland, USA. The varsity cross country teams definitely proved that they are tough. Thanks to a summer of hard training, the season was full of career records and personal records. However, summer training isn't all work and no play: "I have a lot of fun when we go to cross country camp, we play team bonding games, swim, and play campfire games," said Rachel Crouse. Closing out an excellent season at districts, Lydia Hartman unseated coach Cyndi Hotelling from the top ten all time board by running a 22:14, claiming 8th place on the girls Top Ten board in the process.

There were a total of six girls on the varsity team this year.

The girls' team average by the end of the season was a 24:02.

There was a total of eight boys on the varsity team this season.

A favorite moment of the season was when Elmwood came and ran and played games with the teams.

The varsity team went to Oak Harbor in the summer and camped out to prepare for the season.

Seniors



"I was injured last season so I was very out of shape. My goal was to be under 25 minutes this season and at BVC's I ran a 24:13. My favorite meet is Cardinal Stritch because of the landscape."

Marina Kimmel



"I beat my career record this season and I believe Levi Trout improved the most of the team. What I am going to miss most about Cross Country is that I was always the first one back at practice."

Noah Pelton



"What inspired me to start running Cross Country was my family and friends. My family also encouraged me to be healthy and to push my limits and Cross Country was a good way of doing that."

Gabriele Kepling



"The person who pushes me the most on the team is Noah Pelton because he is the fastest runner. Some advice I have to the underclassmen is quit cutting the courses, running the whole thing will pay off."

Kyle Gerdeman



"I think my last year of Cross Country was alright. It did not go as well as I hoped it would. The hardest thing for the team this season was overcoming shin splints."

Aiden Gore

"My motivation to keep running during a race is that fact that there is always a chance to improve and continue to make yourself stronger," said Katherine Dewulf.



"Before the season starts I go to the open runs. They help me get into shape. I do not watch what I eat really or have a special diet," said Wyatt Mowery.



This season was the first time in over a decade that the Tigers have defeated Van Buren.

On Thursdays, the players and coaches would always eat together as a team.

The team upheld the tradition of praying together before each game.

For the first time in three years, the football program ended their season with a winning record.

Everyone gathered together every Wednesday to create this family.

Seniors

"It's not about how you start, it's about how you finish."

Garrett Carles

"Beating Van Buren was the highlight of my season, because we haven't done that in like twenty years."

Noah Cotterman

"On Senior Night I left my mouthguard on the field so a part of me is always there."

Adam Flores

"This was my first year playing, but I wish I would've played previous years."

Noah Hetrick

"Things happen."

Chase Naugle

"Football doesn't build character, it reveals it."

Austin Egg

"My biggest supporter is my dad. I still don't know why he is so loud."

David Patterson

"I am really happy with my senior year, I wouldn't change anything."

Nate Staley



"If I could tell the underclassmen anything, it would be to always have a goal and do your best to achieve it. Never give up, and do what you're told."

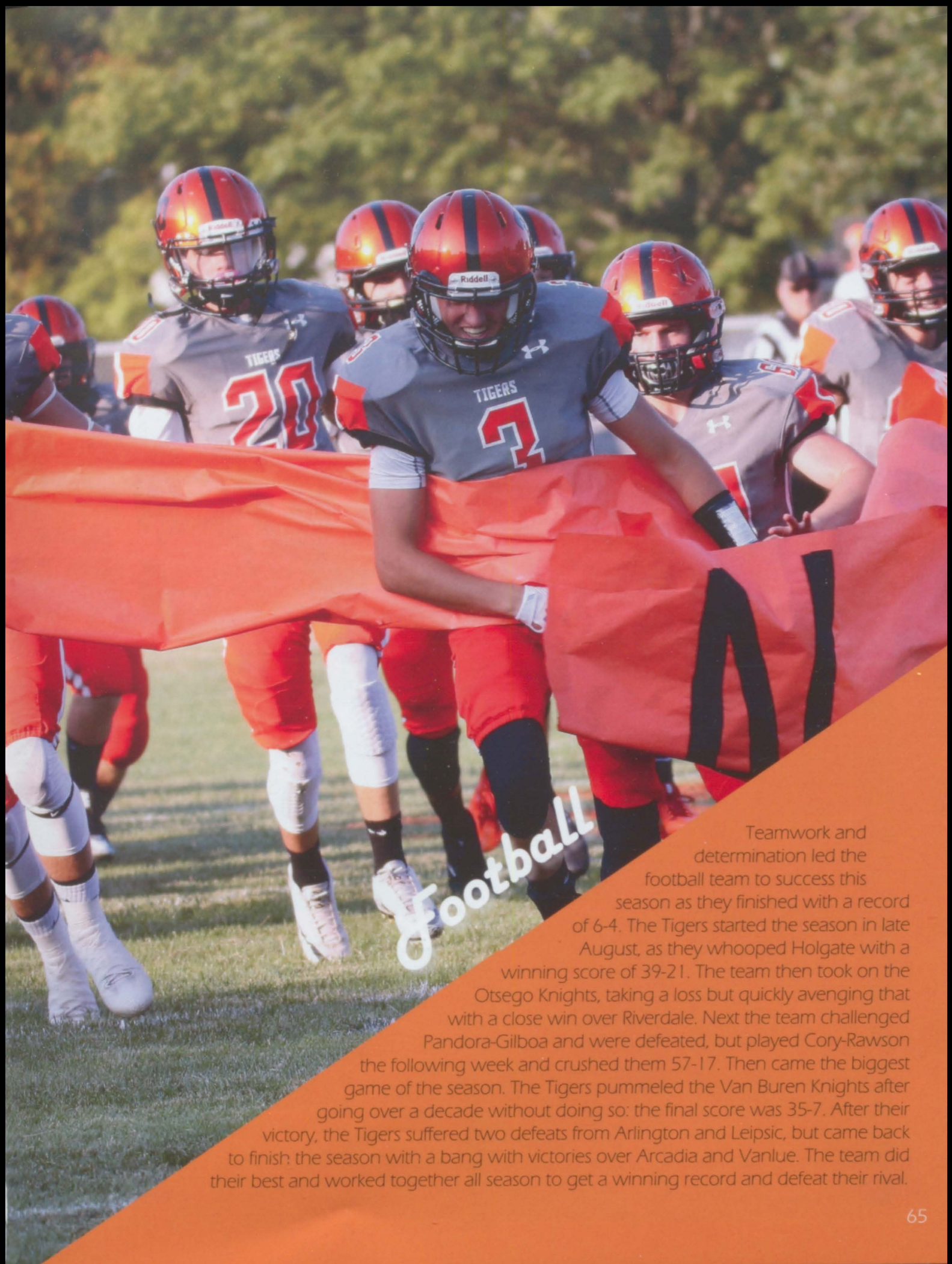
Owen Stewart



"Those Friday night lights at the home field, man, I'm going to miss it."

Kole Wymet





Teamwork and determination led the football team to success this season as they finished with a record of 6-4. The Tigers started the season in late August, as they whooped Holgate with a winning score of 39-21. The team then took on the Otsego Knights, taking a loss but quickly avenging that with a close win over Riverdale. Next the team challenged Pandora-Gilboa and were defeated, but played Cory-Rawson the following week and crushed them 57-17. Then came the biggest game of the season. The Tigers pummeled the Van Buren Knights after going over a decade without doing so: the final score was 35-7. After their victory, the Tigers suffered two defeats from Arlington and Leipsic, but came back to finish the season with a bang with victories over Arcadia and Vanlue. The team did their best and worked together all season to get a winning record and defeat their rival.



Cheerleading

The North Baltimore Cheerleaders had a very busy season this year, going to every game, home and away, for both football and basketball. With 10 girls on the JV squad and 10 girls on the Varsity squad, the season was full of laughter and cheer as the girls quickly became a close knit group. Being the largest team of cheerleaders North Baltimore has ever seen, the girls were able to cheer loud and clear, and perform elaborate dance routines throughout the season. Both the JV and Varsity squads participated in practice and games together, so there was always a mix of veterans and new members to make for a good variety on the team. "I liked how you were never alone when learning something new, and there were always people there to help," said Hannah Swartz. With the help of their wonderful coaches Kim and Morgan, the girls had a very successful season.

This is the biggest cheerleading team that North Baltimore has had for years.

Cheerleaders got new uniforms for the 2017-2018 year.

The cheerleaders took the lead and made many signs for the boys to run through for football season and to hang up in the gym for basketball season.

The girls made dances for each of the songs the band plays at both football and basketball games.

Since the team was so big, the school had to get two full size buses to get the football/ basketball players to away games.

Seniors



"I've been cheering since the third grade, seeing something that I have loved for so many years finally come to an end is heart breaking. I'm definitely going to miss being on the sidelines."

Valerie Buchanan



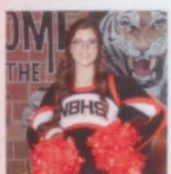
"The best is yet to come."

Megan Smith



"My advice to younger girls coming into the sport is that they simply be kind to one another. It's so easy to be mean, but being nice will get you much farther."

Jessa Shifflet



"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

Hailey Powell

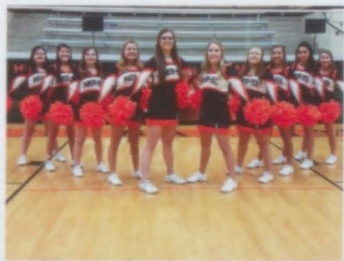


"Coming down to North Baltimore and being able to cheer with my friends for a year has been one of the best decisions of my life."

Madyson Aguinaga

"I will always remember how we all had to cram onto the bus this season because we had such a great turnout this year. It means a lot that so many girls wanted to come out to support NB athletics," said Cristina Morales.

"I'm glad I listened to my friends' advice and became a cheerleader. It was a challenge to learn all of the routines, but cheering on Friday nights was a really rewarding experience. I wish I would have become a cheerleader much sooner," said Jordan Bucher.



The team always had team meals together on Thursdays.

To pump themselves up, the team would dance in the huddle.

The boys always played music in the locker room before coming onto the court.

Some seniors switched shooting shirts before games to honor their friendships.

Touching Coach Davis' head was considered good luck.

Seniors

"I will always remember the friendships and memories I made growing up playing basketball in North Baltimore."

Noah Cotterman

"Our offense was like the pythagorean theorem. There was no answer."

Adam Flores

"We are what we repeatedly do. Therefore excellence is not an act, but a habit."

Julian Hagemyer

"They say practice makes perfect...I say perfect practice makes perfect..."

Chase Naugle

"Your team becomes your family, the ball becomes your best friend, the court becomes your home, and the game becomes your life."

Austin Egg

"It's important to always do your best: you cannot excel and improve if you do not have drive and determination," said Levi Gazarek.

"The team had a lot of great experiences this year. We always pushed each other to get better in practices and it showed in the games," said Clayton Heineman.

"This season did not how we wanted it to go, but we had a lot of fun and I made a lot of great memories," said Tyler Durfey.


"I feel like our season went really well, and I believe we will continue to improve by attending camps and working hard in the off season," said Brady Rader.





Boys' Basketball

Both Tigers Boys Basketball teams did fantastic this year, starting the season with a game against the Elmwood Royals. At the end of the night, the varsity team got the W, but the JV team suffered a loss. The varsity team proved that hard work does pay off, and with the help of their new coach, Adam Burris, they finished their season with a winning record. After a loss to the Columbus Grove Bulldogs, the varsity boys finished the year with a record of 16-6. The JV team had a tougher time this season, although each of them finished their season with a great attitude, ending with a record of 8-14. Both the JV and Varsity teams made North Baltimore proud this year as they gave it their all.



Through hard work, the girls basketball team had a fantastic season this year. With the help of their new coach, Cody Pelton, the girls made it to the second game of tournaments. Starting their season by demolishing the Otsego Knights 81-56, the girls powered through the season, closing with a tough loss to Carey. Katelyn Weinandy, the only senior on the team, said "I enjoyed playing on the team this year and I'm proud of all that we have accomplished this year." With determination, the girls were able to finish their season with a winning record of 11-10, and were able to make the school proud.

Junior Alivia Light scored her 1000th point, making the NBLS community proud!

The team danced before every game to get hyped up to play.

Praying before each game was an important tradition to the team.

There was one senior this season: Katelyn Weinandy.

The team ate together every Wednesday to bond.

Seniors



"Coming into this season I knew I had a lot of stepping up to do, not only with it being my senior year, but also being the only one. As the season ended I took on the roll. To my teammates: hold onto every second of it."

Katelyn Weinandy

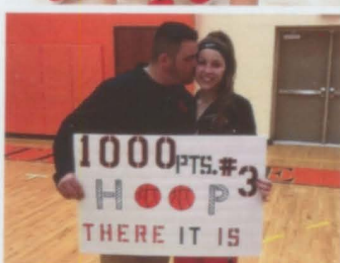
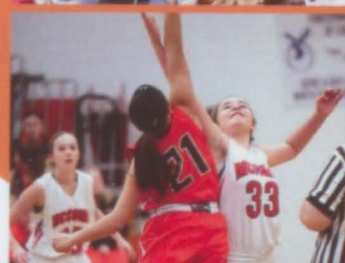
"Though I wasn't able to play, it still meant a lot to me to support my team. I am proud of how they played this season," said Allison Kepling.

"This year I had a very fun season with my team, with the help of my team this year I was bale to acomplish a big goal of mine to score my 1000th point as a junior!" said Alivia Light.

"I think Coach Pelton did a great job in his first year as our coach. He built a great relationship with every girl on the team," said Kiley Brooker.

"This year was a very fun filled year. I made so many memories and got closer to friends while playing the game I love, My favorite memory by far is when we would dance before every game," said Alexis Long.

"My favorite memory this basketball season was when I shut down the 6'2 girl from holgate, I was proud of myself because not many people held her," said Hailey Watson.



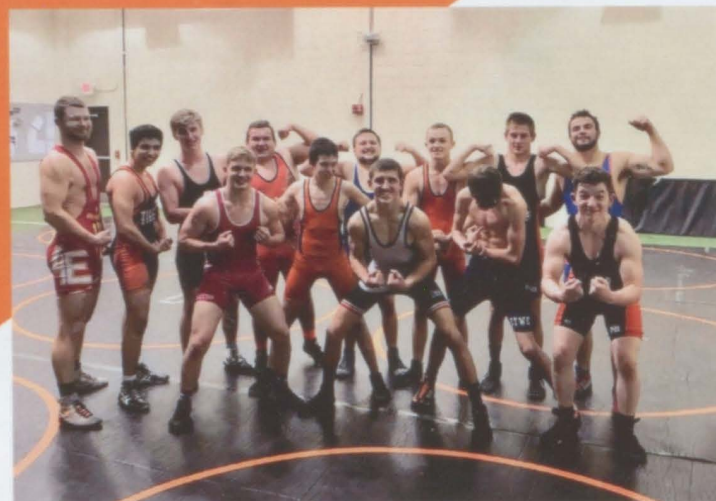
The 2017-18 team is the biggest team in recent years.

After Alpha testing, the boys would always eat at Bob Evans.

Wrestlers are allowed to carry two extra pounds after Christmas.

Facial hair is not allowed on wrestlers.

The team won their first state dual meet in school history in 2018.



Seniors

"My team had a greater impact on me than I ever could have expected. I wouldn't have wanted any other team for my senior year."

Nate Staley



"I had a great senior year I went 40-2 and was named the BVC Wrestler of the year."

David Patterson

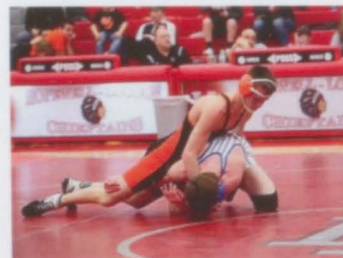
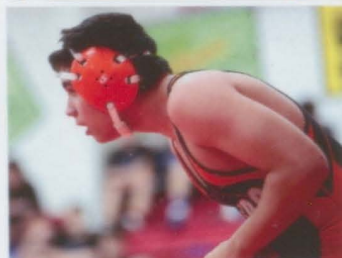
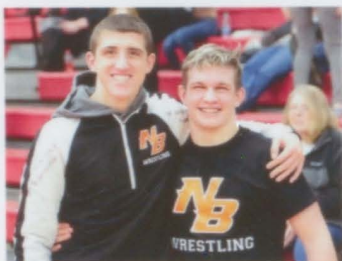


"I prepare for a season by getting my body fat percentage down. I do this by cutting out junk food and increasing my fiber intake," said Zeth Johnson.

"I really enjoyed the meet at North Baltimore because I got to win my match in front of all of my friends and classmates," said Koleton Carpenter.

"My favorite meet was the home meet because all of my friends and family came. It was nice to see that we had such a big turnout," said Levi Trout.

"Wrestling gave me an identity. It gave me a way to represent my school, my family, and myself," said David Patterson.





Wrestling

"I am the gatekeeper of my own destiny and I will have my glory day in the hot sun," - Nacho Libre. The Varsity Wrestling team started off their season strong gaining many new wrestlers and losing some old faces. "I'm glad I joined the team this year because it helped me get into great shape," said Koleton Carpenter. At the start of the BVC meet there were many successful matches. Senior David Patterson took first place in the 132 weight division. David has taken first place at BVC's his Freshman, Junior and Senior years of high school. Jonathan Patterson placed 3rd in his weight division, as well as Senior Nate Staley who took 2nd in his weight division. Overall, the team took 7th place with a total of 74 and a half points. These wrestlers have had a great season and have gotten their glory day in the hot sun.



Softball

The North Baltimore softball team had a fantastic season this year making it all the way to regionals. The girls started out playing against Eastwood, ending the game with a loss. They then went on to play the last game of their regular season against Pandora-Gilboa, crushing the Rockets with a final score of 34-0. The Lady Tigers played 2 teams for districts, the McComb Panthers and the Carey Blue Devils, finishing Carey off with a score of 9-2, allowing them to go to regionals. For the 1st game of regionals, the girls played Gibsonburg, ending with a loss. The Lady Tigers had a great season, as this was the first time in 7 years North Baltimore Softball has won districts. The girls made NB proud, ending their season with a final record of 16-6.

This is the first time in seven years the team has won districts.

NB's BVC record was 8-3, and an overall record of 16-6.

Katelynn Weinandy received the Player of the Year award.

Makenna Ray, Simone Thompson, and Katelynn Weinandy all received 1st team BVC All-League.

Jordan Baker and Chloe Hopple were both on the Honorable Mentions for BVC All-League.

Seniors



"Enjoy the time you have while it lasts because it goes by really fast."

Valerie Buchanan



"This year taught me the meaning of what a team truly is. I will always cherish this season full of fun and love surrounded by my softball girls."

Paige Hyatt



"Softball has brought me so many opportunities, from proving people wrong to making unforgettable new friends. I will forever thank Rob and Frankie for shaping me into a hardworking, compassionate individual."

Makenna Ray



"Softball has created so many memories and life lessons that I will cherish for the rest of time. It has been enjoyable to play with my fellow seniors and be coached by Rob and Frankie these last four years."

Grace Rein



"I am extremely happy with this season: the feeling I got when we won districts is something I can never fully explain. I am so excited to play at the University of Findlay next year and continue my softball career!"

Katelynn Weinandy



The motto for the baseball team this season was #11strong*.

The team got to experience playing on the Toldeo Mud Hens field!

Coach Randy would dance after games that the team won.

The team would eat together every Saturday they had a game at McDonalds.

"Crisp and Clean" was Coach Gazarek's motto.



Seniors

"Catching for the best two pitchers in the league makes me the best catcher in the league."

Adam Flores



"Chicks dig outfielders." -Randy Boyer."

Julian Hagemyer



"Dingers and stingers: stay flexed."

Kyle Wymet



"I felt that our season as a team went pretty well. We had a pretty good regular season record and we came together as a team in the postseason," said Brayden Holloway.

"We didn't have the numbers of the traditional team, but we have the best group of boys in the state and we shocked everyone! #11strong," said Levi Gazarek.

"Our team doesn't have the numbers for a standard baseball team, but we have a great 11 boys who work very hard at what we do," said Logan Meronk.

"We only had 11 kids to start the season and with injury's and sickness we had to overcome many obstacles. Playing ball is easy to do when everyone wants to be there and works hard. That's why we did what we did," said Jaden Bucher.

"We had a limited amout of players and we had a fantastic season. We have a chance to win district finals and keep playing. I know we are good and I can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings," said Tyler Durfey.