



ATHLETIC UPDATE

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If you want cold, rainy, and windy weather, all you have to do is schedule a spring sport contest and I can guarantee you'll get at least two of the conditions! As I sit at my desk typing this *eSpartan*, I am able to see the track and the athletes and coaches who are bundled up trying to stay warm; every year, it's the same thing!

Congratulations to the girls' basketball team for winning the Region 8A Private Championship 45-35 over Tallulah Falls School! This is the first girls' region basketball title since 2001 and the fourth in school history. The girls will host a first round Class A Private State Tournament game next week.



The Spartan boys' basketball team placed third in the Region 8A Private Tournament and will advance to the Class A Private State Tournament next week.

We're winding down our indoor sports for the winter season, and I'm pleased to share some good news regarding the swim and wrestling programs:

Swimming

During the GHSA Class A-AAA State Meet:

- Ava Kennedy finished 4th in the 50 yd and 100 yd freestyle races
- Boys' 200-yard medley relay team finished 10th; Garrett Kennedy, Eli Condie, Will Hines and Daniel Huang finished the event in 1:44.59
- Eli finished second in the 100-yard butterfly (52.05) while Will (55.53) and Daniel (55.66) placed 22nd and 23rd, respectively
- Daniel placed eighth in 100-yard freestyle in 48.92. In 500-yard freestyle, Garrett finished seventh with a time of 4:53.35
- Eli placed sixth in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 53.67 while Garrett (56.18) and Will (57.19) finished 11th and 13th, respectively
- In 400-yard freestyle relay, Garrett, Will, Daniel and Eli placed fourth with a time of 3:20.54
- **Overall for the meet, Athens Academy's boys placed seventh with a score of 147**

Wrestling

The Spartans sent seven wrestlers to the GHSA Class A Meet in Macon; Steven Holder, Ethan Connelly, Clark O'Neill, Mo Alserafei, Michael Cashin, Khoa Le, and Charlie Vaughn. This is the largest number of Spartans to qualify in school history. In addition, Steven Holder is the school's first Region/Area Weight Class Champion in school history! During the state meet Clark O'Neill and Steven Holder each advanced to the Round of 16 before being eliminated.

Basketball

Congratulations to the following basketball players for earning All Region recognition:

Jaila Salley-Barnett - 1st Team All Region

India Sheats - 2nd Team All Region

Meg Williams - 2nd Team All Region

Meredith Reynolds - 2nd Team All Region

Adair Marvel - All Region Honorable Mention

Coach Brian Olson - Co-Region Coach of the Year (In addition, Coach Olson recently earned his 100th win as the girls' head coach!)

Deion Colzie - 1st Team All Region

Kymel Williams - 2nd Team All Region

Palmer Bush - All Region Honorable Mention

Go Spartans!