

The Cat Attack

Boys' Basketball

Wildcats Win Holiday Tournament

During Winter break the boys' basketball team went to work. The boys competed in the New Egypt Holiday Tournament and captured the crown. In the first game, on Friday, Dec. 27, the Wildcats beat New Egypt by a score 32-22. Pinelands took complete control of the game and outlasted New Egypt in every quarter. Josh Kline had 7 points and 5 rebounds; Ryan Skeie tallied 7 points and 7 rebounds; Anthony Falduto chipped in 7 points, and Andrew Bartlett scored 2 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. The Cats then advanced to the championship game on Saturday, Dec. 28, against Steinert H.S. After trailing 27-20 at halftime, Pinelands outscored their opponent 26-13 in the second half. The game was forced into overtime as Steinert hit a desperation three at the buzzer. The Wildcats played hard and stayed solid as they outlasted Steinert 7-3 in the overtime period, grabbing the win by a final score of 53-49. Skeie led all scorers with 22 points and 10 rebounds; Kline chipped in 13 points; O'Rourke added 10 points; and Ed Wilkinson scored 4 points & grabbed 4 rebounds. Skeie was awarded tournament MVP and Kline was selected to the All-Tournament Team. To start the New Year, the Wildcats traveled to Manchester on Friday, Jan. 3, and fell short by a final score of 46-37. Kline and Skeie led the team with 12 points each and Bartlett added 6 points 5 rebounds. The Wildcats next hosted Lakewood on Monday, Jan. 6, in their first home game, but it was not meant to be. The Wildcats came out flat and were outscored 13-4 in the first quarter and then were held scoreless in the second quarter. Pinelands picked it up in the second half, playing the Piners even, but they were too far behind to get back in the game. The Cats fell by a final score of 44-24. Kline led the team with 7 points, while Skeie and Wilkinson added 5 points a piece. Pinelands then hosted Jackson Liberty H.S. on Thursday, Jan. 9. After suffering a devastating loss of their starting forward, Bartlett, to a season ending injury in the Lakewood game, the Cats held strong and defeated the Lions by a final score of 51-40. Skeie recorded a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds; Kline tallied 9 points and 10 assists; Anthony Falduto added 9 points and 5 assists; and R. O'Rourke chipped in 8 points for the Wildcats. Pinelands is now 3-3 on the season and will travel to ACIT tonight in hopes of picking up another win on the road.

Remaining Boys' Basketball Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Fri. | Jan. 10 | ACIT | ACIT | 5:30 p.m. |
| Tue. | Jan. 14 | Pt. Boro | Pt. Boro | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thur. | Jan. 16 | Lacey | Lacey | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | Jan. 18 | Ocean Twp. | Home | 12:00 p.m. |
| Tue. | Jan. 21 | Barnegat | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thur. | Jan. 23 | Don. Cath. | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tue. | Jan. 28 | Manchester | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Fri. | Jan. 31 | Lakewood | Lakewood | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 1 | Brick Memorial | Brick Memorial | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mon. | Feb. 3 | Jackson Lib. | Jackson Lib. | 6:30 p.m. |
| Thur. | Feb. 6 | Pt. Boro | Home | 6:45 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 10 | Keyport | Keyport | 11:30 a.m. |
| Tue. | Feb. 11 | Lacey | Home | 6:30 p.m. |
| Fri. | Feb. 14 | Barnegat | Barnegat | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 15 | Shore | Shore | 10:00 a.m. |

Girls' Basketball

Lady Cats Continue To Fight

Over winter break, the Pinelands girls' basketball team attended the Lady Wave Christmas Tournament in Long Branch. The Lady Cats lost the first game narrowly to Point Pleasant Beach H.S. by a final score of 36-30. Bridget Dudas led the team with 12 points. But then the Lady Cats rallied in the second round game to beat Lakewood H.S. The final game of the tournament was played against Jackson Liberty H.S., as the Lady Cats fell by a score of 42-30. After the tournament, on Jan. 3, Pinelands started the New Year with a 52-27 loss to the #3 ranked team in the state, Manchester H.S. Dudas once again led the team with 13 points. The Lady Cats then picked up their second win of the season by defeating Lakewood on Monday, Jan. 6, by a score of 34-21. The team was led by Dudas, who tallied an astounding 18 points while draining 9 field goals. Senior Alyssa Breese added 10 points as well. On Wednesday, Jan. 8, Pinelands hosted Shore Regional H.S. at home and lost by a score of 39-25. After only trailing by 3 points at the half, the Lady Blue Devils proved to be too much for the Lady Cats as they outscored them 18-4 in the third quarter to extend their lead to 17 points. Pinelands fought hard in the fourth quarter but it was too little too late. Then on Thursday, Jan. 9, the Lady Cats traveled to Jackson Liberty to face off against the Lady Lions for the second time this season. After losing their starting center, Breese, to an ankle injury in the previous game, the Lady Cats were one player down and thus struggled to score inside the paint. Pinelands fell to Jackson Liberty by a final score of 51-23. Dudas led the team in scoring with 16 points. The Lady Cats are now 2-6 on the season.

Remaining Girls' Basketball Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Tue. | Jan. 14 | Pt. Boro | Home | 5:45 p.m. |
| Fri. | Jan. 17 | Lacey | Home | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Jan. 18 | Ocean | Ocean | 11:30 a.m. |
| Thur. | Jan. 23 | Don. Cath. | Don. Cath. | 5:15 p.m. |
| Fri. | Jan. 24 | Barnegat | Barnegat | 5:15 p.m. |
| Tue. | Jan. 28 | Manchester | Manchester | 6:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | Jan. 29 | Central | Home | 5:30 p.m. |
| Fri. | Jan. 31 | Lakewood | Home | 5:15 p.m. |
| Mon. | Feb. 3 | Jackson Lib | Home | 5:15 p.m. |
| Thur. | Feb. 6 | Pt. Boro | Pt. Boro | 5:15 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 8 | Keyport | Home | 11:30 a.m. |
| Tue. | Feb. 11 | Lacey | Lacey | 5:15 p.m. |
| Wed. | Feb. 12 | Freehold | Freehold | 5:15 p.m. |
| Fri. | Feb. 14 | Barnegat | Home | 5:15 p.m. |

Wrestling

Young Wrestlers Lead The Way

On Thursday, Dec. 19, Pinelands wrestled against Shore Regional H.S. and fell short, losing the match by a final score of 48-30. Despite the team loss, wrestlers Mason Livio, Travis Brown, Matthew Albanese, Thomas Exel, Gavin Stewart, and Avery Maski all won their matches. Then while everyone was on their holiday break, the wrestling team was busy wrestling in several matches, tournaments, and quads. On Dec. 21, the Wildcats participated in the Gator Tournament held in Atlantic City. The team accumulated 20 team points and finished in 8th place out of 12 teams. Stewart captured first place for his weight class of 160 lbs. On Dec. 28, the team participated in a quad match at Woodstown H.S. facing off against Oakcrest H.S., Winslow H.S., and Clearview H.S. The Wildcat winning wrestlers in the Oakcrest match included Livio, Maski, Brown, Mark Siino, Austin Koeppen, and Thomas Rosetti. But despite these individual wins, the Cats lost to Oakcrest by a final score of 42-30. Against Winslow, the Cats won by a score of 44-21. Winners in that match included Livio, Siino, Brown, Stewart, Maski, Jack Carson, Austin Koeppen, and Jackson Panerra. Lastly, Pinelands wrestled Clearview on Dec. 28, but fell by a score of 60-21. Livio, Stewart, and Maski were the lone winners of that match. Pinelands then went on the compete against Barnegat H.S. on Jan. 2. The Wildcats put up a good fight but they could not come away with the win. The winner of "The Big Cat Clash" went to Barnegat by a final score of 45-28. Individual winners in that match were Livio, Stewart, Brown, Siino, Koeppen, and Thomas McNeil. To round out the holiday break, the Wildcats competed in a tri-match against Buena H.S. and Central H.S. at Central H.S. on Saturday, Jan. 4. Pinelands lost to Central by a score of 54-27. Winners included Livio, Stewart, Brown, Mena, and Carson. The Wildcats then fell to Buena by a final score of 54-30. Winners in that match were Livio, Brown, Carson, Maski, and Gavin Wagner. The Wildcats latest match was on Tuesday, Jan. 7, when they hosted Holy Spirit H.S. The Wildcats were narrowly edged out of a win by a final team score of 36-30. The winners for Pinelands were Maski, Stewart, Livio, Carson, Koeppen, Dylan Servis, and Thomas Rosetti. Despite the losses, there were many positives that came out of the matches so far this season. Currently the Cats record is 1-7.

Remaining Boys' Wrestling Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Sat. | Jan. 11 | Quad | Home | 10:00 a.m. |
| Wed. | Jan. 15 | Lower Cape May | Lower Cape May | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Jan. 22 | Jackson Liberty | Home | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Jan. 25 | Quad | Home Jr. High | 9:00 a.m. |
| Wed. | Jan. 29 | Manchester | Manchester | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Feb. 05 | Lacey | Lacey | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 08 | Quad | Home | 10:00 a.m. |
| Tue. | Feb. 11 | Monmouth | Monmouth | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 15 | Quad | TBA | TBA |

Bowling

Wildcat Bowlers Keep Fighting

Prior to the holiday break, the boys' varsity bowling team played Lakewood on Monday, Dec. 9, and captured a 3-0 win, to improve their record to 6-6 this season. Ryan McGowan led the team to victory with 493 total pins, along with Dean Staines putting up a strong performance with 456 total pins. The Cats then faced off against Manchester on Thursday, Dec. 12, but fell by the score of 3-0. On Monday, Dec. 17, the boys' varsity team won 3-0 against Donovan Catholic. R. McGowan led the way with a 505 series, and Staines and Ethan Edwards followed closely behind, both putting up 459 pins. The Cats then took on Lakewood H.S. on Monday, Jan. 6, and swept them, winning 3-0. Then on Tuesday, Jan. 7, Pinelands faced off against Barnegat but lost 3-0, in a hard-fought series. Dylan McGowan led the team with 496 total pins, and Edwards and Staines followed closely behind, both with 431 total pins. On Thursday, Jan. 9, the Wildcats faced off against Manchester and lost 3-0. Pinelands was outscored 2824-2252 pins. Staines led Pinelands with 495 pins and D. McGowan followed closely behind with 477 pins. Their record is now 12-15 on the season.

The girls' varsity bowling team won, by a score of 2-1, against Lakewood on Monday, Dec. 9. They then went on to play Manchester on Thursday, Dec. 12, and were swept by them, 3-0. No individual information was given on either of these matches. The girls then matched up against Donovan Catholic on Monday, Dec. 17, and won 3-0. Kaitlyn Edwards led the team with a total of 488 pins. Caitlyn Rodriguez followed behind with 454 pins. The girls then played against Lakewood on Monday, Jan. 6 and lost 2-1. The team put up a fighting effort, scoring a total of 2016 pins, Edwards led the team with 465 pins. Catherine Allen also put in a great effort tallying 459 pins. The Lady Cats then went on to play Barnegat on Tuesday, Jan. 7, but lost 3-0. The team recorded a total of 2022 pins. Rodriguez totaled an impressive 503 series and Edwards followed with a total of 424 pins. On Thursday, Jan. 9, Pinelands fell to Manchester 3-0. The Lady Cats recorded a total of 2015 pins vs. Manchester's 2502 pins. Rodriguez led the team with a total of 501 pins and a high game of 191. Edwards followed behind tallying 430 pins. The Lady Cats record for the season is now 10-17.

Remaining Boys' & Girls' Varsity Bowling Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Mon. | Jan. 13 | Don. Catholic | Ocean Lanes | 3:30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | Jan. 16 | Lacey | Ocean Lanes | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mon. | Jan. 27 | Barnegat | Ocean Lanes | 3:30 p.m. |
| Thurs. | Jan. 30 | Lakewood | Ocean Lanes | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mon. | Feb. 3 | Manchester | Ocean Lanes | 3:30 p.m. |

Boys' and Girls' Winter Track

No information was reported.

Remaining Varsity Indoor Track Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Time</u> | |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Sun. | Jan. 12 | Monmouth Inv. | Toms River | TBA | |
| Tues. | Jan. 14 | Throwdown | Southern | TBA | Throwers only |
| Fri. | Jan. 17 | State Relays | Toms River | TBA | |
| TBA. | TBA | Shore Champ. | TBA | TBA | |
| Tues. | Jan. 28 | Open Date | Toms River | TBA | Boys' frosh novice |
| Thurs. | Jan. 30 | Open Date | Toms River | TBA | Girls' frosh novice |
| Sat. | Feb. 8 | Sect. Tune Up | Toms River | TBA | |
| Mon. | Feb. 10 | SJTCA Tune Up | Staten Island | TBA | |
| Tues. | Feb. 11 | Throwdown | Southern | TBA | Throwers only |
| Sun. | Feb 16 | Sectionals | Toms River | TBA | |
| Tues. | Feb. 18 | Eastern States | NYC Armory | TBA | |
| Sat. | Feb. 29 | Groups | Toms River | TBA | |
| Sun. | Mar. 8 | M.O.C. | Staten Island | TBA | |

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