

BEYOND THE SCOREBOARD

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We won't back down, we won't give in, Chargers Fight, Chargers Win!

Welcome to the "Beyond the PD Scoreboard" newsletter where we highlight victorious moments in athletics beyond the scoreboard. The success of our athletic program is not measured solely in numbers or the results on a scoreboard. It lies within the culture and moments that have had a positive impact on the lives of our students, coaches, and community. I hope you enjoy these stories.

Nancy Beatty, Director of Athletics

BOYS SOCCER



FOR THE LOVE OF THE SPORT

In October, Architect Sports presented Soccer Head Coach Dan Dudley with *The Woodpile Award* in recognition of the numerous soccer clinics he and his players led for Freedom School this summer. This award honors individuals in athletics who demonstrate exceptional selflessness and commitment to community service. This award was inspired by a story of a father who always left extra wood on a community woodpile to help others. In addition to the recognition, Architect Sports donates \$1,000 to a community initiative of the recipient's choice. This year, Coach Duds chose to direct the funds to our Freedom School Supply Drive! This gesture reflects the spirit of giving back and a coach's tradition of service.



VOLLEYBALL & HOME COURT ADVANTAGE



**FROM THE STANDS TO THE FIELD:
SENIORS SET THE TONE FOR PD PRIDE**

Head Coach Tricia Foster took over a resilient volleyball program that was looking for continuity and strong leadership. Under her direction and alumna Ella Abraham, the Chargers finished 3rd in a very competitive conference, and even more impressively, posted a 10-2 record at home! “The energy in the MAC was incredible! The spirit from the crowd resonated with our players and fueled their performance in front of their peers,” stated Foster.

Led by our football and boys basketball teams, along with the senior class, the stands were electric all season long!



That same enthusiasm and energy has also carried over to our other fall teams this year! They sing, cheer, and stay until the end of the game to rush the field to celebrate with their classmates on the field. Soccer, Tennis, Field Hockey and Cross Country all felt moments of support from their peers. Our seniors have really stepped up this year, and it has not gone unnoticed!! The pride, unity, and spirit on display this season remind us that the heart of PD Athletics beats strongest when we're all in it together.



TAKING ON A NEW ROLE



BASKETBALL KEEPS ON ROLLING

Assistant Varsity Coach Jonathan McIntyre steps up this season to fill in for Head Coach Ron Johnson, who is currently on leave. Coach “Mac” is no stranger to Providence Day basketball or the responsibilities of leading a high-level program.

For the past 19 years, Coach McIntyre has been an integral part of the Chargers’ success, serving as a steady presence on the varsity bench and a mentor throughout the program. Known for his diligence, leadership, and deep knowledge of the game, he has played a key role in developing players from the middle school level through to college recruitment. His strong relationships with college coaches have created valuable opportunities for Providence Day student-athletes to continue their basketball careers beyond high school. Supporting Coach McIntyre is a highly experienced staff, including Shane Battier, who won an NCAA National Championship with Duke in 2001 and went on to capture two NBA titles with the Miami Heat during his 13-year professional career; Ryan Conrad, a proud PD alumnus; and Coach De’Rahn Stinson, former assistant coach at Harding University High. The staff also features former PD Head Coach and alumnus Brian Field, who led the Chargers to the 2016 State Championship and a historic trip to the Chipotle (formerly Dick’s) National Tournament in New York.

Together, this staff brings a unique blend of history, expertise, and professional insight that will enrich the program. Catch the Chargers in action at home - 12/10 & 12/12!

CONNECTING WITH LOWER SCHOOL



STUDENT-ATHLETES VISIT THE CLASSROOMS

One of the most beautiful features of Providence Day is the opportunity for our Lower School and Upper School students to share the same campus. This daily interaction creates spontaneous moments of community and school pride. One of my favorite moments of the year is hosting our LS students at a Friday Football game! We ask them to form a human tunnel where they get to cheer and high five the football players as they take the field! It’s a moment that captures the essence of PD spirit.

Our LS Head Erin Harper took this interaction to the next level by launching a new initiative that invites varsity teams to visit the LS classrooms. This program has further strengthened the PD spirit across our community! When Mrs. Harper

presented this idea, her team of teachers were immediately enthusiastic about participating. Each teacher now has the opportunity to host a team, allowing their students to interact with student-athletes who once sat in their very seats. These visits have become meaningful moments of learning, encouragement, and shared PD spirit.

Ms. Carmichael shared, “It was great to spend time with each of them. One of the things I love most about our school is getting to teach them when they are seven years old and then watching them grow into leaders and role models to my current students.” This initiative will continue throughout the year.



**HONESTY FIRST,
VICTORY
FOLLOWS**



SHAILI LEADS BY EXAMPLE

Story Provided by Coach Carrier

Senior Shaili Vemuri is not only a top-notch athlete but also a model of sportsmanship on and off the court. As many Chargers may not know, the girls tennis team has a long-standing rivalry with Charlotte Country Day (CCDS). In recent years, PD has often finished as state runner-up to CCDS and struggled to secure a regular-season win against them.

This season, Shaili showcased both her skill and integrity while playing line 1 singles after already winning line 1 doubles with her partner, Katie Yan. In the first set of singles, the score was tied 3-3 when the point went to deuce. In our conference's no-ad scoring system, the next point is sudden death. Shaili's opponent hit a powerful shot close to the line and questioned Shaili's call that the ball was out. In the sport without referees, tennis relies on sportsmanship and honesty to play the game. After her opponent strongly questioned her call, Shaili rescinded her decision, giving the point to her opponent and falling behind 3-4. Despite the setback, Shaili rallied to win the first set 7-5 and the second set 6-2. Her victory at line 1 helped secure the overall team win, with PD defeating CCDS 7-2 and earning their sixth win of the season.



An anecdote like this serves as a great reminder of why Shaili was deserving of the Deven Sawyer Memorial Award last year. She embodies what every coach wishes to see in an athlete: dedication, grit, positivity, and integrity. It is important to note the girls' tennis team went undefeated in conference play, captured the conference title, and advanced to the State Semi-Finals, where they experienced their only loss of the season against Durham Academy. The last time our girls' tennis team was undefeated in conference was 2012. We are so proud of our coaches and seniors for their integrity, grit and leadership throughout the season! "Be the Bus!"



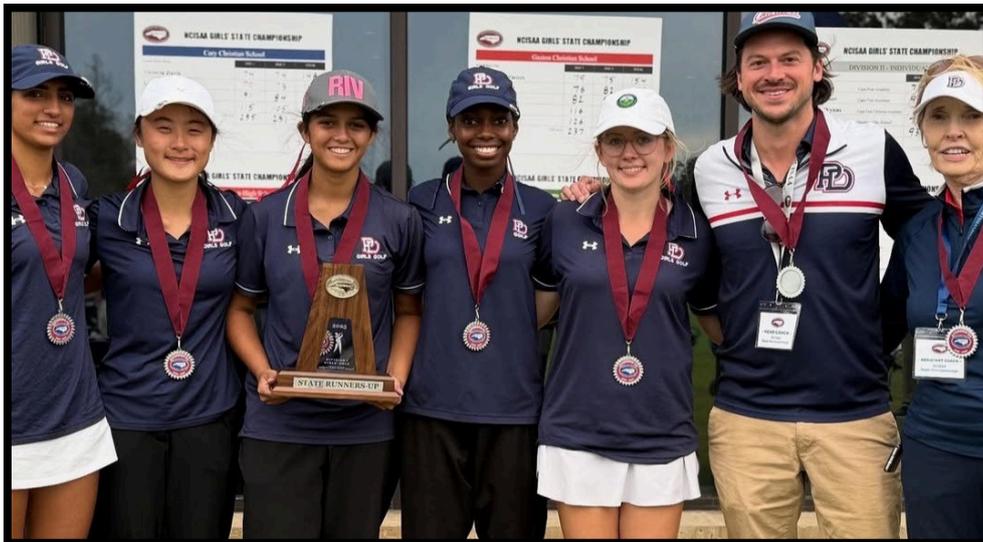
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CHARGER GOLF BATTLES BACK AT STATES

Golf is not a game of perfect. It can be a frustrating game and one that tries every player's patience. On October 27 & 28th, our girls golf team experienced the highs, lows and everything in between during their State Championship in Greensboro.

Coming off a thrilling conference championship victory, the Providence Day girls' golf team entered the NCISAA State Tournament with high hopes of bringing home the state title. However, the Chargers found themselves in an unexpected position trailing by 13 strokes after day one.



Senior Chloe Scofield, who had led the team with consistency all season and finished Conference Player of the Year, faced one of her toughest outings on day one. Rather than letting the rough start define her, she regrouped and returned for the final round with renewed focus and determination.

With Chloe's sense of resilience, the tone for day two was set. Relying on their steady play and mental toughness, the Chargers slowly chipped away at the deficit, closing the gap to just one stroke before eventually moving two strokes ahead of Latin after 18 holes.

With the last golfer to hit and PD up by two strokes, Latin's number 1 player holed a 60-yard eagle shot to tie the match and force overtime. "That shot was something from a movie," stated Coach Copeland. As Latin's team erupted into elation, the Chargers took yet another deep breath. They knew their work was not over even though they had just shot their season best score by 9 strokes!

In overtime, the top five players from each replayed hole 18. The Chargers battled to the end, but ultimately fell by just one stroke to Latin. Though the final result wasn't what they hoped, the tournament highlighted this team's

mindset, perseverance, and competitive spirit. Their ability to respond to adversity and nearly capture the title after such a challenging start speaks volumes about their character and their Head Coach. Interestingly, the last overtime in the NCISAA State Tournament was PD vs Latin in 2015. That year, PD battled in overtime to win the school's first girls' golf title!

This story reminds me all too well of Arthur Ashes' quote: *"Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."* I remember the number of times that I came up short in reaching my goals. The frustration, disappointment, and hurt was at times overwhelming, but it was those very experiences that became my best teachers in life. I have a feeling that once the sting of losing the title fades, this group will learn the lesson from this journey. I look forward to watching them play next year!

GOLDEN MOMENTS



KPOP STYLE

November 12th marked a *Golden* moment for PD Athletics. For the first time in school history, the first round of college commitment celebration was dominated by female athletes. Eight incredible Chargers signed to continue their education and athletic careers at the following institutions:



Tina Garofoli - Field Hockey, Miami of Ohio University (Div. I)

Devin McElroy- Soccer, Miami of Ohio University (Div. I)

Julia O'Malley - Basketball, Johns Hopkins (Div III)

Jaida McClure - Basketball, Appalachian State University (Div. I)

Katelyn Ramsden - Basketball, University of Chicago (Div. III)

Austen Graziano - Volleyball, Belmont Abbey College (Div. II)

Zetta Grace Bartee - Swimming, Auburn University (Div. I)

Abby Goldean - Soccer, Southern Methodist University (Div I)

GOLDEN MOMENTS



OLYMPIC STYLE

Providence Day Swim Teams will have an extraordinary opportunity this winter to learn from one of America's best, Gold Medalist Tyler Clary! Head Coach Kristina Bond was able to secure Tyler as an assistant coach earlier this fall, and his presence on the deck has already been impactful and a *Golden Moment* for everyone! Coach Bond shares, "Tyler's wealth of knowledge of the sport and technical eye for the fine details make him an invaluable asset to our staff. I'm incredibly excited for our athletes to have the opportunity to work with him and reach new heights this season and beyond!"



Tyler's impressive resume speaks for itself. Between 2009 and 2015, he earned a total of twelve medals competing in the Olympics, FINA World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships, and Pan American Games. His most defining moment was winning the gold medal at the 2012 Olympic games in London where he set a new Olympic record in the 200m backstroke. He also swam for the University of Michigan, where he captured the title of NCAA Champion in the 400IM twice and once in the the 200m backstroke. He also earned eleven NCAA All-American honors during his college career.

When asked why he chose to coach, Tyler explained, "Coaching a high school swimming team that shares my enthusiasm for fast swimming and my passion for helping them optimize their stroke technique is incredibly rewarding. I consider it a

responsibility to be able to teach as much of what I have learned from others as I can to the next generation of fast swimmers. I thoroughly enjoy watching somebody change their stroke, get visibly faster, and then start to rewrite their goals with a new reality. I anticipate a standout season with this group!”

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



RECOGNIZING LEADERS AND CHAMPIONS

TOUCHDOWN CLUB - *Where Citizenship, Scholarship, Sportsmanship and Leadership are Honored*

In October, the Charlotte Touchdown Club selected senior Hudson Clavin as the 2025 High School Student-Athlete of the Year! Coach Grier had this to say about Hudson, “We are incredibly proud of Hudson for earning this prestigious award! His work ethic and drive to succeed both on and off the field has been exemplary!”

The Charlotte Touchdown Club is a 501(c)3 non-profit Sports-Social organization founded in 1990, and is dedicated to promoting high school, collegiate, and professional football in the Charlotte, North Carolina Region. Each year, funds are raised through events and activities that are distributed annually to outstanding area student-athletes who exemplify excellence in their communities.

Hudson and his family will attend the Bronko Nagurski Awards Banquet on Monday, December 8th at the Charlotte Convention Center to receive his award. Hudson shared, “ I just want to say thank you to all the teachers who got up early to meet me for a help session before school and to Coach Grier, Serepca, and Baker for all their efforts in forging me into a modern day warrior and young man!”



Speaking of Football, how about those Chargers and their perfect 13-0 season? Congratulations to our football team and coaches for earning another State Title with their dominating win over Charlotte Christian!



To wrap up an unforgettable season, the following four young men will be celebrated on December 10 for their commitment to continue their education and football careers at the next level:

Mark Franco - Denison University (Div III)

Will Wagner - Denison University (Div. III)

Leo Delaney- Clemson University (Div. I)

Zaid Lott- Syracuse University (Div. I)

Quinten McRay - University of Richmond (Div. I)

Gordon Sellars - Clemson University (Div I)

Our next signing date will be February 5th, 2026.