

BEVERLY HILLS ATHLETIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FALL 2011 SPORTS NEWSLETTER

The 2011 football team started the season with high hopes of competing for an Ocean League Championship and a possible CIF appearance. Hopes fell well short of the teams goals due to injuries to several key players. On a positive note, the Normans had several players to receive all conference honors:

All-conference 1st team: Julian Jackson, Frank Brown, Cameron Countryman, Madison Moore

All-conference 2nd team: Jeraud Williams, Ole Woods

Honorable Mention: Willie Green, Jared Forman, Brandon Adams, Gabriel Laemmler

Preparations for the 2012 football season have already begun by instituting a four day weekly weight lifting program.

Girls Golf

Although the Norman girls' golf team did not make the playoffs, they did have one player who had an excellent year. Besides finishing in the top four in league with an average of even par, Lydia Choi qualified for the CIF regional, CIF finals and the state qualifying tournament. Lydia's highlight for the season was shooting a 69 at River Ridge Golf Course and finishing in the top 5. She shot an even par 72 and finished third in the CIF finals and shot a 78 in the state qualifying tournament.

Girls Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team had a challenging season in 2011. Coming off of a strong 2010 season, the team returned only 3 players. Most of the new lineup included sophomores and juniors, new to the varsity program. The team struggled early on, but improved every step of the way. With strong performances by returning varsity players, seniors Halle Beesen, Hannah Harper and Ginelle Wolfe, the team earned third place in the Ocean League and was on their way to CIF Playoffs. The team redeemed itself with an upset victory over 2nd place Lancaster High School of the Golden League. The team then returned home to play the number 1 seed, Chadwick High, and although losing in three sets, played their best match of the season.

Boys Cross Country

Boys Varsity won the Ocean League Championship for the first time in over 8 years. Four runners (Josh Galen, Chanan Batra, Eli Flesch, and Aaron Karlin) were All-League. Josh Galen set a school record at the Ocean League Championship race running 16:40 for the Kenneth Hahn course. Boys Varsity qualified for CIF Finals finishing 4th in their Prelim heat. The Boys made the CIF Finals for the first time during the qualifying era (1960s). The last boy's team to run in the CIF Finals was during the pre-qualifying era in 1950---61 years ago. The boys finished 13th at CIF Finals and were led by Josh Galen with a time of 15:49 for the Mt. SAC course.

Girls Cross Country

Girls Varsity won the Ocean League Championship in a landslide (17-44) over rival SAMO High. The girls secured 6 of the top 7 places with six girls earning All-League honors. Brianna Simmons was league champion, Sydney Segal league runner-up (both breaking the school record with a time of 19:31), Ashley Bootesaz was third with a time of 20:50 (#4 all-time for Beverly). Lily Ting was 5th, DaEun Lee 6th, and Marissa Rothman 7th. All 6 girls were All-League. Girls Varsity advanced to CIF Finals after finishing 5th in their qualifying heat. This is the first time in 31 years that the girls as a team made the Finals. The girls finished 8th at CIF Finals as a team, just missing qualifying as a team by 9 points. (Top 7 teams qualified for State.). Sydney Segal and Brianna Simmons qualified for the CIF State Championships as individuals. Segal was 2nd at CIF Finals with a time of 17:28 (new school record). Simmons was 4th with a time of

17:58. At the state championships, Segal finished in 6th place and Simmons in 8th. They are the first two Beverly athletes to not only qualify for the State meet, but also to earn medals. Sydney Segal placed 7th at the Footlocker West Regional meet (where the best cross country high school runners from the Western United States run) and earned a spot on the West Team, qualifying for Footlocker Nationals. The top 10 girls in the race qualified. She ran at the Footlocker National Cross Country Championships at Balboa Park in San Diego in mid December. She is the first Beverly girl to make the Nationals.

Boys Frosh and Girls JV were also Ocean League Champions. Boys JV were Ocean League runner-up.

Boys Water Polo

This year the Boys' Water Polo team was Co-Ocean League Champions along with El Segundo. They finished with a 5-3 record in league and a 13-14 overall record. Senior Zak Zukoski was the Ocean League's leading scorer and earned First Team All-League honors. Senior Dillon Silverstein was the Ocean League's second leading scorer and also led the league in assists and blocked shots. He received the Ocean League's Most Outstanding Player Award.

Girls Tennis

The Lady Norman's tennis team finished second in Ocean League thereby securing a spot in C.I.F. playoffs. Victoria Mamatova and Miriam Binman reached the semi-finals of the doubles as well as the semis of the singles during the Ocean League Tournament. Unfortunately, they lost to a very tough team from Westridge High School. Even though the girls played this year a little shorthanded due to some injuries and graduating players, they never once let down and really made great strides that will surely transfer over to next year. All in all, a very successful season! Individually, Miriam Binman was selected to First Team All-league in the Ocean League Coaches meeting. Paula Alexe and Victoria Mamatova were placed on the Second Team. Miriam Binman won the MVP award at the end of the year banquet. Victoria Mamatova received Most Improved. The Coach's Award was awarded to Meghan McMurray.