

# **BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWSLETTER - 2013**

## **Girls Soccer**

The Normans girls' soccer team followed last year's Ocean League Championship with another strong performance in the 2012-2013 season. The girls finished 7-3 in league and beat El Segundo 1.0 in a thrilling wild card match at home. They then lost a tough one at Estancia 1-0 to end the season. Despite the loss the girls walked off the field with their heads held high, proud of what they had accomplished this season. Senior Ashley Aviram finished her career as the all time Norman leader in goals 71, assists 51 and points 193. Seniors Elena Rust and Kaela Reisfelt earn their 2nd consecutive All-CIF award. The graduating seniors left a foundation for success and the girls' soccer program will continue to push for its ultimate goal; A CIF championship.

## **Girls Water Polo**

The 2013 water polo team saw numerous new faces at the varsity level as the team rebuilt from the loss of four starters to graduation. Behind the leadership of senior captains Emma Gregory and April Banayan the team fought through a tough Ocean League schedule while rebuilding for the future. Junior Allie Kahn earned Second Team All-Ocean League honors while leading the Normans in scoring. The team also received solid contributions in the field from Ivana Zelalic, Alanna Montero, Alli Klemes, and Angelica Harrop while newcomer goalie Shyra Costas helped lock down the defense.

## **Boys Soccer**

The boys' soccer team dedicated their season and committed to win the league title in memory of 30 year old assistant coach and trainer Darren Davies who passed away suddenly from a heart attack. The team won 10 out of its last 11 games, went 9-1 in the Ocean League to win their first league title in 21 years. League MVP and 1st team All-CIF senior midfielder Elijah Lichtenberg led the team along with senior Gefen Laredo who was named the league's top offensive player and to the All-CIF team. Sophomore Cole Offer also was named to the All-CIF team and five other players earned all-league honors. The team also achieved in the classroom as eleven players earned a 4.0 or better grade average, the 14 seniors had an overall GPA of 3.88 and the team average was 3.71. The academic achievement was the highest for the varsity team since Steve Rappaport took over the program 25 years ago.

## **Wrestling**

The BHHS Wrestling Normans logged another strong season, with an overall 7-5 Varsity Record at Dual Meets. A young team laid the foundation for the future and featured a young Varsity and JV line-up. The team qualified 9 total wrestlers for the C.I.F. Post Season tournament—with 6 of those individuals returning next season! The team had 4 league finalists—and two overall league Champions. Sophomore Raven Castro took 2nd in the Pioneer League, Senior Beau Shane was also a Pioneer League Runner Up. Senior Dakota Anderson was undefeated Pioneer League Champion and winner of the West Coast Classic Tournament, a first for a BHHS Wrestler. Senior Nick Sands scored a notable upset in the Pioneer Finals, pinning the front-runner, and garnering a League Championship for himself and his Norman Team. Also qualifying for C.I.F. was Junior James Elder, Freshman Iman Dayani, Junior David Prokopenko, Junior Bram Geiderman, and Junior Aaron Kohanzadeh.

## **Girls Basketball**

The Girls basketball team won 18 games this year and finished third in the Ocean League. The Normans defeated Santa Maria in the first round of play-offs, but lost in the second round of play-offs to the eventual semi-finalists El Dorado. The ladies swept Santa Monica for the first time since the late 1990's and split with Inglewood High School for

the first time in many years. Jazz Anderson was voted first team All Ocean League one of six to be voted in by the other coaches in the Ocean league. Dorsa Mehrannia and Jessica Melamed were voted second team All Ocean League. The girl's basketball team exceeded expectations and had a great year.

### **Boys Basketball**

Varsity Boys Basketball had another good year. They finished one game out of first place in league, tied for second with Inglewood with a league record of 7-3, finishing with an overall record of 16-12. For the third consecutive year the Normans made the playoffs, but losing to top seeded Compton High School. The highlight of the year was beating the State Championship runner up Santa Monica. Overall Coach Turner was pleased with his year and is even more excited about the possibilities of next year. Eleven Varsity players are returning and 4 of our 5 starters. The basketball coaching staff is looking forward to great things. Coach Turner and his staff would like to thank BHAAA and all of the other organizations that have shown support in making the program a success