

ST. MARY'S SPORTS HISTORY

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1920 ~ 1929

- Russel Martina coached Basketball – (1925-1932)

1930 ~ 1939

- John Rybak begins teaching and coaching career (1935)

1940 ~ 1949

- Athletic Association began (1940-41)
- Dan Pordum - Basketball All Catholic – First Team
- Six-man Football started (1946)
- 3 years undefeated in Football **coached by John Rybak**
- **6 man football was dropped as a sport because centralized schools went to 11 man & SMSD did not have the enrollment to accomodate**

1950 ~ 1959

- Boys' Basketball wins six ESDAA Championships (1951-57) coached by John Rybak
- Boys Track Team started 1957
- Kevin Kelley All Catholic in Cross Country (1958)
- Joan Tulloch – Badminton Champion (1958)
- Quentin Amati – ESDAA and Catholic League All Star Selection
- Boys' Basketball Team selected as National Champion

1960 ~ 1969

- Kevin Kelley is National Most Valuable Runner in Track (1960)
- Tom Ripic set National Discus Mark of 155' 1 ¾" (1960)
- Kevin Milligan, Fran Berst, Fran Tadak, Bill Schwall – won Gold Medal in Helsinki, Finland - Basketball (1961)
- John Rybak selected as Deaf Olympic Track Coach (1961) Finland
- Kevin Kelly – Deaf Olympian in Track **held in Finland** (1961)
- Tom Ripic won a Gold Medal in the Discus **held in Finland** (1961)
- Lou Pennella hired (1964)
- Frank Podsiadlo hired (1965)
- Janet (Santa Lucia) Allen joins the P.E. Staff (1967)
- Boys' Track - MMAA Bishop Smith League Champions **coached by Lou Pennella** (1967-1968)
- Boys' Grade School Basketball – WNY Parochial School Champions **coached by Lou Pennella** (1966, 1969, 1970)
- Dennis Berrigan wins Courier Express Kelley Award as the MMAA Smith League's Most Valuable Athlete – (1968)

- **Lou Pennella – National Track Coach of the Year (1968)**

1970 ~ 1979

- Boys' Track wins 8 straight ESDAA Tournaments coached by Lou Pennella. (1971-1978)
- **Boys' Basketball Team wins ESDAA; coached by Lee Murphy (1971)**
- **Lou Pennella – National Track Coach of the Year (1971)**
- Judy Carroll hired to replace Janet Allen. (1971)
- Boys Track Team named National Champions coached by Lou Pennella. (1971)
- **Lou Pennella selected as Deaf Olympic Track Coach – Sweden (1973)**
- Charles Holmes wins Bronze Medal in the High Jump @ World Games for the Deaf in Sweden. (1973)
- Dean Dunlavey won 2 Silver Medals in the 110 & 400 Hurdles @ Deaf Olympics. (1973)
- Girls' sports program takes off under the direction of Polly Lougen, Judy Carroll, & Sharon Hadden – Title 9.
- John Rybak retires in 1973 after 38 years of service
- **Boys' Basketball Team wins ESDAA; coached by Frank Podsiadlo (1973-74)**
- **Lou Pennella selected as Deaf Olympic Track Coach – Romania (1977)**
- Karen Tellinghuisen wins Gold Medal in the Javelin @ World Games for the Deaf in Romania (1977)
- Frank Duchini wins Bronze Medal in the High Jump @ World Games for the Deaf in Romania (1977)
- Anne **Maloney** Kist hired to replace Sharon Hadden (1977)
- Alice "Rena" Primm is top Shot Putter in W.N.Y. (1979)
- Boys Soccer program started (1977). John Brietwiser scores 'First' Goal.
- Charlie Holmes scored 41 points to break scoring record at DeSales to win in overtime. (Famous **University of Michigan** Basketball Coach John **Beilein** played for DeSales **in that game.**)

1980 ~ 1989

- Christine Ross wins Bronze Medal in the Pentathlon at World Games for the Deaf in Germany (1981)
- Dave Long – 1st Team All American Boys Basketball (1984)
- Girls' Basketball wins first ESDAA Basketball Tournament @ home coached by Anne Kist (1985)
- Girls win 7 straight ESDAA Basketball Tournaments (1985-1991)
- Boys win ESDAA Soccer (1982, 1986, 1987)
- Boys win ESDAA Basketball coached by Frank Podsiadlo (1988)
- Melissa John – "Player Of The Year" in Soccer (1988)
- Anne Kist – "**National** Coach Of The Year" in Soccer (1988)
- National Championship Teams – **coached by Anne Kist**; Girls' Soccer (1988) Girls' Basketball (1987, 1989)
- Boys win ESDAA Track; **Coached by Bill Steger** (1989)
- Melissa John "Player Of The Year" in Basketball (1989)
- Girls win ESDAA Soccer @ Vermont; **coached by Anne Kist** (1989)
- Girls win ESDAA Volleyball @ Millneck; **coached by Anne Kist** (1989)
- Tawanda Barkley wins Gold & Bronze Medal in the 4 x 100 M and 4 x 400 Relays at World Games for the Deaf in New Zealand (1989)

1990 ~ 1999

- Girls win ESDAA Div. II Basketball Tourney (1990)
- Mike Barreca – Deaf All American Boys Basketball (1994)
- Jennifer Rogers – Deaf All American Girls Basketball (1995)
- Boys win ESDAA Track & Field Championship
- Frank Podsiadlo retires as Physical Education Teacher and Coach (1996)
- Jim Carmody hired to replace Frank Podsiadlo as P.E. Teacher and Coach (Soccer, Basketball, & Track) (1996)
- Michelle Hamilton All Catholic Discus Champion (1996)
- Cathy Stutzman – Deaf All American – leading scorer in Girls Basketball (1996)
- All-weather Track is built (1998)
- Lou Pennella retires as Athletic Director (1998)
- Anne Kist named Athletic Director (1998)
- Jerry Heider hired to teach P.E. (1998) and Coach (Grade School Soccer, Girls’ Basketball & Track)
- Rusty Ormsby is Runner of the Year in Cross Country (1999)
- National Champs in Cross Country coached by Judy Carroll (1999)
- Cheerleading Teams under the direction of Mary Kay Kennedy win Division I ESDAA Tournament (1990 & 1992) and Division II (1994, 1995, & 1996)
- Mike Barreca Soccer “Player of the Year” (1995)

2000 ~ Present

- Boys win ESDAA Soccer Championship coached by Jim Carmody (2001, 2002)
- Nick Renswick & Charles Albenasi are Defensive Players of the Year in Soccer (2002)
- Anthony Baskin is All-American in Soccer (2002, 2003)
- Justin Whitmore is All-American in Soccer (2002)
- D’Mayne Hemphill is All-American in Track & Cross Country (2001, 2002)
- Anthony Baskin is All-American in Basketball (2003, 2004)
- Anthony Baskin is 2003 Soccer Player of the Year
- 2003 National Champs Boys’ Soccer coached by Jim Carmody
- Rusty Ormsby is All-American in Basketball (2000)
- Erik Sukiennik is Player of the Year Soccer (2003)
- Anthony Baskin is All-American in Track (2003)
- 2001-2002 PSAA Track Meet – 3rd Place
- 2003-2004 PSAA Track Meet – 3rd Place
- Yanuel Jimenez-Baez All-American Soccer (2003)
- Kevin Milligan inducted into Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame (2004)
- Anthony Baskin is Player of the Year in Basketball (2004)
- Boys ESDAA Champs Track 2000, 2002
- Girls’ Volleyball ESDAA Champs 2005
- David Jedynak is All-American in Soccer (2005)
- Samantha Marguccio SMSD All-Time Leading Scorer in Basketball (2006)
- David Jedynak is All-American in Basketball (2005)
- Boys ESDAA Champs in Basketball coached by Bill Steger (2000, 2004, 2006, 2007)
- Boys ESDAA Champs in Soccer coached by Jim Carmody (2001, 2002, 2003, 2007)
- Boys ESDAA Champs in Track coached by Bill Steger (2001 & 2002)
- Alisa Bendelewski is All-American in Basketball (2007)
- Michael Lumley is All-American in Basketball (2007)

We are currently in the process of updating this document. More information will be posted shortly.