

Milford High School Athletics 2014-15 Year In Review

The 2014-15 academic year at Milford High School was filled with many memorable moments and outstanding performances by the school's outstanding student-athletes. Prior to the year, a number of goals were set forth in the district's Athletic Department Strategic Plan. Among the accomplished highlights from those objectives was:

- Maintain a 3.0 or higher in-season GPA for at least 90% of all MHS programs as measured quarterly either during or at the conclusion of each program's season. **The student-athletes combined for a 3.3 overall GPA.**
- Reach a social media exposure level of at least 20,000 average monthly website visits, 1,000 Twitter followers and 700 Facebook likes. **The district averaged 24,565 monthly website hits, totaled 1,499 Twitter followers and 844 Facebook likes.**
- Finish in the top-three of the ECC All-Sports Trophy standings. **Milford finished a best-ever third in the standings.**
- Win at least five ECC team championships. **Milford won five championships in boys golf, girls golf, boys basketball, baseball and softball.**

A more detailed look at the highlights of the 2014-15 academic year achieved by Milford High School coaches and student-athletes:

- Teams combined for a final record of 230-127-9 (.641) and 93-44-4 (.674) in Eastern Cincinnati Conference play.
- School finished a best-ever third in the ECC All Sports Trophy standings.
- Baseball won its fourth straight conference championship and 16th overall.
- Boys Basketball became the first Milford team since the 1970-71 season to advance to the OHSAA District Finals, while setting school records previously held by the 1970-71 teams for wins in a season with 22 and consecutive victories with 18.
- Boys Basketball was one of only three teams in the Greater Cincinnati area to increase its win total by at least 10 victories from last year after winning 12 games in 2013-14 and 22 in 2014-15.
- Boys Golf captured its first ECC Championship and first in any conference since 2008.
- Girls Golf won its third straight ECC Championship and advanced as a team to the OHSAA Southwest District Championship for the first time in school history.
- Softball captured its second consecutive Eastern Cincinnati Conference Championship and advanced to the district finals for the first time since 2004.
- Girls Water Polo finished fourth at the Ohio Water Polo State Championship, falling in a heartbreaking overtime decision in the third-place game.
- Senior Megan Creager became the school's first-ever representative at the OHSAA Girls Golf State Championship where she ended tied for 16th overall.
- Junior Clare Cartheuser set a school record in the discus throw en route to a 10th place finish at the OHSAA State Girls Track and Field Championships.
- Junior Arija Walsh was selected to participate in the USA Water Polo National Team Selection Camp.
- Six student-athletes were All-Ohio selections: Sydney Connor (girls water polo), Skyler Fontaine (girls water polo), Ben Greenwell (football), Tyler Karan (boys water polo), Lindsay Matulis (girls water polo) and Max Woodson (boys water polo).
- Boys Basketball senior Will Hannah was a first team All-District 16 and honorable mention All-Southwest District selection.
- Girls Basketball junior Kelly Noll was an All-Southwest District honorable mention selection.
- Football junior Ben Greenwell earned first team All-Southwest District honors as a punter.
- Softball sophomore Kelsey Seitz was a first team All-Southwest District selection.
- Senior David DiSilvestro and junior Clare Cartheuser represented Milford at the Track & Field Regional Championships after winning the 300 meter hurdles and discus district championships, respectively.
- Junior Josh Brooksbank and freshmen Josh Cooper and Nathan McGeorge qualified for the Boys Bowling District Championships.

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- Junior Zach Lorenz, sophomore Cole Dunham and freshman Joel Adams qualified for the Diving District Championships.
- Sophomore Nathan Arnold qualified for the Boys Golf District Championships.
- Seven student-athletes represented Milford at the Boys and Girls Swimming District Championships.
- Freshman Amanda Reinhart earned a berth on the Girls Tennis District Championship.
- Senior Trevor Worley and junior Shaun Burgdorf qualified for the Wrestling District Championships.
- The following senior student-athletes earned MHS Athletic Department and OHSAA Awards:
 - Justin Arnold (Basketball, Baseball) and Lauren Best (Cross Country, Bowling, Track & Field)—MHS Outstanding Senior Athletes
 - Caroline Moore (Basketball) and Jalen Phillips (Football)—OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship
 - David DiSilvestro and Taylor Roof (Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field)—OHSAA State Farm Scholar Athlete
 - Michael Swensen (Volleyball)—Courageous Student Award
- Baseball players Justin Arnold, Aaron Miller and Cameron Roth earned All-Ohio Academic honors from the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association.
- Ben Greenwell from the football team was named the Student-Athlete of the Month for October by television station WKRC-TV (Local 12).
- Track and Field assistant coach Bill Marran was honored with the Distinguished Coach Award by the Southwest Ohio Track and Cross Country Coaches Association. In September, the track at Eagle Stadium was renamed in Coach Marran's honor.
- Softball coach Christy Gregory earned her 200th career victory at Milford, while head boys basketball coach Joe Cambron captured career win number 150.
- Boys Basketball coach Joe Cambron was tabbed District 16 Coach of the Year.
- Three ECC Players of the Year: Megan Creager (Girls Golf), Brad Hall (Baseball) and Kelsey Seitz (Softball).
- Five ECC Coaches of the Year: Joe Cambron (Boys Basketball), Sandy Garrison (Girls Golf), Christy Gregory (Softball), Tom Kilgore (Baseball) and Phil Sheldon (Boys Golf).
- 37 First Team All-ECC honorees: Baseball (5)—Justin Arnold, Kane Bateman, Brad Hall, Cameron Roth, Kyle Ruehlman; Boys Basketball (3)—Ryan Gallimore, Brad Hall, Will Hannah; Girls Basketball (1)—Kelly Noll; Boys Bowling (3)—Josh Brooksbank, Noah Dolezal, Nathan McGeorge; Girls Bowling (2)—Alyna Hook, Sarah Schmidtgesling; Boys Cross Country (1)—A.J. Erdaty; Football (6)—Blake Golden, Ben Greenwell, Dominick Hathaway, Clay Knecht, Noah Robinson, Alex Sowder; Boys Golf (2)—Nathan Arnold, Aaron Wade; Girls Golf (3)—Megan Creager, Chelsea Nagy, Abby Swenson; Boys Soccer (2)—Jack Burgess, Zach Remm; Girls Soccer (2)—Erin Beurket, Tara Claus; Softball (4)—Alexis Foster, Hannah Huffer, Hannah Meenach, Kelsey Seitz; Girls Tennis (1)—Amanda Reinhart; Girls Track & Field (1)—Clare Cartheuser; Volleyball (1)—Lauren Moeller.
- 35 Second Team All-ECC honorees: Baseball (2)—Tucker Houston, Grant Riesenber; Boys Basketball (2)—Ben Greenwell, Grant Riesenber; Girls Basketball (1)—Taylor Foster; Boys Bowling (1)—Josh Cooper; Girls Bowling (3)—Lauren Best, Jessica Haines, Leobeliz Pedromo; Football (3)—Drew Ashcraft, Connor McCracken, Jack Young; Boys Golf (1)—Dan Stephan; Girls Golf (2)—Maggie Engelman, Becca Waits; Boys Soccer (2)—Robbie Lynch, Mitchell Wenzler; Girls Soccer (4)—Shannon Brueck, Loewen Cavill, Amanda Dominique, Carynne Hawkins; Softball (3)—Shelby Kirk, Katelyn Rheude, Valerie Thompson; Girls Tennis (1)—Sarah Bales; Boys Track & Field (4)—A.J. Erdaty, David DiSilvestro {two time}, Daniel Wilson; Girls Track & Field (2)—Haley Best/Lauren Best/Loewen Cavill/Piper Hilliard {3200 meter relay}, Madison Griesser; Wrestling (2)—Shaun Burgdorf, David Sheldon; Volleyball (2)—Camille Eckleman, Lisa Sullivan.

- 21 All-ECC Honorable Mentions: Baseball (1)—Aaron Miller; Boys Basketball (1)—Jack Engelman; Girls Basketball (1)—Meghan Swearingen; Boys Bowling (1)—Matt Ridgway; Girls Bowling (1)—Mikalsh Proctor; Boys Cross Country (1)—Peter Kroeger; Girls Cross Country (1)—Haley Best; Football (1)—David DiSilvestro; Boys Golf (1)—Jon Snider; Girls Golf (1)—Rachel Berger; Boys Soccer (1)—Tanner Sherwood; Girls Soccer (1)—Kenzi Gooley; Softball (1)—Kelly Noll; Boys Swimming (1)—Paul Keefer; Girls Swimming (1)—Cora Striet; Boys Tennis (1)—Holden Owens; Girls Tennis (1)—Kelly Shaffner; Boys Track & Field (1)—Chris Finley; Girls Track & Field (1)—Lindsey Lawson; Wrestling (1)—Dylan Brothers; Volleyball (1)—Paige Ross.
- *Cincinnati Enquirer* Co-Player of the Year: Skyler Fontaine (Girls Water Polo)
- *Cincinnati Enquirer* Co-Coach of the Year: Joe Cambron (Boys Basketball)
- 14 *Cincinnati Enquirer* All-Stars: Nathan Arnold (Boys Golf), Erin Beurket (Girls Soccer), Jack Burgess (Boys Soccer), Clare Cartheuser (Girls Track & Field), Megan Creager (Girls Golf), Ben Greenwell (Football), Brad Hall (Baseball), Will Hannah (Boys Basketball), Lindsay Matulis (Girls Water Polo), Lauren Moeller (Girls Volleyball), Kelly Noll (Girls Basketball), Kelsey Seitz (Softball), Max Woodson (Boys Water Polo) and Jack Young (Football).
- 11 *Cincinnati Enquirer/Milford Miami Advertiser* Honorable Mentions: Justin Arnold (Baseball), Drew Ashcraft (Football), Kane Bateman (Baseball), David DiSilvestro (Boys Track & Field), Dominick Hathaway (Football), Alyna Hook (Girls Bowling), Nathan McGeorge (Boys Bowling), Amanda Reinhart (Girls Tennis), Cameron Roth (Baseball), Kyle Ruehlman (Baseball) and Abby Swensen (Girls Golf).
- 16 seniors committed to play collegiate athletics:
 - Kane Bateman: Baseball, Heidelberg University
 - Haley Best: Soccer, Morehead State University
 - Lauren Best: Cross Country, Morehead State University
 - Erin Beurket: Soccer, Ohio University
 - Shannon Brueck: Soccer, Wittenberg University
 - Tara Claus: Soccer, Eastern Kentucky University
 - Megan Creager: Golf, Youngstown State University
 - David DiSilvestro: Football, University of Dayton
 - Ryan Gallimore: Basketball, Wittenberg University
 - Will Hannah: Basketball, Capital University
 - Dominick Hathaway: Football, Lindsey Wilson College
 - John Malott: Baseball, University of Akron
 - Connor McCracken: Football, Mount St. Joseph University
 - Cameron Roth: Baseball, Ohio Dominican University
 - David Sheldon: Wrestling, Ashland University
 - Jack Young: Football, Denison University
- Six teams finished in the top-10 of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* weekly coaches polls: Baseball (6th), Boys Basketball (8th), Boys Golf (8th), Girls Golf (4th), Softball (6th) and Girls Tennis (T-9th).
- Senior Justin Arnold represented Milford at the East-West All-Star Baseball Game.
- Seniors Ryan Gallimore, Will Hannah and Meghan Swearingen represented Milford at their respective East-West All-Star Basketball Games.
- Senior Drew Ashcraft participated for the East-West All-Star Football Game, where he threw for 366 yards and tossed five touchdowns.
- The football team stunned local rival Loveland in the final week of the regular season with a dramatic last second 20-17 win on Oct. 31. The victory returned the Miami Township Victory Bell to Milford and cost the Tigers a berth in the OHSAA Playoffs.
- Senior Justin Arnold was named the JJ Huddle Baseball Player of the Week for the week of May 4 after pitching a perfect game against Turpin on April 24.
- Softball player Valerie Thompson, a sophomore, crafted a five-inning perfect game against Withrow on April 29.
- The Boys Bowling Team was named JJ Huddle Team of the week on Feb. 10.

- Football senior Jack Young was named a *Cincinnati Enquirer* Player of the Week after rushing for 166 yards and three touchdowns in a Sept. 19 victory over Withrow.
- Senior Devon Johnson was voted the JJ Huddle Softball Player of the Week for the week of May 26.