



ALL-COUNTY BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimmer of the Year

JORDAN GRAB

LINGANORE SENIOR

■ Enjoyed a record-setting day at the Frederick County meet, where three of his four wins resulted in county marks, for a Lancers team that placed third in the boys team standings.

■ Won the 200 freestyle with a record-setting time of 1:42.43 and won the 500 free. Also helped set county marks as a member of the 200 free and 400 free relay teams.

■ Will continue his swimming career at Niagara.



Diver of the Year

GABE SILVER

URBANA SOPHOMORE

■ After capturing the Frederick County title during his first year of diving last season, Silver devoted himself to the sport and successfully defended his county crown.

■ Won the Frederick County diving title with a score of 205.5, which was 60 points ahead of second-place Jason Koster of Middletown.

■ Placed second at the 4A-3A North region meet with 414.25 points, then was fifth at the state meet with 363.05 points.

FIRST TEAM

GABE ERB

SENIOR

LINGANORE

■ Emerged as a vital contributor for the Lancers. At the Frederick County meet, he placed third in the 50 free and 100 back and swam on the record-setting 200 free and 400 free relay teams.



SETH GEASEY

JUNIOR

MIDDLETOWN

■ Top performer for Middletown at the Frederick County meet. He placed second in the 200 free and fourth in the 500 free.



ANDREJ GIBSON

JUNIOR

URBANA

■ Enjoyed a fine day at the Frederick County meet, placing second in the 100 fly and fourth in the 100 breast for a Hawks team that placed second in the boys team standings.



ETHAN HUNTER

SENIOR

OAKDALE

■ Top performer for the county champion Bears. At the Frederick County meet, he set a record with his victory in the 200 IM (1:53.03), won the 100 fly and swam on the record-setting 200 medley relay team.



BRODY HANLON

SENIOR

LINGANORE

■ Capped off a fine high school career by enjoying a big day at the Frederick County meet. He won the 100 breaststroke, placed second in the 100 free and swam on the record-setting 200 free and 400 free relay teams.



WILL LANDON

SENIOR

URBANA

■ Returning first teamer for an Urbana team that placed second in the boys standings at the Frederick County meet. At the county meet, he won the 100 back and placed third in the 200 IM.



SAMUEL LEE

JUNIOR

URBANA

■ Another returning first-teamer for the Hawks who enjoyed another successful season. At the Frederick County meet, he placed second in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke.



DANIEL MINER

SENIOR

URBANA

■ Concluded his high school career with another solid day at the Frederick County meet, where he was second in the 50 free and third in the 100 free for an Urbana team that placed second in the team standings.



JEFFREY THOMPSON

JUNIOR

WALKERSVILLE

■ An invaluable performer for the Lions. At the Frederick County meet, the sprinter won the 50 free and 100 free, setting team records in both events.



SECOND TEAM

Name

BRADLEY CHEN

School

URBANA

Grade

FRESHMAN

ANDREW DAVIS

WALKERSVILLE

SOPHOMORE

JOSHUA HARRIS

OAKDALE

SENIOR

JASON KOSTER

MIDDLETOWN

SOPHOMORE

JR MAY

OAKDALE

SOPHOMORE

JACK MCCULLOUGH

TUSCARORA

JUNIOR

GARRETT MITCHELL

OAKDALE

SENIOR

SAJAN RAMACHANDRAN

OAKDALE

SENIOR

MATTEO ROJAS

TJ

JUNIOR

IVAN SHANDRENKO

OAKDALE

SENIOR

HONORABLE MENTION

Brunswick — Lucas Ku, Elijah Price

Catoctin — Aiden Barrera, Jack Fordham

Frederick — Thomas Marrapodi, Nathan Weir

Linganore — Alijah Bustamante, Andy Kahwajy

Middletown — Edward Hall, Frankie Lebherz

Oakdale — Jaiden Boston, Jackson Devine

Thomas Johnson — Erick Mendez, WangLok Ng

Tuscarora — Brian Park, Cavan Rankin

Urbana — Logan Curtis, Andrew McDonald

Walkersville — Landon Tolbert, Tyler Waltz

ShortTakes

from wire reports

Dusty Baker wins Baseball Digest lifetime achievement award

NEW YORK — Dusty Baker won the fourth Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Baseball Digest.

The beloved Baker retired following the 2023 season after spending 56 years in the majors as a player, coach and manager. He was honored Thursday with an annual distinction that "recognizes a living individual whose career has been spent in or around Major League Baseball and who has made significant contributions to the game."

Willie Mays won the inaugural award in 2021, followed by Vin Scully in 2022 and Joe Torre last year.

"Receiving this award is a tremendous honor," Baker said in a news release. "I never thought that I'd be in the class of the people that received this award. I know that my late mom and dad would be proud of me. This is really special."

The 74-year-old Baker broke into the big leagues as a teenager with the Atlanta Braves in 1968 and played 19 seasons. He made two All-Star teams, won two Silver Slugger awards and earned a Gold Glove in the outfield.

He was the 1977 NL Championship Series MVP and finished fourth in 1980 NL MVP voting before helping the Los Angeles Dodgers win the 1981 World Series.

Following his playing career, Baker was a coach for the San Francisco Giants from 1988-92 and then became their manager in 1993. He won the first of his three NL Manager of the Year awards with the Giants that season and spent 26 years as a big league skipper, also guiding the Chicago Cubs, Cincinnati Reds, Washington Nationals and Houston Astros.

Baker took all those teams to the playoffs, winning 10

division crowns, three pennants and finally a World Series championship in 2022 with the Astros. He ranks seventh on the career list with 2,183 wins and is the only manager in major league history to lead five franchises to division titles.

In January, he returned to the Giants as a special adviser to baseball operations.

Cubs reliever Little forced to change glove because of American flag patch

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs reliever Luke Little said he had to change his glove before he entered Wednesday night's 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros because of an American flag patch.

Manager Craig Counsell went to insert Little with one out in the seventh inning. But as the 6-foot-8 left-hander went through the usual check by umpires for pitchers coming into the game, he was told he had to swap out his glove.

"The issue was the American flag was on his glove," Counsell said. "Pitchers' gloves, they're pretty strict about not having white on the pitchers' gloves. Apparently the flag had what could be a distraction to the hitter."

As Little went to the mound to warm up for his ninth appearance of the season and No. 16 for his career, a clubhouse attendant went to his locker to find a replacement. The first glove he brought to Little also had an American flag patch, so he went back to get another one — which hadn't been broken in.

USA Track & Field expands its maternity policy to give athletes more time

U.S. Olympic hurdler Christina Clemons sent numerous emails to those in the track community raising concerns over a gap in health care insurance coverage for new mothers who still wanted to compete.

Those baby steps turned into big strides as USA Track & Field unveiled a program Thursday that expands an existing maternity support system to give athletes more time to work their way back. It's one less hurdle for women in the sport who want to start a family in the middle of their careers.

Under the current system, a Team USA athlete can gain assistance through the Elite Athlete Health Insurance set up by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. It provides insurance for one year after the end of a pregnancy, with the caveat that an athlete still expects to compete. There's also an athlete stipend.

USATF's new plan increases the time frame to give an athlete more of an opportunity to recover and more chances to requalify for their funding, which is based on results and rankings through a tiered system that need to be achieved by a certain date. To qualify for tier status, an athlete must meet certain criteria such as being a medalist or finalist in the most recent major meet (Olympics or world championships) or finish in the top 15 in the world rankings. There are other levels, too, based on performance.

Triple Crown winner Justify, jockey Rosario elected to horse racing's HOF

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Triple Crown winner Justify, 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner and jockey Joel Rosario have been elected to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility.

They were elected this week in the contemporary category.

Jockey Abe Hawkins, Aristides, winner of the first Kentucky Derby in 1875, and Lecomte were selected by the Pre-1900 Historic Review Committee. The late Harry F. Guggenheim, the late Clement L. Hirsch and the late turf writer Joe Hirsch were selected by the Pillars of the Turf Committee.