

# Track & Field Finishes First Day at PSAC Championships

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**EDINBORO, Pa.** – The Clarion track & field team completed action at the first day of the PSAC Indoor Track & Field Championships on Saturday, with the Golden Eagles still seeking their first points of the weekend. Action will resume tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Those first tallies of the weekend nearly came in the Distance Medley Relay, with the quartet of *Kia Braithwaite*, *Allison Gates*, *Skyllar Spears* and *Abigail Sullivan* coming up just one spot shy of points. They finished ninth with a time of 13:11.71, less than six seconds behind eighth-place East Stroudsburg.

*Jenna Uncapher* had a standout performance in the Pentathlon, placing ninth and inking her name in the Clarion record books in the process. She finished with 2896 points, good enough for fourth on the all-time performance list. Her best performance came in the High Jump portion of the event when she cleared the bar at 1.54m, good enough for fourth in that event. She also placed seventh in the Shot Put leg with a toss of 9.63m.

*Hope McQueeney* was just two spots away from scoring her first career points at the conference meet, coming up one spot shy of qualifying for the final in the Long Jump. McQueeney – who set the program record in the Long Jump one week ago – finished with a jump of 5.24m. *Haley Schaller* also finished highly in her event, taking 11<sup>th</sup> in the 5000m with a huge PR run of 18:56.29. Schaller previously set a PR last week at Kent State with a time of 19:07.30, but today marked her first sub-19 5000m run in college.

In the 4x800m Relay, Spears, *Letizia Collini*, Sullivan and Gates took 10<sup>th</sup> with a time of 10:20.93. *Shelly Jones* and *Emma Pesicka* made their debuts at the conference meet in the Weight Throw, placing 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Kia Braithwaite**

Sprints

Sophomore

**Letizia Collini**

Distance

Junior  
**Allison Gates**  
Distance

Sophomore  
**Haley Schaller**  
Distance

Sophomore  
**Jenna Uncapher**  
Jumps / Distance

Freshman  
**Emma Pesicka**  
Throws

Freshman  
**Hope McQueeney**  
Jumps

Freshman  
**Shelly Jones**  
Throws

Freshman  
**Skylar Spears**  
Distance

Freshman  
**Abigail Sullivan**  
Distance

Freshman

## Baseball Falls to Wheeling

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at Glenville State College  
3/1/2020 | 1:00 PM

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**GLENVILLE, WV** - Heading into day two of the PSAC / Mountain East Challenge the Clarion baseball team faced off against Wheeling University for a single nine inning contest at the Sue Morris Sports Complex in Glenville, West Virginia. The Golden Eagles fell by a final score of 10-7 after being out hit by the Cardinals 11 to 8.

Like clockwork, Clarion struck early in the top of the first scoring one run on two hits. Chandler Palyas doubled to put himself into scoring position early and later scored on a Dan Fox single a few batters later.

Although striking early the Golden Eagles stranded three base runners in the opening frame, a pattern that would see Clarion stranding a total of 11 base runners all game long.

Leading 1-0 until the bottom of the second, the Golden Eagles seen the lead disappear on a six hit and seven run explosion, taking command 7-1 in the early innings.

Clarion answered with a run of their own in the top of the third. Palyas opened the inning with a double and Thomas Lavin smacked a double of his own scoring Palyas from second making the score 7-2. The Blue and Gold scored one more run when Lavin scored on a wild pitch pulling Clarion back within four.

Holding the Cardinal offense in check Clarion scored one more run in the top of the fourth after Tim Irons homered to deep right field putting Clarion within striking distance down three.

Wheeling answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth pushing the lead 9-5 and one more run in the bottom of the seventh giving the Cardinals a commanding 10-4 lead.

The Golden Eagles wouldn't go away quietly though, scoring three runs in the top of the eighth threatening the Cardinal lead. Will Constantin lead off with a walk and Irons followed that up with a double. With runners at second and third base Cole Shaffer walked to load the bases and Matt Privette was able to plate Constantin with a ground out.

Irons crossed the plate a few pitches later on a wild pitch putting Clarion down four. After a Palyas ground out that scored Shaffer, Clarion was down just 10-7.

Clarion threatened with runners on second and first in the top of the ninth but was unable to push any runs across as the Cardinals grabbed the win 10-7.

Clarion will return to action tomorrow in the last day of the PSAC / Mountain East Challenge when they take on host school Glenville State at 1 pm.

# Baseball and Neiman Pick up First Win of the Year

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**GLENVILLE, WV** - Heading to Glenville, West Virginia for day one of the PSAC / Mountain East Challenge, the Clarion baseball team picked up their first win of the season and the first of head coach Doc Neiman's career, defeating Concord 7-6 on Friday afternoon.

Like they have all season long, the Clarion offense struck in the early innings. The Golden Eagles picked up one run in the top of the first inning after an Alex Ficorilli single scored Matt Privette who led the inning off with a double.

Concord answered though with a run of their own in the bottom frame of the inning, scoring one run on a sac-fly to left field that scored Andrew Stehlin who reached on an error to start the inning.

Tied at one a piece the Golden Eagle bats exploded in the top of the second inning scoring five runs on four hits. The inning started with a Will Constantin single, then a Ben Barth single through the

right side. After a Cole Shaffer walk the bases were loaded for Privette who singled scoring Constantin and Barth making the score 3-1.

Chandler Palyas cleared the bases for Clarion in the very next at bat hitting a three run bomb, his first of the season, deep over the right field wall and scoreboard making the score 6-1.

With Clarion holding a commanding five run lead, Concord scored two runs in the bottom of the second on a Jake Adkins single and a bases loaded hit by pitch, cutting the Golden Eagle lead to three.

The score remained a 6-3 ballgame in favor of the Blue and Gold until the top of the fifth inning when Clarion tacked on one insurance run. Dan Fox singled through the left side scoring Ficorilli who reached on an error earlier in the inning.

The Mountain Lions would battle in the late innings, picking up three runs in the bottom of the sixth to put them within striking distance down one at 7-6.

Bryan Layton slammed the door on the Concord attack though starting in the seventh inning, striking out the side. From then on Layton struck out the next three of the eight batters that he faced, almost single handedly taking the sails out of the Mountain Lion attack,

Bryce Grenet tallied the win for the Golden Eagles, tossing six innings of six run baseball, striking out three and walking just two.

Layton tossed three innings of scoreless baseball striking out six and allowing two hits.

Palyas and Privette paced the Golden Eagle offense with Palyas racking up three RBI's on two hits, while Privette picked up two RBI's on two hits.

Clarion will be back in action tomorrow in day two of the PSAC / Mountain East Challenge when they take on Wheeling at 3:30 at the Sue Morris Sports Complex.

## NCAA Announces Coaches' Rankings, Allocations

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**INDIANAPOLIS** - The NCAA released coaches' panel rankings and ratings percentage index (RPI) rankings for the 2019-20 wrestling season today. Three Golden Eagle wrestlers - [Brock Zacherl](#), [Greg Bulsak](#) and [Ty Bagoly](#) - appeared in the national rankings for the third straight cycle, while all three also appeared in the RPI. The final rankings will be one of the criteria used as part of the selection process to determine qualifiers and seeding for the 2020 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships on March 19-21 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

The rankings are determined by a vote of 14 coaches in each weight class with two head coaches from each of the seven conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, EIWA, MAC, Pac-12 and SoCon), which is double the voters that had previously been used for the coaches' panel rankings. For ranking purposes, coaches may only consider a wrestler that has been designated as a starter at a respective weight class. Wrestlers must have participated in at least five matches against Division I opponents in the weight class and have wrestled within the last 30 days to be ranked.

The RPI is a calculation that considers a wrestler's winning percentage, opponent winning percentage (strength of schedule) and opponent's opponent winning percentage (opponent's strength of schedule). Only matches against Division I opponents at the designated weight class count towards the RPI and a wrestler needs to have wrestled 15 matches to be ranked.

**[Brock Zacherl](#) (11th in Coaches Panel | 14th in RPI)** - Zacherl closed the regular season on a 12-match win streak, posting a 20-3 overall record, a 13-1 record in dual matches and a perfect 11-0 mark against Mid-American Conference competition. Earlier this year he placed seventh at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational with a win over Nebraska's Collin Purinton, and he owns wins over five wrestlers ranked in the most current poll. Zacherl earned his 112<sup>th</sup> career win in a team victory over Edinboro last weekend, moving him into sole possession of 16<sup>th</sup> place on the all-time wins list at Clarion.

**[Greg Bulsak](#) (12th in Coaches Panel | 8th in RPI)** - Bulsak owns a 23-5 record on the season, including a 14-2 record in dual matches and a 10-1 record in MAC action. He leads Clarion with nine wins by fall and five major decisions, and earlier this year placed sixth at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational. His resume includes victories over a number of other competitors appearing on the list such as eighth-ranked Jay Aiello (Virginia), 14<sup>th</sup>-ranked Tanner Sloan (South Dakota State), 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Ethan Laird (Rider) and 21st-ranked Tanner Orndorff (Utah Valley). Bulsak also checked in at first in the most recent MAC coaches' rankings for 197 pounds.

**[Ty Bagoly](#) (28th in Coaches Panel | 23rd in RPI)** - Bagoly owns a 16-5 overall record, including a 12-3 record in duals and an 8-3 record in MAC duals. He accomplished all this in his first season as the Golden Eagles' starting heavyweight, and has already surpassed his entire wins total from the

2018-19 season. His impressive wins on the season include a decision over Northern Illinois's Max Ihry on November 24, followed by a pinfall over 26<sup>th</sup>-ranked Thomas Penola of Purdue.

In addition to the most recent batch of rankings, the NCAA also released the automatic qualifier allocations for this year's conference tournaments. The MAC's breakdown is as follows:

125 – 3  
133 – 5  
141 – 5  
149 – 5  
157 – 6  
165 – 2  
174 – 4  
184 – 3  
197 – 4  
285 – 4  
**Total - 41**

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Ty Bagoly**

184

Sophomore

**Greg Bulsak**

197

Redshirt Sophomore

**Brock Zacherl**

149

Redshirt Senior

# Golden Eagles Ready for Indoor Track & Field Championships

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## **2020 PSAC INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ADMISSION PRICES**

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Student All-Session Pass - \$7

Adults - \$10 per session

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The 2020 PSAC Indoor Track & Field Championships will take place February 29 – March 1 in Edinboro, Pa. at the Mike S. Zafirovski Sports & Rec Dome. The Golden Eagle track & field squad will be represented in eight individual events and all three relays over the course of the weekend.

The field events will see the largest contingent of Clarion athletes. The duo of Shelly Jones and Emma Pesicka will compete in both the Weight Throw and the Shot Put, and likely have the best opportunity to score in the latter. Jones enters the weekend with the fourth-best Shot Put performance in the conference, a 12.62m toss at the AI Hall Freedom Games in January. Pesicka is on the cusp of the top-8 with a 12.38m toss at Youngstown State in December.

In the jump events, Hope McQueeney qualified for both the Long Jump and the Triple Jump, and is coming off setting a Clarion record in the former just last week. She recorded a mark of 5.49m in the Long Jump at Kent State on February 22, the top performance in program history, and her Triple Jump of 11.28m set in January is the seventh-best mark in the conference thus far. Jenna Uncapher will compete in two events as well, taking the field in both the High Jump and the Pentathlon.

McQueeney was not the only Golden Eagle to set a school record this spring, as Alice Fernald also broke a school mark in the 400m. Last year's runner-up at the PSAC Championships, Fernald blazed her way to a school record 58.41 at the YSU Mid-Major Invite on January 31. She enters the weekend with the seventh-best 400m run in the conference this season.

Also competing individually on the track will be Haley Schaller, who hit a qualifying mark in the 5000m in her final opportunity to do so. She qualified with a time of 19:07.30 at the Kent State Tune-Up last Saturday, setting a new PR in the process.

## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Haley Schaller**

Distance

Sophomore

**Alice Fernald**

Sprints

Freshman

**Jenna Uncapher**

Jumps / Distance

Freshman

**Emma Pesicka**

Throws

Freshman

**Hope McQueeney**

Jumps

Freshman

**Shelly Jones**

Throws

Freshman

## Men's Basketball Ends the Season with Loss to Nationally Ranked IUP

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CLARION, Pa. - Closing out the 2019-20 season at home inside Tippin Gym, the Clarion Men's Basketball team fell to PSAC West top ranked and nationally ranked IUP Wednesday night by a final score of 101-49.

A season that welcomed a new coaching staff, the loss moves the Golden Eagles to 5-23 on the season and 3-18 in the PSAC West. The Crimson Hawks improve to 24-2 overall and 19-2 in PSAC with one game left to play before the start of the PSAC tournament.

Clarion started the game on a high note, proving tough in the paint, with Jordan Agyemang blocking a Chucky Humphries layup in the first possession. Godspower Ogide followed that up with a block of his own the very next IUP possession, blocking a Malik Miller jumper.

Elijah Cottrill put the first Clarion points on the board at the 17:54 mark knocking down a contested jumper to pull Clarion back within a three pointer.

Trading three's for two's, IUP built a quick commanding lead in the first half, building a 26 point advantage after a Humphries three at the 10:35 mark in the half.

Building on the hot hand of Malik Miller, IUP built a lead as large as 35 points before the half closed as, taking a 60-25 lead into the break.

The Golden Eagles shot 36% from the field in the first half and 25% from beyond the arc. IUP shot lights out, capitalizing on 20 of 34 (59%) shots from the field and 5 of 12 (61%) from beyond the arc.

Clarion started the half with a Kaison Branch layup, but IUP picked up right where they left off in the first half with a Miller jumper building the lead back to 62-27.

The Blue and Gold continued to battle though cutting the lead to 69-36 on a Jake Anderson layup, but the Crimson Hawk attack was too blistering to smolder. IUP built a lead as large as 54 points before the final outcome of 101-49.

Kass Taylor had a positive impact on the Clarion attack in the second half, putting in solid minutes off of the bench in relief. In 19 minutes of work, Taylor scored a team high 12 points on 3 of 5 shooting, including 2 of 3 from the free throw line, while grabbing two boards and adding two blocks.

For the game Clarion shot 28% (17-61) from the field and 79% (11-14) from the charity stripe. On the other side of the ball IUP shot 51% (34-67) from field goal range and 53% (16-30) from beyond

the arc.

For IUP Miller paved the way with 20 points on 8 of 16 shooting, while grabbing a team high nine rebounds.

## Women's Hoops Falls to Nationally-Ranked IUP in Finale

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**CLARION, Pa.** – The Golden Eagle women's basketball team concluded their 2019-20 season against nationally-ranked IUP, with Clarion falling 77-46 to the #8/9 Crimson Hawks at Tippin Gymnasium on Wednesday. Clarion finishes their season with a 4-24 overall record, 2-20 in PSAC competition.

The Golden Eagles came flying out of the gate, taking an 18-10 lead on the Crimson Hawks at the end of the first quarter. Clarion shot 46.7 percent from the field in the first quarter and shut down the IUP offense, holding them to just a 28.6 field goal percentage in the first 10 minutes of action. From there the Crimson Hawks responded, building a huge advantage over the course of the final three quarters.

Emily Hegedus was a threat from the field as well as the free throw line, scoring her team-high 17 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the field and 7-of-9 from the charity stripe. Yasmin Lewis gritted out a 10-point, five-rebound performance through 33 minutes and also blocked a pair of shots.

The Crimson Hawks were proficient shooting from the field, going 33-of-62 for a 53.2 field goal percentage. In turn, they held the Golden Eagles to just a 30.9 field goal percentage and outscored them at a proficient clip in the second half. IUP also won the rebounding battle by a 40-32 margin.

The teams traded the first four buckets of the evening, with Ke'Airah Massiah breaking the rhythm with a transition layup at the 6:01 mark. She ripped the ball from Lexi Griggs and took it the other way for a basket to make it 6-4, and Neely Whitehead drained a midrange jumper at the 4:58 mark to up the lead to 8-4. A modest 6-0 run by the Golden Eagles late in the period gave them a 16-8 advantage, with Hegedus and Massiah doing the majority of the damage in the run. Hegedus sank a pair of free throws with 10 seconds remaining in the quarter to give the Golden Eagles an 18-10 lead.

The rest of the game belonged to the Crimson Hawks, though, as IUP did a good job hampering the Golden Eagle offense. They quickly erased the eight-point deficit and took a 21-20 lead with 6:42 remaining in the second quarter, but Clarion briefly re-took the lead on Celeste Ryman's jumper at the 3:14 mark. IUP took the lead for good with 1:11 left in the half on a three-pointer by Natalie Myers, and Justina Mascaro scored on IUP's final possession to give the Crimson Hawks a 34-29 lead at the half. They continued to extend that lead in the second half, leading by 22 at the end of the third quarter before going ahead by as many as 31 in the fourth.

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## Baseball Announces Schedule Change

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**CLARION, Pa.** - Due to a chance of inclement weather, the Clarion baseball team is changing their weekend schedule at the PSAC / Mountain East Challenge in Glenville, West Virginia.

Friday's single nine inning game against Wheeling has been moved to Saturday at 3:30 pm. Clarion will now play Concord in a single nine inning game on Friday, with the first pitch scheduled for a 2:30 pm start.

Sunday Clarion will play a single nine inning game against Glenville State, first pitch at 1:00 pm. All games will be played in Glenville, West Virginia at the Sue Morris Sports Complex:

**Weekend Schedule:**

Friday Feb. 28 - Clarion vs Concord 2:30 pm / Sue Morris Sports Complex, Glenville, WV

Saturday Feb. 29 - Clarion vs Wheeling 3:30 pm / Sue Morris Sports Complex, Glenville, WV

Sunday March 1 - Clarion @ Glenville State 1:00 pm / Sue Morris Sports Complex, Glenville, WV

# Baseball Closes Out the Weekend at the USA Baseball Complex

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**CARY, NC** - Closing out their weekend road trip to the USA Baseball Complex in Cary, North Carolina, the Clarion baseball team fell to the Tiffin Dragons by a final score of 14-2. Clarion is now 0-7 on the young season, while Tiffin improves to 3-0.

Clarion picked up one run in the bottom of the first inning after a lead off [Matt Privette](#) single turned into points as he advanced to second on a failed pickoff attempt and later scored on a sac fly from [Nick Fugh](#) after being moved over to third base by [Will Constantin](#) on a sac-bunt.

The Golden Eagles held the lead until the top of the third inning when Tiffin tied the game after a Nich Green Sac-Fly that plated Cody Orr who led off the inning off with a single through the left side of the infield.

The game remained tied at one a piece until the top of the fourth inning when the Dragons picked up

four runs on four hits to give them a commanding 5-1 lead.

The Tiffin bats exploded again in the top of the eighth inning as the Golden Eagles gave up nine runs on four singles, two doubles and two walks.

With the score now 14-1 midway through the contest the Blue and Gold were able to pick up one more run in the bottom of the ninth. A wild pitch allowed Tim Irons to score, who doubled to left field earlier in the inning, but Clarion would get no closer.

Clarion threatened the Tiffin lead all game long putting runners in scoring position, seven times through nine innings, but stranded 10 runners on base unable to capitalize on the success at the plate.

Kyler Mellott (0-2) got the nod for Clarion, tossing 5.1 innings of seven hit baseball, striking out three Dragon batters. Bryce Grenet threw 1.2 innings allowing two hits. Sam Rice and Joe Rossi closed the game out for the Golden Eagle pitching staff allow a combined, five runs on four hits and one strike out.

Fugh lead the way for the Clarion attack going 3-of-4 with one RBI and a double.

Clarion will be back in action on February 28<sup>th</sup> when they travel to Glenville, West Virginia to take on Wheeling in the opening day of the PSAC / MEC Challenge. First pitch is scheduled for 9:30 am.

## Wrestling Closes Regular Season With Win at Edinboro

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**EDINBORO, Pa.** – The Golden Eagle wrestling team clinched their second 10-win season in three years with a close win on Sunday, with Clarion hanging on for a 17-16 win over Edinboro at McComb Fieldhouse. With the win, Clarion finishes the dual match season with a 10-6 overall record, and a 7-4 record in Mid-American Conference action.

The victory finished off Clarion's third straight season with a dual match record of .500 or better, the first time the team has done that since a nine-month stretch that started in the 1970s and continued into the next decade. It is just the third 10+ win season for the Golden Eagles since 2007-08, with the last one coming during the 2017-18 season.

In addition, the win today marks a rare distinction for Clarion. The Golden Eagles have defeated Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Edinboro in the same year for the first time since the 1991-92 season.

Brock Zacherl won the 112<sup>th</sup> match of his career to move into sole possession of 16<sup>th</sup> on Clarion's all-time wins list. The sixth-year senior is now one win behind Ken Nellis and Paul Clark for 14<sup>th</sup> on the list, and four wins behind Kurt Angle for 13<sup>th</sup>. Zacherl prevailed in a tight match against Tyler Vath to open the dual, scoring a takedown late in the third period for the 3-1 decision.

Mike Bartolo was the next to win with a win by decision over Derek Ciavarro, downing him by a 9-6 score to put Clarion ahead 6-3. It was the third straight win for Bartolo, who improved his record to 10-9 overall on the season. Greg Bulsak won his 12<sup>th</sup> straight match in the 197-pound bout, holding off Dylan Reynolds and taking him down late for an 8-4 decision. Bulsak has not lost a match this calendar year, with his last loss coming during the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational in December.

After John Spaulding eked out a 3-1 decision over Ty Bagoly in the heavyweight bout, Jake Gromacki scored a huge win at 125 pounds in beating Lucas Rodriguez. He recorded the only takedown of the bout early in the first period and prevailed in the tight bout for a 3-0 decision. Cameron Butler accepted a forfeit at 133 pounds, putting the Golden Eagles ahead for the team win.

### Clarion 17, Edinboro 16

149 - Brock Zacherl (Clarion) over Tyler Vath (Edinboro) (Dec 3-1)  
157 - Peter Pappas (Edinboro) over Joe Sliwoski (Clarion) (Dec 10-6)  
165 - Mike Bartolo (Clarion) over Derek Ciavarro (Edinboro) (Dec 9-6)  
174 - Jacob Oliver (Edinboro) over Max Wohlabaugh (Clarion) (MD 15-6)  
184 - Cody Mulligan (Edinboro) over Mike Vernagallo (Clarion) (Dec 4-2)  
197 - Greg Bulsak (Clarion) over Dylan Reynolds (Edinboro) (Dec 8-4)  
285 - Jon Spaulding (Edinboro) over Tyler Bagoly (Clarion) (Dec 3-1)

125 - Jake Gromacki (Clarion) over Lucas Rodriguez (Edinboro) (Dec 3-0)

133 - Cameron Butler (Clarion) over Unknown (For.)

141 - Nate Hagan (Edinboro) over Seth Koleno (Clarion) (Dec 8-2)

\* - Clarion docked one point at end of 125-pound bout

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Ty Bagoly**

184

Sophomore

**Mike Bartolo**

157

Redshirt Junior

**Greg Bulsak**

197

Redshirt Sophomore

**Cameron Butler**

125

Junior

**Jake Gromacki**

133

Redshirt Senior

**Max Wohlabaugh**

165

Sophomore

**Brock Zacherl**

149

Redshirt Senior

**Seth Koleno**

133

Freshman

**Mike Vernagallo**

165

Freshman

**Joe Sliwoski**

149

Redshirt Sophomore

## Baseball Drops Two in Cary, NC

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### [Box Score 1](#) | [Box Score 2](#)

**CARY, NC.** – Playing their first games of the weekend after inclement weather yesterday, the Clarion University baseball team went 0-2 Saturday afternoon in double-header action, dropping the opening matchup to Frostburg State in extra innings 2-1, and dropping the second game to Goldey-Beacom 7-3. The two losses moves Clarion's overall record to 0-6 on the season. The Blue and Gold will close out the weekend tomorrow when they take on Tiffin at 10 am at the USA Baseball Complex.

#### **Game 1**

Clarion jumped out to an early lead in game one as scoring came at a rarity all game long. The Golden Eagles opened up scoring in the first inning, when [Matt Privette](#) was able to score after an error by the Bobcat left fielder. Privette singled to start the game and advanced to second on a wild pitch the very next action.

Frostburg State was quick to answer the call though as a leadoff double in the bottom of the first put the Bobcats in a position to tie the game. After Brett Fogle managed to get to third on a fielder's choice, he scored on the next at bat after a Ryan Roell Sac-Fly tied the game at one all.

From that point on it was a pitcher's duel as both teams would go scoreless into the bottom frame of the eleventh inning. Clarion starter [Trevor McGee](#) went eight innings of two hit baseball before being forced from the game. He went on to fan seven Bobcat batters.

On the other side Ben Vok tossed 6.1 innings, allowing five hits and striking out five before his day was done.

Going into the late innings Clarion had multiple opportunities to put their selves in a position to win the game but could manufacture the winning run. Clarion had their best opportunity in the top of the tenth inning when [Alex Fidorilli](#) doubled to left field and was able to advance to third after a [Thomas Lavin](#) fly out to right.

[Nick Fugh](#) continued the inning with a walk putting runners on the corners. [Cole Shaffer](#) loaded the bases when he was hit by a pitch but Frostburg managed to get out of the inning after [Danny Fox](#) flied out to right field.

On the day Clarion racked up eight hits. Privette and Fidorilli each managed multiple hits for the Golden Eagles, while Barth led the Blue and Gold with three hits in five at bats. Fidorilli also led the Golden Eagles with two doubles.

#### **Game 2**

Golden Eagles picked up an early lead but fell in the late innings, as Goldey-Beacom took a 7-3 victory over the Blue and Gold.

Clarion picked up two runs in the top of the first inning after Barth and Lavin managed to navigate their ways around the bases to give Clarion they early 2-0 advantage. Goldey-Beacom answered with a run of their own in the bottom frame of the inning after a pair of walks and a single put Goldey-Beacom in scoring position.

Clarion added one more run in the top of the sixth inning when Tim Irons double and advanced to third on a passed ball, Privette singled to bring him home giving Clarion a 3-1 lead.

Heading into the bottom of the sixth it was all Clarion until the Goldey-Beacom bats came alive. The Lightning picked up two runs to even the game at three, courtesy of a hit by pitch a single and a double by the heart of the Goldey-Beacom line-up.

Clarion was unable to answer the horn as the Lightning added four more runs across the next two innings. Justin Hill hit a homerun in the bottom of the seventh that scored two and gave Goldey-Beacom a 5-3 lead and they never looked back from there.

The Lightning plated two more runs in the eighth to put the game out of reach and seal the 7-3 victory.

Dereck Pritchard got the nod on the hill for Clarion, tossing six innings allowing three runs on four hits, while striking out two.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **#4 Alex Ficorilli**

INF

5' 10"

170 lbs

Junior

R/R

### **#14 Danny Fox**

INF

6' 1"

200 lbs

Sophomore

R/R

### **#10 Nick Fugh**

OF

6' 0"

195 lbs

Redshirt Junior

R/R

**#33 Tim Irons**

INF

6' 1"

180 lbs

Sophomore

R/R

**#28 Thomas Lavin**

C

6' 2"

160 lbs

Redshirt Junior

R/R

**#30 Dereck Pritchard**

RHP

5' 11"

165 lbs

Junior

R/R

**#6 Matt Privette**

OF

5' 9"

175 lbs

Junior

R/R

**#5 Cole Shaffer**

MIF

5' 10"

175 lbs

Senior

R/R

**#15 Trevor McGee**

LHP

5' 11"

150 lbs

Junior

# ***WOMEN'S SWIMMING FINISHES 4TH AT PSAC CHAMPIONSHIPS***

**YORK, Pa.-** The Clarion women's swimming team concluded action at the PSAC championships on Saturday, finishing in fourth place for the third consecutive year with a team score of 936.5.

Junior Mary Clare Smith got the scoring started for the Blue and Gold taking home 20 team points in the 1650 Free, good enough for a ninth place finish. Freshman Sarah Murray added to the team total finishing in 16<sup>th</sup> with a final time of 18:23.09.

In the next event, the 100 Free, Morgan Manglaviti took home an eighth place finish with a final mark of 52.99, Gabi Wayne touched the wall in 53.45 for an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish, while Letizia Collini and Abbey Newman placed 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Ava Arnold finished the 200 Backstroke in sixth place with a final tally of 2:07.96 for 24 team points, while her teammate Stephanie Setar grabbed 17 team points in the event. Mary Clare Smith finished in sixth place in the 200 Breaststroke touching the wall in 2:31.20 for 22 team points. The duo of Amanda Dial and Candice Chalus rounded out the tip 15 in the event picking up a total of 26 team points.

To end the evening the 400 freestyle relay team of Newman, Collini, Wayne and Manglaviti grabbed the third spot with a final time of 3:32.13 for 54 team points.

## Men's Swimming Takes Home Fifth at the PSAC Championships

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**YORK, Pa.-** The Clarion Men's swimming team concluded action at the PSAC championships on Saturday, finishing in fifth place with a team score of 330.5.

Highlights on Saturday included [Ty Rabenstein's](#) fifth place finish in the 1650 Free. He touched the wall with a final time of 16:20.85 for 14 team points. Teammate [Josh Thruston](#) took home a fourth place finish in the 100 Free, finishing in a final time of 45.87 for another 15 team points, while [Jacob Yant](#) and [Connor Cary](#) finished in 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Just a few events later [Paul Flowers](#) took home a fourth place finish in the 200 Breaststroke racing through the crowded field and touching the wall in 2:05.79.

The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Cary, Thruston, [Tate Swanson](#) and Yant, came in fourth place, edging out Edinboro with a final time of 3:05.38 for 30 team points.

[Day 4 Results:](#)

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

#### **Tate Swanson**

Free

Sophomore

#### **Josh Thruston**

Free/Breast/Fly

Junior

#### **Jacob Yant**

Free

Freshman

#### **Connor Cary**

Free/Fly/IM

Freshman  
**Paul Flowers**  
Breast/IM

Freshman  
**Ty Rabenstein**  
Free

Freshman

# McQueeney Breaks Long Jump Record at Kent State Tune-Up

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- [FULL RESULTS](#)

**KENT, Ohio** – Hope McQueeney broke a five-year-old school record in the Long Jump on Saturday, highlighting an exciting day at the Kent State Tune-Up. The event was the final meet before the Golden Eagles head to the PSAC Championships a week from today.

McQueeney popped the best jump of her college career in her second attempt on Saturday, clearing a mark of 5.49m to set a new Clarion record in the event. Her jump shattered her previous PR of 5.35m, as well as Jessica Shomo's previous record of 5.41m set in 2015. The mark of 5.49m would rank 10<sup>th</sup> in the PSAC based on the year-to-date results entering this weekend. McQueeney's jump ranked sixth in the field, and the freshman also placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Triple Jump with a 10.98m.

There were highlights on the track as well, with distance runners Haley Schaller and Allison Gates standing out in the 5000m. Schaller placed second with a time of 19:07.30 to qualify for the PSAC Championships next week, beating the qualifying mark by six seconds. It also shattered her previous PR in the event, a 19:26.47 set earlier this year at Youngstown State.

Gates just narrowly missed out on the PSAC qualifying mark but set her own PR in the 5000m, placing seventh with a 19:14.78. Her performance on Saturday blew away her previous indoor 5000m PR, with Gates improving by nearly two full minutes.

The Golden Eagles will compete at the PSAC Championships hosted by Edinboro next weekend. Six different athletes will represent them in seven events.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Jessica Shomo**

Sprints/Jumps

Junior

**Allison Gates**

Distance

Sophomore  
**Haley Schaller**  
Distance

Sophomore  
**Hope McQueeney**  
Jumps

Freshman

## Men's Basketball Grounded by Cal

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**Next Game:**

IUP

2/26/2020 | 7:30 PM

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**CLARION, Pa.** – With just one game remaining in the season, the Clarion men's basketball team faced off against PSAC West opponent the Vulcans of Cal U Saturday afternoon, falling by a final score of 79-54. The Golden Eagles will end their season Wednesday, against PSAC foe IUP. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 pm.

The Vulcans gained an early lead, scoring 15 points in the first eight minutes of the ballgame as Clarion was never able to recover.

The Golden Eagles pulled the game back to within single digits after a Stevan Rodriguez layup found its way into the basket, making the score 15-7 in favor of the Vulcans. Unfortunately that is as close as the ball game would get, with Cal U building the lead to as big as 23 points in the first half. The Vulcans would take a 38-15 lead in to the half on the backs of Luke House and Brent Pegram.

Jaiquil Johnson paced the Golden Eagles offense all game long, scoring 18 points on 5-10 shooting

and two rebounds in 18 minutes of action. Rodriguez added six points and six rebounds, while Kass Taylor, Elijah Cottrill and Jordan Agyemang all added five points for the Blue and Gold. Redshirt-Senior Jake Anderson picked up quality minutes in the contest making his first start of the season. Anderson contributed four points and eight rebounds in 14 minutes of action.

To start the second half Godspower Ogide made a quick layup off an assist from Cottrill, but Tim Smith Jr. answered immediately with a three for the Vulcans. The long ball was the story of the day for the Vulcans as they went 18-37 (49%) from beyond the arc. The Golden Eagles shot 28% on the day compared to Cal's 43%, while shooting just 17% from beyond the arc.

For Cal U Jermaine Hall Jr. scored a game-high 21 points, while Phillip Alexander added 16 points. House grabbed a game-high 13 boards and added nine points for the Vulcans.

The loss moves the Blue and Gold to 5-22 on the year, 3-17 in PSAC play, while the Vulcans improve to 18-8, 14-6 in PSAC play.

Clarion will end their 2019-20 season on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, when they host the IUP Crimson Hawks. Tip-off is set for 7:33 pm.

## Women's Basketball Defeated by Cal U

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IUP

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- [LIVE STATS](#)
- [WATCH LIVE](#)
- [FULL SCHEDULE](#)
- [ROSTER](#)
- [MATCHUP HISTORY](#)

**CLARION, Pa.** – The Golden Eagle women's basketball team fell in their penultimate game of the 2019-20 season, dropping a 65-45 decision to Cal U in Tippin Gym on Saturday afternoon. Clarion (4-23, 2-19 PSAC) will close their season on Wednesday when they host nationally-ranked IUP at 5:30 p.m.

*Emily Hegedus* led the Golden Eagles in scoring 14 points on an efficient 5-of-7 shooting performance from the field, and also pulled down a team-high seven rebounds. *Neely Whitehead* and *Celeste Ryman* both came up just short of double-digits in scoring, finishing with nine points apiece.

The Vulcans built their advantage in part because of their ability to create turnovers, forcing 25 giveaways from the Golden Eagles and scoring 21 points off them. They were effective on the fast break as well, outscoring Clarion 20-2 in quick transition situations. Olivia Hudson came off the bench to lead Cal U with 16 points on the afternoon.

Clarion got out to an early lead, with Hegedus sinking a pair of free throws to make it 5-4 in the first quarter. Whitehead made a three-pointer from the corner to bump the lead to 8-6 but Cal U responded and took a 10-8 lead on a make from Bianca Jasper. It stayed within one possession for the rest of the quarter, with Hegedus scoring off an assist from Olivia Boocks to cut the lead to 13-12 with 2:45 remaining. The Vulcans improved their lead to double-digits by the middle of the second quarter, with Hudson sinking a midrange jumper to make it 27-17, and Ahmya Woodyard scored with less than a second on the clock to set the halftime deficit at 37-22.

The gulf expanded in the second half, going over 20 points after Halle Herrington's fast break three-pointer at the 6:17 mark, and the Vulcans settled into a comfortable lead the rest of the way.

## Women's Swimming Sits in Fourth After Day Three of PSAC Championships

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### Day 3 Results:

**YORK, Pa.** – Action continued on day three of the PSAC women's swimming championships Friday at the York County YMCA.

After three days of competition, the Clarion Golden Eagles remain in fourth place with 690 team points. Edinboro sits in fifth place with 533 points, while Bloomsburg is third with 760 points.

West Chester leads the field with 1248.5 team points.

Stephanie Setar got the night started in the 100 Backstroke, taking home a fifth-place finish with a final time of 57.87 for 25 team points, while Ava Arnold finished eighth with a final mark of 59.13.

Mary Clare Smith, Candice Chalus and Amanda Dial went 11-13 in the 100 breaststroke with Smith pacing the group with a 1:06.20.

Autumn Fortney made her presence felt in the 200 Fly, placing fifth with a final time of 2:09.55 for 25 team points, while Courtney Kosanovic and Abbey Newman placed 10 and 11 respectively.

The PSAC Championships will conclude tomorrow in York with the final events starting at 5 pm.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **Ava Arnold**

Back

Sophomore

### **Abbey Newman**

Fly/Free

Junior

### **Mary Clare Smith**

Free/Breast

Sophomore  
**Candice Chalus**  
Breast/Free

Freshman  
**Autumn Fortney**  
Back/Fly/Free

Freshman  
**Stephanie Setar**  
Fly/Back

Freshman  
**Amanda Dial**  
Free/Breast

Freshman  
**Courtney Kosanovic**  
Free/Fly

Freshman

## Men's Swimming Remains in Fifth After Day 3 of PSAC Championships

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### Day 3 Results:

**YORK, Pa.** – Action continued on day three of the PSAC men's swimming championships Friday at the York County YMCA.

After three days of competition, the Clarion Golden Eagles remain in fifth place with 247 team points. IUP sits in sixth place with 182 points, while Shippensburg is fourth with 270 points.

West Chester leads the field with 632 team points.

Clarion's Ty Rabenstein got off to a great start, taking home a seventh-place finish in the 500 Free, touching the wall in a final time of 4:42.23 for 12 team points.

The big highlight Friday came in the 100 Breaststroke with Josh Thruston taking home a third place finish, touching the wall with a final time of 57.09 for 16 team points. Teammate Paul Flowers picked up a sixth-place finish for 13 team points respectively.

Connor Cary excelled in the 200 Fly finishing in third place with a final time of 1:50.77 for 16 team points.

The PSAC Championships will conclude tomorrow in York with the final events starting at 5 pm.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **Josh Thruston**

Free/Breast/Fly

Junior

### **Connor Cary**

Free/Fly/IM

Freshman

### **Paul Flowers**

Breast/IM

Freshman  
**Ty Rabenstein**  
Free

Freshman

## Track & Field Shines at Edinboro

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**EDINBORO, Pa.** – In one of the final tune-ups for the PSAC Championships, a small squad of Golden Eagle track & field athletes competed at the Edinboro Open on Friday, with several high place finishes dotting the results sheet.

Shelly Jones and Emma Pesicka went 1-2 in the Shot Put, with Jones tossing the implement 12.25m and Pesicka sending it 12.15m. They were the only two competitors in the field to clear 12 meters. Jones also took fourth in the Weight Throw, hurling the weight 12.80m. Pesicka took eighth in the same event.

In the jump events, Emily Lodge placed fourth in the Long Jump, recording a leap just a few inches shy of her previous career best. She leaped 4.58m, and also took second in the Triple Jump with a 9.93m. Jenna Uncapher tied for third in the High Jump by clearing the bar at 1.50m.

Kaylen Sharrow was one of only a handful of Golden Eagles to compete in track events on Friday, taking fifth in the 60H and setting a PR in the process. Sharrow posted a time of 9.97, breaking her previous best by more than a tenth of a second and coming up just short of a PSAC qualifying time. [Print Friendly Version](#)

### PLAYERS MENTIONED

#### **Jenna Uncapher**

Jumps / Distance

Freshman

#### **Kaylen Sharrow**

Sprints / Hurdles

Freshman

#### **Emma Pesicka**

Throws

Freshman

#### **Emily Lodge**

Jumps

Freshman

#### **Shelly Jones**

Throws

Freshman

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## Baseball Announces Schedule Changes

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Due to inclement weather, the Clarion baseball team is changing their weekend schedule in Cary, NC.

Friday's planned game against Frostburg State will now take place on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, first pitch is slated for noon.

Saturday's planned doubleheader against Goldey-Beacom will now be a single nine inning game starting at 4 pm sharp.

Clarion will conclude their weekend road trip against Tiffin on Sunday with the first pitch set to cross the plate at 10 am. All games will be played at the USA Baseball Complex in Cary, North Carolina. Field pending.

## Women's Swimming Remains in Fourth After Day 2 of PSAC Championships

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**YORK, Pa.** – Swimming in York, Pa. for the second time in as many days, the Clarion women's swimming team completed the second day at the 2020 PSAC Championships, with the Golden Eagles sitting in fourth place after two days of competition. Action will continue on Friday. Clarion has 509 team points, trailing Bloomsburg's third-place mark of 522.

The night started out with another great effort in the relays, with the 200 Free Relay team of Abbey Newman, Gabi Wayne, Autumn Fortney and Morgan Manglaviti taking home a fourth place finish. The quartet finished the race in 1:36.72, earning 52 team points on the evening.

The scoring continued in the 400 IM, with Amanda Dial adding to Clarion's team total in the "B" heat, while Ava Arnold added more points in "C" heat. Fortney added on with a third-place finish in the 100 Butterfly for 27 team points, while Newman and Stephanie Setar finished fifth and sixth in the "A" heat with a times of 57.64 and 57.86 respectively.

In the 200 Free Manglaviti touched the wall with a time of 1:54.26, good enough for fourth place and 26 team points, while Wayne took home a top spot in the "B" heat with a final time of 1:55.07.

Things wrapped up in the 400 Medley Relay, with the grouping of Arnold, Candice Chalus, Fortney and Manglaviti taking fifth place with a time of 3:55.93.

Day 2 Results:

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Ava Arnold**

Back

Sophomore

**Morgan Manglaviti**

Free/Fly/Back

Junior

**Abbey Newman**

Fly/Free

Junior  
**Gabi Wayne**  
Free

Sophomore  
**Candice Chalus**  
Breast/Free

Freshman  
**Autumn Fortney**  
Back/Fly/Free

Freshman  
**Stephanie Setar**  
Fly/Back

Freshman  
**Amanda Dial**  
Free/Breast

Freshman

## Men's Swimming Sits in Fifth After Day 2 of PSAC Championships

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**YORK, Pa.** – Swimming in York, Pa. for the second time in as many days, the Clarion men's swimming team completed the second day at the 2020 PSAC Championships, with the Golden Eagles sitting in fifth place after two days of competition. Action will continue on Friday. Clarion has 190 team points, trailing Shippensburg's fourth-place mark of 212.

The quartet of Connor Cary, Josh Thruston, Paul Flowers and Jacob Yant got the night started out with another great effort in the relays, taking home a fourth-place finish in the 200 Free Relay. The group finished the race in 1:24.68, earning 30 team points on the evening.

The scoring continued in the 400 IM, with Flowers adding to Clarion's team total in the "A" heat with a final time of 4:09.97. Cary who broke the Clarion school record in the 100 Butterfly earlier in the afternoon, finished sixth in the final heat with a mark of 49.51.

Things wrapped up in the 400 Medley Relay, with the grouping of Corey Mock, Flowers, Frank Bevevino and Yant taking sixth place with a time of 3:30.76.

Day 2 Results:

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

#### **Frank Bevevino**

Fly

Junior

#### **Josh Thruston**

Free/Breast/Fly

Junior

#### **Corey Mock**

Back/Free

Freshman

#### **Jacob Yant**

Free

Freshman

**Connor Cary**

Free/Fly/IM

Freshman

**Paul Flowers**

Breast/IM

Freshman

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## Soccer Announces 2020 Alumni Gathering for April 17-18

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**CLARION, Pa.** – Clarion soccer will host an Alumni Weekend the weekend of April 17-18, including social gatherings and an Alumni Game. All Golden Eagle soccer alums are welcome to attend, and visitors from out of town will have access to a special room rate at the Microtel Inn & Suites in Clarion (121 North Point Dr., Clarion, PA).

The weekend will begin on Friday, April 17 with an exhibition soccer match between Clarion and Glenville State at Memorial Stadium. Things will kick off at 5 p.m. and will be followed by an informal gathering at Clarion River Brewing Company (600 Main St., Clarion, PA) at 9:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 18, the alums are invited to compete in an Alumni Cup game against the current Golden Eagle squad. The match will start at 10 a.m. at Memorial Stadium and will include t-shirts for all participants. That will be followed by a light lunch held at the stadium.

Those wishing to attend the weekend are asked to RSVP by April 6 at [clarion.edu/socceralumni](http://clarion.edu/socceralumni), or by calling the Office of Alumni Engagement at 814.393.2572.

# Men's Basketball Falls on the Road to Gannon

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2/22/2020 | 3:00 PM

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**ERIE Pa.** – Ending a short two game road stint in Erie, the Clarion Men's Basketball team fell to the Gannon Golden Knights by a final score of 71-51 Wednesday evening at the Hammermill Center. The loss moves the Golden Eagles to 5-21 overall and 4-16 in the PSAC, while Gannon improves to 13-11 (12-18).

Jordan Agyemang scored the opening basket of the game on a layup and that is the last time that the Golden Eagles would lead all game. It was all Gannon from the jump as the Golden Knights opened the game on a 7-2 run.

The offense would settle down though as Clarion managed to stay within striking distance most of the first half. Godspower Ogide made his presence in the paint felt early as he had eight of his career high 14 points in the first half.

Clarion went in to the half trailing 39-20 on the back of jumper by Golden Knight Michael Tertsea with just 16 seconds remaining in the half.

The Golden Eagles shot 32% from the field in the first frame and 29% from beyond the arc, while Gannon shot a hot 59% from the field but just a minuscule 13% from deep.

In the second half the Blue and Gold continued to feed Ogide as the first basket of the second was more points in the paint, but the Golden Knights continued to push the tempo and make basket after basket. Mid way through the second half Gannon built a lead as large as 26 points, but Clarion continued to claw back.

After a good layup by Stevan Rodriguez and a pair of free throws from Kaison Branch, Clarion cut the lead to 22 points with just over nine minutes left to play.

Gannon would go on another short run towards the end of the game building the lead back up to 26 points, but again Clarion would battle back and again Rodriguez started the run scoring the next six points.

After a Rodriguez layup, a Sheriff Conteh steal that lead to another Rodriguez layup, Clarion cut the lead to 67-45. Rodriguez scored again at the 3:46 mark cutting the Gannon lead to just 20 points. That is all the closer Clarion would get though as the Golden Knights sailed to a 71-51 victory.

On the game Clarion shot 33% from the field and 71% from the charity stripe, while scoring 30 points in the paint.

Rodriguez paced the Golden Eagles with 16 points and three rebounds, while Ogide scored a career high 14 points and grabbed a team-high six boards and one block.

The Golden Eagles will be back in action on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for Senior Day, as they host Cal U at 3 pm in Tippin Gym.

## Women's Swimming Sits in Fourth After Day One of PSAC Championships

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**YORK, Pa.** - Competing in day one of the PSAC Championships, the Clarion University women's swim team currently sits in fourth place with 254 points at the end of the first day of competition at the York YMCA Aquatic Club. The Golden Eagles will return to action tomorrow morning for day two of the four-day competition.

Mary Clare Smith got the ball rolling for the Blue and Gold Wednesday evening, taking home an eighth-place finish in the 1000 Free with a final time of 10:33.73 to earn 22 team points.

Just a few events later Amanda Dial touched the wall in 2:10.46, good enough for an eighth for 22 team points. Ava Arnold finished four spots behind her in 12<sup>th</sup> place for 15 team points, Stephanie Setar rounded out the top 15 respectively.

### Day 1 Results:

Abbey Newman finished fifth overall in the 50 Free with a final time of 23.82, while Morgan Manglaviti finished just behind her in seventh with a final time of 24.38 for a combined total of 48 team points.

Clarion's 200 Medley Relay team of Setar, Candice Chalus, Autumn Fortney and Newman managed a third-place finish overall with a time of 1:46.30, good enough to earn the Golden Eagles 54 points.

To close out the scoring for Clarion was the 800 Free Relay team of Manglaviti, Letizia Collini, Sarah Murray and Gabi Wayne, grabbed a fourth place finish to end the night with 52 team points for the Blue and Gold.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **Ava Arnold**

Back

Sophomore

### **Letizia Collini**

Breast/Free

Junior  
**Morgan Manglaviti**  
Free/Fly/Back

Junior  
**Abbey Newman**  
Fly/Free

Junior  
**Mary Clare Smith**  
Free/Breast

Sophomore  
**Gabi Wayne**  
Free

Sophomore  
**Candice Chalus**  
Breast/Free

Freshman  
**Autumn Fortney**  
Back/Fly/Free

Freshman  
**Sarah Murray**  
Free

Freshman  
**Stephanie Setar**  
Fly/Back

Freshman  
**Amanda Dial**  
Free/Breast

Freshman

## Men's Swimming in Fourth After Day One of PSAC Championships

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**YORK, Pa.** - Competing in day one of the PSAC Championships, the Clarion University men's swim team currently sits in fourth place with 107 points at the end of the first day of competition at the York YMCA Aquatic Club. The Golden Eagles will return to action tomorrow morning for day two of the four-day competition.

Ty Rabenstein got the night started for the Golden Eagles with a fourth-place finish in the 1000 Free, touching the wall in 9:38.43 for 15 team points.

In the very next event, Connor Cary shined for the Blue and Gold placing second in the 200 IM with a final time of 1:50.64, picking up 17 team points.

Keep the ball rolling of top ten finishes was Jacob Yant who placed seventh in the 50 Free finishing with a final mark of 21.06. Josh Thruston also picked up a twelfth-place finish in the 50 Free with a final time of 21.26.

Just a few events later the 800 Free Relay team of Cary, Thruston, Rabenstein and Yant bagged a third place finish touching the wall with a final time of 6:51.70 for 32 team points.

### Day 1 Results:

Also placing for the night was Drew Canter who took home a 24<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 1000 Free, while Bobby Shotts and Sean Streyle placed 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Paul Flowers took home a top 15 finish in the 200 IM picking up two team points with a final time of 1:55.82, while the 200 Medley Relay of Corey Mock, Flowers, Hayden Steiner and Tate Swanson took seventh for 24 team points.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **Hayden Steiner**

Free

Sophomore

### **Tate Swanson**

Free

Sophomore

**Josh Thruston**

Free/Breast/Fly

Junior

**Corey Mock**

Back/Free

Freshman

**Jacob Yant**

Free

Freshman

**Drew Canter**

Free

Sophomore

**Connor Cary**

Free/Fly/IM

Freshman

**Paul Flowers**

Breast/IM

Freshman

**Ty Rabenstein**

Free

Freshman

**Bobby Shotts**

Free/Breast/Back/Fly/IM

Freshman

**Sean Streyle**

Free/Fly

Freshman

## Women's Basketball Falls at Gannon

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**Next Game:**  
Cal U  
2/22/2020 | 1:00 PM

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- [LIVE STATS](#)
- [WATCH LIVE](#)
- [FULL SCHEDULE](#)
- [ROSTER](#)
- [MATCHUP HISTORY](#)

**ERIE, Pa.** – The Clarion women's basketball team ran into a tough road test on Wednesday night, falling 88-61 to Gannon at the Hammermill Center. The Golden Eagles (4-22, 2-18 PSAC) will close their season with two straight home games, starting with this Saturday's contest against Cal U.

The Golden Knights entered the contest as the second-place team in the PSAC West division and did not disappoint, using their scoring depth to outpace the Golden Eagles over the course of the 40-minute contest. Olivia Boocks came off the bench to lead Clarion in scoring, adding 15 points on a 5-of-11 shooting performance from beyond the three-point line. Emily Hegedus had six points to go with a team-high six rebounds, and Ke'Airah Massiah and Yasmin Lewis both topped double digits in scoring.

Gannon shot better than 60 percent from the field and had a healthy night from the free throw line, outscoring Clarion there 14-7. They also won the rebound battle 37-24 in winning their 20<sup>th</sup> game of the year.

The game started with a 13-4 run by the Golden Knights, with Haley Tewes adding a pair of free throws three minutes in to cap off the rally. They expanded the lead to double-digits before the end of the quarter, with Haille Hart scoring a layup before the end of the period. She scored again at the 7:54 mark of the second quarter to cut the lead to 27-17, but the Golden Knights bumped the advantage to 20 points heading into the halftime break.

Clarion righted the ship somewhat in the third quarter, keeping it fairly even with the Golden Knights. Hegedus scored the first bucket of the third, taking a feed from Massiah and laying it in, and Boocks drilled a three-pointer off a pass from Neely Whitehead to make it 50-31. Lewis made a midrange jumper to cut it to 56-41 with 2:26 left in the period, but Gannon scored six straight to make it 62-41 heading into the fourth. They swelled that lead slightly to finish off the game.

## Soccer Announces Free Skills Clinic

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**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS CAMP AHEAD OF TIME!** Even though it is a free camp, this will help us plan for numbers.

The Clarion soccer team is hosting a FREE skills camp for children ages 4-14 on Saturday, March 21. The camp will run from 2-4 p.m. at Memorial Stadium and will include instruction in the following:

- Passing
- Dribbling
- Shooting
- Small-sided games
- Foot skills

Please be advised that campers should dress appropriately for the weather - dress warm!

Registration for this camp is free, but the Clarion soccer team will be also be accepting donations for Relay for Life. There is no obligation to donate, and all proceeds will benefit Relay for Life.

### **Donate to Relay for Life Online**

The Relay For Life movement is American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. From team members to volunteers, we all want to remember those we've lost, help those affected today, and give us a home team advantage against cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, our communities are teaming up to make a difference. When we rally together in the fight against cancer through this fun and inspirational event, we can accomplish anything.

### **Mandatory Medical Forms**

Please download the [mandatory medical form](#) and return via email to [Afrim Latifi](mailto:Afrim.Latifi@clarion.edu) at [alatifi@clarion.edu](mailto:alatifi@clarion.edu). *Note: if you download and open via Adobe Acrobat, you should be able to fill the form out digitally.*

## Greg Bulsak Named MAC East Wrestler of the Week

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio** - For the third time this season, Clarion junior *Greg Bulsak* earned the Mid-American Conference (MAC) East Wrestler of the Week honor after two stellar performances against Kent State and Rider. He previously received the distinction on November 6th and December 11th.

Bulsak improved to 9-1 in MAC duals with a pair of wins last week, including a victory over nationally-ranked Ethan Laird as the Golden Eagles earned a split in Conference action. He started his weekend with a 6-1 decision over Kent State's Colin McCracken on Friday night, helping the Golden Eagles to a 30-8 win over the Golden Flashes. That snapped a nine-match losing streak to Kent State and represented Clarion's first win over the Golden Flashes since the 2000-01 season. He followed that up with a virtuoso performance on Sunday against Rider's Ethan Laird, who entered the weekend ranked 12th in the most recent NCAA coaches' panel. Bulsak dominated Laird in an 8-1 decision to improve to 22-5 overall and 13-2 in duals.

The Golden Eagles will close their dual match season on Sunday, February 23 when they face off with Edinboro on the road. The match will start at 1 p.m.

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

#### **Greg Bulsak**

197

Redshirt Sophomore

## 2020 PSAC Championships Swimming Preview

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**YORK, Pa.** - The Clarion Men's and Women's Swimming Team will head to York, Pa. for the PSAC Championships set to start on Wednesday, February 19 with Prelims starting at 10 a.m.

Last year the men's team placed sixth, while the women's team finished in fourth place respectively.

### **At a Glance:**

The Clarion men's and women's swimming teams head to York, Pennsylvania and the Graham Aquatic Center for the 2020 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships. The four-day conference championships start Wednesday, February 19 and run through Sunday, February 22 with two sessions each day.

### **Notes:**

Mary Clare Smith heads into the PSAC Championships ranked in the top 10 in three of her events she's set to compete: fifth in the 200 Breaststroke, eighth in the 1650 Free and 10th in the 1000 Free. Her top times this year are 2:24.32 in the 200 Breaststroke and 17:53.58 in the 1650 Free.

Ava Arnold ranks sixth in both the 100 and 200 Backstroke, notching times of 58.58 and 2:06.98 this season.

Abbey Newman is ranked fifth in the 50 Free and seventh in the 100 Fly, while Candice Chalus ranks ninth in the 100 Breaststroke and Autumn Fortney ranks third in the 100 Fly.

Courtney Kosanovic sits ranked seventh in the 200 Fly before the start of the tournament and rounding out the top 10 for the women is Stephanie Setar who is tabbed seventh in the 100 Back. Her best finish this year came at the Zippy Invitational when she finished with a final time of 59.54.

For the men, Connor Cary looks to make his mark at the PSAC Championships ranked in the top 10 in three events he's competing. He ranks second in the 200 IM, fourth in the 200 Fly and sixth in the 100 Fly. Cary finished the year with top times of 1:51.50 in the 200 IM, 1:52.08 in the 200 Fly and 49.62 in the 100 Fly.

After finishing third in the 100 Free last year, Josh Thruston ranks in the top 10 in three events he's competing, fifth in the 100 Breaststroke, seventh in the 50 Free and tenth in the 100 Fly. Thruston finished the year with top times of 57.56 in the 100 Breaststroke, 20.94 in the 50 Free and 50.32 in the 100 Fly.

Rounding out the top 10 for the men is Ty Rabenstein who is tabbed fifth in the 1000 Free and sixth in the 500 Free.

**Ticket Info:**

**Adults**

- Morning Session - \$5
- Evening Session - \$7
- All-session Pass - \$45

**Students**

- Single Session - \$2
- All-Session Pass - \$15

**FREE: Student w/ PSAC ID**

**Schedule of Events:** Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for all morning sessions. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for all evening sessions. \*\* Doors will open at **3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22**

**Session Start Times:**

Wednesday, February 19: Prelims at 10 a.m., Finals at 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 20: Prelims at 10 a.m., Finals at 6 p.m.

Friday, February 21: Prelims at 10 a.m., Finals at 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 22: Prelims at 10 a.m., Finals at 5 p.m.

**Additional Information:**

**Psych Sheet:**

Championships Homepage: PSAC | [psacsports.org](http://psacsports.org)

Live Results: [York YMCA Swimming](#)

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Josh Thruston**

Free/Breast/Fly

Junior

**Ava Arnold**

Back

Sophomore

**Abbey Newman**

Fly/Free

Junior

**Mary Clare Smith**

Free/Breast

Sophomore

**Candice Chalus**

Breast/Free

Freshman

**Autumn Fortney**  
Back/Fly/Free

Freshman

**Stephanie Setar**  
Fly/Back

Freshman

**Connor Cary**  
Free/Fly/IM

Freshman

**Ty Rabenstein**  
Free

Freshman

**Courtney Kosanovic**  
Free/Fly

Freshman

## Wrestling Starts Fast but Falls to Broncs 25-13

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**LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.** – The Clarion wrestling team won four bouts on Sunday but were unable to upset the top team in the MAC East division, as the Golden Eagles fell to Rider 25-13 in a conference road match. Clarion (9-6, 6-4 MAC East) will close their dual match schedule in exactly one week when they travel to Edinboro.

The overall bout was closer than the final score might indicate, as the teams were neck and neck through the first six matches. The Golden Eagles led 10-9 after Mike Bartolo's sudden victory win over Gary Dinmore at 165 pounds, but the Broncs won three of the last four matches of the day – two by fall – to record the team win.

Fifteenth-ranked Greg Bulsak scored a significant win at 197 pounds, defeating 12<sup>th</sup>-ranked Ethan Laird by an 8-1 decision. Laird entered the weekend ranked above Bulsak both in national ranking as well as in the conference coaches' poll, with the former ranked first and the latter second in the most recent release. Bulsak won the battle of the presumed top-two 197-pounders by taking Laird down early in the first period and riding him for more than two minutes to build a sizable advantage. He dominated the rest of the bout thereafter, with Laird managing only an escape.

If Bulsak's win was significant for what it could mean for this season, then Brock Zacherl's decision over Gino Fluri at 149 pounds held a deeper meaning as far as his overall career. The decision over Fluri was the 111<sup>th</sup> win in Zacherl's career, moving him past four-time All-American Bryan Stout on Clarion's all-time wins list and into a tie for 16th with Dan Payne and Ken Haselrig. All three of those former Golden Eagles are members of the Clarion Sports Hall of Fame.

Jake Gromacki won for the seventh time in his last eight matches, leading the dual off with a major decision over Jonathon Tropea. The sixth-year senior worked Tropea for a 15-4 result to put the Golden Eagles ahead 4-0. Zacherl put Clarion back in the lead 7-6 after the 149-pound bout, and Bartolo rallied from a large deficit in the 165-pound match to beat Gary Dinmore. Dinmore led the bout 4-1 in the first period but Bartolo continued to chip away at him, wearing Dinmore down and scoring a quick takedown in sudden victory. The win evened Bartolo's season record at 9-9.

### Rider 25, Clarion 13

125 - Jake Gromacki (Clarion) over Jonathon Tropea (Rider) (MD 15-4)  
133 - Richie Koehler (Rider) over Seth Koleno (Clarion) (Dec 6-2)  
141 - Peter Lipari (Rider) over Brayden Palmer (Clarion) (Dec 6-0)  
149 - Brock Zacherl (Clarion) over Gino Fluri (Rider) (Dec 6-3)  
157 - Jesse Dellavecchia (Rider) over Taylor Ortz (Clarion) (Dec 7-0)  
165 - Mike Bartolo (Clarion) over Gary Dinmore (Rider) (SV-1 9-7)  
174 - Dean Sherry (Rider) over Mike Vernagallo (Clarion) (Fall 1:00)

184 - George Walton (Rider) over *Christian Sequete* (Clarion) (MD 20-7)

197 - *Greg Bulsak* (Clarion) over Ethan Laird (Rider) (Dec 8-1)

285 - Ryan Cloud (Rider) over Tyler Bagoly (Clarion) (Fall 3:36)

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Greg Bulsak**

197

Redshirt Sophomore

**Jake Gromacki**

133

Redshirt Senior

**Taylor Ortiz**

141

Redshirt Sophomore

**Brock Zacherl**

149

Redshirt Senior

**Seth Koleno**

133

Freshman

**Christian Sequete**

184

Freshman

**Mike Vernagallo**

165

Freshman

**Brayden Palmer**

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Freshman

## Baseball Closes Opening Weekend at Erskine

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### [Box Score 1](#) | [Box Score 2](#)

**DUE WEST, SC.** – Traveling to South Carolina to close out the opening weekend against Erskine, the Clarion baseball team dropped both halves of a doubleheader to the Fighting Fleet. The Golden Eagles now 0-4 overall, fell by a score of 14-2 in the first game and by a 4-3 score in the second.

Kyler Mellott (0-1) fell in the early game, allowing five runs in 4.0 innings pitched. Dereck Pritchard (0-1) took the loss in the second game throwing 5.0 innings, allowing four runs and striking out two. Nick Fugh, Thomas Lavin and Chandler Palyas drove in runs on the day, with Lavin going 1-of-3 in the second game.

The Fighting Fleet tacked on three runs in the bottom of the first, but Clarion answered with a run of their own in the top of the second thanks to Will Constantin who scored when Dan Fox tried to steal second. Clarion scored another run in the top of the third to cut the lead to 3-2 when Fugh singled scoring Ben Barth from third who singled earlier in the inning.

Erskine answered with two runs in the fourth to build a 5-2 lead and four runs in the bottom of the fifth to put the game 1 out of reach.

The Fighting Fleet came alive for five runs in the sixth inning, and the Golden Eagles were unable to claw their way back.

The Golden Eagles finished game one with three hits, while committing no errors in the field. Unable to move runners around the bases due to the Erskine pitching, the Golden Eagles stranded six runners on base.

Much like game one, Erskine scored plenty early in the ballgame. The Fleet opened the game with four runs in the bottom of the first inning putting the Clarion bats to the test. The Blue and Gold answered the call scoring one run in the top of third thanks to a Palyas grounder that scored Constantin who walked to lead off the inning.

The Golden Eagle offense kept things rolling in the top of the fourth scoring two runs off a Lavin homer, his first of the young season.

From that point on it was a pitchers dual as neither team was able to push another run across the plate as the final score ended 4-3.

Clarion had their chances stranding six runners for the second time in as many games, unable to push a run across.

Clarion will be back in action next weekend when they head to Cary, NC to take on Frostburg State University on February 21, Goldey-Beacom on February 22 and Tiffin on February 23.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **#9 Ben Barth**

OF

6' 0"

180 lbs

Senior

R/R

### **#7 Will Constantin**

INF

5' 8"

175 lbs

Junior

R/R

### **#10 Nick Fugh**

OF

6' 0"

195 lbs

Redshirt Junior

R/R

### **#28 Thomas Lavin**

C

6' 2"

160 lbs

Redshirt Junior

R/R

**#8 Kyler Mellott**

LHP

6' 0"

180 lbs

Redshirt Junior

**#1 Chandler Palyas**

OF

5' 8"

160 lbs

Redshirt Senior

L/L

**#30 Dereck Pritchard**

RHP

5' 11"

165 lbs

Junior

R/R

# Men's Hoops Pounced by Mountain Cats

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**Next Game:**  
at Gannon University  
2/19/2020 | 7:30 PM

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**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** – The Clarion men's basketball team faced its toughest test of the late season on Saturday, falling by a score of 78-52 to Pitt-Johnstown at the Johnstown Sports Center. The Golden Eagles fall to 5-20 overall and 4-15 in PSAC play, while UPJ improves to 20-6 overall and 14-5 in the PSAC. Clarion will try to rebound on Wednesday when they head to Gannon to take on the Golden Knights.

Both teams suffered from huge amounts of turnovers, Clarion committing 17 giveaways, while the Mountain Cats had 11 turnovers. Pitt-Johnstown was able to convert those Golden Eagle mistakes though, outscoring Clarion 18-9 in points off turnovers. The Bald Eagles also shot lights-out from beyond the three-point line, going 8-of-9 (42%).

Elijah Cottrill had a team-high 12 points in 30 minutes played, followed by Kaison Branch, who had 11 points. Godspower Ogide proved tough in the paint for the third straight game tallying seven points, three boards and two blocks. Stevan Rodriguez came off the bench to score six points and grab four rebounds, while James Price added six points in relief.

Clarion opened the game with a layup from Ogide but the Mountain Cats were ready to pounce going on an 8-0 in the first three minutes of the game. UPJ built the lead to as large as 21 points throughout the first half after Donovan Maxfield made a layup in the paint.

Clarion answered the bell with a three pointer from Branch but Adam Kline answered with a pair of free throws and the end of the half to give the Mountain Cats a 48-28 lead heading into the halftime break.

Branch started the second half much like he ended the first hitting a three pointer to try and spark the Clarion offense but the lead was just too insurmountable.

The lead continued to quickly increase to the high double-digits but Clarion responded again late, cutting it to 68-46 on a jumper beyond the arc by Cottrill. The Mountain Cats kept the offensive pressure though as the lead continued to grow. UPJ led by as many as 28 points with just over one minute left to play in the game until Kass Taylor scored the last four points of the game on a pair of free throws and a layup.

Clarion heads to Erie to take on Gannon on February 19. Tip-off is set for 7:30 pm.

## Women's Hoops' Late Push Falls Short at Pitt-Johnstown

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**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** – The Clarion women's basketball team made a late push but was unable to completely close the gap against Pitt-Johnstown, as the Golden Eagles fell 68-59 to the Mountain Cats on the road on Saturday afternoon. Clarion (4-21, 2-17 PSAC) will be back on the road on Wednesday against Gannon before closing their season with two straight home games.

Celeste Ryman went 6-of-17 from the field for a game-high 16 points, while also adding three rebounds and three assists. Yasmin Lewis added 12 points and a team-high eight rebounds, and Emily Hegedus broke double-digits in scoring for the third time in the last five games with 14 points.

Both teams shot the ball well from the floor, with Clarion going 40.0 percent from the field and Pitt-Johnstown 48.3 percent. On the flip side, both teams turned the ball over fairly regularly, with the

Golden Eagles committing 19 turnovers and the Mountain Cats 18 times. UPJ was slightly more effective in turning those turnovers into points, though, outscoring Clarion 22-14 in points off giveaways.

The Mountain Cats opened the game on an 8-2 run and led for the entire contest, though Lewis cut Pitt-Johnstown's lead to 12-10 midway through the first quarter, scoring off a pass from Hegedus. The lead expanded to 12 points in the second quarter, but Hegedus made a pair of free throws with 1:46 remaining in the half to pull her team within 32-27. Alli McGrath put UPJ back up by three possessions on her team's final possession of the half, scoring to make it 36-27 heading into the halftime break.

The Golden Eagles responded with a 12-6 run to start the third quarter, including a 10-0 stretch where they pulled to within a single bucket. Hegedus started things off with a three-pointer at the 8:15 mark, and *Ke'Airah Massiah* scored off her own steal to bring the deficit back to single digits. Ryman knocked down a trey at the 5:43 mark to make it 42-37, and Lewis scored on the next trip down the floor to make it a three-point game. The Mountain Cats rallied with a 13-2 run of their own to make it a 14-point game at the end of the period, and eventually held on for the win.

## Wrestling Snuffs Golden Flashes, 30-8

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**CLARION, Pa.** – The Golden Eagle wrestling team clinched a winning dual season with a dominant effort over Kent State on Friday, as Clarion defeated the Golden Flashes 30-8 at Tippin Gym. Clarion (9-5, 6-3 MAC East) took eight of the 10 bouts to claim their first win over Kent State since the 2000-01 season, snapping a nine-match losing streak to the Golden Flashes.

Brock Zacherl wrestled the final home dual of his Clarion career, defeating Kody Komara 3-2 in the 149-pound bout. The 12<sup>th</sup>-ranked wrestler in the most recent NCAA coaches' panel, Zacherl earned the distinction of an undefeated home dual record. He went 44-0 as an attached wrestler at home, and his victory over Komara marked the first win of the night for the Golden Eagles.

It would not be the last, though, as Clarion powered past the Golden Flashes, winning a number of close decisions to seal the win. Christian Sequete had one such decision, earning the first home dual win of his career with a 4-3 decision over Shane Mast. The win halted Kent State's momentum after they had scored their second major decision over the evening, and it put Clarion ahead 12-8 in the team match. The Golden Flashes never threatened the team score again as Greg Bulsak followed up with a 6-1 decision to Colin McCracken in the 197-pound bout.

Ty Bagoly locked up the team victory with a win by fall at 285 pounds, tossing Spencer Berthold to his back and pinning him just 45 seconds into the first period to make it a 21-8 advantage. Jake Gromacki followed up with a 6-5 decision over Tomas Guitierrez. Also recording wins were Taylor Ortz, who returned to the lineup at 157 pounds for a 10-6 win over Brady Chrisman, and Mike Bartolo, who beat Kade Byland by 12-8 decision.

### Clarion 30, Kent State 8

141 - Cory Simpson (Kent State) over Brayden Palmer (Clarion) (MD 13-2)  
149 - Brock Zacherl (Clarion) over Kody Komara (Kent State) (Dec 3-2)  
157 - Taylor Ortz (Clarion) over Brady Chrisman (Kent State) (Dec 10-6)  
165 - Mike Bartolo (Clarion) over Kade Byland (Kent State) (Dec 12-8)  
174 - Andrew McNally (Kent State) over Jack Peura (Clarion) (MD 12-1)  
184 - Christian Sequete (Clarion) over Shane Mast (Kent State) (Dec 4-3)  
197 - Greg Bulsak (Clarion) over Colin McCracken (Kent State) (Dec 6-1)  
285 - Ty Bagoly (Clarion) over Spencer Berthold (Kent State) (Fall 0:45)  
125 - Jake Gromacki (Clarion) over Tomas Guitierrez (Kent State) (Dec 6-5)  
133 - Seth Koleno (Clarion) over Unknown (For.)  
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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Ty Bagoly**

184

Sophomore

**Greg Bulsak**

197

Redshirt Sophomore

**Jake Gromacki**

133

Redshirt Senior

**Taylor Ortz**

141

Redshirt Sophomore

**Jack Peura**

165

Junior

**Brock Zacherl**

149

Redshirt Senior

**Seth Koleno**

133

Freshman

**Christian Sequete**

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Freshman

**Brayden Palmer**

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Freshman

## Baseball Swept by Erskine

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[Box Score 1](#) | [Box Score 2](#)

**Marion, N.C.** - The Clarion University baseball team dropped both games in Friday double-header action against Erskine by scores of 11-8 and 4-1. The losses move the Golden Eagles to 0-2 (0-0 PSAC) on the season. The Blue and Gold return to action tomorrow when they head to Due West, South Carolina to close the series with Erskine.

The Fighting Fleet took game one on the backs of a big first inning, scoring 6 runs to open up a gap over the Golden Eagles.

Clarion struck in the top of the second courtesy of a single from sophomore first-baseman Dan Fox that scored Thomas Lavin who walked to lead off the inning cutting the lead to 6-1. However the Erskine bats would continue to cause trouble all game long for the Golden Eagles. They would add four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning putting them in a commanding lead before closing out the 11-8 win.

Clarion battled in the late innings, scoring seven runs in the top of fifth inning thanks to doubles from Alex Ficorilli, Nick Fugh and Chandler Palyas. Lavin ended the game with two singles in game one, while Ficorilli, Palyas and Fugh all roped a double. Kyle Thompson got the no on the hill for Clarion going three innings and striking out two.

Game two featured a change in pace from the high-scoring affairs of game one, with both teams locked in a good, old-fashioned pitcher's duel to start the game.

Starter Bryce Grenet was proficient, going 5.0 innings with four strikeouts, giving up just two walks and six hits in the night cap. Clarion struck first in the top of the first inning when Ficorilli grounded into a double play but was able to score Ben Barth who singled to left field to start the inning.

Erskine starter C. Harri tossed a gem, going a complete seven innings with three K's and seven hits on the night.

Erskine scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning to regain the lead and never looked back from that point on. They tacked on two more insurance runs in the fourth and fifth innings to seal the victory.

The Golden Eagles will conclude their weekend road-trip tomorrow, February 15, when they take on the Fighting Fleet in games three and four of the series. First pitch is slated for noon.

## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**#9 Ben Barth**

OF

6' 0"

180 lbs

Senior

R/R

**#10 Nick Fugh**

OF

6' 0"

195 lbs

Redshirt Junior

R/R

**#28 Thomas Lavin**

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6' 2"

160 lbs

Redshirt Junior

R/R

## Spring Coaches' Show Set for Feb. 25

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Clarion Athletics is proud to announce their annual Spring Coaches' Show, set for Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at Clarion River Brewing Company, located on Main Street in Clarion, in the taproom.

This year's event will welcome five Golden Eagle coaches for a Q&A session with sports information director Sean Fagan: Doc Neiman (Baseball), Ben Bevevino (Track & Field), Lis Fee (Softball), Gregg Fritz (Women's Golf) and Marty Rinker (Men's Golf).

All fans and friends of Golden Eagle athletics are invited to attend this informal evening of fellowship and sports! For those unable to attend, the event will also be streamed live via Stretch Internet.

## Three Golden Eagles Appear in Feb. 24 Coaches Ranking, NCAA RPI

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**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** - The NCAA released coaches' panel rankings and ratings percentage index (RPI) rankings for the 2019-20 wrestling season today. Three Golden Eagle wrestlers - [Brock Zacherl](#), [Greg Bulsak](#) and [Ty Bagoly](#) - appeared in the national rankings for the second straight cycle, while all three also appeared in the RPI. The final rankings will be one of the criteria used as part of the selection process to determine qualifiers and seeding for the 2020 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships on March 19-21 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

The rankings are determined by a vote of 14 coaches in each weight class with two head coaches from each of the seven conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, EIWA, MAC, Pac-12 and SoCon), which is double the voters that had previously been used for the coaches' panel rankings. For ranking purposes, coaches may only consider a wrestler that has been designated as a starter at a respective weight class. Wrestlers must have participated in at least five matches against Division I opponents in the weight class and have wrestled within the last 30 days to be ranked.

The RPI is a calculation that considers a wrestler's winning percentage, opponent winning percentage (strength of schedule) and opponent's opponent winning percentage (opponent's strength of schedule). Only matches against Division I opponents at the designated weight class count towards the RPI and a wrestler needs to have wrestled 15 matches to be ranked.

**[Brock Zacherl](#) (12th in Coaches Panel | 11th in RPI)** - Zacherl enters the penultimate weekend of the dual match season with a 17-3 overall record at 149 pounds, including a 10-1 mark in dual matches and an 8-0 record in MAC competition. Earlier this year he placed seventh at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational with a win over Nebraska's Collin Purinton, and he owns wins over five wrestlers ranked in the most current poll. Zacherl earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career win earlier this year and owns a career mark of 109-15 entering matches against Kent State and Rider this weekend.

**[Greg Bulsak](#) (15th in Coaches Panel | 11th in RPI)** - Bulsak owns a 21-5 record on the season, including an 11-2 record in dual matches and a 5-1 record in MAC action. He ranks 10th in the nation in wins by fall with with nine on the year, and also owns five major decisions and one technical fall. His resume includes victories over a number of other competitors appearing on the list such as eighth-ranked Jay Aiello (Virginia), 17<sup>th</sup>-ranked Tanner Sloan (South Dakota State) and 19<sup>th</sup>-ranked Tanner Orndorff (Utah Valley).

**[Ty Bagoly](#) (28th in Coaches Panel | 22nd in RPI)** - Bagoly enters the weekend with a 15-3 overall record, including an 11-1 record in duals and a 7-1 record in MAC duals. Of his three Division I losses this season, two have come to wrestlers ranked in the poll, including second-ranked Mason Parris (Michigan). He has already surpassed his entire wins total from the 2018-19 season.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Ty Bagoly**

184

Sophomore

**Greg Bulsak**

197

Redshirt Sophomore

**Brock Zacherl**

149

Redshirt Senior

## Rodriguez's 23 Points Paces Men's Basketball to Victory over Edinboro

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**Next Game:**  
at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown  
2/15/2020 | 3:00 PM

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**CLARION, Pa.** – Making a return to their home court for the first time in two games, the Clarion men's basketball team delivered a 79-70 victory over visiting Edinboro, Wednesday evening.

The Fighting Scots jumped out to an early five-point lead at 25-22 but the Golden Eagles used some heads up shooting and stellar offense to keep it close taking back the lead 38-36 heading into the halftime break. Elijah Cottrill paced the Clarion offense in the first half, scoring 14 of his 18 points.

The Golden Eagles trailed by as many as seven in the first half, but after three pointers from Jarrold Stukes and Jaiquill Johnson, the Golden Eagle offense started to find a rhythm and snatched all the momentum out of the gym. Clarion took the lead with just over a minute left in the first half after a Cottrill three in transition making the score 36-34 in favor of the Blue and Gold.

Godspower Ogide set the tone in the paint racking up three first half blocks, limiting the Fighting Scots to just 13-36 shots from inside the arc in the opening frame.

Clarion shot 52% from the floor in the first half, getting up and down the floor quickly, helping them withstand the back and forth battle with Edinboro.

A 7-0 run mid-way through the second half making it 55-48, helped Clarion ultimately take over the game and shift the momentum completely as the Golden Eagles wouldn't give the lead back to the Fighting Scots for the duration.

Edinboro remained within striking distance not trailing by more than six points for the rest of the match but *Stevan Rodriguez* would take over down the stretch securing the victory for good. With just over five minutes remaining in the game, Rodriguez scored 12 of the last 18 points proving unstoppable from the field and the charity stripe.

For the game, Clarion shot 47% from the floor, converting 29 of 62 attempts, including 14 of 19 from the free throw line.

Rodriguez led the Golden Eagles with 23 points and 11 rebounds, while Cottrill finished the night with 18 points to go along with four rebounds and three assists.

*Aaron Hilzendege*r finished the night with 18 points and four boards, while Ogide added nine points, six rebounds and a team-high three blocks.

Clarion will hit the road after a short home stint for a conference match-up against Pitt-Johnstown, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Tip-off is set for 3 pm.

## Women's Hoops Falls to Edinboro at Home

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at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown  
2/15/2020 | 1:00 PM

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**CLARION, Pa.** – The Clarion women's basketball team dropped a decision at home on Wednesday evening, falling 82-59 to the Edinboro Fighting Scots at Tippin Gym. The Golden Eagles (4-20, 2-15 PSAC) will be back on the road for two straight games before closing their season with two games at home against Cal U and IUP.

Clarion started the game by shooting well, going 5-of-12 in the first quarter, but it was Edinboro who turned things on in the last three quarters, and their offensive prowess made the difference in the contest. Emily Hegedus led all Clarion players with 13 points, including an efficient 7-of-12 night from the free throw line. Yasmin Lewis recorded her fifth double-double of the season and second in as many games with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Celeste Ryman also scored 10 points. Neely Whitehead made her first career start and contributed eight points, two rebounds and a steal.

The Golden Eagles held the lead for a portion of the first quarter, taking an 8-4 advantage three minutes in thanks to a fast break basket from Ke'Airah Massiah. Lewis made a jumper from just

inside the arc at the 3:32 mark to keep Clarion ahead 11-10, but Michaela Barnes scored on the ensuing possession to keep the Fighting Scots ahead for good. Barnes ended up with a game-high 28 points, while teammate Bridgette Shaffer scored 24 points of her own.

Edinboro increased their lead in the second quarter but the game never got out of hand, as Lewis made jumpers on back-to-back possessions to end the half. Shaffer scored with six seconds left in the second to put the Fighting Scots ahead 44-31 at the break, but Lewis cut the lead back down to eight points at the 6:24 mark of the third.

That was the closest Clarion came the rest of the way, though, as the Fighting Scots extended the lead to as many as 19 points in the period. The advantage eventually cracked the 20-point barrier and stayed that way through to the conclusion.

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## Softball Announces Schedule Change for Opening Weekend

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**CLARION, Pa.** - Due to flooding and other adverse weather conditions, the Clarion softball team will no longer be traveling to the Music City Invitational hosted by Trevecca Nazarene. The host school announced on Tuesday that the tournament has been cancelled.

The Golden Eagles will attempt to fill the void in the schedule over the next several days, though nothing has yet been announced. Additional changes and details will be available on the schedule page as they are finalized.

# **Track & Field Claims Meet Records, Titles at Mount Union**

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### Full Results

**ALLIANCE, Ohio** – The Clarion track & field team saw one athlete claim a first-place finish while another broke a meet record, as the Golden Eagles competed at the Jim Wuske Invitational hosted by Mount Union.

The Distance Medley Relay team defeated the field and set a meet record in the process, with the team of Haley Schaller, Kia Braithwaite, Skyllar Spears and Abigail Sullivan crossing the line a full 15 seconds ahead of the second-place competitors. They cruised to a time of 13:24.62, shattering the previous meet record set in 2015. It was also the best DMR time for the Golden Eagles this season, beating the previous best by 26 seconds.

Also winning on Saturday was Hope McQueeney, who blew away the field in the Triple Jump with a mark of 10.62m. McQueeney actually led the field from her second jump, a 10.46m performance, but cleared that mark herself with her fifth attempt. McQueeney also placed fifth in the Long Jump with a 5.18m mark.

Shelly Jones and Emma Pesicka had the other top performances in the field, placing third and fifth respectively in the Shot Put. Jones tossed the implement 12.36m, while Pesicka launched it 11.87m on her fifth attempt. Elsewhere, Mattisen Drake posted a ninth-place finish in the Pole Vault, clearing the bar at 2.93m, just below her season-high to date.

Haley Schaller also set a PR in the mid-distance events, breaking her previous best time in the indoor 800m. Schaller crossed the line in 2:35.08 to take 10<sup>th</sup> place in the field, and in doing so beat her previous PR by four seconds. In the sprints, Katlynn Traister earned a spot in the 60m finals with a time of 8.31, and followed that up with a ninth place finish with an 8.33.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **Kia Braithwaite**

Sprints

Sophomore

### **Haley Schaller**

Distance

Sophomore

### **Emma Pesicka**

Throws

Freshman

**Hope McQueeney**  
Jumps

Freshman

**Shelly Jones**  
Throws

Freshman

**Mattisen Drake**  
Pole Vault

Freshman

**Skylar Spears**  
Distance

Freshman

**Abigail Sullivan**  
Distance

Freshman

## Men's Basketball Grounded by Mercyhurst

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### Box Score

**ERIE, Pa.** – Closing out a short road stint, the Clarion University men's basketball team was defeated by Mercyhurst Saturday afternoon at the Mercyhurst Athletic Complex on the campus of Mercyhurst by a final score of 86-44. The loss moves the Golden Eagles to 4-19 overall and 3-14 in PSAC play.

Elijah Cottrill lead the way for the Golden Eagles, finishing with a team high 11 points. Jordan Agyemang and Stevan Rodriguez led the team with eight rebounds, while Rodriguez added five points in 17 minutes of action. Godspower Ogide turned in an eight-point, seven rebound, one block effort in the loss. Clarion shot 31% from the field, including 78% from the charity stripe.

It was all Mercyhurst from the opening tip as Clarion trailed 39-17, heading into the locker room at halftime. Cottrill lead the way for Clarion in the first half scoring seven-points, while Rodriguez grabbed six total rebounds in the half, four of which were on the defensive side of the ball.

Mercyhurst started the game hot shooting lights out from the field. The Lakers ended the half on a 9-0 run stealing all the momentum out of the gym.

The Lakers continued their hot shooting from the field in the second half, shooting 63% from the floor and 80% from beyond the arc. Although Clarion fought to climb back all game long the defensive pressure from was to much as the Golden Eagles committed 25 turnovers compared to Mercyhurst's eight. Clarion out-rebounded the Lakers 39-23, but were outscored 22-7 in points off turnovers as the Lakers secured the win.

Zach McIntire and Nick Lang would pave the way for the Lakers on the afternoon, with McIntire scoring a game high 18 points on 6-10 shooting, while Lang added 16 in 31 minutes of action.

The Blue and Gold return to action Wednesday night when they return home to take on Edinboro at 7:30 pm.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

**#25 Stevan Rodriguez**

G

6' 5"

225 lbs

Junior

**#3 Elijah Cottrill**

G

6' 2"

185 lbs

Junior

**#30 Jordan Agyemang**

G

6' 6"

190 lbs

Freshman

**#35 Godspower Ogide**

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6' 11"

280 lbs

Freshman

## Strong Start & Finish Not Enough as Women's Basketball Falls to Mercyhurst

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**Next Game:**  
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
2/12/2020 | 5:30 PM

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**ERIE, Pa.** – The Golden Eagle women's basketball team had a pair of strong periods bookending their afternoon, but they were unable to overcome the ground given in the middle quarters in falling 72-65 to Mercyhurst on Saturday. Clarion returns home on Wednesday to host Edinboro in a special Breast Cancer Awareness game on Feb. 12.

Three Golden Eagles tied for the team-high in scoring, with [Celeste Ryman](#), [Ke'Airah Massiah](#) and [Yasmin Lewis](#) all adding 19 points apiece. Lewis also led Clarion with a game-high 10 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season.

As a team, Clarion shot 22-of-53 (.415) from the field and were very good from the free throw line, finishing the game 20-of-26. However, the Golden Eagles shot just 1-of-12 from three-point range, which led in part to some offensive troubles.

Clarion opened the game on a 12-4 run, putting the Lakers back on their heels with a number of quick strikes. They scored the first six points of the contest and eventually made it a 10-2 lead on a fast break jumper by Ryman, who scored after Jada Smith blocked Amber Renz's shot on the other end. Lewis finished off the run with a jumper at the 5:52 mark, and the Golden Eagles eventually extended the lead to 10 points on two free throws by Ryman. Clarion held a five point lead at the end of the first quarter, taking a 20-15 advantage in the final minute on a jumper by Lewis.

The Lakers did their damage in the second and third quarters, though, outscoring Clarion 42-22 in those periods to take a 57-42 lead heading in the final frame. The Golden Eagles chipped away, cutting the lead to 11 points on two free throws by Ryman, and back down to 10 points on foul shots by Massiah. Mercyhurst increased the lead to 15 points by Ryman eventually drove it to single digits by finishing off an and-one with just over a minute to go. It never got closer than two possessions, though, as the Lakers finished off the win.

## Men's and Women's Diving Competes at Westminster

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**NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.** – The Clarion men's and women's diving teams excelled in a diverse field on Saturday afternoon, sweeping the top spots in all dives at the Rich Sentner Dive Invitational at Westminster.

On the men's side, Andrew Cestra took third in the 1m Dive with a score of 228.35, while Jordan Morret finished fifth scoring a 199.65. In the 3m Dive Cestra and Morret took home a third and fourth place finishes with scores of 228.45 and 214.30 respectively.

Emma Kehn starred in a crowded field that included competitors from all NCAA divisions, winning both the 1m and 3m Dives on Saturday afternoon. She posted a score of 257.40 in the 1m, putting her just ahead of Duquense's Sidney O'Donnell's second-place score of 256.20. Teammate Anna Vogt finished third with a final tally of 230.30 on the afternoon.

Kehn went on to take the top spot in the 3m dive, scoring 254.65, while Vogt took home a strong second place finish with a mark of 231.90.

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Emma Kehn**

Diver

Junior

**Andrew Cestra**

Diver

Freshman

**Jordan Morret**

Diver

Freshman

**Anna Vogt**

Diver

Freshman

## Men's and Women's Diving Successful at Clarion Diving Invite

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**CLARION, Pa.** – The Clarion men's and women's diving teams excelled in a diverse field on Friday night, with the women sweeping the top spots in all dives at the Clarion Diving Invite at the Tippin Natatorium.

Emma Kehn starred in a field that included competitors from two NCAA divisions, winning both the 1m and 3m Dives on Friday night. She posted a score of 310.25 in the 3m, putting her just ahead of teammates Anna Vogt and Addison Restelli who placed second and third in the 3m dive respectively. The closest competitor from another school was Ashland's Maddy Jarrett, who took fourth with a 202.55.

Clarion swept the top four spots of the 1m dive. Kehn went on to take the top spot, scoring a 261.45, while Vogt, Restelli and Elizabeth Brand rounded out the scoring for the Golden Eagles.

On the men's side, Andrew Cestra won the 1m Dive with a score of 248.10, topping Westminster's Patrick Holton and his tally of 225.60. Jordan Morret followed in third with a 220.75. Cestra and Morret finished third and fifth in the 3m dive with Westminster's Connor May taking first with a 282.80.

Both teams will be back in action tomorrow when they head to Westminster for the Rich Sentner Diving Invite, starting at noon.

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Emma Kehn**

Diver

Junior

**Andrew Cestra**

Diver

Freshman

**Jordan Morret**

Diver

Freshman

**Elizabeth Brand**

Diver

Freshman

**Addison Restelli**

Diver

Freshman

**Anna Vogt**

Diver

Freshman

## Football Adds 35 in 2020 Class

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**CLARION, Pa.** – The Golden Eagle football team announced the addition of 35 student-athletes as part of their incoming class this week. The total number includes 28 incoming freshmen and seven transfer students, with the large and diverse group representing nine states as well as Sweden.

"I am excited about this 2020 recruiting class, including our midyear transfers and other additions," said Clarion head coach Chris Weibel. "They bring not only exceptional speed and size to our program, but also strong academics and high character. We hold our student-athletes to high standards in those areas. We are very optimistic about where our program is heading and this group is part of that."

Pennsylvanians make up the largest portion of the newest class of Golden Eagles, with 19 athletes from the Keystone State choosing to continue their athletic and academic careers at Clarion. New York is next with four student-athletes, followed by two apiece from Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Delaware and New Jersey. The Golden Eagles will also welcome newcomers from Florida, Massachusetts and Sweden, the latter of which represents the third Swede to come to Clarion in the last two years.

Below is an alphabetical list of the newest members of the Golden Eagle football program.

**David Amankwaa**

Defensive Back  
5-10, 195  
Hillsborough, N.J. / Lackawanna College

**Marco Baez**

Defensive Line  
6-3, 250  
New Berlin, N.Y. / Milford Academy

**Jacob Baker**

Defensive Line  
6-1, 220  
Thurmont, Md. / Catoctin

**Andrew Blon**

Defensive Back

5-11, 190

McMurray, Pa. / Peters Township (Shippensburg)

**Bryce Carroll**

Defensive Back

5-11, 170

Norristown, Pa. / Norristown

**N'Gianni Cerisier**

Defensive Back

5-11, 180

Horsham, Pa. / Hatboro-Horsham

**Jacob "Ty" Corbin**

Wide Receiver

5-9, 150

Chiefland, Fla. / Chiefland

**Legend Davis**

Safety

5-11, 185

Charleroi, Pa. / Charleroi

**Josh Elm**

Defensive Lineman

6-2, 275

Pittsburgh, Pa. / Avonworth

**Raoul Esperance**

Offensive Line

6-4, 350

Brooklyn, N.Y. / South Shore (ASA Brooklyn)

**Kendall Herron**

Defensive Line

6-2, 210

Jim Thorpe, Pa. / Jim Thorpe

**Jaylen House**

Defensive Back

5-11, 170

Erie, Pa. / Cathedral Prep

**Emil Hovde**

Defensive Line

Gothenburg, Sweden / RIG Amerikansk

**Blake Keller**

Wide Receiver

5-8, 160

Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal

**Bryan Kelly**

Defensive Line

6-3, 220

Guys Woods, Pa. / Maplewood

**Kyle Knight**

Quarterback

6-0, 2-5

Myerstown, Pa. / Eastern Lebanon

**Jack Lauer**

Defensive Line

6-1, 245

Hamburg, N.Y. / St. Francis

**Jacob Levey**

Linebacker

6-1, 210

Nazareth, Pa. / Nazareth

**Ben Lipinski**

Safety

6-2, 200

Erie, Pa. / General McClane

**JD McFadden**

ATH

6-0, 180

Maplewood, Pa. / Maplewood

**Braden McKee**

Linebacker

6-3, 215

Saxonburg, Pa. / Knoch

**Nick Passamonte**

Offensive Line

6-3, 265

Lindenhurst, N.Y. / Lindenhurst

**Brian Pernell**

Defensive Back

5-7, 150

Pepper Pike, Ohio / Orange

**Ridge Pierre**

Defensive Line

6-2, 315

Hamilton, N.J. / Nottingham (Morgan State)

**Malachi Quarles**

Linebacker

6-1, 180

Pittsburgh, Pa. / Obama Academy

**Donald "DJ" Rawley**

Defensive Back

5-9, 170

Woodside, Del. / Polytech

**Eric Reed**

Defensive Line

5-11, 275

Shippensburg, Pa. / Shippensburg

**Nathan Roby**

Running Back

5-8, 160

Ruffs Dale, Pa. / Hempfield

**Zechariah Sanderson**

Quarterback

6-4, 240

Manchester, Pa. / Northeastern

**Luke Schiavoni**

Defensive Line

6-5, 220

Wilmington, Del. / St. Elizabeth

**Aram Smith**

Defensive Line

6-3, 285

Andover, Mass. / Andover (ASA Brooklyn)

**Jalen Smith**

Wide Receiver

5-8, 170

Richmond, Va. / Trinity Episcopal

**Marcel Sutton**

Safety

5-11, 175

Copley, Ohio / Copley

**John Thomas**

Offensive Line

6-2, 260

Baltimore, Md. / Dunbar

**Joe Wagner**

Offensive Line

6-2, 310

Northern Cambria, Pa. / Northern Cambria

## Men's Basketball Battles with Slippery Rock but Falls on the Road

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at Mercyhurst University  
2/8/2020 | 3:00 PM

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**SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa.** – *Elijah Cottrill* had a huge night with a team-high 23 points to go along with three assists, one steal and two rebounds, but Clarion fell 71-67 on the road to Slippery Rock on Wednesday evening.

Clarion trailed by as many as 10 in the first half but solid shooting from the Golden Eagle offense found the Blue and Gold trailing by just three points heading into the half. Shooting an astounding 12-25 (48%) from the field to end the first half, the Golden Eagles commanded the paint outscoring the Rock 16-14 down low.

The Golden Eagles and The Rock battled back and forth all game long. Clarion tore its way back from a three-point deficit to pull within one 51-50 with 5:56 left in the second half off of a layup from *Stevan Rodriguez*, but the Golden Eagles were unable to pull any closer. Slippery Rock built the lead to 10 points after some solid inside post play to seal the deal.

Rock forward Micah Till proved clutch for the Slippery Rock, scoring 10 of the last 20 points down the stretch to stamp the victory.

Cottrill took control for the Blue and Gold as the game came to a close tallying the last eight points as Clarion tried to pull back within striking distance. Cottrill finished the game shooting 8 of 12 (67%) and a perfect 100% from the charity stripe.

Clarion falls to 4-18 on the season and 3-13 in PSAC play while Slippery Rock improves their overall record to 11-11 and 7-9 in the PSAC.

Till led all scorers with 33 points on the day, knocking down 10 of 16 field goal attempts. Cottrill lead the way for Clarion scoring 23 points in 39 minutes of work, while Rodriguez tallied 19 points, three steals, one assist and one board. Godspower Ogide made his first career start in the Blue and Gold, tallying eight points, five rebounds and two blocks, while Kaison Branch added nine points and four rebounds in 31 minutes of work.

As a team the Golden Eagles shot well on the evening going 50% from the field including 6 of 16 from three-point range. They also knocked down 8 of 15 attempts from the free throw line.

The Golden Eagles will travel to Mercyhurst on February 8 to take on the Lakers. Tip-off is slated for 3 pm. Clarion's short road trip will come to an end as they return home on February 12 to host the visiting Edinboro Fighting Scots. Tip-off is set for 7:30 pm.

## Women's Basketball Falls to Slippery Rock

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at Mercyhurst University  
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**SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa.** – The Clarion women's basketball team shook off a slow start to the first half with a strong open to the second, but the Golden Eagles were unable to make up the necessary ground in falling 76-58 to Slippery Rock on Wednesday. The Golden Eagles (4-18, 2-14 PSAC) will stay on the road this weekend when they face off with Mercyhurst.

Yasmin Lews scored a team-high 14 points on 6-of-15 shooting from the field, while *Emily Hegedus* recorded a team-high 12 rebounds. *Neely Whitehead* brought a spark off the bench with 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting, including a 2-of-4 performance from three-point range.

Clarion shot 22-of-66 from the field but shot a respectable 9-of-24 from three-point range, while the Rock finished 43.6 percent overall from the field. Slippery Rock outrebounded Clarion 47-34 and held a huge advantage at the free throw line.

The Golden Eagles trailed 40-22 at the break but rebounded with a strong effort in the second half, starting with a third quarter that saw them go toe-to-toe with The Rock. Lewis scored the first four points of the period for Clarion on midrange jumpers, and *Ke'Airah Massiah* cut the lead to 18 points with a pair of free throw makes at the 6:22 mark. The teams traded buckets for the next several

minutes, with Emily Hegedus scoring at the 3:48 mark to make it 51-34. Lewis reached double-digits for the game with a two-point jumper with 2:33 remaining, and then made two free throws down the stretch to make it 56-38 through three periods.

Clarion started the fourth quarter on a 10-2 run as Olivia Boocks made a three-pointer just 34 seconds into the period, and Whitehead added a layup less than a minute later to keep things going. Boocks added a midrange jumper, and Whitehead cut the lead to 60-48 with a three-pointer of her own at the 7:38 mark. Boocks again cut the lead to 12 points with a trey at the 6:45 mark, but the Rock re-took the advantage for the quarter with a 13-4 run to build a 76-55 lead en route to the win.

## Clarion Honors Record 211 Scholar-Athletes at Annual Luncheon

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**CLARION, Pa.** - Clarion student-athletes have set a new standard for academic excellence in 2019, as the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced on January 31 that 211 student athletes - comprising 57 percent of all Golden Eagles - have earned Clarion Scholar-Athlete status. The record-breaking numbers were announced at the annual Bob Carlson Scholar-Athlete Luncheon, along with special recognition for members of the Clarion University faculty and staff.

"Our student-athletes' academic accomplishments, and the life and leadership skills they learn through participation in our athletic programs, are remarkable," said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics *Dr. Wendy Snodgrass*. "Congratulations to our student-athletes, our faculty mentors, and the coaches who support their academic achievements."

To become a Clarion Scholar-Athlete, student-athletes must have achieved one of the following: earn a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher; attain a 3.2 GPA or higher in two consecutive semesters, in the previous year's spring semester and this year's fall semester; or, as a freshman or first-year transfer student, achieve a 3.2 GPA in the fall semester. The previous record for total student-athletes was 183, set in 2017, while the previous record for percentage of student-athletes was 51 percent, matched in each of the last two years. The 2020 numbers blow by both of those benchmarks, with Golden Eagles nearer to 60 percent in the last year.

Winners of the 2020 Carlson Cup were the Golden Eagle softball team, who posted the best team GPA improvement in the department. The softball team recorded a team GPA of 3.54 in the fall, with 23 athletes earning Scholar-Athlete status.

In addition to the scholar-athletes, the athletics department also handed out its annual awards to faculty and staff that have gone above and beyond in aiding student-athletes in the last year. This year's "Extra Effort" award went to 10 individuals in Clarion's administration - Rein Pold, Robin Bish, Chad Thomas, Len Cullo, Tim Fogarty, Frank Connelly, Steve Selker, Keith Mohnkern, Lindsay Johns and Clare Heidler - for their exceptional work in completing the Tippin Gym renovation project. Retired athletic director and current Sport Management professor Dave Katis was recognized as this year's Faculty of the Year award winner, for his work in mentoring so many of our Golden Eagle student-athletes.

"I am so proud to be part of an institution where people go above and beyond for our student-athletes, and help them complete their impactful work in the classroom and the field of play," Snodgrass said.

**Name****Year Major****Baseball**

William Constantin	Jr	Sport Management
Evan Donovan	So	Criminal Justice
Alex Ficorilli	Jr	Nutrition and Fitness
Josh Kirwin	Jr	Criminal Justice
Thomas Lavin IV	R-Jr	Criminal Justice
Bryan Layton Jr.	So	Biology
Kyler Mellott	R-Jr	Sport Management
Benjamin Mongelluzzo	So	Accounting
Chandler Palyas	R-Sr	Sport Management
Nathan Petke	Fr	Business Economics
Dereck Pritchard	Jr	Environmental Biology
Matthew Privette	Jr	Sport Management
Samuel Rice	Fr	Communications
Joseph Rossi	So	Real Estate
Cole Shaffer	Sr	Sport Management
Kyle Thompson	Jr	Criminal Justice

Head Coach: Doc Neiman

Faculty Mentor: Paul Klenowski

**Men's Basketball**

Jake Anderson	R-Sr	Sport Management
Aaron Hilzendeger	Fr	Sport Management
James Price	So	Undecided
Kass Taylor	R-So	Sport Management

Head Coach: Damian Pitts

Faculty Mentor: Helen Hampikian

**Women's Basketball**

Olivia Boocks	Jr	Speech Pathology
Emily Hegedus	So	Secondary Education - Mathematics
Megan Lydon	R-Fr	Psychology
KeAirah Massiah	Jr	Political Science/Criminal Justice
Celeste Ryman	Fr	Biology
Jada Smith	So	Psychology
Neely Whitehead	Jr	Nutrition and Fitness

Head Coach: Jana Ashley

Faculty Mentor: Amy Shannonhouse

## **Women's Cross Country/Track & Field**

Amanda Batey	R-Sr	Early Childhood Education
Madison Brooks	Fr	Early Childhood Education
Letizia Collini	Sr	Speech Pathology
Alice Fernald	So	Secondary Education - English
Natalie Forsyth	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Claudia Fuller	Sr	HR Management
Allison Gates	Jr	Speech Pathology
Danielle Gettemy	Sr	Speech Pathology
Sharron Jones	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Jordan Kati	Sr	Sport Management
Joelle Klein	Jr	Nutrition and Fitness
Emily Lodge	Fr	Rehab Sciences
Morgan Manglaviti	Sr	Early Childhood Education
Ashley McCluskey	Jr	Nutrition and Fitness
Rebeka McClymonds	So	Biology
Nickita Muto	Sr	Rehab Sciences
Brianna Pennington	So	Secondary Education - Biology
Emma Pesicka	Fr	Early Childhood Education
Sarah Probst	Fr	Biology
Haley Schaller	Jr	Speech Pathology
Skyllar Spears	Fr	Nursing
Abigail Sullivan	Fr	Nursing
Jenna Tech	Jr	Finance
Jenna Uncapher	Fr	Nursing
Maley Zents	Jr	Chemistry

Head Cross Country Coach: *Eric Laughlin*

Head Track and Field Coach: *Ben Bevevino*

Faculty Mentor: Carol Brennan-Caplan

## **Football**

Bradon Bastian	Fr	Accounting
William Bingman Jr.	R-Fr	Management
Jack Blevins	R-So	Sport Management
Matthew Charlton Jr.	R-Fr	Business Economics
Devin Clark	R-Sr	Communications
Jeffrey Clemens	R-Sr	Management
Seth Cohen	Fr	Accounting
Cameron Colliers	R-So	Nutrition and Fitness
Robert Corrado	Fr	Secondary Education - English
Jarrett Esposito	R-So	Sport Management
Sam Fareri	Sr	Rehab Sciences

Ross Greece	R-Fr	Early Childhood Education
James Gunning	Fr	Management
Tanner Jones	So	Undecided
Maverick Kelsea	R-Jr	Criminal Justice
Dhruv Kohli	Sr	HR Management
Theodor Landstrom	Fr	Management
Anthony Lang	Jr	Nutrition and Fitness
Isaiah McNair	So	Nutrition and Fitness
James Metzgar Jr.	Sr	Athletic Training
Hayden Musser	R-Fr	Environmental Biology
Dante Paul	R-Jr	Early Childhood Education
Michael Proios	R-Fr	Management
John Schaeffer	R-Jr	Criminal Justice
August Schmitt	R-Sr	Sport Management
Bryant Speck	Fr	Psychology
Andrew Vonada	Sr	Management
Jake Whitenight	Jr	Management
Ethan Zayas	R-So	Sport Management

Head Coach: Chris Weibel

Faculty Mentor: Shintrika Weibel, Tony Vega, & Mark Lepore

### **Men's Golf**

Creighton Carter	Fr	Management
Alexander Fincher	So	Early Childhood Education
Nicholas Giambrone	Jr	Secondary Education - Social Studies
William Hoover	So	Sport Management
Joseph Vitali	Fr	Paralegal Studies

Head Coach: Marty Rinker

Faculty Mentor: Jessica Thomas

### **Women's Golf**

Christan Bowshier	Sr	Biology
Mackenzie Cassidy	Jr	Biology
Emily DeMartino	Fr	Psychology
Morgan VanLeer	Jr	Sport Management

Head Coach: Gregg Fritz

Faculty Mentor: Jessica Thomas

### **Soccer**

Quinn Arbaugh	Jr	Political Science
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Wendy Beveridge	Fr	Rehab Sciences
Jaci Bowser	Fr	Undecided
Erin Briggs	Jr	Biology
Samantha Cartwright	Fr	Nursing
Annalise Eiswerth	Fr	Speech Pathology
Courtnei Hamm	So	Nursing
Andie Hill	Sr	Athletic Training
Julianna Locco	Jr	Nursing
Brynn Markley	R-So	Criminal Justice
Macy McCarthy	So	Early Childhood Education
Danielle McNally	Jr	Biology
Krissie Miranda	Sr	Nutrition and Fitness
Grace Mullen	Fr	Secondary Education - Mathematics
Kayla Papale	Fr	Psychology
Tori Pembleton	Fr	Business Economics
Jamey Renninger	Sr	Nutrition and Fitness
Meliah Roman	Sr	Speech Pathology
Madison Spitko	So	Secondary Education - Social Studies
Brigid Stermel	Sr	Athletic Training
Elle Stine	Sr	Biology
Abigail Sullivan	Fr	Nursing
Leann Wynder	So	Medical Imaging

Head Coach: *Afrim Latifi*

Faculty Mentor: Joseph Croskey

### **Softball**

Megan Anderson	Fr	Communications
Alexis Boie	Sr	Psychology
Aryn Boyer	Sr	Rehab Sciences
Alexandra Brentzel	Fr	Speech Pathology
Jessica Cartia	Jr	Nutrition and Fitness
Nicole Collins	So	Speech Pathology
Natalie Else	Sr	Criminal Justice
Allison Gilliam	Fr	Nursing
Carissa Giordano	Fr	Nursing
Rebecca Kelley	Jr	Speech Pathology
Chelsea Liroff	So	Criminal Justice
Brooke Mccanna	Fr	Nursing
Hannah Norton	So	Speech Pathology
Haley Pszyk	Sr	Rehab Sciences
Rebeka McClymonds	So	Biology
Macy Rubin	Sr	Nursing

Laura Sadowski	Sr	Nutrition and Fitness
Chloe Saylor	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Maycee Shumaker	So	Nursing
Alyssa Stitt	Fr	Rehab Sciences
Natalie Stoner	Fr	Early Childhood Education
Kendyl Switzer	Fr	Early Childhood Education
Makenzie Wolfe	So	Early Childhood Education

Head Coach: Elisabeth Fee

Faculty Mentor: Natalie Armstrong

### **Men's Swimming & Diving**

Andrew Cestra	Jr	Physics
Paul Flowers	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Jonathan Hansotte	So	Finance
Devon Lonergan	Fr	Early Childhood Education
Jordan Morret	Fr	Chemistry
Ty Rabenstein	Fr	Management
Robert Shotts	Fr	Biology
Tate Swanson	Jr	Environmental Geoscience/ Environmental Biology
Joshua Thruston	Sr	Management

Head Swimming Coach: Brehan Kelley

Head Diving Coach: Dave Hrovat

Faculty Mentor: Jamie Phillips

### **Women's Swimming & Diving**

Ava Arnold	Jr	Speech Pathology
Candice Chalus	So	Nutrition and Fitness
Letizia Collini	Sr	Speech Pathology
Morgan Ernst	So	Secondary Education - English
Autumn Fortney	So	Criminal Justice
Kelly Harvey	Sr	Communications
Kaitlynn Henninge	So	Nutrition and Fitness
Taylor Hoffman	Fr	Psychology
Courtney Kosanovic	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Morgan Manglaviti	Sr	Biology
Michelle Morrisey	Sr	Early Childhood Education
Sarah Murray	So	Early Childhood Education
Abbigale Newman	Sr	Biology
Addison Restelli	Fr	Nursing
Mary Clare Smith	Jr	Nursing
Abbey Uebelacker	So	Early Childhood Education

Anna Vogt Fr Undecided

Head Swimming Coach: Brehan Kelley

Head Diving Coach: Dave Hrovat

Faculty Mentor: Suzie Boyden

### **Tennis**

Kali Aughenbaugh	Fr	Undecided
Katie Benson	Sr	Secondary Education - Mathematics
Hailey Germanoski	Jr	Speech Pathology
Sarah Kirmeyer	Jr	Early Childhood Education
Hannah Schettler	Fr	Undecided
Alexis Strouse	Fr	Marketing

Head Coach: Cynthia Copenhaver

Faculty Mentor: Natasha Dias

### **Volleyball**

Christina Cotton	R-Jr	Computer Science
Alexa Cundy	So	Nursing
Cambron Hampton	So	Early Childhood Education
Julia Holden	Sr	Nursing
Aleah Karam	So	Nursing
Courtney Krall	So	Sport Management
Kathryn Ledford	Fr	Business
Aubry Ohlson	Jr	Nursing
Alyson Peters	Fr	Nursing
Holly Pittman	Sr	Chemistry
Ashley Poling	Sr	Marketing
Gillian Romanchok	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Abigail Selfridge	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Brooke Williams	So	Speech Pathology
Aubrey Wrona	So	Biology

Head Coach: Jen Herron

Faculty Mentor: Jackie Knaust

### **Wrestling**

Tyler Bagoly	R-So	Finance
Dylan Bisel	Fr	Undecided
Alexander Blake	Fr	Nutrition and Fitness
Gregory Bulsak	R-Jr	Nutrition and Fitness
Cameron Butler	R-Jr	Special Education/Dual Certification

Trevor Elfvin  
Luke Funck  
Jacob Gromacki  
Jalin Hankerson  
Blake Jackson  
Seth Koleno  
Luke Mazzeo  
Hunter Michaels  
Jack Peura  
Joseph Sliwoski  
Maxwell Wohlabaugh  
John Worthing

Jr Management  
Jr Management  
R-Sr Integrative Studies  
R-So Biology  
Fr Real Estate  
So Secondary Education - Biology  
Fr Criminal Justice  
R-Fr Criminal Justice  
R-Jr Management  
R-Jr Accounting  
Jr Management  
Fr Accounting

Head Coach: Keith Ferraro

Faculty Mentor: Ken Staub

# Fernald Breaks Sprint Record at YSU Mid-Major Invitational

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## Saturday Results

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** – Alice Fernald broke the school record in the 400m, highlighting an impressive second day at the YSU Mid-Major Invitational hosted by Youngstown State. The Golden Eagle track & field team once again saw standout performances in the field, while Fernald's record-breaking run was the brightest spot on the track on Saturday.

Running in the top heat, Fernald blazed her way to a time of 58.41, breaking her previous PR in the event by more than a quarter of a second. It was .02 seconds faster than Tatiana Cloud's previous record of 58.43 set in 2017, and is currently the fifth-fastest 400m time in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) this year. Fernald placed third in the field behind Division I Youngstown State's Teneisha Myers and Slippery Rock's Keyonna McGill.

Fernald was also part of a strong effort in the 4x400m Relay that took fifth in the field. She was the third leg of the relay along with Hunter Barger, Kia Braithwaite and Kaylen Sharrow, and the quartet posted a time of 4:10.32.

Hope McQueeney built off her strong Long Jump on Friday night with another great performance on Saturday, posting a PR in the Triple Jump. The freshman took sixth with a leap of 11.28m, which tied for the second-best indoor Triple Jump in program history. The mark tied Kristen Werder's second-place mark set in 2003, and trails only Diane Kress's record of 11.52m set in 2009.

In the throwing events, Shelly Jones set the standard with her performance in the Shot Put, tossing the implement 12.52m. That was good enough for seventh in the field, but third in the field among non-Division I competitors.

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## PLAYERS MENTIONED

### **Tatiana Cloud**

Sprints/Hurdles

Junior

### **Kia Braithwaite**

Sprints

Sophomore  
**Alice Fernald**  
Sprints

Freshman  
**Kaylen Sharrow**  
Sprints / Hurdles

Freshman  
**Hope McQueeney**  
Jumps

Freshman  
**Shelly Jones**  
Throws

Freshman  
**Hunter Barger**  
Sprints

Freshman

## Three Golden Eagle Wrestlers Place at Edinboro Open

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### Full Results

**EDINBORO, Pa.** – With three placers among their ranks, the Clarion wrestling team posted a sixth-place finish at the 2020 Edinboro Open, with two wrestlers taking fifth place and another sixth in the midseason event.

Jake Gromacki and Caleb Hetrick posted fifth-place finishes in the 125- and 165-pound brackets respectively, while freshman John Worthing took sixth place at 157 pounds. In the case of the former two athletes, they each won each of their first two bouts of the day before dropping a decision and going into the consolation bracket. Worthing had a first round bye but lost in the second round, but then went on to win four straight matches before falling in the fifth-place match.

Gromacki started his day with a win over Cleveland State's Cody Moosman, defeating him by a 4-0 decision. He earned the first of two wins on the day against Brandon Spellman, beating him by 9-7 in the second round before falling 7-3 to Ohio State's Dylan Koontz. Now in the consolation bracket, Gromacki pinned Bucknell's Brandon Seidman 1:22 into the first period, and then beat Navy's Matthew Cardello to reach the fifth-place match. He faced Spellman in a rematch, this time winning a low-scoring, 4-2 decision to take the spot.

Hetrick earned a major decision in his first bout, beating Bucknell's Joey Schlele, and followed up with a 3-1 decision over West Virginia's Patrick Daum. He fell in the quarterfinal round but rebounded with an 8-5 decision over Central Michigan's Patrick Gross, and then defeated teammate Jack Peura 13-8 to reach the fifth-place match. A medical forfeit by Dazjon Casto of the Citadel gave Hetrick the fifth-place finish.

In the case of Worthing, he lost to Lock Haven's Jonathan Ross in his first bout of the day, but went on to win four straight bouts. He pinned teammate Joe Sliwoski 15 seconds into the third period for his first win, and then got a decision against West Virginia's Walker Heard. He topped another of his Golden Eagle teammates in the next round, tech falling Trevor Elfvin by an 18-3 score, and eventually advanced to the fifth-place match. There he fell to Lehigh's AJ Burkhart by a 10-6 decision.

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### PLAYERS MENTIONED

**Jake Gromacki**

Redshirt Senior

**Jack Peura**

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Junior

**Caleb Hetrick**

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Freshman

**Joe Sliwoski**

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Redshirt Sophomore

**Trevor Elfvin**

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Junior

**John Worthing**

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Freshman

# Women's Hoops Survives Wild Fourth Quarter, Beats Seton Hill

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**CLARION, Pa.** – Buoyed by a huge effort in the third quarter that built their lead to double digits, the Clarion women's basketball team held off a fourth quarter surge to defeat Seton Hill 68-66 at Tippin Gym on Saturday afternoon. The win snapped an eight game-losing streak for the Golden Eagles (4-17, 2-13 PSAC), who will head on the road for two games next week.

Playing with a shortened bench due to an injury suffered by Yndiah Bobo, the Golden Eagles gutted out the win against the Griffins with an exceptional defensive effort. They held Seton Hill to just 27-of-77 (.351) from the field and only 6-of-26 (.231) from three-point range. Clarion was also exceptionally efficient with the ball, committing just eight turnovers, and they won the turnover battle 53-51. Two Golden Eagles finished with double-digit boards, with Jada Smith pulling down the game-high 13 caroms.

Ke'Airah Massiah scored a game-high 18 points, going 6-of-20 from the field and 5-of-7 from the free throw line. Emily Hegedus broke a string of single-digit scoring performances with her highest points total since December 3, scoring 14 total points, and Celeste Ryman added 12 points.

Clarion first took the lead with a 7-0 run in the first quarter, with Lewis scoring the go-ahead bucket at 6:45 and Massiah closing the run with a three-pointer off a feed from Ryman. Hegedus expanded the lead to seven points with a layup that made it 17-10, and the advantage went as high as nine points in the first quarter as the Golden Eagles got stop after stop. The Griffins pulled to within one point late in the second quarter but Haile Hart scored with 44 seconds remaining in the half, giving Clarion a 34-31 advantage heading into the locker room.

Hart did much of her damage in the second half, with the sophomore forward coming in to produce eight points, six rebounds and a blocked shot in just 13 total minutes of action. The Golden Eagles came out hot in the third quarter and built their lead up to 11 points after a midrange jumper by Massiah, and Ryman kept it at that mark with a jumper to make it 48-37.

The drama poured in during the fourth quarter as the Griffins started to rally, cutting it to 58-57 at the 7:40 mark on a make by Madelyn Fischer. Sydney Rabold later tied it at 61 with a midrange jumper, and Lexi Civittolo briefly put Seton Hill ahead as the game entered its final minutes. Ryman put Clarion back on top 65-64 with a jumper and Massiah extended the lead to three points with just over two minutes remaining. Katie Nolan pulled Seton Hill to within one point at the 1:55 mark but neither team scored from the field again, and Massiah hit a free throw with six seconds remaining to set the final score.

## Men's Hoops Downed by Seton Hill

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CLARION, Pa. – Clarion's Stevan Rodriguez scored a team high 20 points and grabbed six rebounds, while picking up two steals, but the Golden Eagles were unable to hold an early lead, falling at home to Seton Hill on Saturday, 73-67.

Clarion falls to 4-17 overall and 2-12 in the PSAC, while Seton Hill improves to 4-13, 3-11 in the PSAC.

The Golden Eagles were leading throughout the first half and took a 31-27 lead heading into the halftime break, shooting 25% from beyond the arc and a staggering 44% from the field. Kaison Branch lead the way in the first half, scoring eight points on 2-5 shooting.

Elijah Cottrill started the scoring for Clarion taking a pass from Aaron Hilzendeger driving left and throwing down a dunk over top of two Seton Hill defenders. Clarion built a lead as large as seven in the first half and held the Griffins to just 27 first half points on 9 of 29 shooting from the field.

The Golden Eagles shot an impressive 46.2% from the floor in the second half of the game, and an immaculate 45.3% from the field for the entire game.

Clarion commanded the paint the entire game picking up seven blocks and forcing the Griffins offense to score exclusively from beyond the arc. Godspower Ogide lead the way on the defensive end picking up four blocks in just 14 minutes of action.

However, Clarion had no answer for Seton Hill's senior guard Nathan Davis, who scored a game high 29 points on 9 of 17 shooting, while grabbing 10 rebounds. Shooting lights out from three point range, the Griffins shot 50% from three and an impressive 60% in crunch time in the second half.

Although Clarion won the rebound battle, grabbing 38 boards to Seton Hill's 36 the long ball proved to be the difference in the game.

Rodriguez led Clarion with 20 points on 7 of 14 shooting, Cottrill added 18 points, while Branch added 10 points.

Clarion will be back in action on February 5 when they head to Slippery Rock to take on PSAC West for The Rock. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 pm.