

SAINT IGNATIUS WILDCATS

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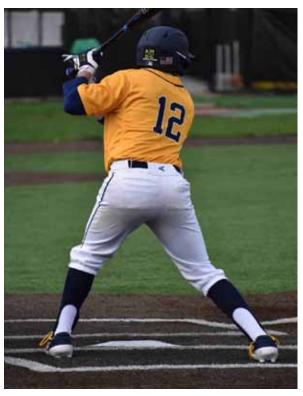
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DANNY CASTENIR Marietta College



Winning a state championship would be the crowning achievement for just about any high school athlete. But that's not what Danny Castenir is most proud of.

The talented Wildcat is, in his words, "most proud of the man I became throughout the past four years." That says a lot about Danny Castenir.

The infielder enjoyed a great career with the Wildcats, playing each year. As a junior, Castenir hit .286 in 32 plate appearances, with 8 hits, including two doubles. The Brookpark native tabbed 6 RBI and 5 runs, enjoying his best game against Hoover, hitting 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI. In the field, Castenir did not have any errors in 2019.

Castenir chosed Marietta because of its beautiful campus and its outstanding coaching staff. The Pioneers will be an excellent fit for Castenir.

Academically, Marietta will also be great for him. Castenir currently sports a nice 3.6 GPA. He'll join Logan Burns and Duncan Fraser as Pios next fall.

ERIK DAUGENTI John Carroll University



To win a state championship, you need lots of talented guys. Among that group, you need a guy like Erik Daugenti who can fill in wherever and whenever needed.

Daugenti played an important role in the Wildcats' 2019 Division I State Championship. Daugenti provided timely hitting, fielding, and running along the way. He'll be a welcome addition to the Blue Streaks squad, joining alumnus and assistant coach Chet Lauer '09.

In his junior season, Daugenti had 97 plate appearances, hitting .293 with a .362 on-base percentage. The native Clevelander tabbed 24 hits, including two doubles and one triple. Daugenti added 14 runs batted in and crossed the plate 14 times. In the field, he tallied 49 putouts against just 1 error, making up for it with a double play. In the state title game, Daugenti hit 1-for-3 with a single.

The Wirtz Award nominee also starred on the football field. The starting corner notched 35 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 1 interception, 8 pass breakups, and 1 blocked kick.

THOMAS DOMANICK University of Mount Union

The loss of the spring season may be most heartbreaking for a hard-working young man like Thomas Domanick.

Domanick made the varsity roster for the first time this spring, and was looking forward to earning a letter and playing with the Cats. Unfortunately, he will not get to don the blue and gold in 2020.

But the future is bright for the Sagamore Hills native. Domanick will be playing baseball for the Mount Union Purple Raiders next spring. He's planning on majoring in finance in Alliance.

Despite the lost season, Domanick enjoyed his Saint Ignatius experience. He'll always remember the words of Coach Pat O'Rourke '90 before a freshman baseball game: "He calmed me down by saying, 'You're playing baseball! Have fun!"

Domanick is also thankful to Coach Whelan, who "helped to make the game fun." Domanick will similarly remember his junior year Kairos retreat, part of a great four years at Wildcat High.



DAN DRELLISHAK The Ohio State University



When the Athletic Department orders new record boards, Dan Drellishak's name will be proudly on display on the track & field board.

The Avon native broke the longstanding school mark of 14'9" in the pole vault set by Craig Krcal a decade before in 2010. Drellishak leaped to a height of 15'0" during an meet at SPIRE Institute during the indoor season. Drellishak's supreme feat will have a place in the stars.

But Drellishak's feats go beyond one record. As a junior, he reached the State Meet after a leap of 14'06.00" at Regionals. All season long, Drellishak consistently provided points for the Wildcats with exceptional leaps.

As his coach, Joe Zebrak '87, said after Drellishak set the record in February, the sky is the limit for the young man. With an outdoor senior season, Drellishak would have set the bar even higher for future Wildcat vaulters.

Even still, Drellishak will do great things as a PWO vaulter at Ohio State, and as a student in the classroom.

RYCE FEDERLE Miami University (OH)



If you've watched the Soccer Cats or Lax Cats over the past few years, you may not know the name Ryce Federle. But you know his voice.

Federle joined the Saint Ignatius Broadcast Network during his sophomore year, urged on by fellow senior Jack O'Rourke. Not long after joining, Federle became a banner member of the SIBN.

Federle became known for his trademark even-keel nature during broadcasts, always keeping fans aware of what was happening on the field as the play-by-play man. When called upon to do color commentary, Federle added worthy details to provide a deeper picture of the game.

The Avon Lake native also has a wry sense of humor, known for his jokes off the air. Just ask him about the 2019 State Championship in Columbus.

Federle also played hockey during his time at Wildcat High, making the varsity squad as a strong defensementhis year.

Federle has a bright future ahead, as he plans to continue his sports information and broadcasting career at Miami. He definitely has the smarts and work ethic to be a big success.

CONNOR FRANCZ University of Akron

Connor Francz was destined to be a contact sport athlete, as his coach, Chuck Kyle '69, believes. At 6'2, 220 pounds, Francz has the perfect frame for it and the right mindset to succeed in any sport he plays.

Francz played three sports at Saint Ignatius – football, hockey, and lacrosse, performing well in all three. But his immediate future is in football for the Akron Zips, as a preferred walk-on with Zips Head Coach Tom Arth '99.

Who wouldn't want a guy like Francz on their team? Francz starred at middle linebacker for the Cats in 2019, earning honorable mention All-District. The heavy-hitting 'backer compiled 36.5 tackles, 5 tackles for loss, and 2 sacks on the season. His coach, Ryan Franzinger '02, loved working with him, as Francz is the type of guy who loves to be near the line of scrimmage and enjoys contact.

Those skills transitioned well in hockey and lacrosse. Francz played goalie last year and skated out this year in hockey. He played defender last year for the Lax Cats.



DUNCAN FRASER Marietta College

This spring might have been a historic season for Saint Ignatius Crew, but Duncan Fraser still graduates as a National Champion.

Fraser and the Junior 8+ boat won gold at the SRAA National Championships last May, an unforgettable memory that will stick with Fraser and his teammates for a long, long time. Fraser calls it, without a doubt, his favorite memory from his four years at Saint Ignatius.

Marietta seemed like the logical choice for Fraser. The academics, coaching staff, and the price all fit for the native Clevelander. He plans on majoring in biochemistry at the prestigious school in Southeast Ohio. Fellow rower Logan Burns also chose to become a Pioneer, making the decision even easier.

Fraser will be missed at Wildcat High. Besides his talents and medals won as a rower, his 3.68 GPA is also to be admired. Fraser is also proud of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He'll be a great Pio.



TYLER HAMPU Colby Community College



The spring season has been doubly disappointing for Tyler Hampu.

For the first time, Hampu made the varsity roster this spring as a hard-throwing righty pitcher. But then the outbreak of COVID-19 canceled the season. And on top of that, Hampu had committed to Sinclair Community College to play baseball. But then, Sinclair dropped its athletics.

Despite these setbacks, Hampu is a tough kid who is quite resilient. He soon found a new home in Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas.

Hampu has a bright future. The Berea native has a fastball that hits the upper 80s, a slider that sits around 72-75 miles per hour, and a changeup that touches the mid-70s.

Despite the tough ending, Hampu will remember his time at Wildcat High fondly. From Coach Ganor, he learned "to take nothing for granted and to value every second you have doing the things you love." Wise words indeed.

GRIFFIN HANNA John Carroll University

A college decision proved to be a relatively easy one for Griffin Hanna.

Continue his Jesuit education? Check. Stay close to home? Check. Play some hoops? Check.

John Carroll University is a perfect fit for Hanna.

The Wirtz Award nominee starred in both football and basketball for the Wildcats. In the fall of 2019, Hanna started at quarterback, completing 130-of-248 passes for 2,124 yards and 17 touchdowns, adding 6 rushing TDs. He earned All-District honorable mention status for his efforts.

In the winter, Hanna became a guard/forward for the Basketball Cats. Hanna morphed into a dynamite threat from behind the arc, shooting 40% from 3-point range. On the year, he averaged 8.2 points per game and 2.0 rebounds per game.

Like many Wildcats before him, Hanna will be a perfect fit for the Blue Streaks' quick strike, fast approach with head coach Pete Moran. And just as importantly, he'll get a great Jesuit education.



DANNY KALIC John Carroll University



Just over a month after committing to play Division I soccer at the University of Cincinnati, the devastating news was announced.

The Bearcats were shuttering the men's soccer program. Among the affected were Danny Kalic and Kyle Healy '19. But in the aftermath, Kalic found another home in John Carroll University. The Blue Streaks' coaching staff is

definitely thrilled to have him.

A midfielder during his freshman and sophomore seasons, Kalic transitioned to defender before his junior year. The switch paid huge dividends for both Kalic and the Cats. The proud Croatian became an anchor for the men of Mike McLaughlin '85 on defense. His impact was felt in a big way.

His prowess in stopping chances and in starting the attack played a large role in the Wildcats' 2019 state and national title run. Kalic played 1,806 minutes, starting all 23 games. With just 11 fouls, as well as a goal and assist, Kalic was huge. He'll have an immediate impact with the Blue Streaks.

ETHAN NEJAD Westminster College



Losing the spring sports season hurts for everyone, but particularly for seniors like Ethan Nejad who were preparing to play their first season with the varsity squad.

The midfielder hoped to help the Wildcats win the lacrosse program's first state championship. Nejad will still receive a letter, but the loss of the season does sting, especially after Nejad has worked through injuries to contribute.

Still, his future is bright. Nejad will be playing for Westminster College, a private liberal arts college in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Westminster is a Division III school, and only about 90 minutes away, so his folks will get to see him play.

The Rocky River native will remember his time at Wildcat High fondly, especially bus rides with the team, working with Coach Bo Shim '92, and classes with Mr. Fujimoto '66 and Mr. Wolf '08.

Nejad plans on studying Financial Economics at Westminster.

RYAN NOTARIANNI John Carroll University



You can be certain that the men's soccer coaches at John Carroll University are excited to get Ryan Notarianni.

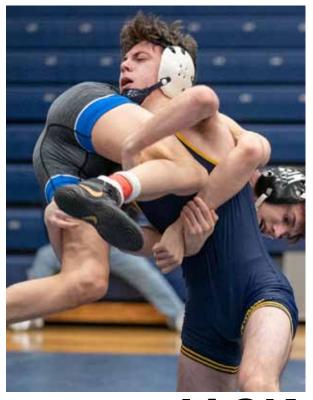
The Medina native developed into a stellar member of the Wildcats' back line, evolving into a star defender for Mike McLaughlin '85 in 2019.

Injuries afflicted Notarianni during much of his first three seasons, but his senior season saw him break out in a big way. Affectionately dubbed "Notar," the senior started all 23 games. Along with fellow JCU commit Danny Kalic, Notarianni thwarted many opposing offenses, including a shutout against a potent Bees attack in the State Semifinal.

Over the course of the season, Notarianni logged 1,617 minutes, committing only 4 fouls, a remarkable stat. Notar also tabbed 1 goal and 5 assists for the Wildcats.

Notarianni also became a strong student. He owns a 3.1 cumulative GPA, but recorded his best semester with a 3.6 in the fall. Notar is now looking towards the renowned Boler School of Business and a successful career.

JOHNNY NOVAK Lourdes University



Johnny Novak entered Saint Ignatius as a relative unknown, his claim to fame being that his father (John '98) graduated from Wildcat High.

Novak leaves Saint Ignatius as a captain, stud wrestler, star student, and a bright young man.

How did Novak develop his potential into results? It was simple – with hard work.

As his wrestling coaches will tell you, Novak always went above and beyond. After an appearance at the District Tournament as a freshman, Novak improved in his sophomore year, and then took a huge leap in his junior season, qualifying for the State Tournament.

As a senior, he matured and developed further, becoming the team's Most Valuable Wrestler and a quality leader. He qualified for the state tourney as an alternate before the coronavirus cancelled it.

Graduating with a 3.25 GPA, Novak has the chops to succeed at Lourdes University in Sylvania. He's got the work ethic to succeed in life, too.

JACK O'ROURKE John Carroll University



The term "GOAT," aka "Greatest of All-Time" is not a term we throw around loosely at Saint Ignatius. But without a doubt, Jack O'Rourke is one of the "GOATs" of the SIBN, joining the likes of Brendan Gulick '09, Mike Watts '11, and John Fanta '13.

O'Rourke entered Saint Ignatius as a bright, quiet freshman, the son of Head Hockey Coach Pat O'Rourke '90. Jack immediately assumed the reins of the hockey broadcast, and took the show on the road, then a novelty for SIBN hockey coverage. He quickly developed a strong work ethic and a "can-do" attitude. He volunteered to broadcast freshman football, soccer, volleyball, baseball, and lacrosse, and helped with social media, too.

As a junior, O'Rourke became the color analyst for football, and then took over as play-by-play man as a senior. As the SIBN president, he led the club to new heights this year, with new records in membership and number of broadcasts.

In all things he did, Jack excelled. His skills on the mic were excellent and his work ethic was unmatched. He defined the word "Magis" through his words and his actions. At John Carroll and beyond, O'Rourke is destined for big things.

DANNY RADIGAN Duquesne University



Playing goalkeeper at Saint Ignatius is never easy. The expectations are always sky-high and you often have to compete with some of the best players in Northeast Ohio.

Danny Radigan faced these challenges head-on. Radigan served as the backup goalie to Peter Van Euwen, who's headed to The Ohio State University. At any other school, Radigan would be an undeniable starter.

Despite his status as backup, Radigan excelled. His humility and work ethic powered him. As a junior, Radigan tallied a 3-0-1 record in 2018, starting 4 games. In his 10 total appearances, Radigan notched 6 saves in 424 minutes. In 2019, Radigan appeared in 12 games, only allowing 2 goals in 201 minutes. His athletic play in net combined with his service and academic work drew in Duquesne.

Radigan plans to enter a 3-3 law program at the Pittsburgh school, earning a law degree in 6 years. With his smarts, he's a sure bet to succeed.

ETHAN SCHUM University of Dayton



Jack O'Rourke brought Ethan Schum into the fold as a color analyst for the 2019-20 hockey season. It turned out be a great move. Schum became a valued member of the broadcast crew and fell in love with sports broadcasting.

Schum plans to pursue a career in sports as he heads south to the University of Dayton in the fall.

Over the course of the season, Schum developed into an excellent analyst. Always armed with analysis and a quick wit, Schum provided plenty of good color to the SIBN hockey broadcasts. He also gelled with O'Rourke and Pat Keane, rounding out the broadcast team nicely.

O'Rourke loved having his fellow senior on the air. In his letter to the hockey program after the season, O'Rourke wrote, "Recruiting you to join us will always give me a smile. Your love of the game continues to grow and your love of the team is matched by few."

Our only regret with Ethan is that we didn't bring him aboard sooner. Regardless, his future is a bright one.

JOHN SOEDER Bowdoin College



To build a strong swimming & diving program, you need a strong crop of seniors to light the path, along with plenty of talent. John Soeder led the way in both categories.

Soeder helped the Aqua Cats enjoy one of the best seasons in recent memory this past winter. The speedster played a major role in guiding the Wildcats to an undefeated dual meet record, unseating the perennial powerhous Toledo St. Francis in the District Meet, and a top ten finish at the State Meet. All season long, Soeder paced the Wildcats in the 50 free and proved to be key in the relays. In Canton, Soeder helped the Wildcats clock in at 1:31.45 in the 200 medley relay for second place. After two nice swims in the B finals of the 50 free and 100 free, Soeder helped the Wildcats snag sixth in the 200 free relay.

Beyond his great times, Soeder proved to be a great teammate and leader. A humble young man, Soeder will do great things at Bowdoin.

IAN SUGAR Loyola University Maryland



You don't win a title without great seniors like Ian Sugar. The senior helped the Wildcats capture the program's ninth state championship in the fall, playing a signficant role as a skilled midfielder. Sugar appeared in 19 games, logging 654 minutes. Over the course of the year, Sugar made his way into the stat sheet with a number of assists, including an important one in the state title game.

Over his 3-year career on varsity, Sugar registered 40 appearances and 1,128 minutes. The Highland Heights native tallied 1 goal and 5 assists for the Wildcats. But more importantly than his stats, Sugar proved to be the model teammate. Ever humble and always ready with a smile, Sugar is the type of young man that every team needs. He's always ready when you call his number, and works very hard.

When searching for a college, Sugar looked for a good academic fit and a solid soccer program. Loyola Maryland checked both boxes and reminded him of Saint Ignatius. His 3.86 GPA proves that he can succeed there.

CHASE TOPPIN Lake Erie College

From the moment he stepped on campus, you could tell that Chase Toppin was special.

The Cleveland Heights native made the varsity basketball team as a freshman for the 2016-17 season, a rare feat for a first-year Cat. And he didn't just make the team, he had an immediate impact as a skilled distributor at guard.

Toppin's skills grew as a sophomore and junior and crescendoed as a senior. Under first-year head coach Cam Joyce, Toppin starred as the point guard and the center of the offense. The 6'2" senior showcased his impressive passing along with a deadly ability to cut to the net for jaw-dropping buckets. Toppin finished second on the squad with 12.1 points per game and led the Cats with 5.0 assists per contest. His vision and athleticism set him apart from other guards.

Toppin will be staying close to home at Lake Erie College, where his skills are sure to blossom even more. He's a special talent and a great young man.



MAX WATTERS Kenyon College



To win football games, you need hard-nosed, hard-workers like Max Watters.

Kenyon College knows that, having recruited great Wildcats in the past, including Mark Sullivan '07, now Chief Resident of Psychiatry at the NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Watters has a similarly bright future.

Watters became a key contributor on the defensive line for the Wildcats in 2019. As a senior, Watters recorded 13 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, and 1.5 sacks. His crowning performance came on the biggest stage, the annual rivalry vs. St. Edward. The St. Angela's grad notched 3.5 tackles (1 solo, 5 assists) and helped on a sack. When the Wildcats needed him, he thrived.

Before the coronavirus outbreak canceled rugby season, Watters hoped to help the Rugby Cats win a fourth straight RugbyOhio state title. He was excited to play for Coach Dan Arbeznik '00.

But as evidenced by his 3.5 GPA, he'll do well at Kenyon.

AUSTIN ZELEZNIK Case Western Reserve University



To attend Case Western Reserve University, you need to be whip-smart, a hard worker, and a problem solver. Austin Zeleznik checks all the boxes.

The North Royalton native excelled at Wildcat High, both in the classroom and on the soccer field. With a 3.91 GPA and plenty of soccer accolades, Zeleznik is the real deal.

On the pitch, Zeleznik was as consistent as they come. A 3-year letterwinner, Zeleznik logged 63 starts and 64 appearances as a forward, playing an incredible 3,831 minutes. He finished his career with 13 goals, 18 assists, and 44 points.

Zeleznik capped off his Wildcat career in the best way possible, with state and national titles. The team captain registered 19 starts and 20 appearances, with 1,044 minutes played. Zeleznik rocketed 7 goals and 6 assists in a great season.

Off the pitch, Zeleznik hopes to become a doctor. The premier Cleveland school should be a great fit for a wonderful and smart young man.







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