



# **BAYONNE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS**

### **JANUARY 2020 UPDATE**

The Bees have had an extremely busy and productive December. The following is an up to date recap:

#### **Basketball - Boys:**

Bayonne Boys basketball program continues to strive for a successful season. Over the holiday break the varsity participated Bloomfield High School Holiday tournament. Which the team defeated Glenn Ridge 61-40 to advance to the finals of the tournament. The varsity had 3 other big victories so far this season defeating North Plainfield 81-46, Bard 75-26, and McNair 48-24. The program's culture and accountability continues developing everyday. The Bayonne boys freshman basketball team has a current record of (11- 2).

#### **Basketball - Girls:**

Bayonne came up inches short of beating Hudson Catholic, but then rebounded with wins over Lincoln and Secaucus. This squad has the goods to win it all in Hudson County in 2020, especially with the way Makoye Diawara and Eniya Scott are playing. The Bees have a duo that a lot of teams just can't match up with and that makes Bayonne a team you don't want to run into. Makoye Diawara is having the best season of her career and sophomore Eniya Scott continues to prove she's one of the more dynamic guards in the state. Senior Mary Lavin has been on a tear the last couple of games averaging 9.8 pts and 7 rebounds. Newly eligible sharpshooting Guard Logine Moustafa has made her presence felt instantly connecting on 17 threes in 4 games. Jada Phillips, Jolyssa Moody, and Freshman Christina Centeno have been solid offensively, while Tamia Phillips and Sam Galano have added some muscle down low.

#### **Bowling – Boys:**

This season was a huge success for Bayonne Bowling, the boys had a spectacular season finishing in first place in the South division of the HICIAL with the championships just around the corner. Newcomers to the team Jamarion Wright, and Efrain Gonzalez were instant impact performers while returning starters Matthew Nilan, Jake Peregrin and Joseph Novielli all improved on their averages from last season. Bayonne will have three players who will be represented in the Kings and Queens tournament in February ( a tournament for the top ten bowlers from each division to see who is the best overall bowler in Hudson County). Bayonne will also prove to be a power in the upcoming Hudson County Tournament on February third.

#### **Bowling – Girls:**

The Bayonne Girls' Bowling team started off slow this year. We had many first time bowlers; never playing the sport before. With very few girls qualifying to be on the team, these first time bowlers were put on the Varsity team. On our last match we moved into 5th place, which was a great achievement for such a young team. Junior Brianne Peralta, and Sophomore Victoria Caal each qualified for a spot in the Hudson County Queens Tournament. This is the 3rd year Brianne qualified, and first for Victoria who placed 6th in the overall for South Hudson. A great accomplishment for her. We look forward to next year, with everyone returning and everyone loving the sport of bowling, getting better each day.

#### **Fencing:**

Currently Bayonne has a combined record of 3 and 1 our best start to date. Bayonne seniors led their teams to a 41st and 48th place overall placement at this years Santelli / Cetrulo Tournament. At the District Competition Abdel Awad placed 9th overall in one of the most difficult grouped districts in the state. Coaches Gotch, Castro and Cruz would like to wish their seniors a great end of season and good luck during the remainder of the season!

**Ice Hockey:**

The Bayonne hockey team, in association with the American Cancer Society, hosted the first *"Pink the Rink"* hockey game, and to the delight of several hundred in attendance the Bees lined up in pink uniforms and stood in solidarity in the fight against cancer. Please enjoy the story attached.

<https://hockeyclan.com/pink-the-rink-johnson-bayonne-skate-in-fight-against-cancer/>

**Indoor Track:**

Indoor Track & Field is off to a strong start. Returning Seniors, Kevin Aguilar, Francois Rodas, and Junior, Cedric Bazile will be paving the way for the Varsity Boys team, in hopes of placing well at Counties. Rodas set a new school record early in the season for the 1,000m with a time of 2:45.60, and Bazile holds the 2nd place spot for high jump in the county at 6 feet. On the girls side, the Freshman/Sophomore girls group is large with very promising talent. Freshmen, Caitlin Quintos, Liana Lopez, and Sophomore, Rita Snaky all have strong season bests in their respective events. We are excited to see what this season holds.

**Swimming:**

The Bayonne High school girls swim team ends their regular season with an 8-1 record and the boys teams ends with a 7-2 overall record with one more meet left next week. Both teams had a great season and many swimmers received their personal best times. We are working hard at practice and getting ready for the HICIAL championship next week. We are looking forward to compete as a team to earn a spot to be named best in the county. They worked hard all season and both teams are also hopeful to participate in the state tournament.

**Wrestling:**

This years wrestling team is off to an 8-6 start. After fighting through numerous injuries throughout the beginning of the season the team once again finds themselves in the hunt for the playoffs. The future's looking bright for the young Fighting Bee's as 11 of the 14 starters are all underclassmen. Go Bee's!

Yours Truly,

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