

Middletown Public Schools

Spring 2026 Athletics Report

Board of Education End-of-Season Comprehensive Review

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District Spring Highlights

403

STRONG PARTICIPATION

Student-athletes actively involved across all spring sports programs.

144 (72%)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Varsity student-athletes earned All-CCC Academic Honors (GPA 87.5+).

44%

UNIQUE ATHLETES

High degree of multi-sport participation, with students playing in multiple seasons.

20

ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

Varsity student-athletes selected for the All-CCC Conference team.

HONOR ROLL SUCCESS

80% of all spring rosters earned a distinguished spot on either the High Honor or Honor Roll, demonstrating classroom dedication.

COLLEGIATE COMMITMENTS

16 outstanding student-athletes officially committed to continuing their athletic and academic careers at the collegiate level.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beman Middle School

A Season of Remarkable Team Growth, High Participation, and Individual Athletic Achievements

BEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

A Season of Enormous Individual and Team Growth

4-0

BOYS OUTSTANDING RECORD

The Beman boys track and field team finished their stellar season completely undefeated.

2-2

GIRLS EVEN RECORD

The Beman girls team demonstrated hard work to finish with a strong balanced record.

75

TOTAL PARTICIPATION

A turnout of 75 middle school student-athletes active across 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS & STATE QUALIFIERS

29 total athletes qualified for the State Championship, with multiple students medaling.

Individual achievements include **Daniel Cookson** (2nd in discus), **Alden Comeau** (3rd in 1600), and **Charles Fowler** (6th in 400).

The boys **4×400 relay team** placed 7th in the state.

Coaches: Boys Head: Vivaldi Demas, Asst: Steven Niggebrugge | Girls Head: Mike Angeli, Asst: Karen Agogliati



BEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

An Outstanding, Enjoyable, and Rewarding Season of Growth

8-2

OUTSTANDING RECORD

The Beman Rams played a highly successful 10-game series, finishing with a strong winning record.

16

TOTAL PARTICIPATION

Active rosters featured 16 dedicated middle school student-athletes during the Spring 2026 season.

2+

DAILY PRACTICE HOURS

Athletes trained rigorously for over 2 hours every practice day, including non-mandatory sessions over spring break.

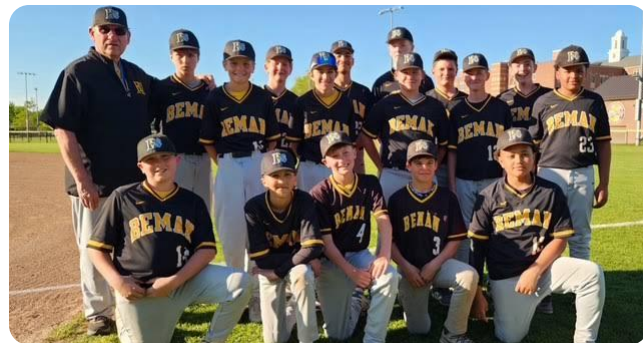


SEASON HIGHLIGHTS & COACH'S REVIEW

The season was highly **enjoyable and rewarding** for the student-athletes under Head Coach John Bagley.

Roster showed **immense dedication**; 4 players sustained minor injuries but not a single athlete missed playing time.

Maintained **excellent sportsmanship** and behavioral standards throughout the entire competitive season.



BEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

An Outstanding, Record-Breaking Season of Performance and Growth

8-2

OUTSTANDING RECORD

The Beman softball team dominated their competitive games, finishing with a stellar 80% win rate.

20

TOTAL PARTICIPATION

Active rosters featured 20 dedicated middle school student-athletes during the Spring 2026 season.

67

PITCHING STRIKEOUTS

Four versatile pitchers produced an impressive 67 strikeouts across 49 competitive innings.



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS & STATISTICS SUMMARY

Explosive offense with **362 plate appearances**, producing **143 hits** (113 singles, 20 doubles, and 10 triples).

The team scored an astonishing total of **134 runs** over the course of the 10-game series.

Under Head Coach **Sydney White** and Asst. **Richard Eldridge**, the team significantly increased stats from last season.



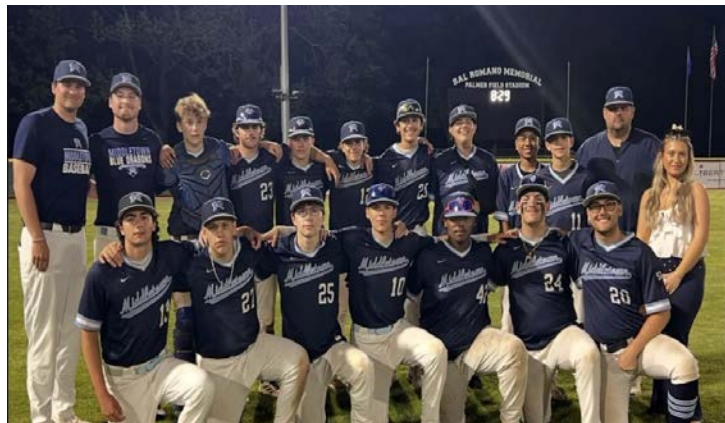
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Excellence, State Championships, Postseason Success, and Collegiate Commitments

BASEBALL

Returning to the State Tournament



TEAM HIGHLIGHT

Qualified for the state tournament for the third time in the last five seasons.



17

ATHLETES

High School student-athletes participating in the program.

8-12

RECORD

Finished the regular season, a significant improvement from last year.

COACHING STAFF

Daniel Botti (Head Coach)

Ryan Michaud, Bob Nardi (Assistant Coaches)



INDIVIDUAL MILESTONE

Senior **Jake Haniewski** captured his **100th career strikeout**, finishing his career with **114 strikeouts**.

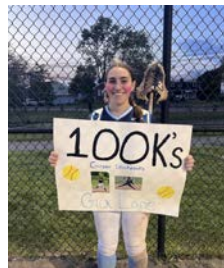
SOFTBALL

Postseason Success and Core Milestones



TEAM HIGHLIGHT

Successfully reached the goal of making the state tournament, showing daily growth and playing with respect for the game.



16

STUDENT-ATHLETES

High school players active in the program.

8-12

OVERALL RECORD

Earned a spot in the state tournament.

COACHING STAFF

Angelo Morello (Head Coach)

Sebby Spada (Assistant Coach)

INDIVIDUAL MILESTONE



Junior Kyleigh Franklin collected her 100th career hit this season!

Sophomore Gia Lane captured her 100th career strikeout!

BOYS OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

State Runner-Ups



SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HIGHLIGHT

Freshman **Wayne Torgeson** achieved an outstanding **99.25 GPA**.



6-0

DUAL RECORD

16-2

OVERALL RECORD

58

STUDENT-ATHLETES

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS & MILESTONES

- **CIAC Class L State Runner-Ups** with 11 All-CCC athletes and 22 All-Academic honors.
- Three outstanding athletes broke school records this season.
- **Rodney Crockett** and **Garret Hoyt** earned All-State status and competed in the New England competition.

COACHING STAFF

Jenn Price (Head Coach)

Brennan Lazich, Jacob O'Reilly (Assistant Coaches)

Girls Outdoor Track & Field

Postseason Honors

Coaching Staff

James White (Head Coach)

Assts: Jamarius Russell, DeShaun Bradshaw



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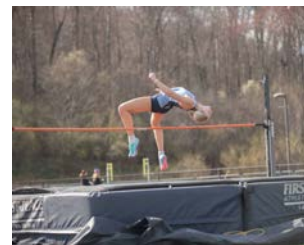
Student-Athletes

3-3

Record (5th CCC South)

Team Highlights

Demonstrated tremendous growth with a higher win total and increased state qualifiers.



Javelin Champion

Kaylee Brasile (Senior)

Won both the **CCC South** and **CCC Overall** Javelin titles. Outstanding postseason run concluded with a **2nd place finish** at the Class L State Championship.



Track Podium Finish

Brookelyn Grant

Secured individual athletic recognition by placing **3rd** in the competitive 200-meter dash event.

BOYS TENNIS

Skill Development and Roster Growth

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Tish Ehnot

8

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Player roster numbers increased from the previous year, demonstrating strong growth and engagement for the program.



SEASON RECORD

1-13 Overall | Varsity Schedule

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Skill Improvement:** Significantly improved overall tennis skills and gained valuable experience against Varsity-level competition.
- **Individual Success:** The team's #1 Singles player gained numerous successes as a Freshman, building a strong future foundation.

GIRLS TENNIS

Veteran Leadership and Recognition



MACKENZIE LA

2026 CIAC State Invitational Competitor

COACH

TOM PORTANTE

Head Coach

PARTICIPATION

17 ATHLETES

High School Roster

RECORD

5-10 OVERALL

Overall Season

VETERAN LEADERSHIP & RAPID GROWTH

A core group of seniors led the team, while juniors, sophomores, and **seven beginner players** demonstrated observable improvement and learning throughout the season.

INDIVIDUAL MILESTONE



Senior **Mackenzie La** was voted the **GameTimeCT Girls Athlete of the Week** and competed in the **2026 CIAC State Girls Tennis Invitational** tournament.

BOYS GOLF

Skill Improvement and All-Conference Success



8

ATHLETES

2-11

RECORD

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach

Matt Harris

Assistant Coach

Mark Westendorp

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcomed 5 new members
- Finished 14th at the CIAC Spring Classic
- Finished 11th at the CCC Conference tournament



INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES

Senior Martin Onas earned All-Conference honors, finishing 13th in the field, and received the most consistent award.

Avery Cameron was awarded most improved.

GIRLS GOLF

Perseverance and Dedication

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Roberta Downer; Assistant Coach Vicky Thong | **Participation:** 2 High School student-athletes

"Despite competing with a very small roster, the athletes demonstrated incredible perseverance and dedication throughout a challenging season."

— TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM GROWTH & FUTURE OUTLOOK

The athletes remained committed to improving their skills and representing Middletown with sportsmanship. The season provided valuable on-course experience as the program looks to build interest and develop future student-athletes.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Undefeated State Champions



24-3

OVERALL RECORD

17

STUDENT-ATHLETES

COACHING STAFF

Trevor Charles (Head Coach) | Daniel Kinney (Assistant)



TEAM HIGHLIGHTS & MILESTONES

- **Undefeated in State:** 2026 CT State Champions, Middletown Invitational & NJ Devil winners.
- **National Elite:** Ranked as high as 8th in the nation; finished 4th in the Northeast.
- **All-Stars:** 3 athletes honored as Connecticut All-Stars by the CT Ultimate league.

Boys Lacrosse

Historic Playoff Qualification



COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Weventz Valery | Assistant Coach Donte Powell

PARTICIPATION & RECORD

25 High School student-athletes | 7-9 varsity season

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Successfully qualified for the **CT State postseason playoffs**, marking the first time the team has qualified since the 2019 spring season.

INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES

Sophomore **Cody Purcell** achieved a major milestone by scoring his **100th career goal**, finishing the season just 7 goals shy of scoring 100 goals in a single season.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Milestone Goals & Co-op Success



Addison Cameron celebrates
100 goals

CO-OP PROGRESS

Continued a highly successful Co-op with Coginchaug, steadily progressing in team skills and offensive production as the season advanced.

SEASON FINALE

Ended the competitive season on an incredibly high note with a memorable win to honor the 11 graduating seniors.



COACHING & TEAM PROFILE

Head Coach: Shannon Murdock

Assistant Coach: Darren Getek

Participation: 24 HS Student-Athletes | **Record:** 2-15

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

 **Addison Cameron (Sr):** Achieved her 100th career goal in the season opener and capped the season with her 150th career goal.

 **Tuana Palik (Sr):** Named Class of 2026 Valedictorian, leading her graduating class with an outstanding **99.17 GPA**.

SPRING CREW

State Championships Medal Sweep

COACHING & PARTICIPATION

Head Coach: Scot Peaslee

Assistant Coaches: Hannah Breton, Jeremy Grimes, Melina Metaxas, Katherine Wicander

Participation: 58 Total Rowers (27 Boys, 31 Girls)



BOYS' VARSITY PERFORMANCE

The **Boys 1st Varsity** boat delivered an exceptional performance at the CT Public School Rowing Association Championships.

The crew placed **2nd overall** and successfully qualified for the prestigious **New England Championships** (ranking among the top 18 teams).

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls' Podium Sweep

At the CT Public School Rowing Association Championships:

- **Girls 3rd Varsity:** 1st Place (Gold)
- **Girls 2nd Varsity:** 2nd Place (Silver)
- **Girls 1st Varsity:** 3rd Place (Bronze)



INDIVIDUAL MILESTONE

Leah McMullen

Class of 2026 Salutatorian

Senior rower recognized for outstanding academic and athletic leadership.



UNIFIED SPORTS

SKILL BUILDING & HIGH TEAM SPIRIT



INDIVIDUAL MILESTONE

William Bingham earned the **Top Spring Student-Athlete Award** with a perfect **100 GPA**.

COACHING STAFF

Cindy Culp (Head Coach)

Assts: Simone Hightower, Tricia Carrano, Kyle Fitzgerald



PARTICIPATION

12 ATHLETES

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS & TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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Skill Building & Fun: The Unified Cornhole and Flag Football team focused heavily on teaching new athletes the rules of the game while fostering inclusion and high team spirit.



Cornhole Tournament Finals: At the Oxford High School tournament, the competitive duo of **Zeavion and Link** made an outstanding run to the finals, finishing as runners-up in a narrow battle by just one point.

Closing Highlights

Scholar-Athletes and Legacy Awards

Scholarship Dominance

65%

of the 182 scholarships and awards distributed to the senior class went to MHS Senior student-athletes.

CAS-CIAC Scholar-Athletes

Leah McMullen and **Alexis Ainsworth** were honored for their outstanding four-year achievements and integrity.



Jim Bransfield Legacy Award

Celebrating the rare 12-season student-athletes who dedicated themselves to sports every fall, winter, and spring for four years:

Rye Antonio, Kaylee Brasile, Jacob Carlson, Zaikwan Hill, Garret Hoyt, Porchheng Kim, Matthew Kriger, Charles Lenihan, Evan Ritskowitz, Ella Rogalsky, Zion Smallman, and Allison Smith.

