

2024-2025 SPRING NWC ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Week of 3/17/2025

Core Value – Work Ethic

Highlighted HS Varsity Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Preston Mortlock

Preston's work ethic is 2nd to none on the baseball team, whether it is offensive or defensive work. He is always the first to help if something needs to be done on the field. Preston's work ethic paid off this weekend when he went 6 for 7 with 5 runs batted in. 4 singles, 1 double and 1 triple. He also did a good job on the mound getting a save in the 1st game.

Highlighted HS JV Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Skyler Pounder

Skyler has worked extremely hard in the practices leading up to our first game on Tuesday. Good job Skylar! Looking forward to a great season!

Highlighted HS Varsity Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Cora Nelson

Cora has impressed her coaches with her incredible work ethic and determination this season so far. As the youngest player on the varsity team, Cora has stepped up, and we are looking forward to seeing her grow this season.

Highlighted HS JV Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Kelsey Bell

Kelsey consistently demonstrates an outstanding work ethic at every practice. Despite being one of the younger players on the JV team, she shows an unwavering commitment to improvement and a relentless drive to become better every single day. We love her personality and everything she has brought to the team so far.

Highlighted HS Golf Athlete of the Week:

Alex Bowman-Boast

Alex personifies professional character and motivation towards golf and his teammates. He is one of those rare individuals who has an endless work ethic. He inspires everyone around him to be better, including myself. The hallmark of Alex's success is his unique way of improvising and finding ways around obstacles. Any coach should be lucky to have Alex on their team, he is what we look for in a student athlete. Alex has an old soul, with recognizable maturity and integrity.

Highlighted HS Female Track Athlete of the Week:

Myah Allen

Myah continues to show her strong work ethic. She worked hard all week, despite some challenging weather! This work is built on all the running she did throughout the winter. She is an inspiration to her team, and we are looking forward to a great track season!

Highlighted HS Male Track Athlete of the Week:

Eli Vlietstra

Eli has worked hard this week as he rebuilds his running fitness! He started the week running while away on vacation. Way to go, Eli - you're off to a great start!

Highlighted Boys Soccer Athlete of the Week:

Liam Jordan

Liam had 8 saves in the game against Royal and did amazing for never having played the position before! He will be a key addition for us this season!

Week of 3/24/2025

Core Value – Heart

Highlighted HS Varsity Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Ben Roth

Ben is the Varsity Baseball athlete of the week. Benjo plays the tough position of catcher. His attitude is always positive, and he never complains about having to catch multiple games in one day. He continues to work on his game every day. Benjo is hitting cleanup for us right now and is doing a good job hitting .316!

Highlighted HS JV Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Colton Newman

Colton showed great heart and service to his team by laying down a great bunt against Reardan to break open a 0-0 tie. Colton is an amazing young man who has really grown in his character and humility throughout the year. Great job Colton!

Highlighted HS Varsity Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Charlee Kisse

Charlee has a positive attitude, great work ethic, and genuine care for her team. This makes her a great player who exemplifies what it means to have heart.

Highlighted HS JV Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Flora De Donato

Flora truly embodies what it means to have heart in the game. She gives her 100% every practice. Her passion for softball does not go unnoticed.

Highlighted HS Golf Athlete of the Week:

Dylan Zimmerman

Dylan Zimmerman represents the good in the world as he improves the lives of those around him. Golf is his island of peace as he inspires his teammates to lead happy, healthy and productive lifestyles, which is noticeably visible in his teamwork, laboring dedication, and commitment. He is the ruler that others are measured by, succeeding not only on the course, but in life's uncharted classroom. As one of the team's youngest golfers, he displays patience and character normally found in more senior players. He is steadfast while mastering his craft, and I am honored to be part of his journey, as his value truly materializes by bridging a chasm of learning differences.

Highlighted HS Female Track Athlete of the Week:

Geneva Barker

Geneva has the heart of a gracious competitor and is always giving her best effort in both competition and practice.

Highlighted HS Male Track Athlete of the Week:

Cole Newton

Cole consistently demonstrates an attitude of giving his best in all he does, especially in supporting his fellow athletes and having a heart for the whole team.

Highlighted Boys Soccer Athlete of the Week:

Declan King

Declan is in his first year with the soccer program and is already leading well on the field with his work rate. He never seems to slow down and is always asking how he can improve. He shows a lot of heart for the team at every practice and game!

Week of 3/31/2025

Core Value – Consistency

Highlighted HS Varsity Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Drew Bevan

Drew has shown consistency throughout this season. He has had to take on the role of our number one starting pitcher. He has done a great job of being very consistent in throwing strikes and has been instrumental in us having a successful beginning of our season. Drew was one out from throwing a no hitter on Saturday and he was the winning pitcher against Newport on Saturday.

Highlighted HS JV Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Lucas Knight

Lucas has consistently played to the best of his ability day in and day out, practice and games. He has been a consistent leader on the team, and a good teammate. Thanks, Lucas, for your hard work and coachability!

Highlighted HS Varsity Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Esther MacPherson

Esther has been a great model for consistency on our team. She always shows up and gives her 100% in everything she does. Thank you, Esther!

Highlighted HS JV Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Aubrey Dinatale

Aubrey's commitment to the team and dedication sets a steady example for the others. She is consistent and always makes her best efforts. Nice job, Aubrey!

Highlighted HS Golf Athlete of the Week:

Josh Mattis

Josh has made vast improvement in golf since the beginning. He has focused on consistent practice, analyzed his swing techniques and refined his stance. He views failures as opportunities for learning and growth, rather than setbacks. Attacking every challenge with exceptional vigor. He has been a good steward of humanity's salvation, exemplifying the importance of selfless service. He is steadfast in mastering the craft of golf, bridging gaps which will contribute immensely to the future efforts of winning a State Title for Northwest Christian. Josh is the future of the golf team, and I look forward to continuing to see him improve and define the game of golf.

Highlighted HS Female Track Athlete of the Week:

Allie Robertson

Consistency in preparation and training is one of the most critical aspects of success for distance runners. Allie demonstrates this with Godly character and excellence!

Highlighted HS Male Track Athlete of the Week:

Ezra Armstrong

Ezra consistently and intentionally participates in practice every day and demonstrates consistency in all aspects of his participation in the sport of Track and Field, as well as for God's glory. Job well done, Ezra.

Highlighted Boys Soccer Athlete of the Week:

Ethan Reid

Ethan has been extremely consistent for our team defensively and is making a huge difference for us in big games. Even outside of games he is always early to practice and ready to go.

Highlighted JH Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Micaiah Lamb

As an 8th grader who played last year, Micaiah is a veteran to the junior high baseball team this year. Micaiah shows consistent good energy and enthusiasm towards the game and his team. Micaiah's fundamental development keeps improving, and we look forward to him having a positive impact on the team. We are very glad to have Micaiah back with us.

Highlighted JH Softball Athlete of the Week:

Lily Hohenstreet

Lily had joy and a proactive attitude for the first two days of practice. She took the initiative to be helpful. Lily also looked for opportunities to encourage her teammates. Great job, Lily!

Week of 4/21/2025

Core Value – Service/Spiritual Leadership

Highlighted HS Varsity Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Caden Hollister

This week's highlight for service and spiritual leadership is Caden Hollister for his heart of service to the team and example of what a follower of Jesus is in the arena of sports. Caden has a great attitude whether he is having success or not.

Highlighted HS JV Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Will McConnell

Will is a very good baseball player and has done an excellent job of serving his team by playing wherever he is asked cheerfully. He has not made this season about himself but instead made it about the team. Great Job, Will!

Highlighted HS Varsity Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Lily Iverson

Lily exemplifies spiritual and servant leadership through her consistent encouragement, humility, and heart for her teammates. She leads by example—putting others before herself, staying grounded in her faith, and lifting up those around her.

Highlighted HS JV Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Ticiana Towell

Tici embodies what it means to be a servant-hearted and spiritual teammate. On and off the field, she leads by example—always working hard, encouraging others, and playing with purpose

Highlighted HS Golf Athlete of the Week:

Michael Culbertson

Michael Culbertson is a service-minded individual who prioritizes the needs and well-being of those around him. He

displays his core value of service as he embraces challenges and views setbacks as self-empowerment,

remembering that life's obstacles are temporary. Michael has a clear vision of the future, setting focus on what it

takes to achieve goals, using growth from adversity as his powerful force to self-discovery and transformation.

Highlighted HS Female Track Athlete of the Week:

Jocie Hastings

Jocie demonstrates her unwavering dedication to serving others, making her a true example of what a Christian should be in leadership and service. She shows a spirit of grace and service within the team.

Highlighted HS Male Track Athlete of the Week:

Nathaniel Barker

Nathaniel often exemplifies his Christian Walk through his servant heart and unwavering faith. His actions reflect the teachings of scripture, inspiring others to lead lives of service within our team.

Highlighted Boys Soccer Athlete of the Week:

Mykel Strickland

Mykel is always looking to serve. As a coach, he is a joy to have on the team. Without being asked he is typically the first to meet me by my car to help carry gear out to the field without prompting. In recent games, he also stepped up for us in goal when the team needed him to.

Highlighted JH Baseball Athlete of the Week: Core Value - Determination

Jacob Sirianni

While new to baseball, Jacob is showing noticeable determination to learn. He asked questions and tries his best to implement techniques and fundamentals. His interest and effort are appreciated and with his continued good work and good attitude, this will undoubtedly transfer towards good performance. Thank you, Jacob, for your determination to make yourself and team and good as they can be.

Highlighted JH Softball Athlete of the Week:

Amanda Johnson

Amanda has shown leadership by being encouraging and kind to her teammates. She doesn't hesitate to ask clarifying questions and is helpful in communicating to her team.

Week of 4/28/2025 ~ Core Value – Respect

Highlighted HS Varsity Baseball Athlete of the Week:

Zeke Young

Zeke has shown great respect as he has been asked to hit in the 9th spot in the lineup. He has done it with joy and without complaint. He works hard to be what I call a 2-leadoff hitter. Thank you, Zeke

Highlighted HS Varsity Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Sophie Koutecky

Sophie embodies respect both on and off the field. She uplifts her teammates, listens to her coaches, and plays the game with integrity and heart. Her positive attitude and sportsmanship make her a role model and a true leader on the team.

Highlighted HS JV Fastpitch Softball Athlete of the Week:

Nora Gelhausen

Nora embodies respect with all she meets. She is coachable, respectful, and strives to grow and better herself. We love having her on the team!

Highlighted HS Golf Athlete of the Week:

Troy Ellis

Troy's respect comes from a harmonious equilibrium between his family life and shared visions of his friends. He takes every opportunity by leveraging them to achieve desired outcomes. He has done this gracefully by always finding a positive in every situation, sharing relatable personal interests, and understands why God gave us two ears and one mouth, by setting aside his own personal interests to hear about others. It amazes me how he has developed this golf season, he found a way to increase his cognitive and emotional awareness, by putting life into perspective and determining how his priorities are adjusted. Troy sees life in broader strokes.

Highlighted HS Female Track Athlete of the Week:

Faith Hamilton

Faith consistently demonstrates exceptional respect, reflecting Christ's love and service and respect for ALL who are involved with her team.

Highlighted HS Male Track Athlete of the Week:

Cody Manuel

Cody demonstrates exceptional respect, reflecting Christ's example of humility and service towards competitors, officials, and teammates.

Highlighted Boys Soccer Athlete of the Week:

Lincoln Crockett and Wesley Jones

During our Newport away game, the goalkeeper suffered a scary injury that ended the game early in the second half. Our team captains prayed with the Newport team for goalkeeper, Jack Youk. I was extremely proud of them and the rest of our team for how they handled the event and showed respect for the Newport team and community.

Week of 4/28/2025 ~ Core Value – Service/Spiritual Leadership

Davis Ramseier & Levi Dollar

Both Davis and Levi have shown leadership on our team. Davis has taken on the responsibility of warming the team up and is doing a very good job at that, in addition to his mature engagement with coaches about training and the game itself. Levi has led through humility and sportsmanship; he has a positive outlook on fellow players and takes ownership of his mistakes in a manner that continually improves his performance. We are blessed to have these two respected leaders on our small team.

Highlighted JH Softball Athlete of the Week:

Melody Wyrick

Melody has shown respect to her coaches by being coachable and a good listener. She shows respect by always trying her best in practice and in games. She doesn't give up but shows tenacity.

Week of 5/12/2025

Congratulations to NE2B Softball All-League North Winners from NWC:

- Pitcher of the Year- **Katie Coriell**
- Offensive Player of the Year- **Kaitlyn Waters**
- Defensive Player of the Year- **Abbie Strandy**
- Coach of the Year- **Ashlynn Smith**
- 3rd Base- **Sophie Koutecky**
- CF- **Kendall Bevan**

Congratulations to NE2B Baseball All-League North Winners from NWC:

- Pitcher- **Kaden Van Dyke**
- 3B- **Preston Mortlock**

- SS/P- **Drew Bevan**
- Catcher- **Ben Roth**

Congratulations NE1A Boys' Soccer All-League Winners from NWC:

- MVP- **Lincoln Crockett**
- Forward- **Evan Lake**
- Midfielder- **Wesley Jones**
- Midfielder- **Jackson Freeze**
- Defender- **Ethan Reid**
- Goalkeeper- **Liam Jordan**
- Coach of the Year- **Jacob Weaver**

Week of 5/12/2025

Core Value: Leadership

Highlighted JH Baseball Athletes of the Week:

Charlie Bevan

Charlie is a natural leader and has shown this on our team in good baseball knowledge and willingness to do any job on the field asked of him. Charlie has charisma and easily speaks up and engages in team talks, is not afraid to express his traditional Christian values, and takes ownership for his mistakes. Good leadership is an endless process of learning and growing with others and in what Jesus taught us, and Charlie is well on his way and glad he brings these qualities to our team. Thank you, Charlie.

Highlighted JH Softball Athletes of the Week:

Dani Bussard

Dani has shown leadership from day one of the season. She has shown confidence in her skills as well as being assertive to lead and lead with confidence. She is quick to respond in a decisive and encouraging way.

Mercy Snediker

Mercy took on the leadership role of one of our pitchers. She strived to excel and do it with excellence. She handled the pressure and showed us all that she could bounce back from any setbacks that came her way.

Week of 5/19/2025

Core Value – Encouragement/Enthusiasm

Highlighted HS Softball Athlete of the Week:

Kaitlyn Waters

Kaitlyn truly stepped up over the weekend and showcased exceptional leadership both on and off the field. Kaitlyn has always been a steady presence and a vocal leader during games, but this past weekend she took it to another level—motivating her teammates, making smart decisions under pressure, and setting the tone with her energy and commitment.

Highlighted HS Track & Field Male Athlete of the Week:

Jalan Clark

Jalan has consistently demonstrated leadership, enthusiasm, and focus through these championship weeks and heading into the state championship. He faithfully demonstrates to the rest of the team what it takes to be an example of these traits.

Highlighted HS Track & Field Female Athlete of the Week:

June Birnbaum

June has faithfully demonstrated her passion and concern for the team and for others throughout the entire season. She is always looking out for them, even in the finer things, like others forgetting things at the track and ensuring that everything is loaded and unloaded on the bus before workouts.

Highlighted HS Boys Soccer Athlete of the Week:

Jackson Freeze

The boys' soccer team was happy to have Jackson join the team this year. Jackson has steady encouragement for his teammates and a positive outlook in times of adversity. As one of our upperclassmen, he was a great role model for the younger players on the team.

Highlighted HS Golf Athlete of the Week:

Justin Patrick

Golf, at its core, is a game of strategy and precision, offering a unique blend of physical and mental challenges. This whole golf season, Justin has slowly conquered fears, emerging victorious leads to increased confidence, self-esteem and fulfilling of solidarity as he earned a position on the State Bracket. He is an old soul, with recognizable enthusiasm and servant leadership. He does nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. He is steadfast in mastering the game of golf. Congratulations for making it to state & contributing immensely to NWC.

Highlighted JH Baseball Athletes of the Week:

Owen Ward

Owen has shown good energy and enthusiasm towards the game and his teammates throughout our junior high season. As he has learned this game, he has recognized good performance and has made many positive comments to support others. Thank you, Owen, for your goodness towards others!