

GHSWPA Press Release Topic:

2014 Players to Watch Audience:

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September 17th, 2014 – For the 2014 season, the Georgia High School Water Polo Association (GHSWPA) is excited to release its Players to Watch. The student-athletes named below have been compiled using a wide range of justifications, including those who are athletically talented in the sport of water polo, those who are considered to be the 2014 leaders of their respective teams, and those who show their coaches and teammates the passion and desire necessary to succeed in the GHSWPA and beyond. Please join us in recognizing these worthwhile student-athletes.

The annual championship tournament for the Co-ed divisions will be held October 10th through 12th at the Cumming Aquatic Center in Cumming, GA. The annual championship tournament for the girls division will be held October 5th through 12th at the West Gwinnett Aquatic Center in Norcross, GA. The annual All Star games will be October 18th at West Gwinnett.

APS Knights

- Colin Forsyth (North Atlanta - 10th) - In just his second season of water polo, Colin demonstrates an innate understanding of the game and is a key member of the A team. Plays center forward and driver, and is long on defense. Played spring water polo at Dynamo. Also swims and runs track for North Atlanta.
- Sloan Hodges (Grady - 11th) - A primary center defender for both our A and Girls teams. Lost only one Girls' game sprint all last season. Trained through the winter and spring with 2014 USAWP Olympic Development Program (ODP) team for the Southeast Zone. Made two trips to California this summer, to play in the ODP national tournament and attend the Pepperdine water polo clinic. Played spring water polo at Dynamo; plays lacrosse for Grady. As a Grady swimmer, she was both Atlanta Public Schools champion in the 200 free and competed in the GA State Swimming Championships.
- Jess Hume (Grady - 11th) - Tenacious, alert and quick driver for the A and Girls teams. Also a member of the 2014 USAWP Olympic Development Program (ODP) team for the Southeast Zone. Made two trips to California this summer, to play in the ODP national tournament and attend the Pepperdine water polo clinic. Played spring water polo at Dynamo and competed in the GA State Swimming Championships for Grady.
- Danny Lazega (Grady - 10th) - B team goalie. Danny works hard every practice with the APS Knights goalie coach to improve his anticipation, lateral movement, shot blocking and passing. Danny's background in kung fu and lacrosse certainly help him, especially on strength and flexibility.
- Ciara Sadaka (Pace - 11th) - 2013 All-GHSWPA Girls Team member and GHSWPA Girls Defensive Player of the Year. Strong at both center defender and center forward for Girls teams. Trained through the winter and spring with 2014 USAWP Olympic Development Program (ODP) team for the Southeast Zone. Considered for the 2014 National Team Selection Camp by USA Water Polo coaching staff. Spent the summer in Florida to train six days/week with the Saint Andrews Scots water polo club. Also made two trips to California this summer, to play in the ODP national

tournament and play for the Scots in the USAWP Junior Olympic tournament. Played spring water polo at Dynamo and plays for the Pace Knights co-ed water polo team.

- Harrison Wilco (Grady - 11th) - Since last season Harrison has shown dramatic improvement at center forward and is often a primary option in the middle for our A team. His length and intensity pays dividends for us on both ends of the pool. Plays golf and is on the debate team at Grady. Older brother Daniel is captain of the University of North Carolina water polo club.

Collins Hill Eagles

- Philip Jenny, Senior, Center.
- Evan Kellams, Junior, Attacker.
- Teo Vlad, Freshman, Center/Defender.
- Jessica Cathcart, Senior, Goalie.
- Lindsay Weingarth, Sophomore, Attacker.

Lakeside Vikings

- Lanier Dasher - Goalie; 12th grade.
- Charles Cardot - Attacker; 10th grade.
- Max Ware - Attacker; 10th grade.
- Kelley Taylor - Utility; 12th grade.
- Sarah Goldstein - Goalie; 11th grade.

Norcross Blue Devils

- Blake Ryland: Junior, Norcross A, Defender. As a freshman the referees pulled Blake aside at the state tournament to award him an unofficial MVP of Division 2. Blake is an outstanding defender who is asked to cover the top player on each team we play which often times means Set Defense or Hole D. Blake works out with the two time AAAAAA Georgia state champions Norcross Blue Devil football team in the mornings during the summer to push himself to get stronger. Blake has exceptional self control in the water when he is challenged and rarely comes out of the water. I have no questions regarding his ability as the Top Defensive player in Georgia High School Water Polo. Last year he was awarded the Top Defensive player for Division 2.
- Ricky Wilson: Junior, Norcross A, Attacker. Ricky is an exceptional shooter and passer. He is the coach in the water for Norcross. Ricky is the Vice President of Norcross High School and a young man of extraordinary commitment to Jesus Christ and to his church and the house church in Norcross where high school students worship God. Ricky is asked to lead Norcross in the water with his encouragement and play calling. He has participated with JO and ODP the past two years.
- Logan Roberts: Senior, Norcross A, Goalie. Logan won the goalie of the year last year for Division 2. Logan was a high school quarterback in Ohio before moving to Georgia at the end of his freshman year. His limited time playing water polo has been compensated by his determined hard work. Throughout the off season Logan put together dry land training for the Norcross Blue

Devils. Logan is a coach and encourager in the water and has the highest character. He also is a part of the house church in Norcross.

- Preston Schaefer: Freshman, Norcross B, Attacker. Preston is new to water polo this year but a top ranked Gwinnett County swimmer. Preston is known for his commitment to hard work and his athleticism. He is learning the sport rapidly and is rarely out of the water during games despite his exhaustion at time. Preston is learning to steal the ball and control counter attacks. His speed as a swimmer puts him in the right place at the right time. He is learning to be a leader and to direct his team in the water.

North Springs Spartans

- Justin Cohen, senior, center.
- Sam Satterfield, senior, defender.

Pace Academy Knights

- Cooper Drose, Senior, second all-time career scorer for Pace. Very versatile player, unselfish and supportive where he is needed.
- Dylan Steinfeld, Senior, really came on for us last year in his first year playing. Determined to improve and help the team more.
- Brendon Pace, Junior, Goalie - solid in goal as a sophomore, we look forward to another great year from him.
- Ciara Sadaka, Junior - had a great year last year, continued to play ODP last spring and summer. She also plays with APS Knights Girls Team.

Southern Crescent

- Chipper Machemehl - 2m defense - Senior, 4 year starter. Excels at passing and endurance.
- Nick Palmer - Driver, Utility - Sophomore - Began playing in 8th grade. He has become more aggressive offensively and expanded his game.
- John Michael Hall - Driver, Utility - Senior - 4 year starter. Excels at the counter attack.

St. Pius Golden Lions

A Team:

- Cullen Stockmeyer
- Dillon Joiner

B Team:

- Matt Halbig
- Connor McGee

Wesleyan Wolves

- Zack Kaloper, attacker, 12th grade
- Andrew Sauer, attacker, 12th grade
- Michael Veal, utility, 12th grade

Wheeler Wildcats

- Sam Komitor, goalie, senior at Wheeler HS
- Jamison Muzzey, defensive hole set, senior at Hillgrove HS
- Jaco Janse Van Rensburg, driver, senior at Campbell HS