Congratulations to these Student-Athletes Continuing at the Collegiate Level!

Battle High School:
- Christian Koburov (LaCrosse, Rockhurst University) 1
- Lauren Naeger (Swimming, Illinois State University) 2

Hickman High School:
- Grace Beahan (Swimming, Missouri State University) 3
- Grace Brinkmann (Cross-Country, Columbia College) 4
- Emma Chapman (Basketball, Kansas State) 5
- Luke Valley (Swimming, Lindenwood University) 6
- Sarah Vogt (Swimming, Southern Illinois University) 7
- Charlie Werth (Cross-Country, Drury University) 8

Rock Bridge High School:
- Mary Capron (Basketball, William Jewell College) 9
- Eli Darrough (Track & Field, University of Oklahoma) 10
- Jake Fraunfelder (Tennis, University of Missouri-Kansas City) 11
- Zach Gruber (Tennis, Wichita State University) 12
- Adalyn Hufendiek (Gymnastics, University of Missouri-Columbia) 13
- Hannah Pate (Softball, Oklahoma Christian University) 14
- Olivia Sowers (Golf, University of Missouri-Columbia) 15
- Ross Steelman (Golf, University of Missouri-Columbia) 16

About 7% of high school athletes will play college sports, with a majority playing in NCAA Division III schools. Only about 2% of high school athletes play at the NCAA Division I level. (scholarshipstats.com, 2016-17)
Cross-Country

The Battle boys cross-country team reached several milestones this season. They had three runners qualify for Sectionals, two of which went on to qualify for State. This was the first time the Spartans had two runners qualify. Senior Kyle Hiller and Junior Micah Stevens.

(Below) Senior quarterback Jaren Lewis dumps the ball off to Junior running back Darren Jordon.

Softball

The Spartans held true to their name and continued to persevere through tough situations, such as facing opponents with a 68% winning percentage and seeing seven signed Division I pitchers this season. They finished with an overall record of 15-12 and took home the 1st place title in the Troy and Branson Tournaments, while finishing 3rd in their own War on the Battlefield Tournament. They also capped the season off with their 5th consecutive semifinal round showing in the District Tournament out of 6 years as a program. Head coach Joe Henderson felt the Spartans had “a great season where (they) overachieved for (their) age and schedule”. Seven of the Spartan underclassmen have received scholarship offers from several colleges, however none have committed yet. Coach Henderson wants to continue building the program. He is excited for the future and excited to see how their young players will develop.

Spartans Awarded for the 2018 Season:
2nd Team All-District: Allie Ferrell, Andi Walters, Eliyah McCarthy, Mya McCubbin, and Brooke Nutter

(Below) Freshman Brookynn Spillman connects with a pitch against Smith-Cotton.

Football

The Spartans had another winning season under head coach Justin Conyers. They had a regular season record of 5-4, but fought their way through successful run in the post season. After having a bye in the first round of districts, the Spartans defeated Holt in a close 48-44 district semifinal game. Battle then hosted Timberland and walked away with a 34-14 victory and another District Championship. This year was the 5th year out of a five year program that the Spartans have brought home the District Championship. The next opponent the Spartans faced was the Fort Zumwalt North Panthers. A 26-14 win over the Panthers punched their ticket to the final four. It also gave the program its 15th post season win. The Spartans went head to head against the Fort Osage Indians in their 4th appearance in the state semifinal game. The Spartans never stopped battling, but unfortunately fell short to the Indians in a 30-46 loss. The Spartans will lose several seniors, but have great potential to continue their dominant post season performance in 2019.

These 2018 senior members of the Spartans will be continuing their football careers in college:
Jaren Lewis (QB)- North Dakota State University
Parker Ray (OL)- Central Arkansas University
Jaylon Williamson (DB), De’Shawn Ganaway (WR), Torian Palmer (WR), Drew Gillig (WR), Jake Hedrick (LB), Chase Anderson (DL), and Daniel Hendren (DL)- Undecided

Congratulations to these Seniors and the 2018 Spartan Football Team on their 4th Final Four Appearance in Five Years!
Boys Soccer
The overall record of the Battle soccer team was 8-13, although their record does not reflect the successes that this young program had in 2018. This season they tied their record for the most wins they have ever had and also netted more goals than any other season they have played. The Spartans faced a 13-12 Timberland team in the semifinal round of the District Tournament. They challenged Timberland throughout the entire match, but fell to the Wolves with a final score of 1-3. Head coach Alex Huck felt “it was a very successful season for Battle soccer. The players continued to build upon early program success and played every team on the schedule competitively.” The rapid progress of this young program alludes to an exciting future for Spartan soccer. (Below) Sophomore Brandon Sanchez battles a Bruin for the ball with help from Sophomore Chris Dominguez and Senior Go Muang.

Girls Tennis
The Spartans girls tennis team finished with an overall record of 1-9 for the 2018 season. They defeated Father Tolton 5-4 early in the season and also dropped a close match to Fulton with a score of 4-5 later in the season. They fell in the first round of the District Tournament to Smith-Cotton.

Girls Golf
The girls golf team finished 11th in the District Tournament. Callie Ann Brinkman and Caroline Russell Burke had the best outings for the Spartans, tying for 41st out of 55 golfers.

Boys Swimming
The Spartan swim team finished 19th out of 40 teams at the State Championship. Junior AJ Huskey won 1st place in the 200 Yard IM and 1st place in the 100 Yard Butterfly. Huskey was also named Swimmer of the Meet at the Class 1 State Championship.

(Above) Senior Raven Buckley, Junior Carynton Marshall, and Senior Lauren Potter battle at the net for the point.
Boys Swimming


Football

The 2018 season was the first for new head coach Cedric Alvins. Coach Alvins is credited with inciting a new culture for the Kewpies and that would ultimately incite success for the program. Hickman finished the season with a record of 2-8, which was their best record in four years. The final three games of the season marked a turning point. The Kewpies picked up their second win and each of the last two games was decided by only a field goal; the second of which was in overtime against Smith-Cotton in the first round of the District Tournament. The late successes of the 2018 season should excite Kewpie fans for the 2019 season.

Girls Golf

The girls golf team finished 7th in the District Tournament. Lexi Waters finished 7th overall in the tournament, which was the best for the Kewpie team. Waters went on to take 15th in sectionals and placed 54th out of 90 golfers in the State Tournament.

Volleyball

The Kewpies aced the 2018 season, seeing its most successful in ten years. The overall records were freshmen (23-9-1), junior varsity (24-7-1), and varsity (21-10-4). Head coach Greg Gunn said “this is the first time all three levels finished the season with (more than) 20 wins”. Middle-hitter Emma Chapman was selected for three all-tournament teams out of three tournaments competed in and right-side-hitter Allison Keys was selected for the Hickman Invitational All-Tournament Team. Hickman went on to defeat Battle and Grain Valley to make it to the District Championship against Blue Springs South. The Kewpies fell to the Jaguars after two hard-fought sets, but still took home a 2nd place finish in a competitive district. The future of Hickman volleyball appears to be bright and competitive as well.

Kewpies Awarded for the 2018 Season:
1st Team All-District: Emma Chapman (MH)
2nd Team All-District: Mikala Scott (S), Allison Keys (RS)
All-District Honorable Mention: Eryka Wanyonyi (OH)

(Above) The Hickman varsity volleyball team lines up for the national anthem before a home game.

Girls Tennis

The Kewpies completed their season with an overall record of 6-7, with wins over Lebanon, Father Tolton, Hannibal, Fulton, Battle, and Kirkville. The team faced Jefferson City in the semifinal round of the District Tournament, but suffered a tough loss. Freshman Mirra Manolov would continue on to the State Tournament for the Kewpies. She played a number one ranked opponent from Rock Bridge in the singles tournament. Although she lost the match (2-6, 0-6) she still brought home an impressive 2nd place in state and Kewpie pride!

(Left) Freshman Mirra Manolov and Sophomore Christina Hua celebrate a point in doubles play.
Softball

The Kewpie softball team began the season with an eleven-game win streak and a 1st place win in their pool at the Troy Lead-Off Classic. The eleven-game win streak was the best start for a softball program in school history. The Kewpies went on to win 3rd place in the Jefferson City tournament and were 2-0 in extra inning games, one of those being a 16-inning duel against Monroe City. Hickman finished with an overall record of 18-8. They defeated a strong Camdenton team and had a big 14-4 win over Rock Bridge in the regular season. However, they ended up falling short to the Bruins (1-4) in the semifinal round of the District Tournament. Head coach Courtney Haskell loved everything about this team, including the girls and coaches. She said “we learned something new everyday and had so much fun together.” Coach Haskell was “proud to say (she) had the privilege to coach these girls” and believed “they made an impact on (her) family’s lives”. Overall, she was “very proud of the growth that (they) had this season”.

Kewpies Awarded for the 2018 Season:
1st Team All-District: Zoe Derboven (OF/C), Abby Hurtado (P/IN), Emily King (IN/C), Brooke Green (IN)
2nd Team All-District: Sydney Hollrah (OF/P/IN), Athena Wheeler (IN)
2nd Team All-Region: Zoe Derboven (OF/C), Emily King (IN/C)

Cross-Country

The boys and girls cross-country teams completed a marathon season with both teams qualifying for state for the first time since 2004. The girls team finished 3rd in districts, 3rd in sectionals, and 13th overall at state. The boys team finished 2nd in districts, 1st in sectionals, and 13th overall at state. Senior Chandler Gibbens took 1st in districts, 1st in sectionals, and ended his high school career with a 4th place finish overall at state. Head coach Pete Doll said “both teams have worked extremely hard over the last six months... I’m very proud of their efforts and how they represent Hickman.”

(Above) Senior Chol Kuol runs to gain control of the ball. Also pictured Freshman Ryan Meister and Junior Nick Kanne.

Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team finished the 2018 season with an overall record of 7-12. Hickman played the Jays of Jefferson City in the first round of the District Tournament. Although Jefferson City had a record of 13-10-1, the Kewpies put up a fight. The match went into overtime with Jefferson City getting the 2-1 win to end the Kewpies’ season.
Football

Rock Bridge football concluded a successful season with a 9-3 record. They won bragging rights against Hickman with a 31-0 win in the annual Providence Bowl. The Bruins went on to defeat Francis Howell Central and Francis Howell to make it to the District Championship, where they faced the Blue Springs Wildcats. They battled throughout the entire game, but ended their season with a difficult 27-29 loss.

(Below) Senior running back Nate Peat breaks away from Battle defenders.

Boys Swimming

The Bruin swim team took 9th out of 27 teams at the Class 2 State Championship Meet. Junior Oakley Lorson placed 6th in the 200 Yard Freestyle and 6th in the 100 Yard Butterfly. Senior Connor Jokerst and Sophomore Turner DeArmond both placed in the top 10 in the 500 Yard Freestyle, Jokerst placing 5th and DeArmond placing 6th.

Softball

The Bruins softball program had a successful season on many levels. The junior varsity team finished 9-5 and promises upcoming talent for the future. The varsity team ended with an overall record of 19-9 and a strong showing in districts. Their first opponent in the District Tournament was Hickman, who had spread the Bruins in the regular season. After more game experiences and continued improvement, the Bruins took the Kewpies in the 1st round of play with a 3-1 win. The Bruins went on to face a tough Jefferson City team in the District Championship, but ultimately concluded their season with a 2nd place finish. Head coach Janel Twenhoss felt that it was “truly a good season and a season to build upon”. She also thanks their two seniors Ellie Kaufman and Gemma Ross and wishes them the best in their future endeavors!

(Above) Sophomore Maddie Snider guides her teammate, Senior Ellie Kaufmann, safely to a run.

Bruins awarded for the 2018 Season:
1st Team All-District: Ella Schouten (P), Madison White (C), Maddie Snider (OF)
2nd Team All-District: Chloe Simon (IF), Mackenzie White (OF), Gemma Ross (Utility)
1st Team All-Region: Ella Schouten (P), Madison White (C)
2nd Team All-Region: Maddie Snider (OF)

Volleyball

Rock Bridge volleyball had a competitive 2018 season. The overall records were: freshmen (9-2), junior varsity (9-5), and varsity (14-18-1). The varsity team had a strong showing in the Grain Valley Spikefest Tournament. They went 4-2 for the day and won the consolation bracket. In the District Tournament, they defeated Smith-Cotton Tigers in the first round, but fell to the number one seeded Blue Springs South Jaguars. The winning records of the sub-varsity level teams indicate a promising future in volleyball for the Bruins.
Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team finished the 2018 season with an impressive overall record of 20-1 and 1st place in state in the team tournament. Junior Corinne Farid defeated Eva Kresovic from Park Hill South High School to take 1st in the individual tournament. The Bruins also had two doubles teams that competed at state. Freshman Maggie Lin and Freshman Anjali Ramesh faced a duo from St. Teresa’s Academy in sectionals, but were defeated (0-6, 3-6). The other team of Senior Eleanor Fay and Junior Mary Frances Howe defeated a team from Lee’s Summit West in sectionals and another team from Lindbergh to make it through quarterfinals. Fay and Howe competed against a team from St. Joseph’s Academy in semifinals, but were defeated in a close game that was forced into three sets (6-7, 6-2, 3-6). They ended their successful run with a 3rd place finish at state.

Girls Golf

The Rock Bridge girls golf team finished 1st in the District Tournament, 1st in sectionals, and 3rd in state for the 2018 season. The Bruins had 2 golfers finish in the top 20 at state. Senior Olivia Sowers took 4th place overall with an individual score of 153 and earned a place on the All-State Team. (Below) The girls accept their trophy for finishing 3rd overall in the State Tournament.

Cross-Country

Each of the Rock Bridge cross-country teams completed a successful season. The girls team was the District and Sectional Champion. They also finished 6th overall at state. This is even more impressive considering 5 out of 7 team members were first time cross-country runners. The boys team ended with 3rd place in districts, 2nd place in sectionals, and 15th overall at state. The boys team introduced 5 first time runners at state out of 7 runners that were eligible.

Boys Soccer

The Bruins had a strong season in 2018. They finished with a record of 17-6-1. The end of the season was exciting for Rock Bridge. They had a streak of 7 shutouts in a row, outscoring their opponents 28-0. They defeated Waynesville and Jefferson City to become District Champions. The Bruins continued to sectionals, where they picked up a 2-1 win against Ozark. They hosted Lee’s Summit in quarterfinals, but suffered a tough 0-1 loss. Despite the loss, the Bruins ended the season with a #9 in ranking in the state from TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Congratulations to the 2018 Girls Tennis Team on Winning their 5th Consecutive State Title!
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