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# GOLDBACK NATION NEWS

Monthly Newsletter Highlighting Newburgh Athletics



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# TEAM SPOTLIGHT

PLAYER AND TEAM  
HIGHLIGHTS



## Wrestling

### State Qualifiers

Cooper Merli (102lbs)  
Jackson Merli (145lbs)  
Anthony Manzi (160lbs)

## Cheerleading

NFA Varsity Competition Cheerleading placed 1st at our first competition at Valley Central's "Viking Pride Competition" and 3rd place at Warwick Valley High School "Battle of the Bows" Competition.



# SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED...

## Boys Bowling

Last weekend in Syracuse NFA had 4 members of our varsity boys bowling team compete in the New York State Championships as a Section IX composite team. Newburgh's four boys along with one athlete from both Goshen and Beacon made up a team of six bowlers. As a team we finished 9 out of 11 teams but 2 of our kids, Dylan Hannigan (12th overall) and Keith Weber (24th overall) finished in the top 25 of the state. Kevin Novella and Jordan Dewitt were the other 2 bowlers that represented NFA. The boys all had a great season as our team finished the season 17-1 before postseason competition.



## Winter Track and Field

Boys track 4X400m relay finished 2nd place in the Federation at the indoor state meet on March 5th.

4X400M relay: Matt Worrell, John Fermpong, Xaiver Williams, and Sam Montes

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# SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED...

## Girl's Basketball



NFA Girls Basketball Defeated Kingston in the Section IX Quarter Finals and lost to Warwick in the Section Semifinals. Congratulations to Daysha Simmons and Isabella Suero for being selected as two of the top 50 players in Section IX. Daysha Simmons also was selected as Division I AA Player of the Year. The Goldbacks were lead by Coach Arturo Santana who was selected as Division I Coach of the Year.



# SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED...

## Boy's Basketball



The Boy's Basketball ended a successful season by bringing home a Section IX title and ultimately being defeated in the state Quarterfinals by Mt. Vernon. The young men did their best and played their hearts out on the court. The team was led by Sr. Jah'likai King who averaged 24 pts a game and was named Player of the Year in Section IX AA. Deondre Johnson led the Goldbacks in rebounding, block shots and averaged 14 pts a game. Deondre was selected for the all-star team for Section IX AA. We had great senior leadership from Andre Crosby with his defensive prowess along with his explosive dunks. Coach Jason McAllister was the inspirational leader in practice and on the bench keeping the players upbeat and positive. Coach Todd Cooper who was at every practice and every game while volunteering his time to help the program. Coach Mike Robinson, the JV head coach, was always there when asked upon. Coach Matt Geyer, Coach Andrew Velez, and Coach Tyree Smallwood were also key players in refining young talent in the program. Coach Frank Dinnocenzio states that he is "Proud of the program in my final year as Head Coach and very happy with the outcome of the season."



# Policy 5411

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**ELIGIBILITY  
REQUIREMENTS**



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GOLDBACKS™**

**85%**  
**ATTENDANCE**  
FOR THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR

**&**

**4.5**  
**CREDITS**  
EARNED THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR

## GOLDBACK TRIVIA

Newburgh Free Academy Varsity Football Coach Billy Bianco has become the winningest coach in NFA football history.

**How many wins do you think Coach Bianco has at NFA?**



First 15 people to submit the [google form](#) with the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.