



Four players were honored at the FSL All-League meeting after the season: **Antonia DePace** and **Anna-Claire Siena** received Honorable Mentions and **Cate MacQueen** and **Grace Finkbiner** earned First Team All Friends Schools League recognition. The goals and expectations for next season will be very high considering this team is returning 11 varsity players.

Crew

The crew team continued to build on their success from last year and had another great year.

The team's individual achievements included winning four gold medals, two by senior **Oliver Ingram** in the Varsity boy's single event and two by senior **Emily Johnson** in the Varsity girl's single event. Both rowers also competed at Nationals on the Cooper River, N.J.

Novice rowers consisted of three girls and two boys. They always came in with great attitude and all grew as rowers. The girls had a good showing at City Championship and the boys came in second at the Dr. White Regatta.

The junior varsity girl's quad won a Manny flick, came in second at the Cooper Cup event and made it to the semifinals at Stotesbury. The junior varsity boys, who rowed in a quad for most of the season, came in third at the Cooper Cup and had their best race of the year at Stotesbury. They ended up 10th out of 21 boats and made it to the semi-finals.

With only two players graduating, Friends Select has a very young and competent team, definitely poised for success in 2012.

Varsity Baseball

The 2011 season began with the seventh annual spring training trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., where the team played three games and participated in several practices. The 2011 team featured all of the returning starters from the 2010 season.



The experience paid off as the team earned a trip to the Friends Schools League championship game by defeating previously unbeaten Shipley 8-7 during an exciting eight inning semi-final playoff game. This marked the first time in 16 years that the team reached an FSL championship game. The team also earned a spot in the PIAA District 1 Playoffs and finished with a 9-6 record.

Senior **Craig Present** led the team offensively and earned the Most Improved Player Award and First Team All Friends Schools League recognition by the coaches in the league. Junior **Daniel Mauri** dominated on the mound with a record of 5-1 and 53 strikeouts and batted an impressive .422 while earning First Team All Friends Schools League recognition.

Seniors **Sam Winward**, Most Dedicated Player, and **Rob Santore**, Sportsmanship Award, along with first year senior stand-out **Brett Nagle** will be sorely missed next season. Experienced underclassmen such as **Daniel Mauri**, **Major VanWinkle**, **Jacob Phillips**, **Aaron Cohen** and **Ben Holl** will be ready to lead them back to the playoffs again next season.

Varsity Tennis

The 2011 season was a struggle even for the more seasoned players like four-year varsity player **Darien Headen** who played number 1 singles for the squad. With seniors **Mariah Burke** and **Taylor Dibble** along with returning player **Asha Davis**, the goal was to clinch a position for the FSL tournament. While the team did not reach that goal, Asha was able to defeat Moorestown Friends School in a long and arduous two-set victory during regular season play.

New to the varsity team, freshmen **Arielle Alterwaite** and **Adam Fletcher** were valuable assets to the team. Sophomores **David Youn** and **Kevin Kim** promise to work hard this summer and increase their match play talent for the 2012 season. Junior **Sara Berkowitz** will help strengthen a young and talented 2012 squad.



Athletics 2010-2011 Year in Review

FRIENDS SELECT SCHOOL



2010-2011 All Friends Schools League* Players: Drew Colman: Honorable Mention Varsity Soccer, **Antonia DePace**: Honorable Mention Varsity Softball, **Grace Finkbiner**: First Team Varsity Soccer, First Team Varsity Softball **Yvonne Hyde Carter**: Honorable Mention Varsity Field Hockey, **Oliver Ingram**: Honorable Mention Varsity Soccer **Kayla Kayhan**: First Team Varsity Swimming, **Cate MacQueen**: First Team Softball, **Daniel Mauri**: First Team Varsity Baseball **Brett Nagle**: Honorable Mention Varsity Basketball, **Craig Present**: First Team Varsity Baseball, **Allison Quirk**: Honorable Mention Varsity Swimming, **Anna-Claire Siena**: Honorable Mention Varsity Softball, **Wylie Wilson**: First Team Varsity Field Hockey, Honorable Mention, Varsity Basketball, **Sam Winward**: First Team Varsity Soccer, **Christian Wright**: Honorable Mention Varsity Baseball

*The Friends Schools League is a co-educational high school athletic league for Philadelphia-area independent schools. The nine member schools are: Abington Friends School, The Academy of the New Church, Friends' Central School, Friends Select School, George School, Germantown Friends School, Moorestown Friends School, The Shipley School and Westtown School.



FALL 2010

Varsity Cross Country

The 2010 cross-country season was a successful one on many fronts. Six new runners joined the team, which energized the team and provided a much-needed infusion of talent, athleticism, and enthusiasm.

Senior **Emily Johnson** had a phenomenal first season. Her 18th place finish at the FSL championship meet (23:50) was the highest finish for a Friends Select female runner in recent years.

Another bright spot was newcomer and most improved athlete, junior **Carmen Paulson**. Carmen finished in the top half of the varsity race at the FSL championships with a time of 24:44.

The boys team received an influx of enthusiastic runners from the junior class, as **Rob Ortelere**, **Nate Levin**, **Matt Matusky**, and **Isaac Cohen** joined their stalwart three-year team member **Michael Gomella**. Rob and Nate dipped below the 21-minute mark for the season.

Matt Matusky showed impressive improvement, running below 23 minutes at the FSL meet, where **Michael Gomella** also ran his fastest time of the season in under 25 minutes. **Alex Ryley**, a sophomore with promising talent, was unfortunately out for much of the season with injury.

Rounding out the team were two hard-working seniors, **Jun Yeon Cho** and **Darien Headen**. Both have given four years of hard work to the team and will be greatly missed next year.

Varsity Boys Soccer

The 2010 Friends Select Boys Soccer season was an eventful one.

The team consisted of young veteran players from the previous season and had some great play from sophomores **Ben Holl**, who netted some important goals for us, as well as **Jacob Phillips** who became a regular at marking back.

Senior leadership was no surprise as **Sam Winward**, FSL All-League, **Oliver Ingram**, FSL Honorable Mention, **Craig Present** and **Rob Santore** helped guide the young squad on the field.

The team's hard work showed during the season as they narrowly missed the FSL playoffs and beat eventual FSL champions Westtown School. They also earned the most wins since the 2007 season. While the team will miss its senior leaders a new group of



veteran players including **Dan Mauri**, **Ben Holl** and **Jacob Phillips** look to lead the team next season.

Varsity Girls Soccer

The 2010 season marked a milestone for the Friends Select Girls Varsity Soccer team. Supported by the focus and determination of **Drew Colman** (captain) in goal with a defense of **Anna-Claire Siena** (captain), **Ariel Seamon**, **Vanessa Hart** (captain) and **Lexi McMenamin**, the team earned its first Friends Schools League victory since 2003. In addition, the team earned a spot in the PIAA District 1 Playoffs for the second year in a row.

Anna-Claire Siena provided a solid defense anchored by the drive and consistent dedication of Ariel and vocal support of Vanessa who led the center to protect Drew in the net.

Heather Silver (captain) had an impressive senior season transitioning with ease between both offense and defense and anchoring the defense with great tenacity during her final game.

Grace Finkbiner, with her skilled footwork and knack for finding the back of the net led the offense as striker and captain her junior year and **Alex White** supported transitions as a center midfielder.

Shannon Griffin bounced back from a pre-season injury and proved to be a fierce member of the offensive attack and midfield, along with **Mariah Burke** and **Emily Payne**. **Kate Feske-Kirby** grappled with the challenges of a nagging injury but remained composed and tenacious, supporting offensive drives to net up the flank along with the speed of **Elizabeth Hawkes**.

Jasmine Phun earned the most improved player award and ended the season as an integral member of the team's attack with a predilection for the "scissor move" and a sharp ability to adjust to turnovers and transitions.

Varsity Field Hockey

Although the team's record did not indicate a successful season, the field hockey team gained a great deal of valuable experience. The Falcons fielded a junior varsity squad for the first time in several years indicating a renewed interest in the sport at the school.

Seniors **Wylie Wilson**, FSL All League, **Yvonne Hyde Carter**, FSL Honorable Mention, and **Danielle Fitzgerald** led the varsity team. This young and talented squad saw many emerging under-



classmen stand out on the field. The loss of **Maddy Barton** early in the season to a back injury forced younger and less experienced players into action. The future looks bright for the Falcons in 2011 as the team returns nine starters from the 2010 team.

WINTER 2010-2011

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Friends Select Boys Basketball team finished the 2010-2011 season with seven wins and qualified for the PIAA District 1 Playoffs. The nine boys on the basketball team demonstrated a "togetherness" that was clear to all coaches, opponents, parents, and fans.

The highlight of the season was a convincing 60-46 Senior Day victory over Plumstead Christian. **Brett Nagle** led Friends Select against Plumstead with a 26-point outing. Brett also led Friends Select in scoring by averaging 20 points per game. He was second in the Friends Schools League in scoring and was the first Friends Select player to be named to the All-Friends Schools League team since 2005.

Sophomore **Ben Holl** led the Friends Schools League in three-point shooting with a total of 64 "threes" during the season. Ben finished the season in the top 10 in Southeastern Pennsylvania three-point shooting. In addition, senior **Craig Present** finished the season as the fifth leading three-point shooter in the Friends League with 30 three-pointers.

Collectively, seniors **Brett Nagle**, **Alex Hughes**, **Craig Present**, and **Skyler Krafft** led the way and gave a great example to the younger players on how to show a strong commitment to the team and community.

Varsity Girls Basketball

The Friends Select Girls Varsity Basketball team had a successful 2010-2011 season. The team won the FSS Invitational Tournament and finished third in the Springfield Tournament. Led by seniors **Wylie Wilson** and **Drew Colman**, the team finished the season with a record of 12-12 and advanced to the second round of the PIAA District 1 Playoffs. **Wylie Wilson** earned Honorable Mention recognition in the Friends Schools League and was presented with the Markward Award, which honors Philadelphia area high school basketball players for outstanding play.

The team will return its nucleus of players for the 2011-2012 season and will look to juniors **Grace Finkbiner** and **Gabby Gibson**



to lead a young but experienced team into action. Freshmen **Jada Flint** and **Emily Payne** will add some much needed floor presence during the season.

Varsity Swimming

2011 was a successful year for the Girls and Boys Varsity swimming teams. The girls finished with a record of 5-3, matching their best record ever. For the second year in a row, the girls ended the league season at .500. The team set a record for most points scored by an FSS team in a championship meet with a total of 35 points, and the highest ever finish in a championship meet (4th place).

At that meet, the relay team of **Heather Silver**, **Kayla Kahan**, **Allie Quirk**, and **Mariah Burke** finished in 3rd place in the 200 yard medley relay. This marks the first medal FSS has scored in that event. **Kayla Kahan** scored the highest individual placing at the meet with a third place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. **Emily Johnson**, **Heather Silver**, **Shayna Phillips**, **Allie Quirk**, and **Mariah Burke** also scored individually in the championship meet. The girls scored league wins over Abington Friends, The Shipley School, and Moorestown Friends.

With only five swimmers, the boys team fought hard in every meet and was able to score one league win over Abington Friends School. While the win-loss record was not a winning one, the boys went 100 percent best times for the season. Both teams look forward to building their squads for the 2011-2012 season.

SPRING 2011

Varsity Softball

After a great 2010 season, the Friends Select Varsity Softball team continued to make strides in 2011 toward becoming a strong, successful program. Although the team graduated six seniors after last season, these girls refused to take a step back to rebuild.

The Falcons recorded their second consecutive winning season by posting a 9-6 regular season record in 2011. The Falcons qualified for the FSL playoffs for the second year in a row. For the first time in school history, the Varsity Softball team also qualified for the district playoffs. These accomplishments were made possible due to the hard work and dedication of every player on this team, including strong leadership from seniors **Anna-Claire Siena**, **Drew Colman** and **Wylie Wilson** as well as juniors **Grace Finkbiner** and **Cate MacQueen**.

Future College Athletes Four members of the Class of 2011 will participate in varsity level college athletics:
Drew Colman: Soccer, Smith College, **Craig Present**: Basketball, Suffolk University,
Rob Santore: Baseball, Immaculata University, **Sam Winward**: Soccer, Oberlin College

Friends Select Athletic Facilities Rooftop athletic field • 25-yard swimming pool • Full gymnasium • Wrestling gymnasium • Weight training room • Vesper Club on Schuylkill River • Reserved fields in nearby Fairmount Park