

Athletic Board Report  
February 15, 2012

Middle School Track

We have had a very large turnout with middle school girls track participation. There are 28 seventh graders and 19 eighth graders who have come out to run for middle school. That is almost our entire athletic class. We expect our 7th grade group to be a top competitor in our district. We have both speed and distance talent in both groups. Coach Taylor Golding and Ethan Lunn will be working with the middle school girls track program alongside the high school staff. We have seen some exciting things in practice and look forward to our season!

*Autumn Brown*

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys will have about 20 kids and that includes all but 3 kids running and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have all but 2 running. We will have Coach Elguea, Coach Lunn and I working with our middle school boys in conjunction with our high school staff. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade we have several district champions from last year that are looking at defending their championship and maybe even adding a district team title this year, we came in third last year and were missing a few key guys in the meet. We begin our workouts on Wednesday, February 8 and are really looking forward to being the first to run on our new track. We will welcome Sonora, Grape Creek, Reagan County, and Iraan to our Middle School Meet on November 24.

*John Esparza*

High School Track

We should have about 18 kids participating in track and field for the girls program. Head Coach Erik Thormaehlen will be coaching distance runners and long and triple jumpers. Our staff includes Coach Christy Isenhower and Taylor Golding, who will be working with sprinters and high jumpers and Coach Autumn Brown who will be working with sprinters and long/triple jumpers. The program intends to share coaches with the boys' side, which many of them will be coaching other events not mentioned in this report.

*Erik Thormaehlen*

For the 2012 track season, a total of 33 young men have signed up to compete as an Ozona Lion. Coach Todd Iglehart will oversee the boys track team program as well as the shot put and discus competitors. At the High School level Coach Matt Gutierrez will be responsible for the hurdle participants, starting block fundamentals and assisting with sprinters. At the Junior High level, Coach John Esparza will head up the 8th grade squad as well as all pole vaulters. Coach Ubaldo Elguea is responsible for the 7th grade competitors as well as assisting with long jumpers. Coach Ethan Lunn will assist both 7th and 8th grade squads while also working with the shot put and discus throwers. The track team and coaches are excited about the opportunity to bring back the Ozona Relays, which will be held on Friday, March 9th. This is a young track team as we have 9 freshman, 11 sophomores, 9 juniors and 4 seniors signed up to compete. With the energy and desire from these young men, the opportunities are endless.

*Todd Iglehart*

### Softball

The Lady Lions are excited to keep the momentum going after a Quarter-final appearance in Texas Class 2A softball playoffs. The Lady Lions return 6 players who played a playoff game last year and will be suiting out 17 total players this year. The team will be made up of 2 seniors, 4 juniors, 7 sophomores, and 4 freshmen. We are looking forward to a challenging, fun, and rewarding season! The Lady Lions will be led by 3<sup>rd</sup> year Head Coach – Butch Gonzalez and assisted by Coach Ronnie Clayton. Go Lady Lions!

*Butch Gonzalez*

### Baseball

For the 2012 Baseball season we expect to have about 22 kids come out this year. My Assistant Coach this year will be Juan Marshall. Our team will be built primarily around underclassmen having only one senior come out this year. We are young but talented and hope to build for the future.

*Ray Talamantes*

### Tennis

For the 2012 spring season, tennis will expect about 20 participants on the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. The tennis team has a full schedule and is expected to do very well at the Regional Team Tennis Tournament hosted by Reagan County. With a full team, OHS Tennis looks to win Regional's and go to the State Tournament in Austin in March.

*Chrissie Cooper*

### Golf

Preparation for the 2012 Golf season began as we returned to school from the Christmas break. We are excited with the growth of the program. We have 11 boys and 5 girls competing this season. Tournament play begins at the first of March.

*David Kennedy*

### Powerlifting

The Lady Lions Powerlifting team has experienced great success as they have had 7 out of the 8 team members' medal at least once. Over the past 3 meets, these young ladies have improved their combine weight total by at least 40 pounds. On January 21st, at the Irion County Powerlifting meet, these young ladies received the 2nd place team plaque with two first places, two second place and one fifth place finish. The team has one more meet at Eldorado on February 18th to chase a shot at regional's in Monahans on March 3rd. Daisy Guerra, Elizabeth Kennedy, Alex Rodriguez and Jenny Venegas have a chance at Regional's with big lifts in Eldorado.

*Todd Iglehart*

The Ozona Lions Powerlifting team continues to improve each meet with all lifters adding weight to their total each time they compete. Medal winners are: Michael Vargas, Michael Ybarra, Chris Cantu, Hazael Damian, Brandon Dominguez, Ryan Kennedy, and Rigo Rodriguez. The Lions finish the season on February 18 at Eldorado. Those that qualify for the Regional Meet will compete on March 10, in Sundown.

*David Kennedy*

