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Athletic Board Report

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<u>Lady Gladiator Basketball</u> - Unfortunately, wrapped up District play with losses to Mildred (losing in overtime to them in 1st round) and Kerens (beat them in 1st round) in the final two games of season. With those losses the LG finished 4th in district and the number 2 seed in division 2. We then played Riesel, District Champion from opposing district, for the Bi-District round and sadly lost that game as well. We will have the announcent of All-District from District 18 on next months report do to the fact that we cannot announce it until our all district members have been removed from playoff contention. We finished the year with a record of 17-12.

We want to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to Alyssa Copeland, Landry Janek, and Hannah Scott for their dedication, hard-work, and loyalty to Coach Carter and the Italy ISD program. It will not be the same without them.

In the past 11 years Coach Carter has the 2nd best back to back years with 28 wins (11 & 17 wins). Second only to the 2016-17(22 wins) year and following 2017-19 (8 wins) with 30 wins.

Gladiator Basketball – The boys have gone 2-4 since last board report losing to Frost in their final district game giving them 4th and the 2nd seed in Division 2. Our boys play a warmup game versus Snook and their first round playoff game is against Moody at Waco University on Tuesday night. The "Injury Bug" (Gared Wood-ankle) did not help our finish of the regular season but with some more time we feel like that injury can be significantly better going into the playoff game. District honors have been decided but will not be released until all opponents have finished their season.

<u>Softball</u> has had several practices with non basketball players and was able to have the basketball girls out this week. There is a solid core of girls returning with only a few positions to be won. They have a challenging tournament in Ft Worth this weekend that will give the coaches an opportunity for the necessary evaluation.

<u>Baseball</u> started practicing with their non basketball players last week and got the basketball/baseball players out on Wednesday. They have not played or scrimmaged yet due to the boys basketball playing on their prescheduled date and we decided to cancel to support our basketball team. Baseball could have a young lineup this year with some promising talent to be developed in the coming years.

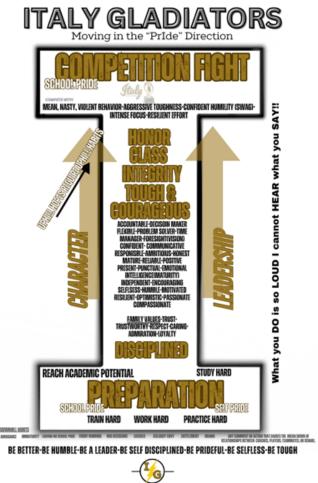
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Power-Lifting has added some great additions of girls to their team. And the boys have a good core to build on. Both girls and boys have been very competitive in their three meets.

	Italy Po	werlifting Re	ults 2025			
		Meet				
Name	Weight Class	Venus	Hillsboro	Meridian	Itasca	
Carlos DeLaHoya	123	4th	5th	2nd	2nd	
Austin Cate	132	DNL	DNL	4th	2nd	
Tristan Camacho	148	8th	во	7th	DNL	
Masyn Steinmetz	165	4th	DNL	12th	1st	
Emiliano Pompa	181	4th	во	во	во	
Eric Solis	198	4th	DNL	DNL	2nd	
Garrett Lennon	220	6th	DNL	DNL	DNL	
Gavin Vasquez	SHW	2nd	DNL	2nd	3rd	
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			Meet			
Name	Weight Class	Venus	Hillsboro	Meridian	Itasca	
Aniya Hernandez	97	DNL	6th	DNL	во	
Malyah Reeves	148	во	ВО	DNL	DNL	
Tanyria Fennell	181	DNL	4th	DNL	Injured	
Annabelle Glover	220	DNL	8th	DNL	1st	
Jaslyn Acosta	242	DNL	2nd	DNL	1st	

Offseason is going well with an emphasis on being tougher mentally and physically. It has gotten increasingly harder from last year to this year.

We have started the Leadership council and are about halfway through its curriculum. Once we get the curriculum secured we will add some more boys and then the girls. A lot of the talk with the kids is football oriented right now and that is the only reason we have waited to add girl athletes to the council.



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