

Athletics Newsletter

Lee-Scott Academy
Spring 2023



From the Athletic Director

Lee-Scott Athletics has completed a very successful spring sports season with Girls Track, JV Girls Track, JV Softball, Girls Soccer all winning AISA state championships. Varsity Softball and JV Baseball also finished as runner-ups in their state tournament. We are extremely proud and excited for the success of our teams, programs, staffs, and coaches for all of their hard work and dedication. We are very excited as the football field is set to undergo major renovations this summer. Jud-Scott field will see the installation of a new field drainage system, upgraded irrigation system, new fencing, and new natural grass playing surface. The scope of this work will be very similar to the baseball field renovations that took place last summer. Thank you to the board and administration for their support of our athletic facilities and upgrades. Summer camps are underway as the first volleyball camp started this week with this June set to have football, basketball, volleyball and soccer all having camps on campus. Lee-Scott will also welcome back former Auburn University and current professional basketball player Jared Harper for his annual Jared Harper Basketball Camp. Our Booster Club is kicking off its annual All-Sports ad program. This program raised over \$200,000 last year and goes to help support our athletic programs at Lee-Scott. We are very thankful for all of our athletic corporate sponsors and supporters. Go Warriors!



Boys and Girls Tennis

During the season, the Lee-Scott girls tennis team went 7-1, with its only loss to eventual state champion Morgan, and had wins over Glenwood, Fort Dale, Southern, Restoration, Springwood, Lakeside, and Monroe.

We have all players coming back except 2023's lone senior, Ella Arnold. Coming off of two state runner-up finishes for the girls in 2022, this year came down to eight points from reaching the finals

in four positions causing some tough learning curves. We did have Ella Arnold winning at #2 girls singles for a state title and Kate Dickerson & Gray

Thames as state runner-ups at #2 doubles. All other players made it to the semi-finals for a top-four state finalist and finished third place as state team. All players had a winning record during the course of the year.

The boys finished as runner-ups in the state championship for their best showing since 2008. This season, the guys were 4-1 with their only loss against state champion, Morgan. The team had wins against Glenwood, Fort Dale, Monroe, and

Lakeside. LSA had Walker Fisher as a state championship at the #4 singles position over Morgan to secure the team's runner-up finish. The Warriors also had Quinn Denson as the #5 singles position state runner-up as well as Walker Fisher & Ben Aldridge as state runner-up at #2 doubles position. All boys reached the semi-final for top-4 state finishes in each of their positions.



Boys and Girls Track

The JV and varsity track teams had a wonderful track season! All of the athletes begin training in February in preparation for three meets. On March 1st, the JV girls placed seventh overall, varsity girls placed first overall and varsity boys placed 13th overall. Both the JV and Varsity teams each placed the same in the March 25th meet. JV boys and girls track participated in the Escambia County AISA JV State Meet where the girls finished first and brought home the 2023 AISA JV Girls' Track State Championship!

The varsity track team spent two days competing at the AISA High School state meet in Gulf Shores, Ala. After a close battle, the Warrior girls team earned first place overall securing the AISA Girls' Track & Field State Championship! This team had such talent and drive. That paired with a lot of hard work gave them all a successful track and field season!



Girls Soccer

The LSA varsity girls' soccer team brought home its second state championship in the last three years with a semi-final win in overtime against Fort Dale followed by a 1-0 win over Glenwood in the state championship game. It was a team effort with every player contributing in a wide variety of ways, all for a single, unified purpose: to be champions. There is a bright future for the girls program due to the fact that the majority of the team as well as starting rotation range from 8th-10th graders. There is also a large number of JV players who play year round and will bring significant talent to the team as it moves into the future. The girls soccer program saw the highest number of girls participating with nearly 40 girls that made up the JV and varsity teams. Both teams saw successful seasons with the varsity team finishing the season with a 13-3-1 record. Four players were named to the AISA All-Tournament team: Emerson Mills, Delaney Faison, Colee Shepp, and Julianne King. Six players were named to participate in the AISA Soccer All Star Game: Scarlet Wood, Delaney Faison, Julianne King, Emerson Mills, Merrill Huddleston, and Colee Shepp. The future is bright for LSA Girls' soccer!



Boys Soccer

The future of the LSA boys' soccer program is in good hands. The JV team was led by only 4 freshman and they competed and improved every day, ultimately completing the season 8-1-4 highlighted by wins over rival Glenwood, and finishing 2nd in the LSA Soccer shootout.

The varsity team had to face arguably the strongest field of teams in the history of AISA soccer. The boys worked hard, competed every day, earning every goal and every victory! Nothing came easy this season. The team finished with a 6-2-8 record, falling in the first round of the state tournament. The season brought lots of positive memories, highlighted by the team trip to Gatlinburg for the High School Smokey Mountain Cup where they finished second overall. Every one of the boys contributed positively to the team and have made a positive impact, leaving their own personal touch on program.

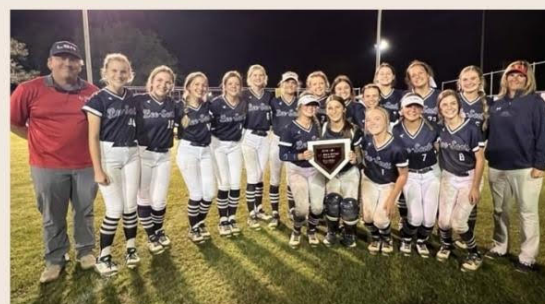


Softball

Warrior Softball had two incredibly productive seasons. The Warriors won a JV State Championship and finished runner-ups in a very competitive field of regional softball teams. There have been several highlights to this season. The JV girls finished 17-2 overall and went 4-0 in the AISA State tournament. The varsity team beat Glenwood for the first time in program memory and took two of three from Macon-East in regional play. Ultimately, the Warriors finished as state runner-ups in the AISA 3A State Tournament after a magical postseason run.

One of the most significant developments this year is seen in the Whatley Fields upgrades. The new wall, warning tracks, and signage throughout the Warrior softball & baseball complex has really given our athletes a sense of pride and ownership. We undoubtedly have the nicest fields in the AISA.

Thanks to the upperclassmen and their leadership, the LSA softball culture has developed into a hard-nosed, competitive, fighting family atmosphere. Each and every day at the ball field, a team member lifts up their families in prayer and the athletes have worked relentlessly to keep family, academics, and athletics their top priorities.



Baseball

The 2023 varsity baseball season was head coach Tim Hudson's first season at the helm of Lee-Scott Baseball. The Warriors have spent the entire season ranked in the top ten in the ASWA sports polls. Ultimately, the team finished with a record of 29-11 and a tough state semi-final series loss to rival Glenwood.

The JV baseball team finished the season with a runner-up finish in the 2023 AISA JV State Tournament and a 19-6 record overall. The Warriors were led by head coach Al Starr and assisted and improved throughout the year highlighted by winning the Edgewood Tournament.

The future for Warrior baseball is very bright and we are looking forward to another couple of successful seasons next year!

Golf

The 2022-23 golf season was a huge success. LSA played in five golf tournaments this season. The Warriors finished in second place in four events and third place in the other. The State Tournament was held at Prattville Country Club. Despite the course conditions being rough, LSA finished 4th overall in the tournament.

The Warriors were led by Christine Chang, Cam Arwood, Davis Beard, Joshua Chang, Carter Shaw, Luke Leatherman, and Angus James. The future is very bright for Lee-Scott Golf!

Good luck to our seniors in the future: Luke Leatherman, Angus James, and Conner Burnett.



Cheer

The cheerleaders have kicked off their new season! They have 21 Varsity members and 15 Junior Varsity members for the 2023-2024 season. They are working extremely hard gearing up for their AISA State Competition in June. They will also attend UCA camp at Troy University in June. All of our JV members and 19 out of 21 Varsity members made the Honor Roll. We are so proud of how hard these girls work on and off the mat!



Booster Minutes

Thank you for your support of the athletic program at Lee-Scott Academy during the 2022-2023 school year! We are so very fortunate to have parents, friends and businesses who commit each year to become a supporter of the Lee-Scott athletic program that directly impact our student-athletes. The 2023-2024 athletic season will be no different from years past where we will rely on your support to provide opportunities in athletics to all our student-athletes.

We encourage you to consider supporting as an individual family or as a business sponsor. If you would like to sponsor or purchase an ad, please visit our athletic booster page on the Lee-Scott Academy website.

On behalf of the student-athletes and coaches who directly benefit from your support, thank you!

