

## Toledo Sports Radio adds Waite to broadcast list

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Toledo Sports Radio.com has added Waite to its list of high school basketball teams getting internet broadcast coverage.

The Waite girls (9-3, 7-1) defeated City League rival Central Catholic by 30 points, 71-41, during the week and remain on track to get into the CL Final Four, and the Waite boys (10-1, 6-0) are undefeated in City League play with wins over top contenders St. John's Jesuit, St. Francis De Sales, and Rogers.

Toledo Sports Radio is also broadcasting Cardinal Stritch, Clay, and Genoa games. Genoa broadcasters are former Press sports editor Rick Waldron and Press contributing writer Jeffrey D. Norwalk, both Genoa High School graduates. TSR is owned by East Toledo resident and Stritch grad Mike Jameson.

Waldron says the Genoa crew's plan is to broadcast the entire home triple-header on Friday, February 20 versus Otsego boys, frosh, jayvee, and varsity games. In addition, they are adding to the schedule the make-up game girls' game between undefeated Suburban Lakes League rival Lake (14-0, 9-0) and Genoa (13-0, 9-0) on Feb. 4 at Genoa (rescheduled from Jan. 10).

“(It is) as a thank you to the entire program for the courtesies extended Jeff Norwalk, myself, and ToledoSportsRadio.com the past year,” Waldron said. “Our plans include following the boys and girls teams as far as they advance on the ‘Road to Columbus.’”

### **Szyпка Scholar-Baller**

University of Toledo softball coaches say their team has been working hard in and out of the classroom, preparing for the start of its regular season while posting an impressive 3.513 team grade point average for the Fall 2008 semester.

Pitcher Shana Szyпка (Genoa) was awarded The Scholar-Baller Award for 2008. This is given to student-athletes who earn a 3.0 or higher GPA, in consecutive Spring and Fall semesters.

“I am very proud of our student-athletes effort in the classroom,” said Coach JoAnn Gordon. “We are one step closer to reaching our goal of making it into the national top 10 of Division One softball teams in overall GPA.”

Whitney Erickson, Alison Hess, Szyпка and Whitney Young earned President's List recognition for posting perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Five other women also received Dean's List honors for GPAs above a 3.5 including Samantha Toy (3.9), Jillian Spink (3.874) and Melissa Rons (3.808).

The Rockets as an athletics department posted a cumulative 3.013 GPA with nearly 53 percent (189 of 358) of the student-athletes earning above a 3.0 GPA.

The Rockets softball team opens their season on February 27 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the Frost Classic.

## **Nowak at Defiance**

Ashland University forward Tyler Rosenberger is not the only former Woodmore Wildcat playing college basketball, and hasn't been for the past four years.

Joe Nowak is a 6-foot-2 senior guard at Defiance College, playing alongside former St. John's Jesuit star Mike Floyd.

Nowak saw time in six games for the Yellow Jackets during his junior campaign and found the scoring column in two of those outings. He was also one of the key players on DC's junior varsity squad. In 2006-07, Nowak spent the majority of season playing on the junior varsity squad, but saw time in one varsity contest as a sophomore. As a freshman, Nowak logged 21 minutes in seven contests.

At Woodmore, Nowak earned All-SLL and all-district honors while lettering for then-coach Don Christie. He participated in the District 7 Division III and IV All-Star Games.

With the three assists in a recent game, Floyd, a junior, stands at 318 for his career and moved past Kirk Seemann (1986-1990) for second place in the history of the DC program.

Defiance moves to 12-6 overall and 7-2 in league play with fourth straight wins.

## **Eastwood's 50th Season**

On Friday, Feb. 20, Eastwood boys' basketball will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The school is inviting all former Eastwood players, coaches, and cheerleaders to attend the Homecoming game that evening.

Also invited are any players, cheerleaders, and coaches that played for Pemberville, Webster, Troy-Luckey, or North Troy high schools before Eastwood's consolidation. Following the game, all families are invited to a celebration at the Pemberville Legion Hall. Call Dave Michel at 419-833-6421 ext. 202 or e-mail [dmichel@eastwood.k12.oh.us](mailto:dmichel@eastwood.k12.oh.us).

## **Sports Announcements**

A 14U girls' softball tournament team is looking for players. The team will participate in four local tournaments in May and June. Try-outs are Feb. 8. Call 419-855-4657.

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