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What better way to honor more than a 100 years of great GFS athletes than with a set of trading cards capturing some of their most memorable moments?

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For more than a century, athletic competition has been hard-wired into the Germantown Friends School experience. Joining sports teams has been a requirement for much of that time, in keeping with the school's focus on community, cooperation, self-discipline, and other bedrock Quaker values. But what defines the history of GFS Athletics isn't just participation. It's winning. A lot. From the football team's undefeated 1921 season without surrendering a single touchdown to the 11 consecutive Friends Schools League championships won by coach Della Micah's juggernaut lacrosse teams of the '80s and '90s, athletic success at GFS has become perennial.

"We've always expected excellence—and we enjoy it, unapologetically," says GFS Director of Athletics Katie Bergstrom Mark.

It wasn't always that way. For the school's first few decades, there were no sports as we know them today. Rejected at first by the school over concerns that competition might not be "wholesome," GFS athletes didn't begin competing against other schools in sports until the 1900s. It wasn't until the 1950s, about a decade after the school admitted its first Black student, that a Black athlete took the field for GFS: Marjorie Scott '58, who captained the undefeated softball team as a senior.

In 1981, the formation of the FSL—co-created by former GFS Boys Athletic Director Carl Tannenbaum (who is currently writing a book on the history of the school's sports) and former GFS Girls Athletic Director Bobbie Konover—sparked a golden age for the Tigers. Inspired by a generation of smart, sensitive coaches, from Pam Lutz and Tom Myran to Daryl McKeever and Rob Hewitt, Tigers teams won more than 150 FSL titles and more than a dozen state championships over the next four decades.

"History shows that our elite athletes can compete with the best of them," says Bergstrom Mark. "They succeed because they understand themselves, they're brave, and most of all, they're leaders who are committed to making everyone around them better."

To celebrate this record of excellence and leadership, we created trading cards devoted to great GFS athletes of the past century. It's not a Hall of Fame; think of it as a celebration of memorable Tigers, teams, and moments. Never heard about wrestler Dan Signorelli '90's magical senior campaign or how Olivia Fiechter '14 announced herself to the squash world as an eighth grader? Read on: Their stories, and many others, will captivate you.





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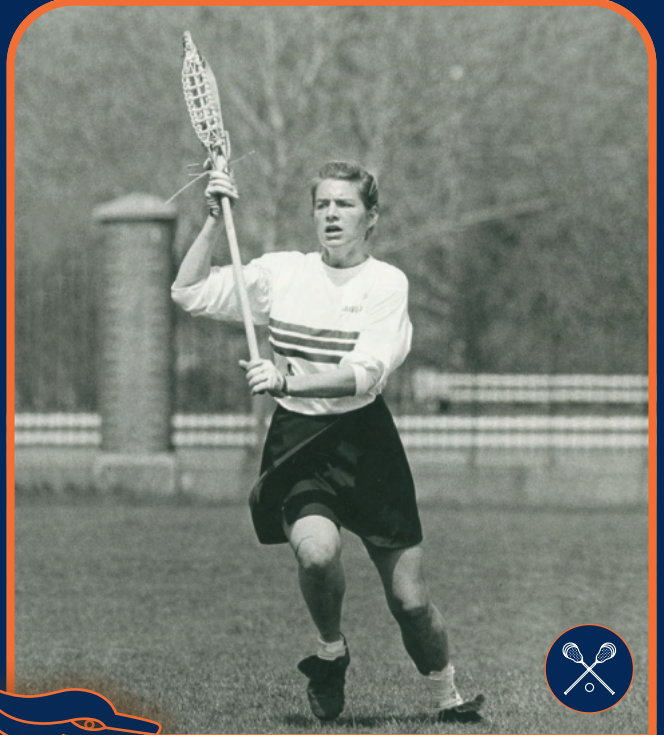
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MICHAEL BUCKMIRE

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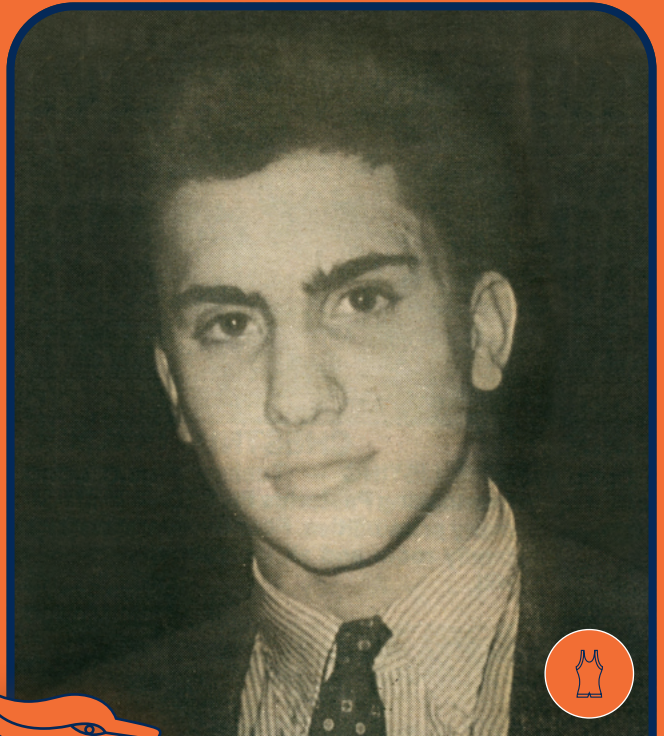
KATE FELSEN DI PIETRO

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OLIVIA FIECHTER

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DANIEL SIGNORELLI



KATE FELSEN DI PIETRO

Class of 1984 | Lacrosse, field hockey, basketball

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Remembered as the girl who took her lacrosse stick everywhere and stayed for hours after practice to work on shooting, Felsen Di Pietro was one of the first dominant multisport athletes of the Friends Schools League. She led the Tigers to three FSL championships in lacrosse (the first of 12 in a row for GFS) and two in field hockey.

» KILLER STAT

Her 177 career lacrosse goals for GFS established a school record that stood for decades.

» NEXT STOP

Harvard University, where the All-American led the lacrosse team to an appearance in the NCAA Division I national championship game (she also played field hockey for the Crimson). She ranks fifth in career points for Harvard and earned Ivy Player of the Year her senior year.

» TODAY

Felsen Di Pietro and her family created Feeding the Frontlines to boost New York's restaurant industry during the pandemic and feed the city's food-insecure population and healthcare workers.



MICHAEL BUCKMIRE

Class of 2017 | Basketball, baseball

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

In an era when the Friends Schools League basketball scene was ruled by future NBA frontcourt players, the six-foot-one guard helped guide the Tigers back to the FSL playoffs in each of his four years on the varsity squad. During his junior and senior seasons, "Buck" led the team in points, assists, and steals and earned First Team All-FSL status both years.

» MEMORABLE MOMENT

Buckmire and the Tigers shocked future NBA star De'Andre Hunter and Friends' Central in the FSL semis in 2015, advancing to take on Mo Bamba (also an NBA lottery pick) and the Westtown juggernaut. In a packed field house at Haverford College, GFS fought valiantly—Buckmire scored 12 points in the second half—but fell. It was the team's first appearance in the FSL finals in 18 years.

» NEXT STOP

Duke University, where Buckmire walked on to the Blue Devils basketball team. He quickly became a fan favorite and earned an athletic scholarship after his sophomore year. His improbable "and-one" in 2017 sent the Cameron Crazies into a frenzy.



DANIEL SIGNORELLI

Class of 1990 | Wrestling, track & field

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Signorelli wrestled well his first three years, helping to lead his team to a Friends Schools League championship in 1988. But even his coach, Dan Shechtman, didn't foresee how the lanky Signorelli would blossom in his senior season, destroying all his opponents in one of the greatest individual campaigns in the history of FSL athletics. In 1990-91, he did what no other GFS wrestler has ever done: He won a Pennsylvania Independent School Athletic Association championship in his weight class (171 pounds). Signorelli was also a track and field champion, winning the FSL javelin competition as a junior.

» KILLER STAT

In the 20 matches of his undefeated senior season, Signorelli pinned his opponent 19 times.

» NEXT STOP

Wesleyan University, where he switched to track and field.

» TODAY

After spells as a chef, an attorney, and an entrepreneur in the US, Europe, and Asia, Signorelli lives in Switzerland and runs a startup organic sun and skin-care company.



OLIVIA FIECHTER

Class of 2014 | Squash, tennis

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Fiechter had already won the first of her three age-group national championships by the time she made the Tigers' varsity squash team as an eighth grader, when she announced her presence by beating an Episcopal Academy senior who had never lost in her high-school career. A five-time, First-Team All-Mid Atlantic Squash Association honoree, Fiechter was also a force on the tennis court, earning First Team All-Friends Schools League honors four times.

» KILLER STAT

Fiechter never lost a squash match in her varsity career at GFS, and she went undefeated in her senior tennis season.

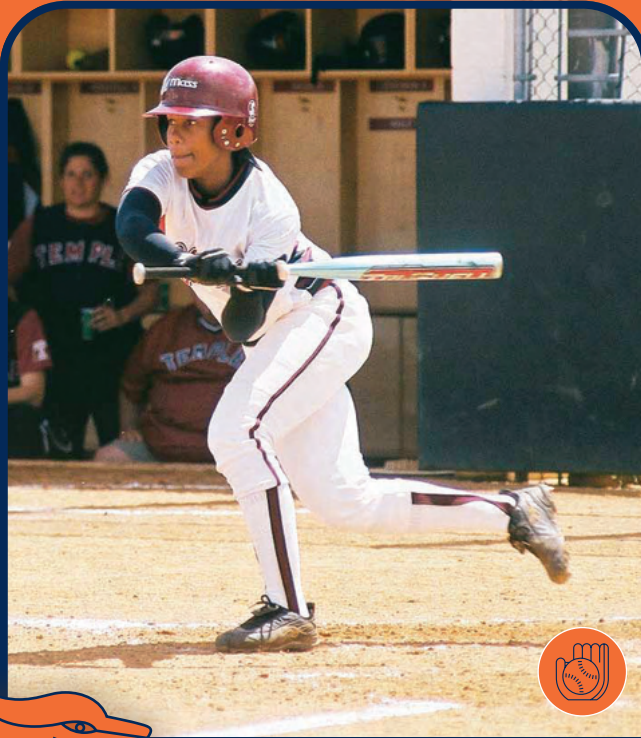
» NEXT STOP

Princeton University, where the four-time All-Ivy and All-America player led the Tigers to a No. 1 national ranking.

» TODAY

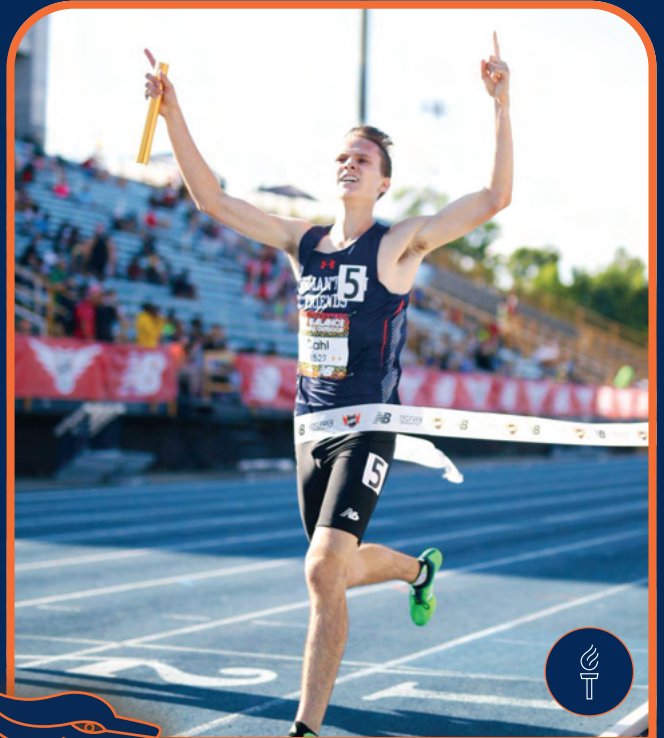
The most successful professional athlete ever to graduate from GFS, Fiechter is ranked in the top 20 on the Professional Squash Association World Tour.

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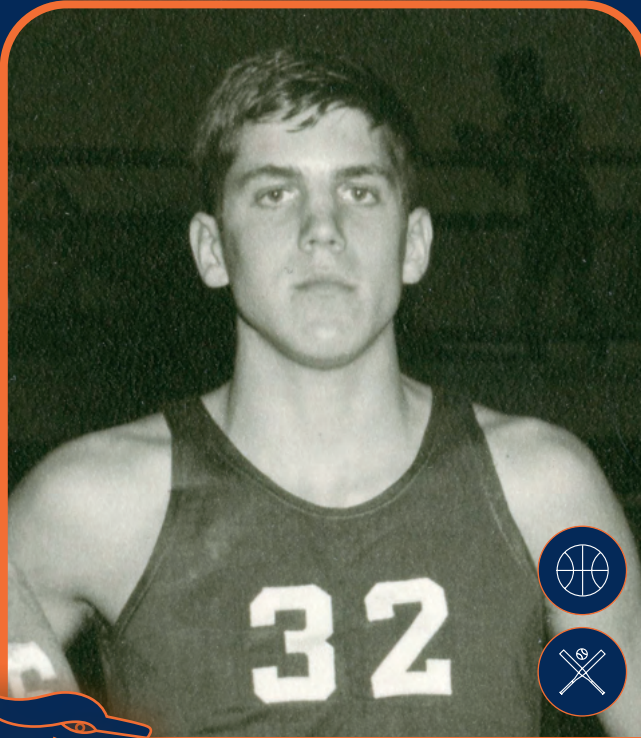
AISHA FRANKE

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NICK DAHL

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JOHN RAINEY

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KATHERINE WIENER DUBOIS



NICK DAHL

Class of 2017 | Track & field, cross country

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

It's hard to imagine a trophy cabinet as packed as Dahl's. Four Friends Schools League team championships, two state team championships, and four individual FSL championships in cross country. Four FSL team championships, two individual FSL championships in the 800 meter, three in the 1,600 meter, and three in the 3,200 meter—and too many record-breaking runs to list—in track. He earned All-America status four times in cross country and three times in track.

➤ MEMORABLE MOMENT

Dahl was part of a distance medley relay team that ran the second-fastest time in Pennsylvania history at the 2016 nationals.

➤ NEXT STOP

Yale University, where he ran track and cross country and collected more hardware. In 2019-2020, he won all but one of his races, was the Ivy League mile champion, earned All-Ivy status, and won Yale's Jim Stack Award as track and field MVP. Dahl is now running for Duke University, taking advantage of the NCAA rule allowing an extra year of eligibility due to COVID-19.



AISHA FRANKE

Class of 2000 | Softball, soccer, basketball

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Franke was a dominant multisport Middle School athlete at a time when GFS didn't offer varsity softball, a sport she played at a high club level. She helped successfully petition to reinstate softball, paving the way for generations of future players. She became the program's first star as a ninth grader and remains the school's greatest ever. Franke was selected to the All-Friends Schools League First Team four times in softball and twice in soccer.

➤ MEMORABLE MOMENT

Led by Franke, the Tigers became contenders for the FSL crown her senior year, losing a tough battle in the semis. (She cried when she heard the Tigers finally won their first league title in 2015.)

➤ NEXT STOP

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where Franke's 56 stolen bases and .346 career batting average rank in the Top 10 in Minutewomen softball history.

➤ TODAY

Franke is a lower-school STEM teacher at the McDonogh School near Baltimore.



KATHERINE WIENER DUBOIS

Class of 1929 | Field hockey, basketball, tennis

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

One of the greatest field hockey players of her generation and one of the finest athletes GFS has ever produced, "Kitty" played on national hockey teams that competed against European superpowers at a time when field hockey was covered in the national media.

➤ KILLER STAT

DuBois is the only athlete in GFS history, female or male, to win the school's All-Around Cup for multisport excellence in three different years.

➤ NEXT STEP

Smith College, but when the Depression hit, she returned to Philadelphia to teach English and gym and coach field hockey at GFS. DuBois later moved to Iowa and enrolled at Drake University.

➤ LEGACY

In her late 90s, DuBois gave the GFS field hockey team a "spirited" address after watching them play during her 80th reunion. She urged the team to be more aggressive.



JOHN RAINEY

Class of 1963 | Baseball, basketball, soccer

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Rainey played three sports, but he dominated two of them on a scale GFS fans had seldom witnessed. In basketball, he led the team to conference championships his junior (an undefeated season) and senior years. He graduated as the first 1,000-point scorer in the school's history and held the single-season scoring record (493 points in 1963). In baseball, he was a force on the mound and at the plate. One three-game stretch of victorious outings as a pitcher in his junior season included a no-hitter, a 14-strikeout two-hitter, and a 17-strikeout gem.

➤ MEMORABLE MOMENT

Some people know how to exit in style. In his final performance as a GFS athlete, Rainey pitched a no-hitter.

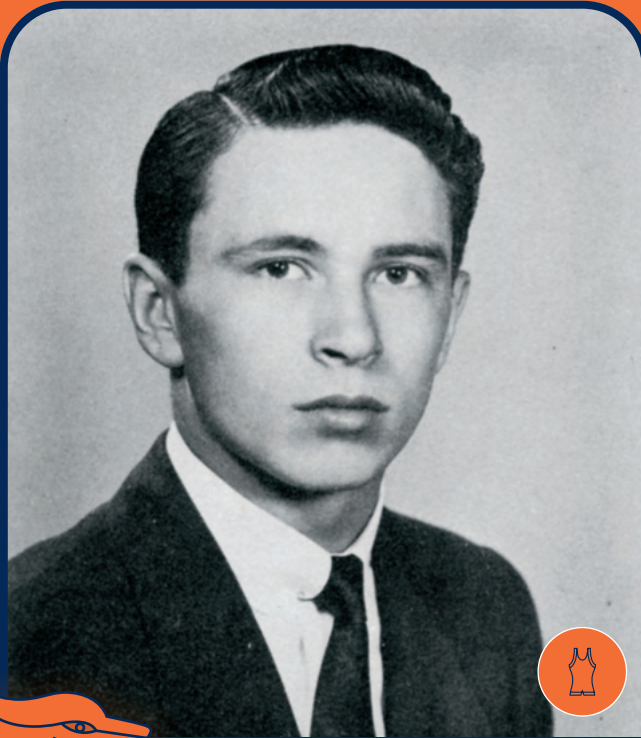
➤ NEXT STOP

Wesleyan University.

➤ TODAY

Rainey, now retired, lives in North Carolina after a long career in K-12 education and coaching, including stints at Germantown Academy, the Shipley School, and Harbor Day School in California.

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DONALD N. WILKIE

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KATHERINE BIXBY

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PORTIA & TEASHA MCKOY

GFS TIGERS



MANOLO SANCHEZ



KATHERINE BIXBY

Class of 2006 | Basketball, lacrosse, soccer

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

A true multisport athlete, Bixby earned First Team All-Friends Schools League status in three different sports—four times in basketball, twice in lacrosse, and once in soccer—and served as captain of each team her senior year. On the basketball court, the guard scored 1,128 points in her career as a Tiger. Only seven other GFS players, male or female, have scored more.

➤ KILLER STAT

“Kat” may be the only player in GFS history to break both the 1,000-point barrier in basketball and the 100-point barrier in lacrosse.

➤ NEXT STOP

Ithaca College, where she accomplished a rare double: all-conference honors in two sports, basketball and lacrosse. One of the greatest players in Bombers basketball history and a Division-III All-American, Bixby ranks fourth in career scoring and third in assists.

➤ TODAY

Bixby was appointed head women’s basketball coach at Johns Hopkins University in 2017 after turning around the Dickinson College program.



DONALD N. WILKIE

Class of 1954 | Wrestling, football, track & field

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The list of decorated three-sport athletes is long at GFS, as would be expected at a school that has emphasized the value of being well-rounded and encouraged exploration since its founding. But seldom has athletic excellence in three sports by a GFS student been as unexpected as it was in the case of Don Wilkie. As a wrestler, his small stature wasn’t an obstacle—he competed against other wrestlers in his own weight class, beating almost all of them. But Wilkie also broke the GFS pole vault record and was a star halfback on the school’s football team.

➤ MEMORABLE MOMENT

As a senior, Wilkie won the 127-pound weight class at the Episcopal Academy Invitational Wrestling Tournament at the Palestra—the precursor to the Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association’s annual state wrestling tournament—defeating Jim Hutchinson of EA 4-0 in the championship match.



MANOLO SANCHEZ

Class of 2010 | Soccer

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Sanchez was the Friends Schools League’s leading scorer his sophomore season, and his brilliant free kick in the championship game that year against two-time defending champs Shipley was the goal that won the Tigers their first league title in a decade. The midfielder’s 31 career goals in league play rank him second in FSL history.

➤ KILLER STAT

Sanchez still holds the school record for total points in a career with 59 goals and 38 assists in all competitions.

➤ NEXT STOP

Louisville University and then Clemson, where he led in scoring as a senior and helped guide the team to the 2014 ACC championship. In 2015, he was selected by Major League Soccer’s New York Red Bulls. He also played on the Puerto Rican national team.

➤ TODAY

Sanchez returned to GFS in 2018 as an assistant coach for the boys varsity soccer team, and helped lead them to their first FSL championship since his sophomore year. He was appointed head coach of the girls varsity team in 2019.



PORTIA & TEASHA MCKOY

Class of 2018 | Track & field, soccer

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Twins Portia and Teasha McKoy dominated an astonishingly wide swath of track and field events during their storied careers at GFS, each earning First-Team All-Friends Schools League status all four years. Both have won state championships—Portia in the 100 meters in 2018 and Teasha in the 100-meter hurdles in 2016. Both were also superb soccer players and members of the school’s only FSL championship team in 2014; Portia earned First Team All-FSL in soccer as a junior and a senior.

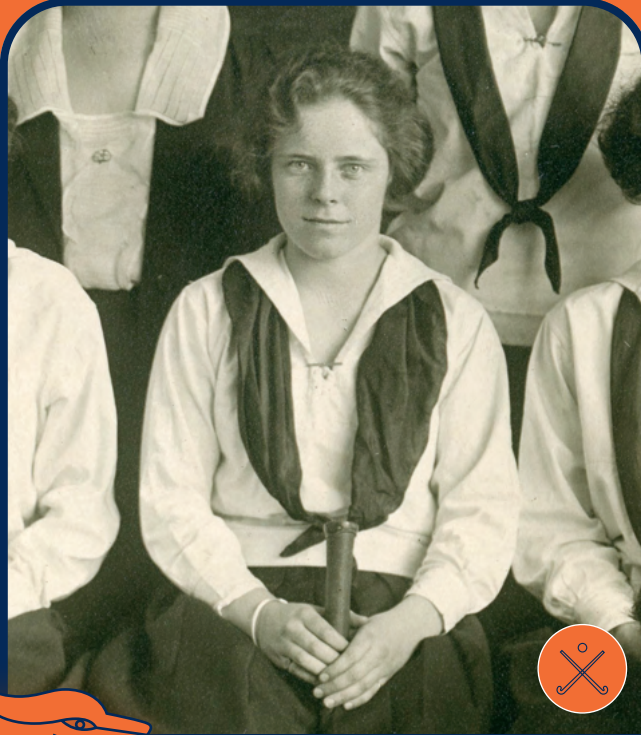
➤ KILLER STAT

Together they hold 17 indoor and outdoor school records in events ranging from the 100 meters and the long jump (Portia) to the shot put and the discus (Teasha, who also holds the league record in those two events).

➤ NEXT STOP

The twins wanted to go to different colleges, but they also wanted to be near each other. They got their wish: Portia now competes as a sprinter and a jumper for Lafayette College; Teasha is a thrower at nearby Lehigh University.

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BETTY CADBURY

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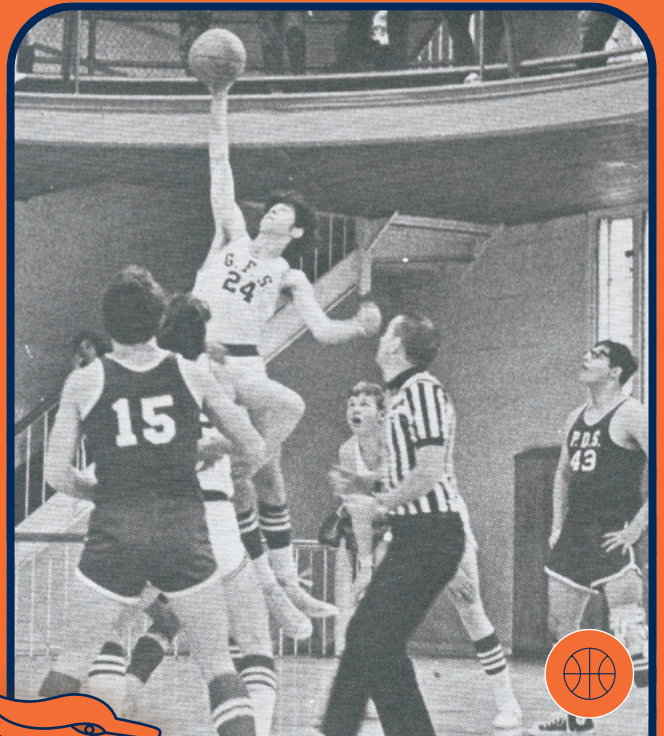
IRIS WILLIAMSON

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JACK LENTZ

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CHRIS COXE



IRIS WILLIAMSON

Class of 2012 | Lacrosse, soccer, basketball

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

A goal-scoring machine in two sports, Williamson earned First Team All-Friends Schools League status in both lacrosse and soccer all four years playing for GFS. As a sophomore, she was the first GFS girls soccer player to be named to the All-Southeastern Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association team (she repeated as a senior). Williamson holds the school record for most goals in lacrosse, and is second in career goals in soccer.

➤ KILLER STAT

In the long and storied history of GFS lacrosse, Williamson is the only person to score more than 200 goals.

➤ NEXT STOP

The University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated as the No. 9 goal scorer in the program's history.

➤ TODAY

In 2018, Williamson returned to the FSL as head lacrosse coach at the Shipley School. In her first season as coach, she led the Gators to the 2019 FSL title, beating defending champs GFS 15-13 in the league finals. She currently teaches English at the Brearley School in New York.



BETTY CADBURY

Class of 1924 | Field hockey, lacrosse, basketball, tennis

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

A dominant field hockey forward, Cadbury was the only high-school student named to the All-Philadelphia team in 1923 and 1924. She was also selected to join an elite national team that crossed the Atlantic to play in international tournaments in England after her junior and senior seasons—an achievement that former GFS boys athletic director and historian Carl Tannenbaum called “the greatest honor to be bestowed on a GFS athlete up to that time.”

➤ NEXT STEP

The Boston School of Physical Education. Cadbury continued to be selected to participate in national and international tournaments in both field hockey and lacrosse into the 1930s.

➤ LEGACY

Cadbury returned to GFS in 1936 to serve as a physical education teacher and coach for three decades, influencing generations of students. Her field hockey players remember her gathering the team to shout “All for one and one for all!” before each match.



CHRIS COXE

Class of 1970 | Basketball, baseball, soccer

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was there any athletic pursuit Coxe couldn't conquer? One of the few two-time winners of the boys All-Around Cup, given annually to the school's best multisport athlete until 2001, he led GFS to a Penn-Jersey Athletic Association title in baseball as a senior and a shared title in basketball as a junior. His hoops teams won 29 games in a row in his junior and senior years. On the baseball diamond, Coxe was one of the few four-year starters at shortstop in the program's history.

➤ KILLER STAT

Coxe was the second basketball player in GFS history to score more than 1,000 career points.

➤ NEXT STOP

Yale University, where he was a forward on the soccer team (he began his GFS career as a goalkeeper).

➤ TODAY

Coxe is in his fourth decade of coaching soccer, baseball, and/or basketball in the Middle and Upper Schools at GFS.



JACK LENTZ

Class of 2017 | Squash, track & field

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

An intense and tireless leader, Lentz rose steadily to national prominence, earning U.S. Squash's William T. Ketcham Jr. Most Improved Award as a freshman. By the time he was a senior, he was ranked No. 6 in the nation and had earned a spot on the U.S. Junior National Team.

➤ KILLER STAT

The U.S. Squash All-American was also a two-time, First Team All-Friends Schools League hurdler on the track team, who won individual FSL championships in the 110-meter hurdles in 2016 and in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in 2017.

➤ NEXT STOP

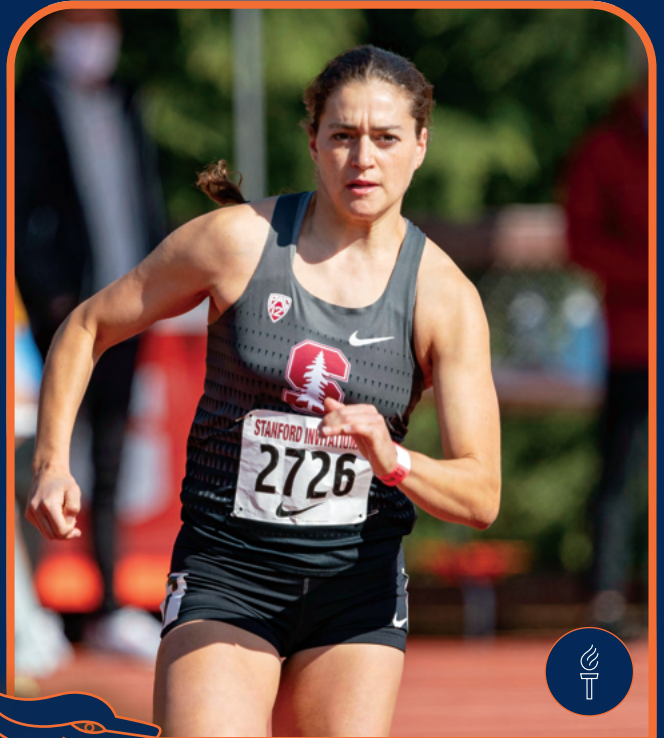
The United States Naval Academy, where Lentz played in the No. 1 position starting as a sophomore. Navy's captain his senior year, he won the College Squash Association's prestigious Skillman Award in 2021, given by a vote of CSA coaches to the college player “who has displayed exemplary sportsmanship and skill during his career.”

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JESSE BIDDLE

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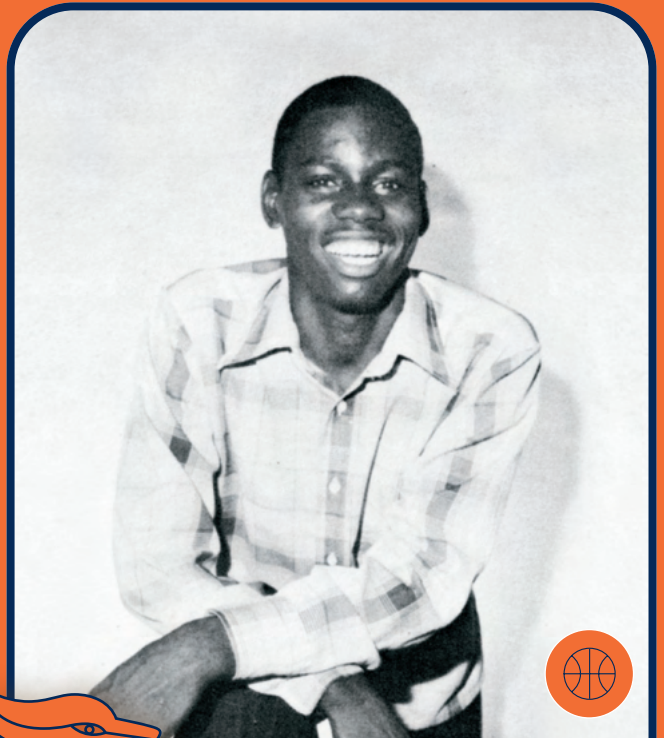
SARAH WALKER

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CATHERINE KELLY MULGREW

GFS TIGERS



ALFRED JOHNSON



SARAH WALKER

Class of 2016 | Track & field, cross country, soccer

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Walker considered herself a soccer player first until she decided to try out for winter track as a ninth grader. That soon changed when she qualified for the state meet in the 800 meter in only the second race of her career. Soon school and Friends Schools League records began to tumble with regularity as Walker, a four-time All-American, became an unstoppable force on Coach Rob Hewitt's track teams that won three FSL crowns. In 2015, she finished 3rd in the 800 meter at the Junior Nationals and 2nd at the New Balance Nationals.

» KILLER STATS

Five years after graduating, Walker still holds league records in four events: the 400 meter, the 800 meter, the 1,600 meter, and the 4x400 meter relay. Her league-record 800-meter run of 2:03.7 in 2015 remains the third-fastest ever run in the state. Before heading to college, she ran a 2:05.79 in the 800 meter to win the Caribbean Scholastic Invitational in Cuba.

» NEXT STOP

Stanford University, where Walker ran the 400 and 800 meters.



JESSE BIDDLE

Class of 2010 | Baseball

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The fearsome, six-foot-five, left-handed ace with a 94-mph fastball recorded 140 strikeouts in his senior season, attracting as many as 20 radar gun-toting Major League scouts for each start. Biddle, a four-time, First Team All-Friends Schools League selection, led GFS to four consecutive FSL championships, capping a run of seven straight league crowns for the Tigers—still the longest title streak by any FSL baseball team.

» KILLER STAT

In the final three games of his GFS career—all FSL or Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association playoff games—Biddle struck out 49 of the final 51 batters he retired.

» NEXT STOP

The Philadelphia Phillies, who selected Biddle in the first round of the 2010 Major League Baseball draft just days before his graduation.

» TODAY

Biddle pitches in the Atlanta Braves organization, his fifth team in the big leagues.



ALFRED JOHNSON

Class of 1979 | Basketball

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Growing up in Germantown just two blocks from campus, Johnson was a camper at GFS basketball coach David Felsen's Summer Basketball & Reading Clinic. The first camp alumnus to attend GFS, the ebullient, five-foot-seven Johnson was a magician with the ball, who went on to become one of the program's greatest point guards.

» KILLER STAT

As a senior, Johnson led the Tigers to a 22-2 record, including a 16-game unbeaten streak and a Penn-Jersey League championship. That 1978-79 team is still considered by many to be the school's best ever.

» NEXT STOP

After playing basketball at Elizabeth City State University, he returned to GFS in 1985 to succeed Felsen as the Tigers' head coach.

» TODAY

A long, successful college coaching career, with stops at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Holy Family University, Valley Forge Military College, and ECSU. He was recently named head basketball coach at Northern Vermont University.



CATHERINE KELLY MULGREW

Class of 1997 | Field hockey, lacrosse, basketball

» GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

A fierce three-sport athlete, Mulgrew was named to the All-Friends Schools League First Team three times in field hockey, twice in basketball, and twice in lacrosse, and won the All-Around Athletic Cup as a senior. Under coach Pam Lutz, Mulgrew helped lead the Tigers to two of the school's 14 FSL field hockey crowns.

» MEMORABLE MOMENT

In the 1996 hockey championship, the Tigers faced George School, which had eliminated them in the 1994 and 1995 semis. The game went into overtime, then penalty strokes, and finally sudden-victory strokes, when Mulgrew sent a high shot past the goal keeper to win the title.

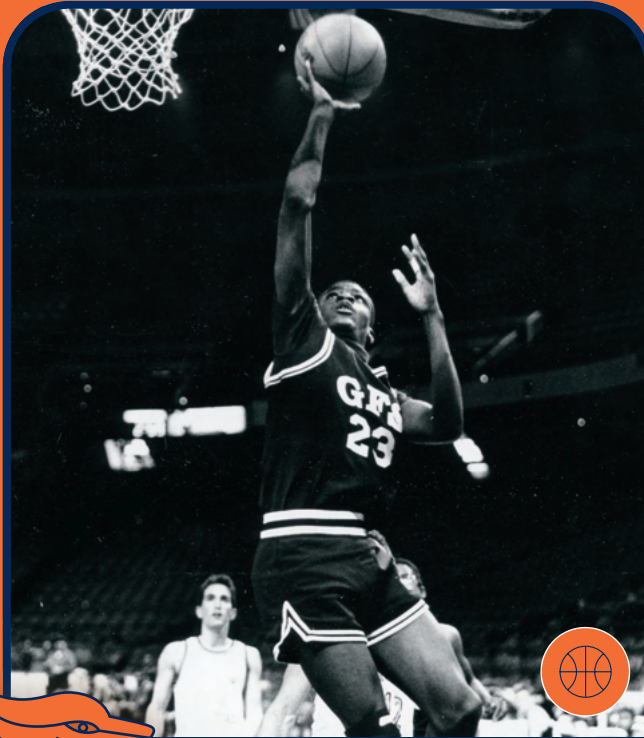
» NEXT STOP

Cornell University, where she was a starter at back for the field hockey team and a co-captain as a senior.

» TODAY

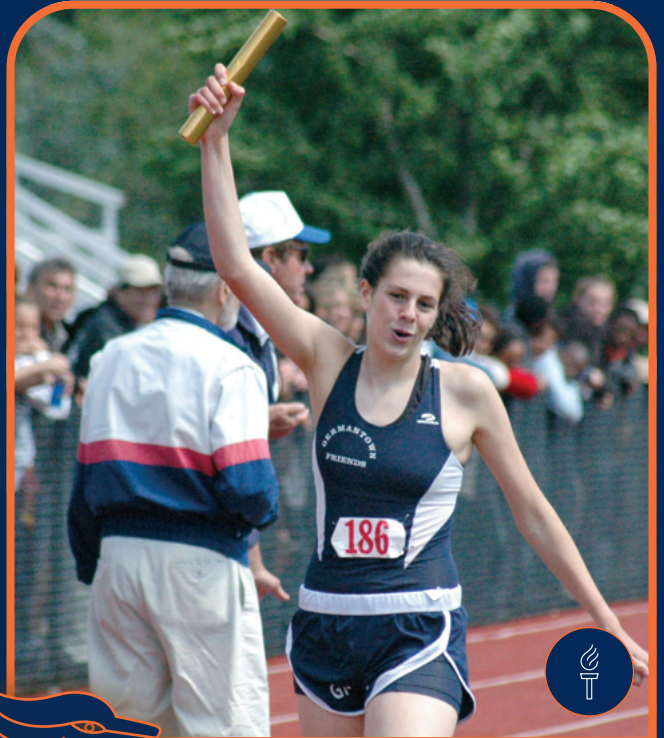
Mulgrew serves as global philanthropy manager at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

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JONATHAN HAYNES

GFS TIGERS



CECILIA DAVIS-HAYES

GFS TIGERS



JOANNA BOOTH

GFS TIGERS



JAMES WRIGHT



CECILIA DAVIS-HAYES

Class of 2007 | Track & field, cross-country, soccer

→ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

An early starter and a late bloomer, Davis-Hayes began running as a third grader at GFS but didn't hit her stride as an endurance athlete until almost two decades later, when she started training for triathlons in 2015. In the two years that followed, she won the Philadelphia Triathlon, the New York City Triathlon, and the Collegiate Club National Championship—all by massive margins and all while in medical school—cementing her reputation as one of the nation's top triathletes.

→ MEMORABLE MOMENT

In only her third triathlon, Olympic Age Group National Championships, Davis-Hayes won despite an awful swim.

→ NEXT STOP

Williams College, followed by med school at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.

→ TODAY

A radiology resident at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York, Davis-Hayes "leads an impressive—almost impossible—double life ... toggling between dual roles of doctor and pro triathlete," according to *Triathlete Magazine*.



JONATHAN HAYNES

Class of 1990 | Basketball

→ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

After leading the Tigers to a Friends Schools League championship in his junior year in 1989 (the last league title GFS has won in boys' basketball), Haynes set the Philadelphia high-school hoops world ablaze in his senior year, averaging 33.6 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 7.1 assists per game. A city basketball legend, the six-foot-four guard was named Pennsylvania High School Player of the year and a McDonald's All-American in 1990, joining a list of honorees that includes Kobe Bryant.

→ KILLER STAT

Haynes scored 2,022 points in only three years as a Tiger. No other GFS player has ever scored more than 1,500.

→ NEXT STOP

Temple, then Villanova (he became the Wildcats' No. 12 career-assists leader despite playing only three seasons), before a professional run in Italy, Spain, Turkey, and Israel.

→ TODAY

Haynes is co-founder and coach at the Academy of Hoops, a youth-centered basketball training and player development program.



JAMES WRIGHT

Class of 2018 | Crew, soccer

→ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

It didn't take long for crew, GFS' newest sports program, to produce a world-class athlete. Wright crushed nearly all comers racing in a single in 2017 and 2018. As a junior, he won first place in the City Championships, the Mercer Lake Sprints, and the American Scholastic Rowing Association Nationals in the single scull. He repeated those three wins as a senior and added a first-place finish in the Youth National Championships and the World Indoor Rowing Championships.

→ NEXT STEP

Stanford University, where Wright has rowed on the varsity eight since his first year, when he was named Pacific 12 Newcomer of the Year.

→ WEARING THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

Wright began representing the United States in international competitions while he was still a student at GFS, participating in the World Junior Championships in Lithuania in 2017. He has raced with the junior national team in 2018 and the under-23 team in 2019. Wright also earned All-America recognition in 2021.



JOANNA BOOTH

Class of 2015 | Tennis

→ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Booth played varsity tennis at GFS as a freshman in 2011, as a junior in 2013, and as a senior in 2014, earning First Team All-Friends Schools League status each time. Those happen to be the only three years that the Tigers' girls' tennis team has won the FSL championship since the league adopted postseason playoffs in the 2002 season. Coincidence? Unlikely. Playing first singles as a junior and a senior, Booth won the FSL individual tournament championship both years.

→ NEXT STOP

Amherst College, where she played on the tennis team and was president of the Black Student Union.

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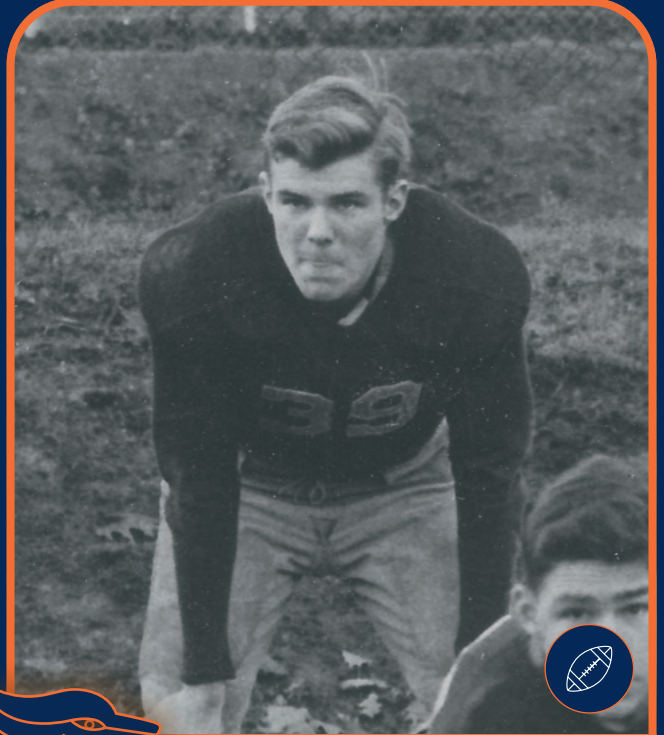
After earning her bachelor's degree, Booth returned to Philadelphia to work at the Fabric Workshop and Museum and Second State Press, a communal printmaking studio.

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FREDERICK H. GLOECKNER, JR.

Class of 1948 | Football, basketball, track & field

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Football ruled GFS sports culture in the middle of the 20th century, and the school had its own archetypal, square-jawed football hero: Fred Gloeckner. The “tall, blond, perfectly coordinated” All-City back, his senior yearbook gushed, was “one of the greatest athletes in the history of the school.” That season, the Gloeckner-led Tigers toppled all of their opponents before falling 13-12 in the heartbreaking final to Germantown Academy, then a neighbor.

➤ NEXT STEP

Princeton University, a national football powerhouse at the time. Led by Heisman Trophy winner Dick Kazmeier, Princeton’s 1950 team finished the season undefeated and No. 6 in the Associated Press poll.

➤ LEGACY

After attending medical school at Temple University, Gloeckner served as a civilian doctor in Vietnam—the subject of a memoir he published in 1972. He retired in 2001 after three decades in family practice in British Columbia.



SOPHIA LINGUITI

Class of 2015 | Soccer

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The unquestioned leader of the only GFS girls soccer team ever to win a Friends Schools League championship, Linguiti returned from a serious knee injury in 2014 to guide a Tigers team loaded with athleticism and seniors (but a bit short on technical and tactical chops). The center mid was only able to play full seasons as a freshman and a senior—earning First Team All-FSL honors both years—making her career total of 12 goals and 13 assists even more impressive.

➤ MEMORABLE MOMENT

The Tigers made it to the FSL title game in 2011, 2012, and 2013 only to lose 1-0 to mighty Friends’ Central each time. It looked like more of the same when FCS took a 1-0 first-half lead in the rain-soaked 2014 championship rematch. But then Linguiti, a brilliant ball striker who took all the Tigers’ set pieces, scored on a free kick early in the second half. GFS scored again minutes later and cruised to victory and redemption.

➤ NEXT STOP

Wesleyan University, where Linguiti co-captained the soccer team as a senior.



HENRY RUGER

Class of 2020 | Tennis

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The GFS boys tennis team hadn’t been a contender for a Friends Schools League championship for a decade when Ruger made varsity as a ninth grader in 2017. He promptly took over the No. 1 spot, went 13-0 without losing a set, and launched an unprecedented run of three consecutive FSL team championships. Ruger played only two years of varsity tennis, but in that time, he cemented his reputation as the greatest boys tennis player ever at the school. At the time of his graduation, he was ranked No. 32 in the nation and No. 1 in Pennsylvania.

➤ KILLER STAT

Undefeated. Ruger never lost a match in his two years on the GFS boys tennis team.

➤ NEXT STOP

Columbia University, where Ruger hopes to continue his streak of team success—the Lions have won or shared six straight Ivy League titles.



JENNIFER JONES CLINKSCALES

Class of 1999 | Basketball

➤ GFS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The GFS girls basketball teams at the end of the ’90s did something no other girls’ squad had done before or since: won two consecutive Friends Schools League titles. The leader of those teams was Clinkscapes, a three-time, First-Team All-FSL forward, who scored 1,083 points and broke the career-assist record when she was still a junior.

➤ MEMORABLE MOMENT

Trailing Friends’ Central by double digits at halftime in the 1999 FSL finals, Clinkscapes stormed back onto the court to score 23 points—including six straight free throws in overtime—to beat the Phoenix 68-59, lock in the Tigers’ second title in a row, and cap off an undefeated league season.

➤ NEXT STOP

Penn, where she was part of a team that went on the nation’s longest winning streak and won the Quakers’ first Ivy League women’s basketball championship.

➤ TODAY

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