

Juggling Varsity

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Madeline Pohmer is a freshman at Olentangy Liberty High School who has been asked to do two varsity sports in the same season. She plays varsity lacrosse and track. Madeline was already planning to do varsity lacrosse this spring when the track coach asked her to perform in the state championships for indoor in February. From this, Madeline is training hard with the varsity athletes on the team to become another state champion in June for outdoor.

This being said, Madeline's lacrosse coach is hoping that she will still put lacrosse in front of track to bring success to both teams. Coach Krile is supportive of the head lacrosse coach Tim Bosco, and is understanding of Madeline's commitment to both sports. While she claims she is ready to take on both sports, Madeline also feels nervous about having enough time.

"While I am excited to do both I am nervous that I won't have enough time for school, friends, and family," Madeline says.

As of now and coming off of spring break last week she claims that she has been able to commit to everything, but with finals and major end of the year and tests coming up she hopes that there won't be too much of a work load on top of her shoulders along with the stress of her varsity sports as well.

Madeline is a very active and social person who always is willing to compete in anything and everything someone will ask her to do. She has been playing both lacrosse and has been running for quite some time. According to her she says, "I have been playing lacrosse since kindergarten and have been running since 7th grade, I feel strong in both sports and I am confident in my abilities" Madeline's mom started running when she was young so Madeline felt like she could take on her same interests which got her into lacrosse and then later running.

Typically students are only allowed to do one sport per season, making Madeline especially gifted in the fact that she got asked to perform in two this spring. Once again she was the fastest freshman on the cross country team this past year coming in 3/79 out of all the girls on the team. Even after states the following weekend Madeline made it back to lacrosse and training hard. Madeline was asked to perform in the Ohio Indoor State Track and Field Championships this past February in the 4x8 relay team. Coach Krile decided he wanted her again for the Ohio Outdoor State Track and Field Championships this June after the fact she made the varsity lacrosse team. From this she began training with both coaches to help both teams compete in all meets and games.

People are wondering if she's pushing herself to hard or how she is going to be able to handle it all, but despite all

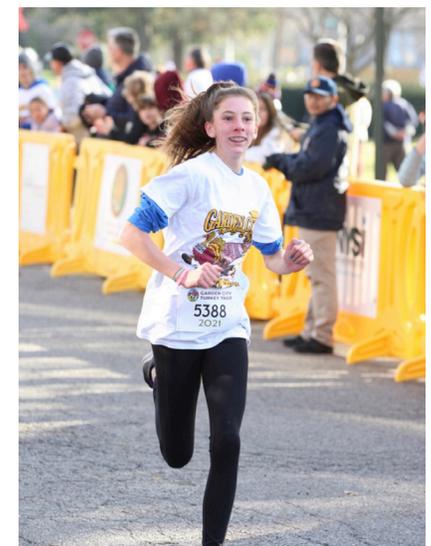
of this she says, "I am willing to put all my best efforts into both sports and help them win."



Madeline running at the All Ohio State Cross Country Championships
(Photo Courtesy: Madeline Pohmer)



Madeline playing lacrosse at her old school, Hyatts
(Photo Courtesy: Madeline Pohmer)



Madeline running at a race out of school.
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