



# Seneca Valley

## Raider Athletes of the Month

### May, 2023



The Female Athlete of the Month for May is softball player Lexie Hames. The sophomore pitcher has had a stellar end to the season, helping the Raiders clinch a Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Softball 6A Section title and runner-up at the WPIAL 6A Softball Championships. She went 5-0 with 178 strikeouts and a .368 Earned Run Average (ERA) during regular season play in the month of May. Lexie was also a force at the plate when she was not intentionally walked, leading the team with five home runs and 14 Runs Batted In (RBI) on the season. Lexie's standout performance came in a 3-0 win over rival Hempfield where she had 18 strikeouts and hit a three-run home run. In two WPIAL playoff games, Lexie went 1-1 with 19 strikeouts and a 1.20 ERA, along with a .500 batting average. She was also recognized on the Big 56 6A All-Section Team. We recognize Lexie as the May Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Lexie!



The Male Athlete of the Month for May is baseball pitcher Zach Tkatch. A junior, Zach had a breakout year on the mound, quickly becoming SV's leading pitcher. Zach went 1-1 in May with the win coming in an effort against Butler, where he struck out nine in seven innings with one earned run. His lone loss on the season came against eventual WPIAL 6A Baseball Champion Mt. Lebanon in the WPIAL quarterfinals, where he pitched seven innings giving up five hits, two unearned runs and striking out three batters. On the season, Zach was 6-1 with 38 strikeouts and a 0.63 ERA, all team leading stats. His efforts on the season were recognized by the Big 56, as he was named on the 6A All-Section 1 Team. For an impressive end to a great season, we recognize Zach as the May Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Zach!