



Seneca Valley

Raider Athletes of the Month

September, 2023



The Female Athlete of the Month for September is senior girls golfer Lihini Ranaweera. Lihini has anchored the Raiders golf team to a 10-4 regular season record including a second place finish in section play. She maintained a 9-hole average of 38 and her lowest score on the year was a 34. She also scored a 35 against Mt. Lebanon in a match which saw the Raiders break the 170 mark, winning 168-177. She came in first place at the SV "Climb the Ridge" tournament along with a fourth place finish at the Erie McDowell Invite that featured over 80 female golfers from the Western Pennsylvania area. She was also one of two Raiders to qualify for the first round of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) 3A Girls Golf Championships after coming in second place in sectionals with an 18-hole score of 75. Lihini was also recognized as the week four *22 The Point's* Friday Night Rivals Scholar Athlete of the Week. We recognize Lihini as the September Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Lihini.



The Male Athlete of the Month for September is boys golfer Payton Brown. A senior, Payton has had a great season on the links with a 9-hole average of 39.91. He was a team medalist in two matches, including scoring a season low of 36 in a match versus Shaler. Payton left his best golf for the postseason, finishing in the top 27 at sectionals with an 18-hole score of 80. He was one of five Raiders to make the cut and represent Seneca Valley at the first round of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) 3A Boys Championships. During first round play, Payton qualified for the finals in dramatic fashion, scoring an eagle on the par 5 18th hole to finish with a score of 82 and above the cut line. He will compete as Seneca Valley's sole representative against 38 others for a chance to qualify for the state championships. For an impressive month, we recognize Payton as the September Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Payton!