

Student Ambassador Spotlight: Noah Flitcraft of Pennsville



This school year has been an interesting one for Noah Flitcraft, a junior at Pennsville High School.

Having played tennis since his freshman year, he added cross country and winter track, and enjoyed the experience.

“I enjoy each of these sports equally,” he said. “I learned this year the challenge of both cross country and winter track, and how much these two sports differ from each other. I’ve always enjoyed tennis and these two first year sports added an interesting athletic aspect for me. Meeting new teammates and taking on a leadership role to each of them is very important to me. There are not many challenges that come from the different sports, just staying in shape in each offseason.”

His 11th-grade year has been interesting for another reason. Last spring, he applied to become a NJSIAA Student Ambassador, and was one of 19 student-athletes from throughout the state who were chosen to become ambassadors. The group serves as a voice for the state’s nearly 283,000 high school athletes, and they meet regularly to discuss issues affecting high school athletics amongst themselves and with NJSIAA administration.

Noah had several reasons for wanting to become a Student Ambassador.

“Coming from a small Group 1 school like Pennsville, we don’t receive much media attention and we don’t have the athletic programs we used to due to lack of participation,” he said. “I wanted to be an active force in getting our numbers back up.

“I hope we can crack down on sportsmanship rules and get a raise in participation,” he added. “My freshman year, for tennis our team had only eight players and I have seen some teams who don’t even have a full varsity line up. As far as sportsmanship goes, expressing emotion has become apart of sports, but there has to be an extent to which that

you are allowed to taunt. I support celebrating completely, but there is a point where it must be a defined line between celebrating and taunting. Parents as well.”

He’s enjoyed the meetings and discussions with fellow high school athletes.

“I like to see the viewpoints of people with more success than Pennsville,” he said. “It’s interesting to see their different experiences with a larger crowd and going farther in a larger state tournament.



Getting to know Student Ambassador Noah Flitcraft:

Favorite subjects: “Math and Contemporary Issues. I have two great teachers who are interested in my academics and athletics.”

Favorite athlete: “Chase Utley, the former face of the Phillies.”

Favorite team: “The Seattle Seahawks. My dad liked them when they first became a team and I have followed in his footsteps.”

Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals? “Keeping my shoes untied if they become untied in warm-ups.”

How do you spend time on the bus on the way to an away game? “I listen to music if I need to be in a competitive zone, or I talk to teammates about the opposing squad.”

Favorite food: Pizza.

Favorite lunch at school: Spicy chicken patty.

The best thing about my school is ... : “The best thing about my school are the teachers/coaches.”

What’s your favorite thing about being a high school athlete? “The bonds I have created with teammates and the competitive aspect of each sport.”

What’s the best quality in a teammate? “Having a competitive attitude.”

What’s been your proudest moment so far as a student? “Making National Honor Society.”

Favorite sports memory: “In Little League, with the bases loaded, up one with no outs, I struck out the side to win the game.”

Is there a sport that you don’t play but would some day like to try? Volleyball.

If you could have a super power, what would it be and why? “Super speed, because I would like better reaction times.”

If there were 25 hours in a day, what would you do with the extra hour? “Sleep, or talk to friends.”

What’s the best place you’ve ever traveled to? Salt Lake City, Utah.

Do you have any pets? “Two turtles, two dogs, and a cat.”

Do you have a career ambition yet? “I want to do something in a math-related field such as a statistician.”