



# GULLIVER ATHLETICS FALL SPORTS WRAP

*The official newsletter of Gulliver Prep varsity sports teams*



## FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

With the fall sports season in the books, we want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements of our fall sports teams this season. Overcoming tremendous adversity to even have a season, we are proud of the resilience and determination our student-athletes and coaches showed. Each team represented Gulliver with impeccable integrity and character. In addition to their great athletic efforts, our fall student-athletes also excelled in the classroom. They tallied an outstanding department-wide 3.65 GPA for all varsity-level fall sports teams.

We would like to thank all of our Gulliver student-athletes, coaches, families, faculty, staff, and virtual fans for their ongoing enthusiasm and dedication, especially in these unique times. Go Raiders!

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## Bowling

Coach Yaritza Roman shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"Our team managed to remain healthy and strong and resilient throughout the season. We had 7 new bowlers this season. Freshman Nicolas Perez and Sophomore Valentino Delzoppo had an outstanding season. The girls' team finished their season district runner up and Hadley Bowen had a second place high series finish in Districts. We will miss our seniors and our leaders, Natalie Menendez, D'Shandra Perry and Alyssa Jensen. We look forward to our season next year as we continue to develop our teams."*



## Cheerleading

Coach Vida Hargrett shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"The Gulliver prep cheerleading program entered into our third year of being a program again and we are still filled with the same excitement that we had from year one. We are now under new leadership, and the program has already seen so much growth. We would like to thank our student-athletes for their dedication, commitment, and hard work throughout the season. We look forward to the continued growth of our student-athletes as well as our program."*





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## Cross Country

Coach David Suarez shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"This year was another great year for the cross country team. Both the boy's and girls' teams performed exceptionally well considering the conditions. The boys' team won a district title this year for the first time since 2003 and finished 6th at the region meet, just missing out on qualifying to the state meet but qualifying Gabriel Bendix as an individual. The girls' team followed up last year with an even better year winning the district title followed by a regional championship win by a whopping 46 points. They closed out the season with a 4th place finish at the State Meet. The future is bright for both teams."*



## Football

Coach Earl Sims shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"Gulliver Prep Football fought through lots of adversity and finished the regular season undefeated for the 2nd straight year. The Raiders won the first round playoff game before falling short in the regional semifinals. Despite the unprecedented times, we had an outstanding season and I'm proud of everyone in the program. Additionally, I would like to thank our 9 seniors for their effort, commitment and leadership this season. Moving forward, the future remains bright for our program. We return some very talented underclassmen including many starters in key positions as we look forward to getting back to work this offseason and competing in 2021."*





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## Golf

Coach Jim Piggot shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"The Boys Varsity Golf team reached the State Championship tournament for the second year in a row. The team grew this year with a winning season, a District championship and a solid showing with 13th place in the State. Led by senior captain Aidan Cantillo, and our two top junior scorers Alexander Dalmau and John Marshall Jr., these Raiders are already prepping for a solid run next year!"*



Coach Kelly Mulligan shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"After a long wait to see if we would be able to have a golf season, the girls were so happy and anxious to get on the course. The team was led by veteran junior Tori Hagenlocker, a top district player. Returning junior Charlotte Carraz and sophomore Victoria Paesano improved this year and scored personal best rounds. New to the team and showing great promise were 7th grader Bella Dalmau and 6th grader Lucia Naranjo. The girls were able to finish third in the district and advanced to the regional finals. We are looking forward to a full season in 2021."*





## Swimming

Coach Chris George shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"The Girls' and Boys' Varsity swimming season was one of success on many levels. We would like to thank our Administration, the Covid-19 Task Force, and the Athletics Department for putting together a comprehensive plan for our Covid-19 safety protocols. After undefeated regular seasons, the girls' and boys' teams were district champions, advancing 15 and 21 student-athletes respectively. At Regionals, the girls and boys finished the meet with lifetime best times in 98% of the races, earning a Runner-Up finish for teams. We advanced seven girls and ten boys to the State Championships. The State Championships demonstrated the will and determination of the girls and boys team. Led by captain Chloe Hernandez '21 and Alissa Pascual '21, the girls' team combined for lifetime best times in 96% of their races earning them the Class 2A State Runner-Up title. The boys' team had an equally successful meet. Led by captains Isaiah Jimenez '21 and Benji Carey '21, the boys swam lifetime best times in 95% of their races earning them a respectable sixth place finish. Congratulations to all who competed throughout the season and the post season!"*



## Volleyball

Coach Ed Potter shared the following thoughts on this year's team:

*"The 2020 volleyball season was different for sure, from dealing with COVID protocol to trying to schedule a season with all the uncertainties. We are a very young team which showed throughout the season, but we finished second in our district and made it to a regional playoff game. The team has huge upside and the next few years should be very fun to watch as this team grows. In the future I see this team being a force to be reckoned with in this county."*



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## Special Thanks - Sundancers

We would like to extend a special thank you to Gulliver's Sundancers for sharing their talent, spirit, and enthusiasm at Raider home games this season. In these unique times, they continued to bring a positive light to our home athletic events.

