

HOPKINTON SPRING SPORTS 2020

Part 1: INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Below are our 2019-20 "Scholar-Athletes". The criteria to be recognized as such is to have participated in at least two sports this year and been listed on the Honor or High Honor Roll both 1st and 2nd quarters. Usually I post this list and ask students to double check it, as sometimes missed work later changes grades and places someone on one of the lists after the fact. If someone was omitted from the list I apologize. However, congratulations to:

Grade 9

Kevin Ball
Claire Buelte
Maddie Carmichael
Will Chapin
Ellie Clarner
Gianna Covello
Ruby Doolan
Kiley Ehrmanntraut
Sammi Goldblatt
Gabe Henriksen
Lexi Lawler
Clara Locke
Nick Martel
Paige Martin
Elise Miner
Natalie Noble
Natalie Ouellette
Harriet Pearce
Hannah Pecce
Ava Rothe
Gina Simpkins
Hal Stokes
Abby Stone
Sierra Stone
Tayla Tomaz

Grade 10

Ben Berliner
Bryce Charron
Sarah Daniels
Josh Duval
Tom Ellsworth
Maddy Follansbee
Emma Hall
Maddy Houston
Ethan Molnar
Kally Murdough
Anna O'Reilly
Ellie Sintros
Cailey Stockwell
Sophie Sullivan
Francie Trafton
Chloe Tworek
Parker Wuellenweber
Andrew Zankel

Grade 11

Spencer Burdette
Stella Doolan
Hayden Lynch
Madeleine Maughan
Maurgan McGrath
Theodore Mollano

Cate Westbrook

Grade 12

Maxine Asmussen
Elizabeth Berliner
Zach Brewer*
Sofia Locke
Benny Madden*
Katie Meserve*
Emily Metzger*
Danny Miner
Shepyrd Murdough
Lily Ogden
Ellie Owen*
Sophie Potter*
Lillie Presti
Luke Reidy
Danny Rinden
Emma Rothe*
Lily Sabol
Sydney Stockwell*
Sophia Staples-Roy

*4-Year Scholar
Athletes!

FIRST YEAR UPPERCLASSMAN LETTERWINNERS

This is new, but given a different format this spring, congratulations to the following juniors and seniors who receive a spring varsity letter this spring for the first time:

Baseball: Logan Briand (11)

Boys Lacrosse: Ron Finlayson (11), Vincent Waddell (11), Tyler Allen (12)

Girls Lacrosse: Talia Despres (11), Stella Doolan (11), Lauren Graham (11), Audrey Homan (11), Bridget Lynch (11), Madeleine Maughan (11), Ana Miller (11), Emily Nestler (11), Brooklyn Tanuvasa (11)

Softball: Lauren Martel (11) and Katie Collins (12)

Track and Field: Zach Brewer (12)

12-Season Athletes!

These are seniors who have played a sport every single season of their high school careers. They each will receive a certificate AND an NHIAA-designed sweatshirt, paid for by the Booster Club! Amazingly, we have nine this year!!!

Elizabeth Berliner
Benny Madden
Katie Meserve
Danny Miner
Shepyrd Murdough
Ellie Owen
Emma Rothe
Lily Sabol
Sydney Stockwell

Part 2: RECOGNITION OF SENIORS!!!

Despite an unbelievable challenging spring season, we had 30 seniors who participated in workouts with their team this spring. I am sorry that this wasn't the spring season you envisioned, but your completion of it demonstrated the character and perseverance that has been the hallmark of your high school athletic success. Congratulations to:

Tyler Allen	Lacrosse
Maxine Asmussen	Track and Field
Mike Baer#	Baseball
Elizabeth Berliner#	Lacrosse
Megan Blanchette*#	Softball
Zach Brewer	Track and Field
Katie Collins*	Softball
Zach Conroy*	Baseball
Sam Crawford*#	Baseball
Nick Higginbotham*#	Lacrosse
Jack Horne	Baseball
Evan Jacobsen	Baseball
Sofia Locke#	Lacrosse
Benny Madden#	Lacrosse
Colby Marshall#	Baseball
Katie Meserve#	Softball
Emily Metzger	Lacrosse
Danny Miner	Track and Field
Shepyrd Murdough	Track and Field
Kevin Newton-Delgado	Baseball
Ellie Owen#	Lacrosse
Sophie Potter#	Track and Field
Colby Quiet#	Lacrosse
Sam Rawson*#	Baseball
Danny Rinden	Lacrosse
Emma Rothe#	Track and Field
Lily Sabol#	Track and Field
Sophia Staples-Roy	Lacrosse
Sydney Stockwell#	Track and Field
Jack Vallari	Baseball

*First time athletes this year, to receive a hat and frame courtesy of the Booster Club.
4-year Varsity athletes in their sport, received a plaque separately.

Part 3: TEAM WRITEUPS

BOYS LACROSSE:

There is no doubt that 2020 would have been another stellar year for the Hawks Boys Lacrosse teams. We were coming in hot after three consecutive championships, and trained hard in the off season to ensure we captured a fourth straight title. Our Fall and Winter athletes worked arduously to develop athleticism and skills, and the indoor team defeated Division I and II teams on a regular basis. We will have to maintain that work ethic for another year in anticipation of a big 2021 season.

Our seniors included a very solid five man crew made up of Colby Quiet, Benny Madden, Nick Higginbotham, Danny Rinden, and Tyler Allen. These guys are strong leaders and have always inspired their teammates to do great things out on the field. They leave behind a legacy of success for the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior classes to carry on. We had lots of candidates for All-State, Benny had a good shot at Defensive Player of the Year, and Colby came in as the presumptive Offensive Player of the Year after receiving the same award in 2019. Let's keep up the "win and have fun doing it" mentality that has made our program so strong since its inception. Go Hawks!

-Coach Blue

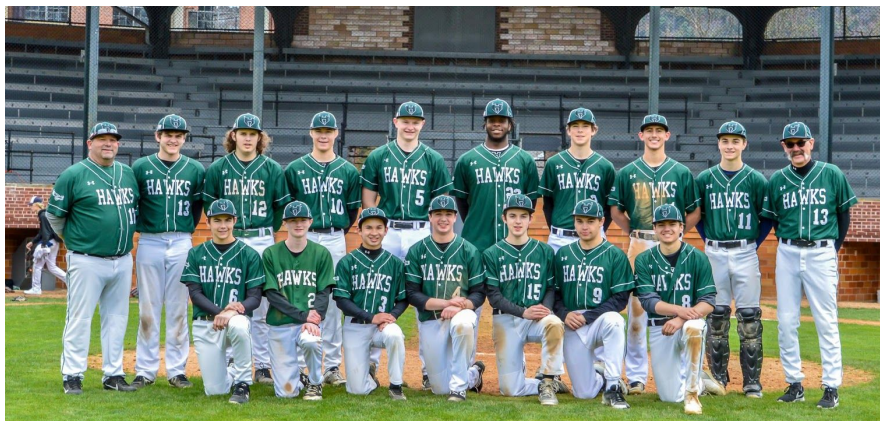


BASEBALL

The baseball program has been very successful over the last few decades. The class of 2020 had a chance entering this spring to set themselves apart from any other baseball class. As freshmen, they were members of the 2017 state championship team, 2018 they lost a heartbreaker in the quarter-finals in 9 innings and last year after switching divisions lost in the championship game. With 10 seniors returning to the line up the class of 2020 surely would have had an opportunity to improve on their overall 43-16 record and a chance at winning the big prize?

As in any group of successful young athletes, motivation was one of their greatest traits. It was not uncommon to see 14-16 guys in the weight room 3 days a week at 7:00am during the months of January, February and March preparing for the season. Once the season was put on hold these guys continued to work on their strength and conditioning at home in hopes for the chance to compete once the Covid 19 restrictions were lifted. Looking for other ways to compete the baseball team challenged all of the other spring sports teams to an Earth Day clean up. While no official numbers were ever reported from the other teams, the baseball guys got out and ended up collecting 23 bags of garbage from the streets of Contoocook and Hopkinton. Well the story of playing baseball for the class of 2020 ended here, as the spring season would be cancelled. I can honestly say the class of 2020 has left a lasting mark on our community. Best wishes to Michael Baer, Zach Conroy, Kevin Newton-Delgado, Sam Crawford, Jack Horne, Evan Jacobsen, Colby Marshall, Sam Rawson, and Jack Vallari. I can still remember all of you guys showing up to Hawk Baseball camp when you were 6 or 7 years old. Each of you were bright eyed and ready to chase your dream, one day playing baseball for the Hawks! Well, you all leave Hopkinton High School making your community proud.

Coach Chase



SOFTBALL

Fresh off of their first championship in 25 years, the softball team was ready to return eight starters and try to defend their crown. Included in that list were their top two pitchers, senior Megan Blanchette and junior Megan Kimball-Rhines, their catcher, senior Katie Meserve, and their entire infield, anchored by returning 2nd team all state second baseman Kally Murdough. With several promising freshmen entering the mix, hopes were high for the 2020 season...

And then, there was no season. Hard as this might have been, the team refused to just stop everything. Workouts were organized and charted. The team organized a “virtual game of catch” and responded to and challenged other teams to trash pickups and running legs of a marathon. Inter-team challenges included mile runs, sprints, walk-up videos, help-a-neighbor, backyard hitting drills, making dinner for your family, and more. The last week of the season saw all 19 girls who had started this process in March still committed and involved in team activities. Pretty impressive.

Best of luck to our four-year starter graduating seniors; Megan Blanchette and Katie Meserve, who have formed the backbone of our battery since 2017. You will be missed. Congratulations also to fellow senior Katie Collins, who stayed the course for four years and earned her first ever varsity letter this spring. To the underclassmen; 2021 will be our year to defend our crown. Thanks for all of your hard work this spring and please start preparing for next year!

Coach Meserve



GIRLS LACROSSE

Going into my first year as the head varsity girls lacrosse coach I was filled with excitement and nervousness. After winning the title in 2019 and runners up in 2018, I knew this year's squad would have made a very deep run into the playoffs. There were many returning starters to the varsity team and with the addition of underclassmen coming into the fold, I knew this team would compete in every game. The girls lacrosse program in this town has a history of being very strong from the youth ranks up through high school. The graduating seniors on the team would surely have kept the tradition of "Hawk Pride & Power" alive through the season. Those seniors that are honored this season are: goaltender Elizabeth Beliner, attack Sophia Staples-Roy, midfielder Sofia Locke, midfielder Eleanor Owen, and midfielder Emily Metzger. These five ladies have accomplished so much in their careers and have set the right tone for those joining the program in the future. With this lost season of 2020, I know next spring of 2021 will be a very special one for those to continue a great lacrosse tradition in our small town.

Coach Mike Zahn



TRACK AND FIELD

We had anticipated a very strong year this season. With some well experienced Seniors and a group of strong and eager Freshmen, the team looked poised to make its mark in Division III this season. Unfortunately, that did not happen and we had to settle for a "remote" season instead. Though the team never had the opportunity to actually compete against other teams, we had a full season of training that many athletes took part in. This included weekly workout plans, challenges and virtual races. I was very impressed and so proud of this group for all they accomplished in their hard work this "season". They logged many miles, executed some tough workouts and completed some really good challenges, and they did it all alone.

Many of these athletes have trained and competed together during the XC and Nordic seasons, and the bonds they have formed have endured. Though physically apart for this season, they continued to support and inspire each other to work hard and improve their fitness. Our Seniors; Emma Rothe, Lily Sabol, Sydney Stockwell, Maxine Asmussen, Danny Miner, Shepyrd Murdough, Sophie Potter and Zach Brewer have all helped greatly to lead, inspire and support their fellow athletes. At least five of these Seniors have already joined athletic teams at their colleges for next fall. An extraordinary number for our small school. Though they will be greatly missed, I am confident that the legacy they leave behind will continue to be built upon in the same successful and supportive way in the seasons to come. We will be back!! Best of luck to all the athletes in your future endeavors and have a great summer, Coach Rothe

As with the distance team, I believe that the sprinters and throwers would have gone far, and we would have sent a number of athletes onto the division and championship track meets. I truly believe we would have contended for the state championship on the girls side. It wasn't the season we wanted, but the kids still put their all into the online workouts, posting pictures and videos of what they were doing. I feel sad for the seniors who didn't get to finish out their last season, or their high school careers on a high note. I know they will go on to do great things, and they will only learn from this experience. Best of luck, Coach Christie



Part 4: NEWS AND NOTES

- Fall Sports start Aug 14th for Football, Aug 17th for other HS sports, and Aug 31st for Middle School. Please sign up for sports on the athletic website at www.hopkintonathletics.com and watch for more information as we get closer. The myschoolbucks forms will be opened up at a later time.
- Congratulations to everyone who participated in team workouts this spring. If you were a junior or senior, you earned a varsity letter for this. If you were an underclassman, you received credit for a varsity letter. This could factor into later awards such as a 4-year varsity award.
- To see our Award Winners - including our Male and Female Athletes-of-the-Year, please visit the athletic website to watch the announcement!!!



