

WINTER SPORTS 2020

HOPKINTON TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS SHINE



From the AD

DAN MESERVE

I am sorry to have to run Sports Awards in this manner, but I am sure you understand. Thanks for bearing with me as I put my full display of technology and computer skills to the test!

I would like to start by congratulating all of our teams on yet another outstanding season. I seem to be saying that a lot, which isn't a bad thing. This winter saw 109 high school students participating – about 36% of our student body in the season which historically has the fewest number of students participating. Both of our JV teams enjoyed great success – JV girls basketball was undefeated up to the last game of the season and the JV boys basketball team won their postseason tournament.

The varsity teams – all once again made it to the Final Four and although each fell in the semifinals, they all were part of some exciting playoff games. The teams that had championship meets – Swimming, Nordic, and Alpine, all had fantastic days and I am proud to congratulate our State-Runner-Up Boys Nordic and our latest State Champion the Girls Nordic team!

Individually, our athletes had some enormous successes too. Among many accomplishments, Emma Rothe and Theodore Mollano were the Nordic individual Champions, Will Chapin brought the Skimeister Award (top combined skier in Alpine and Nordic) back to Hopkinton, Kevin Newton-Delgado became the first 1000 point hoop player here in over ten years, and Emma Hall became our first ever Individual Champion by winning the State Crown in the 100 breaststroke. Congratulations to those individuals!

Unfortunately, later this spring one of my favorite days of the year had to be cancelled. Every year the NHIAA recognizes the Scholar-Athletes in a ceremony in Concord, to recognize those seniors who have maintained a B+ or better GPA and participated in at least two varsity sports their senior year. Receiving this
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The State Champion Girls Nordic Team (above) with the Runner-up Boys, below!

NORDIC RUNNERS-UP & STATE CHAMPS

COACH ROB ROTHE

The Nordic team was once again faced with challenging conditions (no snow) and a lack of an adequate and consistent training area since the fairgrounds were still not available to the school. However, the team found the opportunity to ski and practice wherever possible and had to come up with some creative options at times.

Despite these challenges, both teams worked hard and had much success throughout the season.

The boys team had a slim roster which only got slimmer as the season progressed. By the championships, they were only able to bring four to compete on the state team. However, they had a strong charge led by Junior Theodore Mollano who claimed a double individual win for the day. In the end they would fall just short of the championship but would bring home the Runner-up plaque, a major feat considering the size of their team. Freshman Will Chapin individually won the Ski Meister for DIV after strong finishes in both the alpine championships and the Nordic championships. In addition, they qualified three of their four for the Meet of Champions where two of the three would claim top ten spots in both races. The boy's team will be looking to add to their team with a nice group of incoming Freshmen next year.

On the girl's side, things were much

different with a strong roster of 20 for the season and a full experienced state team heading into the championships. Throughout the season, the girls proved they could take on any team both within and outside their division as they claimed the honor of the top public high school in the state after a two weekend Series event against all teams in NH.

Led by Seniors Emma Rothe and Lily Sabol, and bolstered by some talented underclassmen, this team was dominant in the championships and took home the DIV championship plaque. Individually, Emma Rothe claimed a double win for the day, and the team took the top five spots in one race and five of the top six in the other race. As a result, all seven girls that competed at the championships qualified for the Meet of Champions where they would place three in the top five at once race and three in the top seven at the other.

This year will be the end of Division IV in Nordic skiing and next year will see the merge of divisions to create a DI and DII where Hopkinton will face some tougher competition for the championship.



JV SPORTS PAGE

JV GIRLS HOOPS

By coach Christine Ball

The JV Lady Hawks had an impressive season. This team started with a new coach, ten freshmen, and three sophomores sharing the role of Captain. We quickly came together and became a team no one could beat, well almost no one. The team had an undefeated record, coming into the very last game of the season 16-0. With a heart breaking loss to Gilford by only 3 points, the team finished with an amazing record of 16-1, and a great outlook to future seasons.



Our team goal was to become stronger, both on and off the court. The girls all worked hard both in practice and games. All 13 players, played significant time on the court and contributed to the teams' success. Our tenacious defense was the key to our success. In 13 of our 17 games, we kept our opponents scoring to under 30 points. This group of young women came together as a team and played with heart and class.

Each of these girls experienced success this season. As typical with any team, some showed great improvement, others provided strong leadership, and some gave key contributions to our strong season.

JV BOYS HOOPS

By coach Jeff Merrill

The JV Hawks started the season very up and down, going 4-5 in the first half of the season, but caught fire as the season progressed and went 6-3 down the stretch. With a 10-8 overall record, the team entered the Hopkinton JV tournament and faced off against tough squads from Mascoma and Mascenic. In the tournament, the team went 3-0 in round robin play and advanced to the "Medal Round" on Sunday. There the boys prevailed; a 5-0 run in the tournament and winning their 2nd ever Hopkinton JV Boys Basketball championship!

The team was led in scoring by Sophomores Quinn Whitehead and Brendan Elrick, but also had consistent play from Sophomore Eli Standefer and Freshmen Gavin Davies and Kevin Ball. In several games the Hawks had every player contribute in many different ways. There are many moments from each of these boys throughout the season that makes this coach proud to have led them this winter! Thanks for a great season!



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OVERALL HOOP NOTES 2020-21

The Division III AD's are trying something new next year to shorten the season. Both boys and girls basketball will start on the Monday AFTER Thanksgiving – November 30th. The regular season for both will end on February 12th, with playoffs to follow. Some of the effects of this are:

- If we do an alumni game the night before Thanksgiving it will need to be alumni only as teams won't even have been selected.
- We will still have an 18-game regular season just in a shorter timeframe. There will be some 3-game weeks and boys and girls often will play opposite each other.
- With the exception of semifinals and finals, all other basketball playoffs will conclude BEFORE February break.
- Kearsarge and Stevens are both joining Div III basketball next year, as are Mascenic girls. All will now be on our schedules.



Varsity Girls Basketball

BOTH HOOPS TEAMS TO FINAL FOUR!

GIRLS HOOPS RECAP

By coach Pat Roye

The girls varsity basketball team had a very successful 19-20 season. The girls finished the regular season with a 15-3 record, good for the 3rd seed in the division 3 playoffs. The regular season ended with an 8 game winning streak, giving the 2020 Hawks the best regular season record at Hopkinton since 2006. Throughout the season the Hawks demonstrated strong team chemistry and lived up to the motto : ‘Play hard, play smart, play together’.

An impressive first round tournament win over Inter Lakes, was followed by what NH Sportspage called an 'instant classic' as the girls defeated the defending state champion Monadnock Huskies 28-27. The last 10 seconds of that game will not be easily forgotten as the Hawks trailed by 2 before a steal and a last second Brooke Carlson 3 pointer gave Hopkinton the win. A trip to the Final Four was the reward for the dramatic victory. The Hawks traveled to Keene State for the semi-finals and found themselves trailing #2 Fall Mountain by 16 at the half. In true Hopkinton form the girls fought back in the second half closing the gap to 4 points twice in the fourth quarter. Fall Mountain converted their free throws late and held on to defeat the Hawks 44-34.

Along the way the Hawks hosted a season opening 'Black Out' vs Newport, teamed up with Hillsboro-Deering for our second annual Hoops for Hunger event, and participated in the weekly Biddy Ball HYSA program. The team would like to thank everyone for their support this season, especially the boys team who came out in full force to support the girls on several occasions.

Congratulations to Katie Meserve (1st team), Maurgan McGrath (2nd team), and Ellie Owen (Honorable Mention) for being selected as All State players by the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association this year. A big 'Thank you' to our seniors - Meserve, Owen, Fiona Beane and Sophie Potter for their efforts over the last four years. All four seniors were acknowledged by the NHBCO as Academic All Staters, and over their four year varsity careers the girls compiled an impressive 55-28 win-loss record, with two Final Four trips. Best of luck ladies as you move on to new adventures!



The girls basketball team finished 17-4 and made it to the semifinals.



The boys basketball team finished 16-5 and also made it to the semifinals.



The Hawk seniors led their teams to the semis. Above, Fiona Beane, Katie Meserve, Ellie Owen, and Sophie Potter pushed their team on. Below, Danny Miner, Shepyrd Murdough, Luke Reidy, Kevin Newton-Delgado, Evan Jacobsen, and Mike Baer provided the senior leadership.



Varsity Boys Basketball

A memorable season

BOYS HOOPS RECAP

By coach Steve Signor

The boys varsity basketball team had a very successful season making it to the Final Four before falling to the #1 overall seed, Gilford. The team took the #4 seed heading into the playoffs with a regular season record of 14-4 and a combined record of 17-6. The season was about believing in each other and these 12 boys came together and worked hard every single day in practice and games. There were many obstacles for this team, but the team never complained about anything and came to practice ready to work hard towards their goal.

I would like to recognize the dedication and leadership of our seniors; Captains Evan Jacobsen, Luke Reidy and Shepyrd Murdough, and fellow seniors nDaniel Miner, Kevin Newton-Delgado and Michael Baer. Shout outs are in order to Kevin Newton-Delgado for surpassing 1000 points and for making 1st team. Also to Shepyrd Murdough for making 2nd team and being selected to recieve the prestigious Jack Ford Award for Divison III. This award encompasses all aspects of the student athlete: Basketball ability, Academics and Community service.

Other honors include Owen Milchick being recognized by the division 3 coaches as one of the top defenders. In addition, congrats to Shepyrd Murdough, Luke Reidy, Evan Jacobsen, Daniel Miner, Michael Oberheim and Owen Milchick for making All-Academic Team.

Best of luck to all 6 seniors – you will be missed. Looking forward to continued success with the strong group of returning players next season.

KND’s 1000TH POINT SHOT





My office after Hoops for Hunger week! Story next page!

HOCKEY SEMIFINALISTS

By Coach Denis Kolehmainen

This year the John Stark-Hopkinton team welcomed six new players to the squad, bringing our total of Hopkinton players to seven. When we hit the ice in December we clearly had a target on our backs - every team we played was looking to knock off the defending two time State Champions. Sickness and injuries piled up near the end of the season, and we ended the regular season with a 13-6-1 record, good for 4th place in the division. Then, we started playing some of the best hockey of the season as we entered the playoffs. We defeated a solid Kearsarge team in round one and moved on to the semifinals (as it turned out basically the Championship) against top seeded Berlin.

In one of the best games of the year, the game was tied after regulation but our run for a third straight State Championship came to an end with an OT loss to Berlin in the Semi-Finals. I'd like to thank all our fans who have come to our Home and Away games. The energy of the crowd gets the players ramped up to play their best.



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THANK YOU!!!

The success of the winter season would not be possible without the huge number of people who volunteer in many capacities. At the risk of forgetting someone, “Thank you” to:

- Glenn Walling, Game Director
- Jennifer Miller, Door Coordinator, and Parker Potter, Jen Goldblatt, and Kath Butcher in particular who sold tickets at so many of our games
- Our National Anthem Performers, particularly Connor Allen
- Our other athletic trainers, particularly Melissa
 - Mary Reidy and Parker Potter scorekeepers
 - Dave Shorey Timer
- Volunteer Assistants Zach Signor, and Pam Berliner
- Bow High School and coach John Decaprio for accepting and coaching our swimmers
- Steve Eckberg, Steve Trafton and others at Blackwater Nordic for grooming and maintaining the Nordic trails
- The Hopkinton Booster Club and President Sam Delgado
- Jeff Sullivan and others who provided photos for the slideshow
 - Our custodial staff
- Our parents, athletes, and fans who cheered our teams to success!

THANK YOU!!!

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prestigious award at a later date will be: Maxine Asmussen, Elizabeth Berliner, Zach Brewer, Evan Jacobsen, Sofia Locke, Benny Madden, Katie Meserve, Emily Metzger, Danny Miner, Shepyrd Murdough, Lily Ogden, Ellie Owen, Sophie Potter, Lillie Presti, Danny Rinden, Emma Rothe, Lily Sabol, Sophia Staples-Roy, Sydney Stockwell, and Jack Vallari. With 21 Scholar-Athletes, Hopkinton was among the best represented schools in our division. Congratulations all.

Please enjoy the individual team stories and writeups in our newsletter/paper. Stay safe!

ALPINE

ON THE SLOPES

BY COACH BOB BERLINER

Both the girls and the boys teams exceeded expectations this season. The girl’s team, led by veterans Addie Locke and Elizabeth Berliner, and rookies Clara Locke and Izzy Holmes raced well all season long and capped it off by taking third place in the tough Division IV competition at the Championships.

On the boy’s side, Will Chapin, Ben Berliner, Andrew Zankel, Aidan Burns, and Lincoln Wilson combined to be the team scorers to lead our team to a 4th place finish at the championships.

Qualifying for the New Hampshire Meet of Champions were Addie, Elizabeth, Clara, and Will. Will also earned the gold medal in the Division IV Skimeister competition this season for his combined Alpine and Nordic finishes. Addie qualified for the Eastern High School Championships at the MOC and at the EHSC’s she had two amazing top 20 finishes to help lead team New Hampshire to victory.

We will say goodbye to our graduating senior Captain Elizabeth after five great years on the team.



The Boys Alpine team



The 2019-20 Girls Alpine Team

HOPKINTON SKI CHAMPIONS

Nordic Div. III Champs Emma and Theo and skimeister Will



SWIMMING

HAWKS SHOW THEY CAN SWIM, TOO

BY JOHN DECAPRIO

The Lady Hawks swim team ended a good season in the pool with a strong finish at the state Championship swim meet this year. Four of the 5 swimmers qualified for the meet and 3 of the 4 placed in the top 10 of every event they swam. This year, Emma Hall was the state champion in the 100 breaststroke, followed closely by Cailey Stockwell who placed 3rd in that same event. Emma also swam to a 6th place in the 50 free and Cailey added points with a 9th place spot in the 200 free. Senior captain Sydney Stockwell also had 2 top 10 spots, with a 7th place in the 200 IM and and 8th in the 100 backstroke. Senior Sophia Staples-Roy placed 18th in the 50 free and 19th in the 100 butterfly to round out the entries.

The 200 yard medley relay team of Sydney, Emma, Sophia and Cailey swam to a 3rd place and that same group in the 200 freestyle relay grabbed a 4th place spot.

The team finished 8th overall out of 20 in the rankings of Division 2.



The 2019-20 Swim Team, above, and our first ever Individual State Champion, below!



HOOPS FOR HUNGER RECORD SET!

Thanks in part to several extremely generous donations, I am so pleased to announce that we raised \$1878 and collected over 180 food items, all donated to the Hopkinton Food Pantry.

This marks the 12th season that we have participated in the program, which was ended by the NHIAA six years ago. As far as I know, we are one of only three schools who still participate.

Over that time, we have raised over \$10,000 for the Hopkinton Food Pantry to help those in need in our community. Again, thank you all for your help in helping us achieve this goal and fighting hunger in our town.

SENIOR PAGE

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Thank you seniors!!!

SENIOR WINTER ATHLETES

Michael Baer – Basketball
Fiona Beane – Basketball
Elizabeth Berliner – Alpine
Julia Delisle – Swimming
Evan Jacobsen – Basketball
Noah Lewis – Hockey
Benny Madden – Hockey
Katie Meserve – Basketball
Danny Miner – Basketball
Shepyrd Murdough – Basketball
Kevin Newton-Delgado – Basketball
Lily Ogden - Nordic
Ellie Owen – Basketball
Sophie Potter -Basketball
Luke Reidy – Basketball
Emma Rothe – Nordic
Lily Sabol – Nordic
Eliane Spalding - Nordic
Sophia Staples-Roy – Swimming
Sydney Stockwell – Swimming

FIRST TIME SENIOR ATHLETES!!!

Each season we recognize our senior athletes and the Booster Club presents them with a hat and framed photo if this is the first season they participated in this year. Hats and framed photos will be delivered in the future to:

Julia Delisle – Swimming
Noah Lewis – Hockey
Sophie Potter – Basketball

Luke Reidy -Basketball
Eliane Spalding - Nordic
Sophia Staples-Roy - Swimming

FOUR YEAR VARSITY ATHLETES !!!

Receiving a plaque for being a 4-year varsity athlete in their winter sport are:

Michael Baer – Basketball
Fiona Beane – Basketball
Elizabeth Berliner*-Alpine
Noah Lewis – Hockey
Benny Madden – Hockey
Katie Meserve – Basketball

Kevin Newton-Delgado - Basketball
Ellie Owen - Basketball
Emma Rothe - Nordic
Lily Sabol - Nordic
Sydney Stockwell - Swimming

*Actually her 5th year varsity!

