

SportsFolio

Amherst Girls U15A State Champions



Back Row Coaches: Milton Robinson, Todd Ballantyne, David Boyea; Back Row Players: Hunter Baum, Abby Bono, Claudia Cavanaugh, Emma Estabrook, Brigid Casey, Kylie Rohrer, Lauren Hayes, Mallory Chamberlain, Sammi Jay, Casey Johnson, Madeleine Boyea; Front Row Players: Meaghan Allard, Tess White, Abby Ballantyne, McKenzie Robinson, Abby Crane

The Amherst Girls U15A Lacrosse team defeated Derry for the State Championship in the NHY-LA tournament held in Londonderry on June 8th, 2013. The Derry team was riding a two year winning streak heading into the championship game and had defeated the Amherst girls earlier in the season by a single goal. In the Semi-Final game, the Amherst girls first defeated Windham 14-5 to earn their spot in the final game. Derry had earlier defeated Bow in overtime to earn their spot in the top game. In the final, from the first draw to the final horn, the Amherst girls pressed on defense and controlled

the ball on offense. They scored first and led the game from start to finish. The Amherst girls hustled all game and won the majority of the draw controls and ground balls.

In the offensive end, the Amherst girls ran a patient offense, controlling the ball and setting up quality shots. The balance of the Amherst attack kept the Derry defense guessing as Amherst had 6 players score goals. When Derry did get the ball, the Amherst girls pressed the clear from end-line to end-line, earning many turn-overs to continue the attack. On the defensive end, when Derry made it into their settled offense, the Am-

herst defense was up to the task, denying them quality shots and causing turn-overs. Amherst also had the luxury of standout goal-keeping stopping 7 of their 9 shots, holding Derry to a season low 2 goals.

At the final horn, the Amherst girls celebrated a hard fought 6-2 victory to bring home the Championship, achieving a goal they had set from themselves at the start of the season. Certainly the low-scoring affair matched the team's motto for the season: "Offense Wins Games, Defense Wins Championships!"

SHS Athletes Play in National Lacrosse Tournament



The National Tournament, held annually in May, returned to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. this year, with two divisions for high school players: the Schoolgirls Division and the Seniors Only Division.

The Schoolgirls Division is the largest segment of the NT, which dates back to the 1930s. Nearly 50 teams compete annually in this division and the event has become one of the marquee college recruiting

events in the country. Players must try out for regional teams in order to participate and the majority of players in this division are rising seniors or younger.

Amherst players from Souhegan High School on the New Hampshire/Vermont team were McKenzie Larivee, Madison Learned and Jocelyn Donohue. Jocelyn did not play due to an injury. The Team was coached by Maren Petropulos and

her daughter Tyler.

The team was undefeated and won the championship game 12-11 against Colorado.

Mckenzie Larivee led NH/VT with three goals. Kendra Lanuza led Colorado with three goals.

First time since 2008 NH /VT team has won at the National Tournament.

BU 14 Compete in Championship Game



The Hampshire Football Club/Amherst Soccer Club Boy's U14 team did very well in their division this spring. They made it to the championship game on June 9th and won the runner-up spot in the GSYSL Senior Division. Back row: Mitch Greany, Hunter Adams, Chandler Fleurette, Keelan MacKenzie, Noah Bell, Thomas Robinson, Andrew Goyette, Scott Stone, Tim Driscoll, Coach James Goodwin; Kneeling: Johnny Snow, Evan Boyd, Andrew Hubbard, Lucas Bellipani; Front: Kole Patten, Nate Chamberlain, Erik Richardson; Not pictured: Jake Dunlap, Dominic D'Amico

Coaching Openings

Souhegan High School is looking for a freshman field hockey coach, a freshman boys' soccer coach and a Junior Varsity girls' volleyball coach. Practices for each team starts on August 19. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to Dick Miller, Athletic Director, at Souhegan High School or email dmiller@sprise.com.

AMS Girls Softball Battle in Championship



On a perfect spring day for softball over 100 fans showed up to watch AMS compete against Hollis/Brookline in the Class I Girls softball championship game at AMS. The fans were not disappointed with what turned out to be the best played game of the season by both

teams. AMS jumped out to a 1-0 lead which held up through 4 when HB squeaked 2 runs across to go up 2-1. HB's dominant righty was throwing gas, bringing it at 60 mph. AMS did not flinch, each at bat was a battle. AMS, through shear will and determination, pushed a run

across in the bottom of the 7th with 2 outs to tie it up and force the contest into extra innings. The crowd was going wild. A solo HR in the top of the 8th turned out to be the margin of victory for HB. Final score HB 3 - AMS 2. Great game to end a great season.

Amherst Gymnasts Place Second at Xcel Regionals



Lilly Toy and Rebecca Sileo representing NH at the XCEL 2013 Regionals.

Rebecca Sileo and Lilly Toy both students at Amherst Middle School and Gymnastics Village recently competed on the NH Gold Excel Gymnastics Team and helped the team place second at the 2013 Regional Meet. Rebecca is a 5th grader and the daughter of Tom and Tara Sileo. Lilly is a 6th grader and

the daughter of Matt and Tilea Toy and grand daughter of Tom & Marti Warren.

The girls competed in May at the State Competition where they each earned a spot on the NH State Team. Lilly placed 4th and Rebecca placed 8th in the state for their age group, and both girls had consis-

tently placed in the top All Around scores at meets during the year. At Regionals Rebecca placed 5th in All Arounds with a 35.975 and Lilly scored 13th with a 35.1. Massachusetts gymnasts took first place, NH second and Vermont Third.

SHS Girls Varsity Lacrosse Awards



Souhegan Varsity Lacrosse team Award Night. From left to right: Jesse Jay – Players Award; Jocelyn Donahue – Coach's award; Madison Learned – Mid Player of the year; McKenzie Larivee – Attacker of the Year

State Decathlon/Heptathlon Results

Congratulations to the six decathletes and two heptathletes from Souhegan who participated in the annual state-wide athletic event at Nashua South on June 15 and 16.

Ninety-four athletes started the grueling ten events of the decathlon on Saturday morning, and eighty-three of them completed the ten events late Sunday. Sabers' places and totals were: Trevor Brown (28th) 4110 points, Ben Massa (32) 4067, Brady Camplin (41) 3912,

Mike Casey (62) 3261, Ben Platt (64) 3184, and Logan Landrum (67) 2991. Top ten finishers in separate events included Trevor Brown, third in the pole vault (11' 6") and tenth in the long jump (18' 9"), Ben Platt, fifth in the 1500 (4:26.49) and eighth in the 400 (54.53), and Brady Camplin ninth in the 1500 (4:37.72).

Sarah Hurd not only received a plaque for her twelfth place effort in the heps but also set a new Souhegan record with her score of 3211,

bettering the old record held by Allison Merkle in 1996. Sarah was second overall in the 800 meters (2:23.98), third in the high jump (4' 10"), and seventh in the 200 (28.64). Ninth-grader Rosie Garvey also competed and her score of 2204 placed her 44th among the 77 athletes who started. Rosie's best event was the high jump where her 4' 4" leap placed her 18th.