

# Sports Focus

## Souhegan High School Varsity Baseball

# Sabers Score 3-1-0 in Early Season

## Souhegan Drops 4-2 to Windham

AMHERST: April 17 – The Souhegan Sabers ran into an outstanding pitching performance from Windham starting pitcher Kevin Anderson and the Sabers battled for seven innings. Windham defeated the hosts 4 to 2.

Souhegan jumped out in from 1 to 0 in the first as Seth Learned walked, stole second and third and scored on Owen Batchelder's RBI single to center field.

In the third inning, Mike Mancini (walk) and Seth Learned (singled Mike to third) ran a first and third double steal to give Souhegan a 2 to 0 lead.

Souhegan added runners in the fifth, sixth and seventh, but a combination of Anderson's pitching and Windham defensive shut the Sabers down.

Starting pitcher Joey Grassetto pitched strong into the fifth inning before the Souhegan relief corp attempted to stop the Jaguar offense. Joe Grassetto pitched four plus innings, struck out two and walked six. Tucker Aiello pitched one inning allowing a hit and a walk as he picked up the loss. Travis Woods went two thirds of an inning striking out two and walking three. Bryce Reagan went one and a third inning striking out three and allowing one.

The Souhegan defense played a clean seven innings highlighted by the string play of shortstop Thomas Bennett and Third baseman Bryce Reagan. The Souhegan trio of Max Benevides, Seth Learned and Stevie Upton made excellent running catches in the outfield.

## Souhegan Sabers Defeat Con-Val Cougars 12 -2

AMHERST: April 15 – Senior left handed pitcher Ian Towle pitched a two hitter as he struck out eight and walked five.

Souhegan defense was led by right fielder Max Benevides (two running catches) and first baseman Alec Burns who made an excellent defensive play to stop a Cougar rally in the top of the fifth.

The Sabers opened the scoring in the first inning. Mike Mancini doubled with one out and scored on Max Benevides game winning RBI single.

In the second inning, with two outs Mike Mancini doubled scoring Thomas Bennett.

Five runs scored in the third inning led by Kees Gronstra two run RBI single, two run RBI single from Thomas Bennett and Seth Learned one run single.

The four inning saw the Sabers score five additional runs. Bryce Reagan RBI double, Kees Gronstra RBI single, Travis Woods RBI and Seth Learned RBI double led the rally.

The Sabers had four multiple hitters – Kees Gronstra (3), Seth Learned (2), Mike Mancini (2) and Bryce Reagan (2).



Caelan Behn      Joey Grassetto      Seth Learned      Max Benevides      Stevie Upton      Bryce Reagan      Owen Batchelder

## Souhegan Sabers Open 2015 Season With 11-5 Victory Over Milford Spartans

AMHERST: April 13 – Sophomore, lefty Owen Batchelder pick up his first win in a Souhegan uniform. He pitched four strong innings (4.2 IP, 5 SO, 4 BB and 5 hits) before junior, relief pitcher Joey Grassetto came in relief to pick up his first save of the season (2.1 IP, 1 hits and NO runs allowed). The Souhegan defense was led by Souhegan's junior catcher Sam Bannon. Souhegan took a 5 to 1 lead in the third as junior Thomas Bennett walked, stole second, went to third on junior Mike Mancini's infield hit. Senior Seth Learned drove in Thomas Bennett on a fielder's choice. With one out, freshmen Bryce Reagan doubled to right center driving in two runs. Senior, Stevie Upton closed the inning scoring with a two run RBI single.

In the fourth inning, Thomas Bennett singled and went to second on a balk. Mike Mancini followed with RBI single. With two outs, sophomore Max Benevides a two run home run to left. Bryce Reagan doubled, Stevie Upton singled and Bryce Reagan scored on a Milford error.

The sixth inning started with Thomas Bennett singling, stole second. With one out Seth Learned reached an error and Owen Batchelder singled loaded the bases. Max Benevides RBI single was followed by a fielder's choice RBI from the bat of Bryce Reagan.

**Starting and Winning Pitcher Owen Batchelder vs Milford in Home Opener**  
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## Souhegan Baseball Team Names Players of the Week

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Seth Learned

The **FIFTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK** (week of April 120, 2015) for the 2015 season is presented to Bryce Learned. Bryce is a freshmen, thirdbaseman / pitcher. Bryce with a strong arm and a quick glove at thirdbase, he has moved the team defense to a higher level. He is batting in the middle third of the team batting order and has hit for average and had a number of key RBIs. Bryce bring a quiet strength to all aspect of the Souhegan Baseball team.



Bryce Learned

# SaberScoreboard

## Baseball – Division 2

Date	Away	Home	Away	Home	Result
4/13/15	Milford	Souhegan	5	11	W
4/15/15	ConVal	Souhegan	2	12	W
4/17/15	Windham	Souhegan	4	2	L
4/21/15	John Stark	Souhegan	--	--	NP
4/22/15	Souhegan	Hollis Brookline	17	6	W
4/29/15	Souhegan	Coe-Brown	--	--	NP

Wins: 3    Losses: 1    Ties: 0    Total Points: 12.00    Rating: 3.0000

## Lacrosse Boys – Division 1

Date	Away	Home	Away	Home	Result
4/13/15	Exeter	Souhegan	9	10	W
4/16/15	Manchester Mem.	Souhegan	1	15	W
4/18/15	Souhegan	Nashua South	16	9	W
4/25/15	Souhegan	Hanover	--	--	NP
4/27/15	Souhegan	Manchester Cent.	--	--	NP
4/30/15	Dover	Souhegan	--	--	NP

Wins: 3    Losses: 0    Ties: 0    Total Points: 12.00    Rating: 4.0000

## Girls Lacrosse

Date	Away	Home	Away	Home	Result
4/14/15	Concord	Souhegan	4	19	W
4/17/15	Souhegan	Exeter	12	10	W
4/18/15	Souhegan	Manchester Mem.	19	2	W
4/21/15	Nashua North	Souhegan	7	19	W
4/22/15	Manchester Cent.	Souhegan	0	16	W
4/24/15	Souhegan	Pinkerton	12	10	W
4/27/15	Souhegan	Londonderry	--	--	NP
4/29/15	Souhegan	Portsmouth	--	--	NP

Wins: 6    Losses: 0    Ties: 0    Total Points: 24.00    Rating: 4.0000

## Girls Softball

Date	Away	Home	Away	Home	Result
4/13/15	Milford	Souhegan	8	2	L
4/15/15	ConVal	Souhegan	1	12	W
4/17/15	Windham	Souhegan	2	3	W
4/22/15	Souhegan	Hollis Brookline	6	13	L
4/24/15	Manchester West	Souhegan	1	14	W
4/29/15	Souhegan	Coe-Brown	--	--	NP
4/30/15	John Stark	Souhegan	--	--	NP

Wins: 3    Losses: 2    Ties: 0    Total Points: 12.00    Rating: 2.4000

SOURCE: www.nhviaa.org

## Souhegan Boys Tennis Scores:

### At Souhegan, April 24

Souhegan 5, St. Thomas Aquinas 4.

#### Singles:

- #1 Matt Lapsley (S) d. Peter Ferrin (8-2).
- #2 Zane Keehbler (STA) d. Nathaniel Dziadek (8-6).
- #3 Bendan Sileo (S) d. Zane Angelopalas (8-6).
- #4 Alex Frazier (S) d. Alec Keehbler (8-6).
- #5 Cam Barrett (STA) d. Kevin Fredette (8-4).
- #6 Josh Casper (STA) d. Austin Quinlan (8-6).

#### Doubles:

- #1 Lapsley/Dziadek (S) d. Ferrin/Z. Keehbler (9-8 (8-6))
  - #2 Sileo/Frazier (S) d. Angelopalas/A. Keehbler (8-6)
  - #3 Barrett/Casper (STA) d. Quinlan/Jacob Lacaille (8-1)
- Records: Souhegan 2-2, St. Thomas Aquinas 0-2.  
Souhegan Boys Tennis Scores

### At Hollis-Brookline, April 23

Souhegan 4, Hollis Brookline 5.

#### Singles:

- #1 Matt Lapsley (S) d. Alex McCalmont (8-0),
- #2 Nathaniel Dziadek (S) d. Jeremy Ide (8-0)
- #3 Alex Cato (HB) d. Brendan Sileo (8-3),
- #4 Alex Frazier (S) d. Will Kinsley (9-7),
- #5 Tyler Popin (HB) d. James Kibbie (8-5),
- #6 Matt Spooner (HB) d. Nick Durling (8-0)

#### Doubles:

- #1 Lapsley/Dziadek (S) d. McCalmont/Ide (8-3),
  - #2 Cato/Kinsley (HB) d. Sileo/Frazier (8-1),
  - #3 Spooner/Andrew Stam (HB) d. Kibbie/Austin Quinlan (8-6)
- Souhegan Record: 1-2, Hollis Brookline 5-1.

# Sabers Track & Field Off to A Running Start

## Nashua North Invitational

NASHUA: April 25 – The Nashua North Invitational track and field meet was held on Saturday, April 25 with gusty winds and cool temperatures. Souhegan High School track teams competed with mostly Division One schools and several teams from Massachusetts. No team scores were kept as most schools were on vacation.

The Sabers were especially strong in the middle distance events with Eli Moskowitz winning both the one mile (4:28.32) and the two mile (9:39.39). Madeleine Hunt matched Eli in the mile with her first place effort in the girls' one mile (5:21.33).

The girls' team also earned first place in the 4 by 800 meter relay with Jane Leighton, Elise Lambert, Hannah Gillis, and Hannah Cul-

ver running a combined time of 10:13.62. Also, the girls' 4 by 400 relay received sixth place with Jane Leighton, Hannah Culver, Amy Lambert, and Madeleine Hunt running 4:20.09. Jane also was third in the 400 (62.07) and Elise Lambert fourth in the one mile run (5:41.10).

The boys' team had two relays in sixth place. The 4 by 800 team of Garrett Earley, Billy Seguin, Thomas Lipkin, and Cam Behn ran 8:59.66, and the quartet of Sebastian Eaton, Jerrell Webster, Ben Miller, and Matt Blood ran 45.68 in the 4 by 100.

Both teams will continue the vacation week with a meet on Tuesday at Souhegan with Goffstown, Hollis/Brookline, Sanborn, and Con-Val.



Anna Farrow (junior) with the baton for the third leg of the girls' 4x100M relay.

Eli Moskowitz and Ben Platt coming down the stretch in the boys' 800M race.

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## Sabers Compete Against 20 Div. II & III Teams

PELHAM: April 18 – Souhegan track teams competed at the annual Pelham Invitational Track Meet on Saturday, April 18. Over 20 teams, mostly from D-II and D-III schools participated in the day-long event. The boys' meet found Kearsarge the easy winner with 93 points followed by Souhegan 56, Winnacunnet 41, Kingswood 39, and Sanborn 38. Top girls' teams were Coe-Brown 126, Pelham 72.5, Milford 65.5, Lebanon 63, and Winnacunnet 62. The Souhegan girls' team scored 28 points to finish seventh.

Souhegan boys' relay teams paved the way as they finished first in the 4 by 100, second in the 4 by 400, and sixth in the 4 by 800. The 4 by 1 team of Sebastian Eaton, Ali Eweiss, Ben Miller, and Matt Blood ran 45.30 for their first place, and the 4 by 4 team of Sebastian Eaton, Stefan DeShazo, Jonathan Amrein, and Ben Platt was second with a time of 3:46.02. The 4 by 8 team of Thomas Lipkin, Jonathan Amrein, Keelan MacKenzie, and Billy Seguin ran 9:05.16 to secure sixth. Other nota-

ble efforts were Eli Moskowitz who was first in the 3200 (9:36.20) and second in the 400 (52.52), Ben Platt second in the 800 (2:00.20), John Nogueira second in the pole vault (10' 6"), Sebastian Eaton fifth in the 100 (11.68), and Ben Miller sixth in the 200 (24.30).

The Souhegan girls also ran a winning 4 by 800 meter relay with Jane Leighton, Elise Lambert, Emily Ehrenstein, and Hannah Culver running a combined time of 10:00.21. Madeleine Hunt scored in two events: third in the 1600 (5:18.49) and fifth in the 800 (2:25.96). Jane Leighton continued her fine running with a third place effort in the 400 (62.22). Sophomore Shannon Earley ran a strong 3200 meters as she crossed the line with the time of 12:09.04. The remaining point for the Souhegan girls' team was in the final event as Hannah Culver, Jane Leighton, Amy Lambert, and Madeleine Hunt finished sixth (4:30.08).

Souhegan's next meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at the Nashua North Invitational.

## Souhegan Host Teams, Finish 1st and 2nd

AMHERST: April 14 – Souhegan track and field teams hosted Portsmouth, Pelham, Milford, and Oyster River on Tuesday, April 14. The Saber boys' team with well-balanced scoring in the sprints, distance, and field events were first while the Souhegan girls, behind Esther Johnson's three first place efforts, finished second to Pelham. Final scores for the boys were Souhegan 118.5, Portsmouth 112.5, Pelham 73, Milford 27, and Oyster River 14. Girls' scores were Pelham 108, Souhegan 81, Milford 75, Portsmouth 49, and Oyster River 41.

Sebastian Eaton and Eli Moskowitz were double-winners as Seb won both the 100 (11.4) and the 400 (53.5). Eli crossed the line first in both the 1600 (4:45.9) and the 800 (2:01.3). Other individual first places were Garrett Earley in the 3200 (11:13.0) and Peter Forster in the high jump (5' 8"). Second places were Matt Blood in the 100 (11.6), Ben Miller in the 200 (23.5), Ben Platt in the 800 (2:01.9), and Jer-

rell Webster in both the high hurdles (16.9) and the high jump (5' 4"). Third places included Nick McNeil in the 400 (54.3), and Tom Robinson in both the discus (99' 5") and the javelin (131' 11"). In addition, the 4 by 100 relay team of Seb, Matt, Ben Miller, and Ali Eweiss were first with a fine time of 44.9.

Esther Johnson was the big winner for the Souhegan girls with first place throws in the shot (32' 8 3/4"), discus (96' 5"), and the javelin (93' 9"). Other Saber firsts were Jane Leighton in the 400 (61.7), and Hannah Gillis in the 3200 (11:58.2). Second places were earned by Hannah Culver in the 400 (63.3) Madeleine Hunt in the 800 (2:25.0), and Mikayla Hickey in the long jump (16' 5"). Mikayla also was third in the 100 (13.0). Elise Lambert captured the final third place for the team in the 1600 (5:48.7). The 4 by 400 relay team of Hannah Culver, Amy Lambert, Jane Leighton, and Madeleine Hunt ran a fast time of 4:15.7 to finish second.