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Lyndon's Molly Smith, center, Emma Newland, left, Jaydin Royer and Molly Renaudette celebrate after toppling Enosburg 5-3 in the Division II softball championship at Castleton University on June 10, 2022. The win capped a perfect season and back-to-back state titles.

Photo by Michael Beniash



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SHOTS

UNIFIED

St. J Academy's Grace Hall (13) reacts to Jack Henderson hitting a baseline bucket during a Unified season-opening game against Mt. Mansfield on April 6, 2022.

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GAME OF THE YEAR

TROPHY BUCKS

BARRE — Jacob Dube is an unassuming senior, not the one you'd pick in the hallway as the athlete most likely to come through when the game is on the line.

Now, he is the toast of Wells River. Dube beat the buzzer to give Blue Mountain Union a 26-25 victory over White River Valley in Sunday's state championship Division IV boys basketball game at the Barre Auditorium.

"When it left my hand, it felt good, but when it bounced on the rim I wasn't sure," Dube said.

Dube was mobbed by his teammates after his trey won the lowest-scoring Division IV title game of all time.

With a nod to the theatrical, Dube was the last player announced when the players were called out to receive their championship medals. The BMU cheering section erupted.

Then, Dube was given the honor of being the first player to take his cut of the net.

Dube's shot was not a fluke, coach Chris Cook said. He pointed out that Dube had made other pivotal 3-point field goals in the tournament against Danville and top-seeded Rivendell.

"He is a senior that showed up," Cook said.

"I noticed that when he was warming up, he was nailing them so we were rotating him.

"Big-time players make big-time plays," said Dube's teammate Cooper Ingerson.

Dube was not a starter for the Bucks. But on this day, he fit Ingerson's description of a big-time player.

When basketball becomes a topic of conversation at the Wells River school, Jacob Dube will always be a big-time player — the guy who launched the shot that gave Blue Mountain Union its first state crown since 2001.

DUBE DOES IT

Jacob Dube gestures to the crowd after hitting the game-winning 3 that lifted fourth-seeded Blue Mountain to a 26-25 win over No. 3 White River Valley in the Division IV championship at Barre Aud on Sunday, March 13, 2022. (Photo by Michael Beniash)



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SPIDER-MAN

With great power comes great pond skimming. Spider-Man (Andrew Ciardelli) soars out of the water during Burke Mountain's annual Pond Skim on March 26, 2022.



BIG SHOTS

Photo by Paul Hayes

BACK-TO-BACK

Eljah Flocke, center, is congratulated by head coach Jamie Walker, left, and teammate Michael Maccini after Woodsville capped a perfect 22-0 season with a 58-49 victory over Concord Christian in the Division IV title game on March 11, 2022.



BIG SHOTS

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HAPPY HORNET

NVU-Lyndon's Jaden Phillips and his teammates have fun during pregame introductions prior to a clash with visiting Eastern Nazarene in a Division III game at Stannard Gymnasium on Nov. 30, 2021.



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St. J's Bernardo Barrios reacts after winning a poing during his 7-6 (4), 6-1 win over South Burlington's Sriram Sethuraman at at Kiwanis Courts on May 25, 2022. The unbeaten Hilltoppers capped a historic season, beating Burlington for its first team tennis title.

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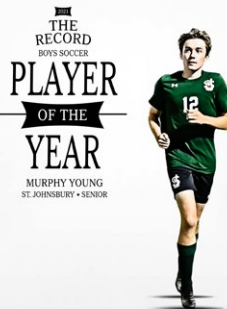
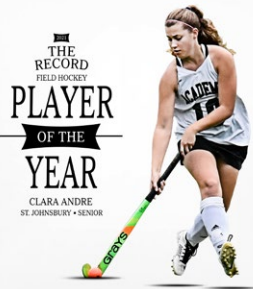
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THE RECORD'S 2022 ALL-AREA SOFTBALL TEAM
DREAM DOZEN

DELANEY RANKIN

St. Johnsbury, Sr., P

The Record's softball player of the year tallied five shutouts and four one-hitters in 55 innings in the circle, finishing with a 0.89 ERA and averaging 14.1 strikeouts per seven innings while walking just six batters. An All-Metro second-team pitcher and North-South senior all-star, Rankin also batted .368 with two home runs, seven doubles, three triples, 18 runs and 14 RBI. In the D-I quarterfinals, she hit a go-ahead double in the top of the 11th, then completed a gutsy complete-game performance (162 pitches, 12 Ks from the circle) as the Hilltoppers upset Missisquoi 6-4 to reach their first final four since 2011.

LEXUS MCINTOSH

White Mountains, Sr., P

A two-way leader for the Spartans, the hard-throwing right-hander picked up 10 wins and fanned 150 batters in the circle for the 12-win Spartans. The N.H. Division III all-state honorable mention pick also raked in the batter's box, hitting .464 with a .652 on-base percentage. She also collected a home run and eight extra-base hits. "Lexus is a very talented athlete with a true love and passion for the game who also exemplifies great leadership and strength," White Mountains coach Kalie Gonyer said.

ISABELLE PRIEST

Lyndon, Sr., CF

The team's table-setter with speed and smarts, Priest was also a deft center fielder for the potent Vikings, who rolled to a 19-0 record and claimed their second Division II title after a 5-3 state-final win over Enosburg. Named the Capital Division co-player of the year and a Vermont North-South senior all-star, she batted .565 while producing 39 hits, six doubles, six triples, 13 walks, 23 RBI and 46 runs. "One of the premier leadoff hitters in the state," LI coach Chris Carr said. "She has speed on the bases, covers a lot of ground in center field and has excellent softball knowledge."

ANNA MCINTYRE

Woodsville, Sr., SS

The New Hampshire Division IV player of the year provided a mighty bat to help key Woodsville to a historic season, the Engineers running to a dominant undefeated season and their second straight state title. McIntyre finished with a .477 batting average, a .568 OBP and a .923 slugging percentage while also belting six home runs, seven doubles, two triples and finishing with 31 RBI and 34 runs. She also hit .500 in the playoffs. "Anna really stepped up big this year," WHS coach Dana Huntington said. "She moved to shortstop flawlessly as well. Anna was a major reason we did so well this year."

BRYDIE BARTON

Lyndon, Sr., OF

A premier athlete with great range in left field and one of the premier bats in the state, Barton provided major power for the back-to-back, undefeated Division II champions. She finished a triple short of the cycle, and collected four RBI in the semifinals, then collected two more RBI in the final — a 5-3 victory over Enosburg. The Capital co-player of the year and North-South senior all-star batted .557 and delivered three HRs, 13 doubles, eight triples, 32 RBI and scored 33 runs. "She's such a strong presence in the batter's box, hits for power and runs the bases exceptionally well, also covers a lot of ground playing left field," LI coach Chris Carr said.

ALLIE PILLSBURY

North Country, Sr., 3B

Providing pop in the middle of the Falcon lineup, Pillsbury had a breakout senior campaign after playing sparingly in 2021. Named an All-Metro first-team third baseman, she batted .404 with four home runs, five doubles, three triples and 24 RBI. She was also named the school's 2022 MaryBeth Cargill Award winner. "After not playing much her junior year, Pillsbury worked hard in the offseason to improve," NCU coach Travis Bingham said. "Allie was solid offensively all year and put together some big games."

MACKENZIE KINGBURY

Woodsville, Sr., P

Kingsbury paved the way for a spectacular season in Woodsville — the team finishing undefeated with back-to-back Division IV titles. Named D-IV pitcher of the year, Granite State North POY and a finalist for The Record POY honor, she went 18-0 with a 0.74 ERA and 229 strikeouts in 94 innings. She did not allow a hit in 10 of 18 games (allowed just 18 hits all season). She also batted .537 with three home runs, five doubles, four triples and 46 RBI. "Mackenzie had a phenomenal year," WHS coach Dana Huntington said. "She had one of the best, if not the best year of any player I have ever coached."

EMMA NEWLAND

Lyndon, Sr., 2B

The No. 2 hitter with major speed, aggressiveness on the base paths and stellar defense, Newland helped guide the Vikings to an unbeaten 19-0 record and a second consecutive Division II state championship — a 5-3 victory over Enosburg. A North-South senior all-star picked to the All-Capital first team, Newland hit .432 with four doubles, five triples, 36 RBI, 38 runs scored and 14 stolen bases. "A strong hitter with softball knowledge, she did a lot of damage on offense," LI coach Chris Carr said. "Speed on the bases. Very solid second basemen that can run down the ball."

LILIAN KITTREDGE

St. Johnsbury, Jr., 1B

A reliable first baseman who also produced in the circle and in the batter's box, Kittredge helped fuel a big season for the Hilltoppers — the club making its first semifinal appearance since 2011. Named an All-Metro first-team first baseman, Kittredge batted .327 with four doubles, a triple, 11 RBI and 15 runs scored. She also had a 2.43 ERA with 37 strikeouts in 23 innings. "She is a dedicated, hardworking, passionate player that does whatever it takes to make sure her team is successful," St. J coach Jeremy Roberts said.

ADRIANA LEMIEUX

St. Johnsbury, Sr., C

A standout, tough-as-nails backstop with a sweet swing at the plate, Lemieux helped the Hilltoppers to a 13-win season and a spot in the Division I semifinals — a one-run loss to eventual champion South Burlington. Named to the All-Metro second team at catcher and a North-South senior all-star for Vermont, she finished her senior year with three doubles, a triple, eight RBI and 17 runs scored. "She is one of the most versatile athletes I have coached, with a toughness second to none," SJA coach Jeremy Roberts said.

ZOE CROCKER

Danville, Sr., SS

The biggest bat in the Bears' potent lineup, the fierce and passionate shortstop had a massive statistical senior year at the dish in helping her club to the Division IV final four. She batted a whopping .677, with five home runs, four triples, 10 doubles, knocked in 21 runs and scored 26 times. She had three 4-for-4 games, hit for the cycle, and landed on the All-Mountain second team. "She is an excellent hitter," Danville coach Paul Remick said. "She does everything well. Going to miss her."

JAYDIN ROYER

Lyndon, Soph., P

Undefeated in the circle, the fierce, hard-throwing Royer helped guide the Vikings to an unbeaten 19-0 record and a second consecutive Division II state championship. An All-Capital first-team choice, she went 11-0 with 105 strikeouts in 105 innings, including a 13K effort in a 5-3 win over Enosburg. She also added pop in the lineup, batting .469 with 23 RBI, 17 runs and three triples. "Jaydin settled well in the circle this year," LI coach Chris Carr said. "As a sophomore, she showed a lot of composure. She fields her position very well and hits for power."

HONORABLE MENTION:

Natalie Tenney, Lyndon, Sr.; Rylie Cadieux, Danville, Sr.; Ava Marshia, Danville, Sr.; Kyara Rutledge, St. Johnsbury, Sr.; Emily Farr, Woodsville, Sr.; Taylor Farnsworth, St. Johnsbury, Sr.; CeCe Marquis, North Country, Sr.; Kyra Nelson, Blue Mountain, Fr.; Maddie Roy, Woodsville, Sr.; Karli Blood, Blue Mountain, Soph.; Tyra Scelza, Lake Region, Soph.; Mya Brown, Profile, Soph.; Imogyn Cote, Lyndon, Sr.

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DOMINANT DOUBLE

Maddie Roy, Leah Krull, Emily Farr, center, and their teammates enjoy the hardware after unbeaten Woodsville earned back-to-back state titles with a 12-3 win over No. 3 Portsmouth Christian in the Division IV championship at Plymouth State on June 11, 2022.

Photo by Paul Hayes

THE RECORD'S 2022 ALL-AREA BASEBALL TEAM DREAM DOZEN

TYLER HICKS

White Mountains, Sr., P/SS

The Record's Player of the Year for a second-straight spring, the hard-throwing right-hander was also named Division III pitcher of the year, D-III player of the year, a Twin State senior all-star and was a 2022 ABCA/Rawlings High School All-Region 1 Team selection. Hicks batted .587 with a 1.370 slugging percentage and a .694 OBP, with eight home runs, four triples, four doubles, nine steals, 25 RBI and 33 runs. On the mound, the captain allowed just 14 hits and 18 walks while striking out 69 batters, and gave up just one earned run (three total) to finish with a 0.198 ERA for the No. 2-seeded Spartans.

WILL FOWLER

St. Johnsbury, Sr., 3B

The big-swinging lefty was an offensive force for the Hilltoppers, who reached the Division I quarterfinals and came within a run of toppling eventual champion Essex. An All-Metro first-team choice and Twin State senior all-star, Fowler batted .392 with a .446 OBP and a .686 slugging percentage to go along with four doubles, three home runs, a triple, 22 RBI and 11 runs. "The team leader in RBI and slugging percentage, Will was an integral part of the team this year both in the field and at the plate," SJA coach Chris Kendall said.

TYLER RIVARD

Hazen, Jr., SS/P

The big man delivered at shortstop, on the bump and at the dish for the Wildcats, who earned the No. 1 seed and made a run to the Division III state final. The junior All-Capital first-team pick batted .434 with a .583 on-base percentage. 25 runs, six doubles, a home run and 18 RBI while drawing 16 walks. Rivard also went 3-1 on the bump with a pair of saves while pitching 30 1/3 innings. "Tyler is the ultimate competitor and teammate that you want," HU coach Spencer Howard said. "He is always looking to get better by putting the time in and trusting the process at the plate, on the mound or in the field."

AUSTIN WHEELER

Lyndon, Jr., P/CF

After missing his freshman season (canceled because of COVID) and his sophomore campaign (knee injury), the hard-throwing right-hander starred for the Vikings, who reached their first state final since 2009. Named the Capital Division co-player of the year, Wheeler batted .508 with six doubles, four triples, home run, 26 RBI, 36 runs, 15 steals and a .634 OBP. He also finished with a 1.54 ERA with 51 strikeouts in 31 IP (opponents' batting average was .132). "Austin is a humble blue-collar type player for us," LI coach Jeremy Wheeler said. "He kept his nose down, worked hard every day and put up big numbers for us."

TREVOR LUSSIER

Lyndon, Sr., C

A star behind the dish who provided thump in the heart of the lineup, Lussier produced a big-time senior season for the Vikings, who made a run to the Division II state championship game. A finalist for The Record POY honor, the All-Capital first-team pick and Twin State senior all-star selection batted .492 with nine doubles, three triples, four home runs, 32 RBI, 26 runs and a .646 OBP. "Trevor always seemed to come up with a huge at-bat for us driving in runs," LI coach Jeremy Wheeler said. "He had an exceptional year, both behind the plate and at-bat for us."

GRADY MILLEN

Littleton, Sr., P/SS/2B/3B

A versatile piece who played a starring role for the Crusaders, Millen was named the Granite State North player of the year, and selected to both the Division IV All-State first team and N.H. Twin State senior all-star squad. On the rubber, he finished 5-3 with 2.70 ERA, a 1.20 WHIP and 43 Ks in 44 innings. Millen also hit .304 with a .444 OBP, 18 RBI and hit three home runs, including two bombs in a senior day win over Lin-Wood. "Grady is a pure baseball player," Crusader coach AJ Bray said. "He can play every position and brings a smile to the field every day. He just flat-out loves the game and he plays it well."

FRITZ HAUSER

St. Johnsbury, Sr., 1B

The Record's basketball player of the year was also a star on the diamond for the Hilltoppers, who came within a run of knocking off eventual champion Essex in the Division I quarterfinals. The 6-foot-7 first baseman hit .392 with a .475 OBP, a home run, three doubles, 16 RBI and scored eight runs while landing on the All-Metro first team and earning a spot on the Twin State All-Star team. "Fritz was a team member who led by example, one who showcased his dedication to the team by putting forth his full efforts every practice and game," SJA coach Chris Kendall said.

LUKE DUDAS

Lyndon, Sr., 1B

A fearless and reliable first baseman, Dudas was also a potent presence in the middle of the Viking lineup. Dudas finished with a .444 batting average and a .593 on-base percentage while supplying nine doubles, a triple, a home run, 22 RBI and 15 stolen bases to help Lyndon advance to its first state championship game since 2009. He was rewarded with a spot on the All-Capital first team. "Luke had a great year for us," LI coach Jeremy Wheeler said. "At the plate, he was dangerous with his power and plate awareness."

EVAN DENNIS

Blue Mountain, Jr., P/SS/1B

The dynamic Dennis did it all for the Bucks, who went undefeated in the regular season and came within a run of capturing the Division IV state title. On the bump, he went 5-0 with 58 Ks and a 0.903 ERA in 31 innings and also batted a whopping .578 with a .621 OBP with four home runs, four triples, six doubles, 26 RBI and 36 runs scored. Dennis was selected to the All-Mountain first team. "Evan had a spectacular 2022 baseball season for the Bucks," BMU coach Scott Blood said. "His dominating consistency at the plate and on the mound propelled the Bucks to an undefeated regular season."

BRODY LABOUNTY

White Mountains, Sr., Utility

Playing a handful of positions — shortstop, second, third, catcher and pitcher — LaBounty stood tall for the Spartans, who rolled to a 16-2 record and the No. 2 seed in the D-III tournament. A team captain, he batted .458, with a .552 OBP, four doubles, 15 RBI, 26 runs and 18 steals. On the rubber, he collected 28 Ks in 21.6 innings and a 0.646 ERA (two earned runs and eight total) while earning spots on the D-III All-State first team and playing in the Twin State all-star game. "While also performing at a high level, Brody brought the joy of the game — making everything competitive," Spartan coach Dave Deming said.

DAVID PIERS

Lake Region, Sr., SS/P

A strong right-handed pitcher and deft shortstop, Piers powered the Rangers in 2022. The All-Capital first-team pick and Twin State senior all-star batted .310 with two doubles, a triple and a home run. The team's ace battled back from injury in his junior campaign and finished his senior campaign with a 2.56 ERA with 78 Ks in 41 innings. He's headed to play at Oklahoma Baptist University in the fall. "After last year's injury, he did a heck of a job in the offseason getting his arm, his shoulder and his body and mind back into shape," LR coach Shawn Perron said. "He's always putting in extra time trying to get better."

JOHN DENNIS

Blue Mountain, Sr., SS

A standout leader, Dennis was pivotal in the Bucks' undefeated regular season and run to the finals. He batted .559 with a .680 OBP while collecting three doubles, a triple, 17 RBI, 21 runs and swiping 23 bases. Dennis finished as an All-Mountain first-team selection and played in the Twin State all-star affair. "John was instrumental to our success," BMU coach Scott Blood said. "His performance on the field and as a leader set the tone for an outstanding season. With an errorless regular season and batting average above .500, John played with a level of consistency that was above and beyond what his coaches and teammates expected of him."

HONORABLE MENTION:

Tyler Holm, St. Johnsbury, Sr.; **Wyatt Mason**, Lyndon, Fr.; **Karter Deming**, White Mountains, Jr.; **Kaiden Dowse**, Colebrook, Jr.; **Jack Boudreaux**, Woodsville, Soph.; **Ricky Fennimore**, Blue Mountain, Jr.; **Chris Corliss**, Groveton, Sr.; **Lyle Rooney**, Hazen, Jr.; **Jake LeBlanc**, North Country, Sr.; **Robert Breault**, White Mountains, Soph.; **Mike Hogan**, Woodsville, Soph.; **Blake Fillion**, Littleton, Soph.



BIG SHOTS

NO. 1 STUNNER

Senior Carter Hill holds the trophy and enjoys the moment with his teammates after the No. 2 Wildcats' 37-34 win over No. 1 Winooski in the Division III championship at Barre Aud on Sunday, March 13, 2022, the program's first title since 2016.

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FRITZ HAUSER
St. Johnsbury, Sr., F

The 6-foot-7 stretch forward was also one of the state's premier defenders. Leading St. J in scoring (14.0 points), rebounding (8.0) and steals (1.5) per game, Hauser shot 40% percent from the floor and 41% from deep. The Record's Player of the Year also earned All-Metro and Free Press first-team honors and was a VBCA senior all-star while leading St. J to its first No. 1 seed since 2013 and a spot in the Division I final four.



CAM TENNEY-BURT
Woodsville, Sr., F

The Granite State Conference North Player of the Year played a huge role in leading Woodsville to a perfect 22-0 season and back-to-back Division IV titles. The 6-foot-2 swingman, a gifted shooter and scorer in the mid-range and from deep, was a finalist for The Record POY honors. He averaged 23.5 points, 10.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game while leading the Division IV All-State first team.



TYLER RIVARD
Hazen, Jr., F

One of the top rebounders in the state (set a school record for boards in a single season), the 6-foot-4 big man helped carry the Wildcats to their first Division II state championship since 2016. Rivard averaged 17.3 points, 15.5 rebounds, 2.7 steals and recorded 21 points and 22 rebounds in the state final. A Record POY nominee, he earned spots on the All-Capital first team and the VBCA Dream Dozen.



AVERY HAZELTON
White Mountains, Sr., C

The 6-foot-9 center with good footwork owned the paint while averaging a double-double (19 points, 12 rebounds) over his senior campaign (second a season-high 34 against Littleton). A Division II All-State first-teamer and finalist for The Record POY honor, Hazelton finished as the third leading scorer in D-III while leading the Spartans to their first final four appearance in at least 12 years.



AUSTIN GIROUX
North Country, Sr., F

Despite a shoulder injury that sidelined him twice, the do-it-all Giroux was one of the top players in the region. Long and skilled with a great hoop IQ, Giroux averaged 14 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals, 2.5 assists and 2.0 blocks per game while shooting 52% from the field. An All-Lake first-teamer and VBCA senior all-star, Giroux helped steer the Falcons to the No. 1 seed in Division II.



EVAN DENNIS
Blue Mountain, Jr., F

Athletic and strong, Dennis had a stellar junior season in leading Blue Mountain to the No. 4 seed and a stunning run to the Division IV title, the program's first since 2001. A force inside and out, Dennis averaged 15.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game while garnering spots on the All-Mountain first team and the VBCA Dream Dozen.



TYLER HICKS
White Mountains, Sr., G/F

A premier all-around athlete, Hicks was a force on both ends of the Spartans, who reached the program's first final four in at least 12 years. Averaging 10 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists while leading Woodsville to an unbeaten 22-0 season and its second straight crown. He scored 18 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter of the Engineers' 58-49 title-game win.



COLBY GAREY-WRIGHT
St. Johnsbury, Sr., G

The defensive guru was a selfless teammate for the St. J, which went 17-1 in the regular season, earned the program's first No. 1 seed since 2013 and reached the Division I final four. The lockdown defender took the toughest assignment nightly and thrived. A slasher who could also score at the rim, Garey-Wright was an All-Metro second-team pick and a VBCA senior all-star.



DILLON BRIGHAM
Danville, Sr., F

The big man was a potent offensive presence for the Bears, who surpassed expectations this winter (14-8 record). Scoring inside and out and leading the club in all statistical categories, Brigham averaged 16.2 points, 15.1 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 3.0 steals per game. He finished his career as an All-Mountain first-team pick and VBCA senior all-star.



EVAN SANBORN
Lyndon, Sr., F

Elevating his game over the second half of the season, the bouncy athlete contributed heavily on both sides of the ball for the Vikings. Averaging 14.0 points per game, including 21.0 ppg over the last nine contests, Sanborn finished as an All-Capital second-team selection. He also averaged 7.2 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.1 blocks per game.



ELIJAH FLOCKE
Woodsville, Sr., F/G

A 6-foot-7 Flocke flourished with his quickness and physicality. The Division IV All-State second-teamer and Granite State North choice averaged 20.0 points per game, including 21.0 ppg over the last nine contests. Sanborn finished as an All-Capital second-team selection. He also averaged 7.2 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.1 blocks per game.



IAN APPLEGATE
North Country, Sr., G

An explosive athlete with a great first step, Applegate came on strong down the stretch in helping lead North Country to the No. 1 seed in Division II and a spot in the final four. A tough defender, Applegate averaged 10 points, 3.0 assists, 2.5 steals and shot 54 percent from the field in landing on the All-Lake second team.

Carter Hill, Hazen, Sr., G; Cooper Brueck, North Country, Jr., G; Sam Beggs, St. Johnsbury, Sr., F; Josh Robie, Profile, Soph., G; Murphy Young, St. Johnsbury, Sr., G; Cayde Micknack, North Country, Sr., F

DREAM DOZEN HONORABLE MENTION:

THE RECORD'S 2022 GIRLS BASKETBALL

DREAM DOZEN



SAKOYA SWEENEY
Lake Region, Jr., G

A gifted point guard with all the tools, Sweeney is The Record's 2022 Player of the Year. Named the Capital League POY, a Free Press All-State second-teamer and a VBCA Dream Dozen pick, the three-level scorer led the Rangers in five categories, averaging 13.0 points, 6.8 rebounds, 3.5 assists, 3.2 steals and 0.6 blocks while helping guide Lake Region to the Division III title game.



BROOKE'LYNN ROBINSON
Lyndon, Soph., G

A slasher and shooter, the athletic point guard was the tempo-setter for the Vikings, who earned the program's first No. 1 seed and spot in the Division II final four. A finalist for The Record's POY honor, Robinson averaged 16.8 points, 3.0 steals and 2.0 assists a game while earning spots on the All-Capital first team and VBCA Dream Dozen.



LAUREN MCKEE
Littleton, Sr., G

A do-it-all leader who played with relentless heart and effort, McKee was the catalyst for the Crusaders this winter. Averaging 14.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.5 steals per game, the 3-point sniper was named to the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State North All-Conference squad.



HAYDEN WILKINS
St. Johnsbury, Soph., G

A gifted guard with slick ballhandling skills, a good shooting touch from deep and the strength to get to the hoop, Wilkins averaged 10 points while drawing the toughest defender from St. J's opponents game in and game out. Wilkins landed on the All-Metro second team and the VBCA "Dream Dozen" top underclassman list.



ARIANA LORD
Colebrook, Jr., C

A towering presence in the middle for the Mohawks, Lord had a big-time junior campaign. The 6-foot-1 center averaged 14.3 points, 8.0 rebounds, 4.0 steals, 3.0 blocks and 2.0 assists per game while earning spots on the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State North All-Conference squad.



CORA NADEAU
North Country, Jr., G/F

A physical hooper who elevated the play of all her teammates, the team captain provided scoring, rebounding, assists and tough defense for the Falcons. The lone returning starter from last year's championship team, Nadeau finished as a VBCA Dream Dozen top non-senior selection and an All-Lake Division first-teamer.



JORDAN ALLEY
Blue Mountain, Soph., F

With length and skill, Alley was a constant double-double for the Bucks, who made a run to the Division IV final four. Averaging 13 points, 8.7 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.9 steals per game, Alley earned All-Mountain first-team honors and was a VBCA Dream Dozen pick.



KADIENNE WHITCOMB
Lyndon, Sr., G

With deep range, the sharpshooting senior could fill up the scoresheet in a hurry from beyond the arc (53 made 3s). A tough, physical leader, the VBCA senior all-star hit 37% of her shots from deep while averaging 11.7 points, 4.5 rebounds, 2.7 assists while leading on the All-Capital first team.



MACKENZIE KINGSBURY
Woodsville, Sr., G

The Engineers' leading scorer at 11.6 points per game, the sharpshooter from deep was a key, consistent piece in helping Woodsville make a run to the Division IV final four. The All-State second-team selection also made history in the final four, tying an NHAA tournament record with seven 3s and scoring 25 points.



CAITLYN DAVISON
Hazen, Soph., G/F

A tenacious player who could handle the rock, battle in the paint and score in a variety of ways, Davison had a big season for the Wildcats. An All-Mountain first-team selection and a VBCA Dream Dozen choice, the sophomore averaged 14 points and 8.0 rebounds per game.



MORGAN DOOLAN
White Mountains, Sr., F

The team's top scorer and a fierce defender, Doolan was a steals machine also the Spartans' 1-3-1 zone. Scoring 11.1 points per game, the Spartan also averaged 32 minutes and recorded two triple-doubles. The team captain ended as a Division III All-State honorable mention pick and was picked for the NHBCO senior game.



COLLEEN FLINN
Danville, Sr., F

A stalwart rim protector anchoring the Danville defense, Flinn wrapped up her varsity career by averaging 10.3 points, 7.6 rebounds, a whopping 3.2 blocks and 2.1 assists per game. She was a VBCA senior all-star and landed on the All-Mountain second team for the Bears, who made a run to the Division IV final four.

DREAM DOZEN HONORABLE MENTION: Emma Renaudette, Lyndon, Sr., F; Sara Brown, Lisbon, Sr., G; Marissa Kenison, Groveton, Jr., F; Sabine Brueck, North Country, Jr., G; Cassidy Kittredge, St. J, Jr., G; Rylie Cadieux, Danville, Sr., G

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MADISON McLAREN

Profile, Sr., F

A gifted left-footed striker, the talented senior captain earned The Record's nod for Player of the Year while landing on the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State North list. Finishing as Profile's career leading scorer (83 goals, 48 assists), McLaren finished the year with 27 goals and 17 assists while guiding the Patriots to their second-ever final four. "She exemplifies what a leader is on and off the field and always carries a team-first attitude," Profile coach Kevin Fraser said.

**CHARLI KELLAWAY**

North Country, Soph., MF

The sophomore midfielder provided high soccer IQ, an endless motor and great technical ability for the Falcons, who won 11 contests and reached the Division I quarterfinals. Kellaway ended the year with five goals and team-best nine assists while landing on the All-Capital first team. "She has the ability to see and recognize passing patterns playing her teammates into positions that allow them to exploit space and be successful," NC coach Peter Kellaway said. "She's a very hard worker that can dominate both sides of the field."

**ELLIE RICE**

St. Johnsbury, Sr., D

Poised and skilled, Rice became one of the state's top defenders while earning spots on the Division I All-State team and the All-Metro first team. Captaining a solid Hilltopper squad through the rigors of a Metro slate, Rice stood tall. "She is the heart and soul of our team," SJ coach Beth Choiniere said. "A natural leader both by her work ethic and her endless energy on the field, but her willingness to know and understand her teammates' strengths and opportunities off the field."

**SOPHIE BELL**

Profile, Jr., MF

A field general, the athletic and tough center midfielder helped lead to their second-ever trip to the final four. Picked to the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State North All-Conference squad, Bell tallied 13 goals and 21 assists for the 15-win club. "She controls the midfield and frequently we hear from opposing coaches not to let her touch the ball," Pats coach Kevin Fraser said. Our 15-1 regular-season record is due to her ability to run the midfield and make the connection with forwards for scoring opportunities."

**HAYDEN WILKINS**

St. Johnsbury, Soph., GK

Her athleticism and fearlessness in net were evident as the last line of defense for the Hilltoppers, facing some of the best-attacking teams in Vermont while competing in the Metro Division. Wilkins was rewarded, as the sophomore was named to the D-I All-State team and the All-Metro first team. "The responsibilities of a goalkeeper go beyond making sure that the ball doesn't go into the net – Hayden's relationship with her teammates, her ability to communicate effectively helped to keep us in many of our contests," SJ coach Beth Choiniere said.

**SABINE BRUECK**

North Country, Fr., MF

A dynamic freshman with speed and skill, Brueck made an instant impact as a center midfielder for the 11-win Falcons, who reached the Division I quarterfinals. An All-Capital first-team pick, Brueck tied for the team lead in goals scored with 11 while adding eight assists. "She possesses a very high level of competitiveness. This competitive nature combined with great speed allows her to be a major factor all over the field," NC coach Peter Kellaway said. "She understands angles and because of this, consistently puts herself in a position to succeed."

**JOSIE CHITAMBAR**

North Country, Sr., D

A team captain and one of Vermont's premier defenders, Chitambar landed on the Division I All-State team and All-Capital first team. A center back with toughness and grit, she helped lead a young, talented Falcon team to 11 wins and a spot in the D-I quarterfinals. "One of the best defenders in the state," NC coach Peter Kellaway said. "She refused to get beat; a true leader on and off the field."

**BRE LEMAY**

Littleton, Sr., MF

Moving from forward to midfield to help the team, Lemay thrived. A gifted offensive player with an endless motor, the senior captain delivered 31 goals and 19 assists to pace the Crusaders to 13 wins and the No. 4 seed in the tournament. She ended her career with selections to the Division IV All-State team and the Granite State North list. "Bre came into preseason in unbelievable shape," LHS coach Clinton Brown said. "Athletes like Bre are fun to coach; she has drive, determination, and are willing to learn a new spot to help the team."

**LEAH KRULL**

Woodsville, Sr., F

A skilled, speedy senior striker, Krull had a mammoth senior season in leading Woodsville to the Division IV championship game. Talented on the ball, the Division IV All-State second-teamer and Granite State North pick tallied 34 goals and 14 assists this fall. She finishes her high school career with 122 points (94 goals, 28 assists). "She's always upbeat, a great team leader, quick with or without the ball and really improved her shooting range this year," WHS coach Ann Loud said.

**RYLIE CADIEUX**

Danville, Sr., F

A tenacious gamer with speed and savvy, the senior striker finished with nine goals and four assists while landing on the Division IV All-State squad and being named to the All-Mountain first team. It was just her second season of playing soccer. "She has incredible hustle and speed and amazing balance," Bears coach Spencer Morse said. "She plays with a determination to succeed that gives defenses and goalies headaches. She is also a great team player, always willing to forego a bad shooting opportunity to help her teammate get a better one."

**MARA ROYER**

Lake Region, Sr., MF

The skilled defensive midfielder and senior captain has been a four-year rock in the middle of the pitch for the Rangers. She was recognized with berths to both the Division III All-State team and the All-Capital first team. "Mara from her freshman year became the center of the LR team, starting in center-mid, and holding it throughout her whole career," LR coach Mary Farnsworth said. "On and off the field she is a leader, and while her play doesn't often have the big stats (two goals, three assists), she has a hand in every play."

**EMILY FARR**

Woodsville, Sr., D

A strong-footed defender with great speed and vision, Farr starred for the Engineers in her first season at sweeper. Named to the Division IV All-State first team, the senior captain helped guide the Engineers to a 14-win regular season and a trip to the state championship game. "She's got an amazing foot and was great finding players upfield," WHS coach Ann Loud said. "On occasions when she got beat, she almost always ran them down. She stepped up this year and is a great role model."

**THE RECORD'S 2021 ALL-AREA SOCCER TEAMS****DREAM DOZENS****MURPHY YOUNG**

St. Johnsbury, Sr., D

A three-year starter, the 5-foot-11, 170-pound senior blossomed into an all-everything defender in his final campaign. A rock at center back for the Hilltoppers, Young combined athleticism, quickness and intelligence to help lead St. J through the rigors of a Metro slate. The All-Metro first-teamer, Division I All-State selection and Twin State pick, Murphy also finished with a goal and six assists. "He's everything you want in a defender," SJ coach Stephen Levesque said.

**NICK MATTEIS**

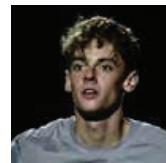
Lyndon, Sr., GK

One of the most athletic players in the area, Matteis shined in net for the Division II Vikings. A captain and strong communicator, Matteis averaged over 20 saves a game while helping keep LI competitive this fall. Brave in the box, Matteis earned nods for the Division II All-State team and the All-Capital first team. "Nick's athleticism and physicality allowed him — like any really dominant keeper — to 'own the box,'" Vikings coach Dick McCarthy said.

**LIAM LAIDLAW**

St. Johnsbury, Sr., GK/F

A fast, physical offensive talent up front for St. J (one goal, four assists), Laidlaw was also a versatile piece for the Hilltoppers during a tough Metro slate. An All-Metro second-team pick who also earned a berth on the Twin State team, the senior switched to goaltender late in the season and thrived. "He blossomed in goal and was the reason we turned things around," SJ coach Stephen Levesque said.

**JACK PRICE**

Profile, Sr., D

A talented sweeper and one of the premier defenders in the area, the senior captain earned spots on the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State North All-Conference list. Price helped the Patriots to nine wins in the regular season and make a run to the final four as the No. 9 seed in the tournament. "He was the foundation of our defense," Patriots coach Brent Detamore said. "Besides his size and speed in the back, he was dominant in the box during set plays."

**BRODY LABOUNTY**

White Mountains, Sr., MF

Playing defense (center back), midfield and striker, the two-year captain with great skill and vision was a valuable cog for the Spartans. With a team-leading nine goals, he also earned a Division III All-State honorable mention as a defender. "Any place that we needed him, he could play," WM coach Andrew Cliche said. "Brody is a strong, intense and passionate player who is a great leader. He is one of the few players that can change the flow of a game single-handedly."

**CAM TENNEY-BURT**

Woodsville, Sr., F

The talented striker took on a new role in helping set up his teammates this fall and it paid dividends. The Division IV All-State first-team pick and Granite State North All-Conference choice helped guide the Engineers to 13 regular-season wins and a berth in the D-IV state final. A team captain, Tenney-Burt finished with 27 goals and 17 assists while surpassing the 100-point milestone. "It was fun watching his growth as a player," WHS coach Matt Taylor said.

**CAYDE MICKNAK**

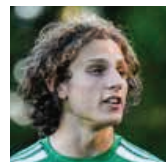
North Country, Sr., D

Playing every minute this season, the big, strong center back was the anchor of the Falcons' backline. Named to the Division I All-State team and the All-Capital first team, the two-year captain led North Country to 10 wins and the No. 7 seed in the D-I tournament. He also contributed a goal and four assists. "His ability to play with both speed and power as a central defender is what makes him special," NC coach Brad Urie said.

**SAMMY SARKIS**

Woodsville, Sr., MF

A box-to-box midfielder, Sarkis was a steady presence on both ends of the field for the Engineers, who earned 13 wins in the regular season and made a run to the Division IV championship game. A team captain, Sarkis finished with 13 goals and 13 assists while landing on the D-IV All-State first team and the Granite State North All-Conference squad. "He's aggressive, physical and had great first-step speed," Woodsville coach Matt Taylor said.

**IAN APPLGATE**

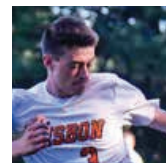
North Country, Sr., F

Fast, skilled and versatile, the senior leader turned in a six goals and 10 assists while pacing North Country to a 10-win season and the No. 7 seed in D-I. Playing with great pace and possessing a high soccer IQ, Applegate was named to the All-Capital first team. "He can play anywhere on the field and sacrificed his own offensive game to lead our team this past year," NC coach Brad Urie said. "He is one of the most creative wing players that I have ever coached."

**DYLAN COLBY**

Lisbon, Sr., F

Fast and skilled, the senior captain had a huge offensive season for the Panthers. Colby delivered 33 goals and seven assists while landing on the Division IV All-State second team and the Granite State North All-Conference squad. "He got stronger and was able to make plays in traffic," Lisbon coach Les Poore said. "Instead of being a facilitator, he was the finisher. He carried us offensively and made us a competitive team. He had a special season."

**REED KEHLER**

Hazen, Sr., F

A standout striker, the senior captain was even better at setting up his teammates. Named to the Division III All-State team and the All-Capital first team, Kehler finished with eight goals, including a hat trick in a playoff win over Leland and Gray. "His assists were countless, though," said HU coach Allison Paradee. "As captain, he is a natural leader and supports his team both on and off the field; but opening up opportunities for other players to be successful is one of his strongest assets."

**TUCKER CHAPMAN**

St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

Playing with constant composure, the talented, technical, box-to-box midfielder delivered four goals and three assists playing against the state's best talent in the Metro Division. A team captain, Chapman was an All-Metro honorable mention pick and an alternate for the Vermont Twin State squad. "Most of our offense went through him as he was able to break down opposing defenses with his penetrating passing and ability to beat players 1 v 1," St. J coach Stephen Levesque said.



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ST. JOHNSBURY — In the biggest moment, the biggest man stepped up.

Fritz Hauser banked in a lob pass off an inbounds play in the closing seconds of overtime to lift top-seeded St. Johnsbury to an epic 42-41 victory over No. 9 Mt. Mansfield in a Division I quarterfinal on Friday night.

“I just had a feeling even when regulation finished we were going to find a way to win the game,” second-year St. J coach Ben Davis said. “I believed it until the end. The guys have done that all season. I said it before and I will say it again, no moment is too big.”

The moment escalates Sunday as the Hilltoppers return to University of Vermont’s Patrick Gymnasium for the fourth time in five seasons. St. J will take on No. 4 Rutland for a berth in the state final.

“Everyone stayed confident in that last huddle,” said Hauser, the 6-foot-7 senior forward.

“Everyone on this team knew we were going to take the win. We’re excited. But we have a lot more to come.”

Hauser’s heroics saved the season. And they came in improbable fashion.

Mt. Mansfield led 41-40 and had possession on St. J’s baseline with less than five seconds to play. But after inbounding once and getting fouled (not in bonus yet), the Cougars were whistled for a five-second call the next inbounds attempt — giving the ball to the Hilltoppers on the baseline with a chance to win it.

With no timeouts, Davis dialed up a play that he’d yet to use in a game — a lob for Hauser at the rim.

Colby Garey-Wright set the play in motion, lofting a soft, pinpoint pass over the defense. Hauser beat his defender to the rim, then elevated over another Cougar and softly banked in the alley-oop for the game-winner that set off a wild celebration.



WINTER STORM

Top-seeded St. J celebrates at the final buzzer after stunning No. 9 Mt. Mansfield 42-41 on a Fritz Hauser game-winner in the Division I quarterfinals at Alumni Gym on March 4, 2022. (Photo by Michael Beniash)

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LONGTIME COMING

St. Johnsbury senior Evan Thornton-Sherman breaks the tape to win the Division I boys race at the Vermont state high school cross-country running championships at Thetford Academy on Oct. 30, 2021, leading the Hilltoppers to a surprise team win and their first XC championship in 63 years.

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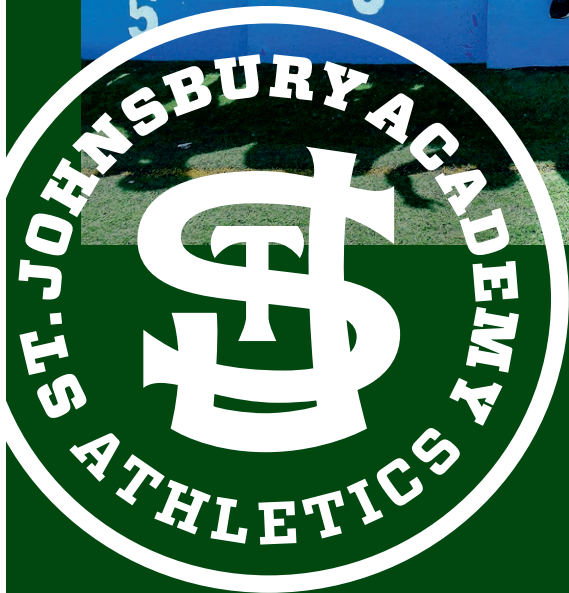
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