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**BIG SHOTS**

**Sky Shot**

St. Johnsbury's Hannah Angell competes in shot put during a dual meet with visiting Mt. Mansfield at Ray Frey Track on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

*Photo by Michael Beniash*

**COVER SHOT**

Colleen Flinn, Cassidy Kittredge right, and their teammates celebrate a 8-2-1 double play during top-seeded Danville's 9-2 win over No. 3 Proctor in the Division IV championship at Castleton University on Sunday, June 13, 2021. It was the program's first title since 2016.

*Photo by Michael Beniash*



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GAME OF THE YEAR

COMEBACK KIDS

Littleton was outshot, outscored and outplayed in the first half. But the Crusaders never quit.

LHS roared back to erase a two-goal deficit and beat defending champion Sunapee 3-2 (4-3) on penalty kicks in the Division IV championship on Nov. 8.

Freshman Kaitlyn Ilacqua converted the decisive PK, junior Emily Mainous made the championship-clinching save, and Littleton claimed its second girls soccer crown, and first since 2012.

The come-from-behind victory was historic — LHS becoming the first New Hampshire girls team to rally from a two-goal deficit and win a championship in 126 state finals.

“It was just pure joy,” Mainous said.

It was a gritty performance by Mainous, who took over in goal for the Crusaders this season.

She held Sunapee scoreless for the final hour of play and made four straight stops to end the shootout.

“She’s a dirt dog,” Brown said. “When we do PKs or any kind of goalie work in practice, she is all over the place. She ends up walking away covered in mud and she doesn’t care. The dirtier she gets the better she feels. It’s just the way she plays.”

In a season like none other, Littleton persevered.

— Record Staff

**FOR THE AGES**

Littleton players mob goaltender Emily Mainous after her save of the decisive penalty kick lifted the Crusaders to the Division IV championship over Sunapee on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020. Tied 2-all after two overtimes, Littleton beat the Lakers 4-3 in PKs. The Crusaders finished the season 15-0, capturing their first title since 2012. (Photo by Paul Hayes)



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**DREAM DOZEN**



**JACK YOUNG**  
North Country, Sr., CF

A premier center fielder who played errorless ball this spring, Young batted .448 with a home run, two triples and 13 RBI while landing on the All-Capital first team. "During the last game of the season, his first at-bat he was hit by a pitch in his hand (later to find out, a clear fracture of one of his metacarpals). Jack finished the game with two perfect bunts, not being able to swing the bat," NC coach Jay Gonyaw said.



**JOSH FINKLE**  
Littleton, Sr., P

A workhorse on the mound and a versatile defensive piece off of it, the D-IV All-State first-team and Granite State North pick led Littleton to the state championship game. The Crusader ace also played catcher, first base, third and outfield. On the mound, the right-hander went 8-3 with a 2.56 ERA and 79 strikeouts in 60 innings. He also batted .304 with a team-high 19 RBI. "We don't make it to the championship game without Josh. It's that simple," LHS coach AJ Bray said.



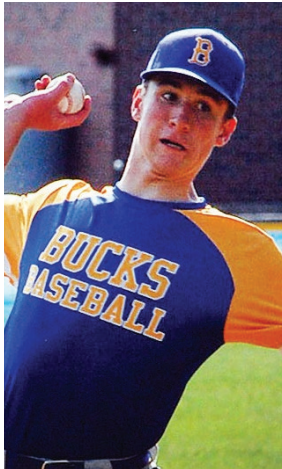
**LYLE ROONEY**  
Hazen, Soph., P

A gamer with talent to back it up, Rooney was named Mountain League Co-Player of the Year in his first season of high school ball. The hard-throwing right-hander went 8-4 with a 2.84 ERA in 51.2 innings. He fanned 89 batters and had a .168 batting average against in helping guide the Cats to the D-III semifinals. "Lyle is the kid every coach wants, he is always looking to pitch and the ultimate competitor that you have to pry the ball out of his hand," HU coach Spencer Howard said.



**TYLER HICKS**  
White Mountain s, Jr., P/SS

The Record's Baseball Player of the Year was nearly unhittable on the rubber. The hard-throwing right-hander (88 mph fastball) allowed just two hits and one earned run all season (0.36 ERA, .025 batting average against) while striking out 54 batters (2.19 Ks per inning) and combining with his teammates on three no-hitters in 24½ innings. A standout shortstop, the Division III All-State first-teamer batted .395 with 26 RBI while leading the Spartans to a 14-3 mark and the D-III semifinals.



**EVAN DENNIS**  
Blue Mountain, Soph., P/SS

The All-Mountain first-team selection had a monster season in leading the Bucks to the Division IV title game. The right-hander fanned 73 batters and had a 2.69 ERA in 41.2 innings. At the dish, he hit .547 with three home runs, eight doubles, four triples and 22 RBI. His home run at Centennial field in the title game was the first home run by a high schooler at Centennial since the field has been revamped. "He is a strong competitor at the plate and in the field," BM coach Scott Blood said.



**TREVOR LUSSIER**  
Lyndon, Jr., C

A big bat in the heart of the lineup and a reliable backstop behind the plate, the All-Capital first-teamer was key for the Vikings, who snagged the No. 4 seed in a competitive D-II. He batted .400 with a HR, six doubles and 17 RBI. Lussier also had two doubles off U-32 starter Owen Kellington, who was drafted in the fourth-round of the June MLB amateur draft. "Trevor's power and ability to hit the ball hard against any pitchers we faced made him a very hard out," LI coach Jeremy Wheeler said.

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SHANE STEVENS

Lake Region, Soph., OF/P/3B

A versatile piece in the Rangers' nine, Stevens played outfield, third base and even picked up a win on the bump. The All-Capital first-team choice also shined at the plate. He hit a team-leading .509 with seven doubles, a pair of triples, a home run, 14 RBI and five stolen bases. "Shane never let his failures get him down he just continued to focus and learn from those mistakes. He's a joy to have on our team," said LR coach Shawn Perron.



TYLER HOLM

St. Johnsbury, Soph., SS

Switching early in the season from second base to shortstop, Holm turned into an All-Metro second-team shortstop. The Hilltopper also batted .346 with six RBI, five runs, four steals and three doubles. "Tyler is aggressive at the plate and on the bases. He generates plus bat speed," SJ coach John Lenzini said. "Defensively, he has good range and a strong arm."



DYLAN MILLER

Lyndon, Jr., 3B

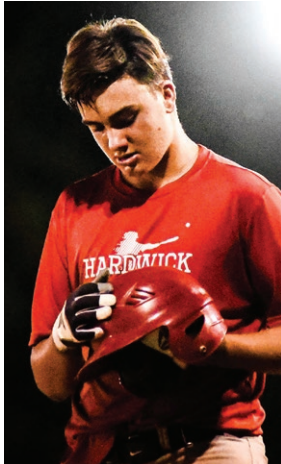
The table-setter for a potent Lyndon lineup, Miller's speed and ability to make contact proved critical for the Vikings, who put together a 10-3-1 record in the regular season and earned the four seed in a tough Division II. The All-Capital first-team pick batted .417 with six doubles, 14 RBI and only three strikeouts. "Dylan was our leadoff batter that seemed to set the tone for us all year," LI coach Jeremy Wheeler said.



KARTER DEMING

White Mountains, Soph., P/SS

A breakout player for White Mountains, the Division III All-State second-team selection played a key role for the 14-3 Spartans, who reached the state tournament semifinals. The right-hander finished with a 2.03 ERA over 26 2/3 innings, allowing just 12 hits and six earned runs. He averaged 1.43 Ks per innings and limited foes to a .136 batting average against. Splitting time at shortstop, Deming batted .384 with a pair of homers and 19 RBI.



TYLER RIVARD

Hazen, Soph., SS

A major presence in the middle of the lineup, the All-Mountain first-team selection batted .481 with a .563 on-base percentage for the Wildcats, who nearly picked off top-seeded Thetford in the Division III semifinals. Rivard had seven doubles and 20 RBI, but also had 15 steals and scored 22 runs. "Tyler is the leader offensively that you want. Calm, cool and collected battling every pitch," HU coach Spencer Howard said.



BRYCE GUNN

North Country, Sr., OF/P

A senior captain and an All-Capital first-team choice, Gunn was the team's top pitcher while also starring in center field — playing error-free ball to boot. He batted .456 with a home run, a pair of triples and 14 RBI for the Falcons, who grabbed the No. 9 seed in the Division II playoffs. "A model student-athlete," North Country coach Jay Gonyaw said.



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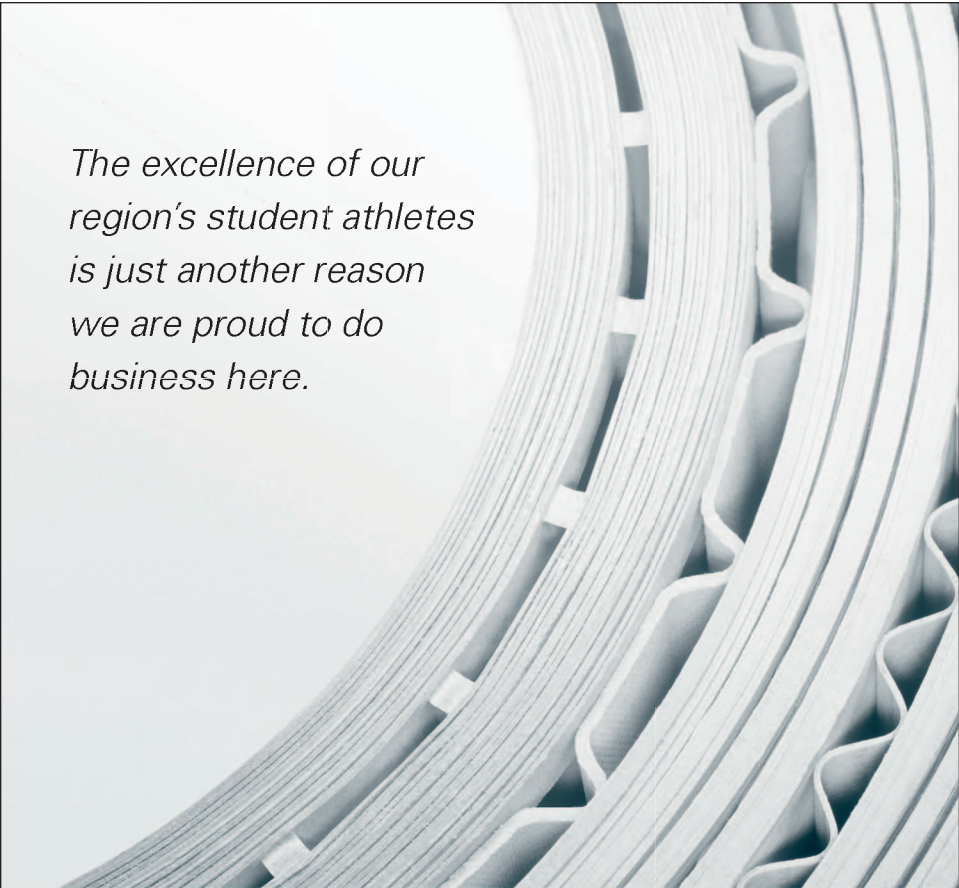
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### NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

From left, Emily Prest, Keatyn Horne, Maachah Krull, Morgan Wagstaff and Graci Kaiser hoist the championship plaque after Woodsville beat Newmarket 9-1 in the Division IV softball finals at Memorial Field in Concord on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Photo by Paul Hayes



## BIG SHOTS

### CHARLIE HUSTLE

Danville's Graham LaHaye tumbles after beating a throw to first base during a Division IV game with Blue Mountain on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. At left is Bucks first baseman Collin Punderson. The Bucks won 8-4.

Photo by Michael Beniash



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HIGH RISE

Avery Tomczyk jumps into the arms of Millie Clarner (3) after scoring a goal during No. 4 St. Johnsbury's 15-11 loss to No. 3 Green Mountain Valley in the Vermont Division II girls lacrosse state championship game at Burlington High School on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

Photo by Michael Beniash




BIG SHOTS

WHITE MTNS.

With a snow-capped Mt. Washington in the background, White Mountains junior right-hander Tyler Hicks uncorks a fastball during the Spartans' 10-0 win over rival Littleton in six innings in New Hampshire high school baseball game on Monday, May 3, 2021.

Photo by Michael Beniash



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**ZOE CROCKER**

Danville, Jr., SS

A high-energy player and a stalwart shortstop, Crocker had a big junior campaign for Danville, which ran off 14 straight wins before rolling past Proctor to win the Division IV title. Crocker batted .380 and belted two grand slams among her three home runs. She also contributed a team-leading 31 RBI and 24 runs in the heart of the lineup while leading in defensive assists. "She had a heckuva year," DHS coach Paul Remick said. "She worked her butt off; a real good hitter."



**KOREY CHAMPNEY**

North Country, Sr., 3B

One of the NEK's premier athletes, the star hockey player was also prolific on the diamond. An All-Metro first-team choice, Champney commanded the hot corner and powered the offense in leading NC to the D-I quarterfinals. She finished with a .558 batting average to go along with two home runs, seven doubles and 16 RBI. "An absolute threat offensively, and carried the team all year with consistent play both offensively and defensively," Falcon coach Travis Bingham said.



**CARLIE BELIVEAU**

Danville, Sr., 2B

Consistent and aggressive out of the leadoff spot, the senior captain was a spark plug for a potent Danville lineup. She batted .420 with 33 runs scored and 20 stolen bases. She also added 18 RBI for Danville, which ended the season on a 14-game win streak, capped by a rout of Proctor to claim the Division IV championship. "A great kid and the leader of our team," Danville coach Paul Remick said. "When things didn't go our way, she picked the team up."



**KELLEIGH SIMPSON**

Lyndon, Sr., P

A force in the circle, the star pitcher powered the Vikings to the Division II state title while reeling in all of the individual awards: The Record's Player of the Year, Gatorade Vermont softball POY and Capital Division POY. She went 10-1 with 116 strikeouts and a 1.16 ERA in 72 1/3 innings, including throwing the school's first perfect game among her three no-hitters. Simpson also hit .444 with four triples and 25 RBI. "Kelleigh made everyone around her better," LI coach Chris Carr said.



**EMILY PREST**

Woodsville, Sr., 3B

The New Hampshire Division IV Co-Player of the Year and the Granite State North POY, the power-hitting Prest had a monster senior season. She batted .500 (.561 OBP) with six home runs, 13 doubles, 37 RBI and a 1.000 slugging percentage. Prest also stole 23 bags and scored 43 runs for the Engineers, who brought home the program's first title since 2013. "Defensively she shut down other teams bunting against us," WHS coach Dana Huntington said.



**ADRIANA LEMEIX**

St. Johnsbury, Jr., C

The sweet-swinging catcher turned in a rock-solid season, landing on the All-Metro second team while helping guide the Hilltoppers to 11 wins and the No. 6 seed in the Division I tournament. A powerful bat, Lemieux batted .384 with four home runs, six doubles and 15 RBI. She also crossed home 21 times, had nine steals, and added a .882 fielding percentage behind the plate. "Adriana consistently performs at the highest level," said St. J coach Jeremy Roberts.



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**CROWN 'EM**

Lyndon's Kelleigh Simpson (9) and her teammates celebrate after the final out of the top-seeded Vikings' 9-3 win over No. 3 Enosburg in the Division II championship at Castleton University on Friday, June 11, 2021, hoisting the program's first trophy since 2016. (Photo by Michael Benias)

**BIG SHOTS**

*Photo by Michael Benias*



THE RECORD'S 2021 ALL-AREA SOFTBALL TEAM

DREAM DOZEN



**TAYLOR FARNSWORTH**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., 2B

A gamer, with speed, power and a good glove on the right side of the infield, Farnsworth scored All-Metro first-team honors. She batted .362 with a pair of home runs, four doubles and 10 RBI while turning in a .886 fielding percentage for the Hilltoppers, who won 10 games and reached the Division I quarterfinals. She also added 22 runs and 11 steals. "Taylor's perseverance led to another strong season," coach Jeremy Roberts said.



**PAIGE HALE**  
Danville, CF, Sr.

A trusted center fielder, Hale also had pop in her bat as the team's No. 2 hitter. The hard-hitting captain batted .480 with four HRs, two triples and 26 RBI. She also scored 29 runs for Danville, which after a season-opening loss, reeled off 14 straight wins en route to the Division IV championship. In the game with Proctor, Hale started an 8-2-1 double play that helped seal the crown. "She was a helluva outfielder," DHS coach Paul Remick said. "A leader. She worked hard."



**HAILEY POTHIER**  
North Country, Sr., C

A sound, strong-armed defensive backstop, Pothier could also pound the ball at the plate. The All-Metro honorable mention pick helped the Falcons reach the D-I quarterfinals while batting .407 out of the leadoff spot. Pothier also hit four home runs, one coming in NC's first-round upset of Brattleboro. She also added two triples and three doubles. "Hailey is excellent behind the plate with a strong arm," Falcons coach Travis Bingham said.



**ISABELLE PRIEST**  
Lyndon, Jr., CF

Priest's speed and overall play was crucial to the Vikings' stellar 15-1 record and their run to the Division II crown. Named a Capital Division first-team center fielder, the stalwart defender also wreaked havoc from the leadoff spot. She batted .472 with a .574 on-base percentage while tallying 17 RBI, 27 runs, 12 stolen bases and 13 walks. "Our leadoff hitter with constant contact, and speedy on the bases," LI coach Chris Carr said. "She covered a lot of ground in the outfield too."



**DELANEY RANKIN**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., P

An all-around standout, Rankin earned All-Metro second-team honors for the Hilltoppers, who won 11 games and nearly reached the D-I semifinals. The hard-throwing hurler posted a 7-3 record with a 3.68 ERA and a .909 fielding percentage. She was a tough out at the plate as well, with a .394 batting average, five HR and 21 RBI. She also scored 19 runs and stole 10 bases. "Delaney has a great passion and understanding of the game," St. J coach Jeremy Roberts said.



**MACKENZIE KINGSBURY**  
Woodsville, Jr., P/SS

Dominant on the mound and at-bat, Kingsbury starred on the diamond during the Engineers' Division IV championship season. In the circle, the Granite State North and All-State second-team pick went 17-1 with 155 strikeouts and 1.20 ERA in 81 innings pitched. As the cleanup hitter, she batted .627 (.695 OBP) with two home runs, 11 doubles, three triples and a whopping 43 RBI. "She was outstanding; she hit for power and average," WHS coach Dana Huntington said.

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THE RECORD'S 2021 BOYS BASKETBALL

DREAM DOZEN



**CORBIN BRUECK**  
North Country, Sr., G

Steady and crafty, Brueck was the go-to scorer for the Falcons during their historic 2021 season. Typically drawing the opponent's top defensive player, he averaged 15.0 points, 3.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game (shooting 54% from the floor) while guiding NC to its first trip to a boys hoops state final. He was rewarded with spots on the All-Lake first team and the VBCA senior all-star squad.



**AVERY HAZELTON**  
White Mountains, Jr., F

The 6-foot-9 center made a big leap his junior season, becoming one of the top big men around. He was hard to stop in the paint with soft hands and improved footwork, and finished the season with a double-double average (16 points, 11 rebounds). Named to the Division III All-State second team, he had 25 points and 24 rebounds in a win over D-IV champ Woodsville and went 13-for-14 from the floor in a win over Colebrook.



**JOSH FINKLE**  
Littleton, Sr., F

The big man was a workhorse in the paint for the Crusaders, who finished the regular season undefeated. A Granite State North pick and Division IV All-State second-team selection, the senior captain averaged 14.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game. "Our energy guy," Littleton coach Trevor Howard said. "Fearless. A strong kid. And he developed his range this season."



**ISAIAH BAKER**  
Hazen, Sr., G

The Record's Boys Basketball Player of the Year was a talented scorer and lockdown defender for Hazen, which earned the No. 2 seed in the Division III tournament. The 5-foot-10, 155-pound guard earned Mountain POY and VBCA senior all-star honors while averaging 22.6 points, 4.7 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 3.3 steals. He finished his prolific career with 1,474 points and 224 career 3-pointers — the first HU player to crack the 200 mark.



**TIA-MARIE MARTINEZ**  
Lake Region, Sr., G

The Record's Girls Basketball Player of the Year was a force for the Rangers, who ran the table en route to a Division III state title. A leader with great hoops IQ and a full offensive skillset, the 5-foot-4 Martinez averaged 18.8 points per game while crossing the 1,000-point mark. Headed to play at Division II American International next season, Martinez was named Capital Division POY, a VBCA senior all-star and was a Burlington Free Press All-State pick.

THE RECORD'S 2021 GIRLS BASKETBALL

DREAM DOZEN



**SAGE SMITH**  
Colebrook, Sr., G

A talented, relentless playmaking guard and tenacious defender, Smith was named D-IV Player of the Year for a second straight season, first-team All-State for a third consecutive year and landed a spot on the D-IV All-Defensive squad. A finalist for The Record POY honor, Smith averaged 23.0 points, 5.6 steals, 5.0 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game. Smith leaves as the school's all-time girls leading scorer at 1,601 points.



**OLIVIA SARKIS**  
Woodsville, Sr., F

Producing consistent double-doubles, the senior forward was a force in the paint for the Engineers, who went undefeated in the regular season and reached the Division IV final four. A team captain, Sarkis averaged 12.7 points and 10.7 rebounds per game while earning D-IV first-team All-State honors and landing on the All-Defensive team. A great motivator, she worked hard to make herself and teammates better, her coach Steve Colby said.



**RIANN FORTIN**  
North Country, Sr., F

Tenacious and aggressive on both ends, Fortin shot 50% from the floor while averaging 15.7 points, 8.3 boards and 2.8 steals per game. A workhorse in the paint as the team's leading scorer and rebounder, the All-Lake first-team pick and VBCA senior all-star helped guide North Country to its first basketball crown — a D-II title over No. 1 Fair Haven. "She was difficult for teams to defend. She has an excellent skill set and outstanding drive to improve constantly," her coach Sarah Roy said.



**COLLIN PUNDERSON**  
Blue Mountain, Jr., F

The big man delivered for the Bucks this winter, helping Blue Mountain earn its first trip to the Division IV semifinals since 2008 after an upset win over top-seeded Danville. Playing with energy, hustle and a soft touch in the paint, the VBCA senior all-star averaged 10 points and 7.0 rebounds a game while also delivering a 26-point performance in the playoffs.



**FRITZ HAUSER**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., F

Transferring in from Randolph, the 6-foot-7 Hilltopper had little time to adjust to Division I hoops. The sturdy forward, however, averaged a team-leading 11.4 points and 7.9 rebounds for St. J., which closed the regular season with five straight wins and the No. 4 seed. A solid rim defender with the ability to get to the bucket and hit shots, Hauser was picked to the All-Metro second team.



**TYLER HICKS**  
White Mountains, Jr., F

A star baseball player, the physical and skilled junior also stood out on the hardwood. Guarding the opponent's best player nightly, Hicks could hit the three, score at the rim, bang down low, or find the open man while averaging 11 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game. The Division III All-State honorable mention had a 17-point, 16-rebound night against Littleton and a 10-assist performance against Colebrook.



**ELIJAH FLOCKE**  
Woodsville, Jr., F

Hard-nosed and relentless on both ends, the Granite State North selection was a spark plug for the Engineers, who toppled Portsmouth Christian in the Division IV state championship to end the program's 44-year title drought. Doing work on the glass and scoring at the rim, Flocke filled the stat sheet (15 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 4.0 apg) and was a Division IV All-State first-team selection.



**COLLEEN FLINN**  
Danville, Jr., F

Developing into a prolific defensive presence in the paint this winter, Flinn was a force in helping Danville reach the Division IV title game. A Mountain League first-team pick and selected to the VBCA "Dream Dozen" (outstanding underclassman), Flinn led the team in rebounds (7.0), assists (2.3) and blocks (2.8) while averaging 9.3 points per game. "Colleen really came into her own as a complete player this year," said her coach Nick DeCaro.



**SAKOYA SWEENEY**  
Lake Region, Soph., G

A talented offensive playmaker who scores at all three levels, Sweeney was an All-Capital first-team selection while helping guide Lake Region to the Division III state championship and an unbeaten season. Athletic and confident, Sweeney averaged 9.0 points, 4.0 boards and 4.0 assists per game while landing a spot on the VBCA "Dream Dozen" as a top D-III/IV underclassman.



**KADIENNE WHITCOMB**  
Lyndon, Jr., G

One of the finest deep-ball shooters around, the junior guard was an offensive catalyst for the Vikings. Contributing all over the court, the All-Capital first-teamer and VBCA "Dream Dozen" (outstanding underclassman) pick averaged 9.0 points, 5.3 boards, 31 assists and 2.6 steals per game. "She has tremendous pride and plays extremely hard all the time. She is an unselfish player who has unlimited range," her coach Eric Berry said.



**MCKENNA MARSH**  
North Country, Sr., G

Contributing as a point guard, shooting guard and in the post, the versatile All-Lake first-teamer averaged 13.0 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.8 steals per game while shooting 45.3% from the field. Tough as nails with strong shooting ability, the VBCA senior all-star was key in helping North Country claim its first state title — a D-I championship win over No. 1 Fair Haven. "Her shooting and defensive abilities, along with her versatility, were key factors in our success," her coach Sarah Roy said.



**AUSTIN GIROUX**  
North Country, Jr., G/F

Giroux elevated his game down the stretch as North Country made a run to its first hoops title game. Usually guarding the other team's top perimeter threat, the long and lean Giroux could also score from all three levels. The VBCA "Dream Dozen" (outstanding underclassman) and All-Lake honorable mention pick averaged 8.0 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 1.6 blocks while shooting 56% from the field and 45% from deep.



**CAM TENNEY-BURT**  
Woodsville, Jr., F

One of the premier scorers in Division IV, the long and talented Tenney-Burt averaged 21 points, 7.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game in helping Woodsville end a 44-year title drought with a state finals win over Portsmouth Christian. A prolific shooter from mid-range and distance, the Engineer was an All-State second-team choice and a Granite State North pick.



**PARKER PARADICE**  
Littleton, Sr., G

The athletic point guard, named the Granite State North player of the year, averaged 17.3 points, 5.0 assists and 4.0 steals per game for Littleton, which finished the regular season undefeated. A Division IV All-State first-team pick, Paradice was also the Crusaders' top defender and brought a top-notch work ethic. "A tough kid, hard-worker. Our engine," Littleton coach Trevor Howard said.



**ETHAN GOULD**  
Danville, Sr., G

A spark plug with a high motor, Gould averaged a team-leading 13 points per game for Danville, which finished the regular season unbeaten and snagged the top seed in the Division IV tournament. A good shooter from distance with a willingness to attack the basket, the senior guard was named to the All-Mountain first team and was a VBCA senior all-star.



**HANNAH BROWN**  
Littleton, Sr., G/F

A versatile and steady leader, the team captain averaged 8.4 points, 7.0 rebounds, 5.4 steals and 5.0 assists per game to lead the Crusaders to the state tournament quarterfinals. Relentless on both ends, Brown was a Division IV All-State honorable mention selection. "She is a well-rounded player, a great leader and someone her teammates had the utmost respect for," her coach Dale Prior said.



**CORA NADEAU**  
North Country, Soph., G

The Falcons' point guard, tenacious and talented, Nadeau averaged 7.2 points, 2.9 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 2.3 steals while helping guide the North Country girls to their first state basketball title. With a smooth stroke from distance, the sophomore was a VBCA D-III Dream Dozen Outstanding Underclassman choice. "Beyond the averages, Cora is our emotional leader," said coach Sarah Roy said. "She lifts our team."



**ROBIN NELSON**  
Lake Region, Sr., F

A lockdown defender who was a force on the glass, the All-Capital first-team choice averaged 8.8 points per game in helping Lake Region to an unbeaten run to the Division III crown. Known for providing key baskets, she was also a VBCA senior all-star and a BFP All-State pick. "Her contribution to our team game by game was every bit as valuable as Tia (Martinez)," said coach Joe Houston.



**SAMANTHA HOWE**  
Colebrook, Sr., F

Howe, a skilled, athletic and relentless forward, was named to the All-State and Granite State North first teams for the second straight winter. She averaged 17.7 points, 12.6 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 2.7 assists while shooting 80.3% from the foul line and 41.5% from 3. Howe exits Colebrook as the program's second all-time leading scorer with 1,558 points and the all-time leading rebounder (887).

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**GARDNER AUCHINCLOSS**  
St. Johnsbury, Sr., F

Making a big leap his senior season, The Record's Boys Soccer Player of the Year was key in St. J's run to the Division I semifinals. Athletic and fast with a cannon for a shot, the D-I All-State pick, Al-Metro first-team and Vermont Twin State all-star choice was creative with the ball and effective at getting his own shot. He finished with four goals and two assists in a short seven-game season. "Gardner is a competitor," said his coach Stephen Levesque. "He had a remarkable ability to score big goals in important games against good teams."

**JOSH FINKLE**  
Littleton, Sr., GK

Big and athletic with all the tools, the three-year starter and Littleton captain was a backbone in net for the Crusaders, who made a run to the Division IV championship game. Named to the D-IV All-State first-team, the Granite State North All-Conference pick turned in five shut-outs (29 for career) in the shortened regular season. "Josh came up big for us countless times this year," said his coach Luke Driscoll. "He has been a rock in goal the last few years and will be very difficult to replace."

**MAX RITTER**  
Profile, Sr., MF

The Granite State Conference North Player of the Year had a dazzling final campaign. Skilled and sturdy on the ball with a powerful foot, Ritter scored nine goals and added two assists in 12 games for Profile, which reached the Division IV semifinals. A marked man every game, the center midfielder was also named to the D-IV All-State first team. "He's a great guy on and off the field," said his coach Brent Detamore. "He's excellent at set plays and has great skills and knowledge of the game."

**COREY BEMIS**  
Woodsville, Sr., F

A gritty striker with great instinct, the senior captain and four-year varsity starter earned Division IV All-State first-team honors while snagging a spot on the Granite State North All-Conference team. Woodsville's top scorer — eight goals and eight assists — Bemis was a strong finisher who read the game well. When the Engineers needed a play, Bemis was there to deliver. "Corey leads by example and is as tough as they come," said his coach Matt Taylor. "He was a pleasure to coach and was a key component to our success."

**CALEB SVAYG**  
Lake Region, Sr., D

Fast and relentless, the All-Capital first-team center back was an impact player. Winless in the regular season, No. 15 Lake Region went on an improbable run to the D-II semifinals, upsetting No. 2 Stowe in the first round and No. 7 U-32 in the quarterfinals with a pair of 1-0 triumphs. "Caleb consistently was asked to mark some of the most dangerous attacking players in the state and was a constant frustration," said his coach Malcolm Cheney. "His speed and recovery pace kept scoring opportunities at a minimum later in the season and was instrumental in our possession run."

**TOMMY ZSCHAU**  
St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

Zschau, a tough and physical box-to-box midfielder, was a bedrock in the middle for the Hilltoppers, who reached the Division I semifinals. Named to the D-I All-State team, Zschau was also an All-Metro first-team choice and earned a spot on the V. Twin State roster. "Tommy was often given the task of defending the opposing team's top midfielder treat while also getting forward and contributing on the offensive end," said his coach Stephen Levesque. "Although he didn't fill up the stat sheet, he did the little things right and was the glue that held our team together."

**LANDON BROMLEY**  
Littleton, Sr., D/MF

A calm, steady presence on the backline, the senior captain was versatile enough to shift into midfield when needed. A Granite State North and D-IV All-State first-team selection for the second straight season, Bromley was key in helping Littleton advance to the Division IV state final. "A great leader and everything you could ask for in a student-athlete," said his coach Luke Driscoll. "A player who always gives everything he has to help the team any way possible. He goes unnoticed at times because of the position he plays, but he is vital to our team's success."

**CAYDE MICKNACK**  
North Country, Sr., D

A standout center back, Micknack was a tireless defender and a vocal leader for the Division I Falcons. Strong and athletic, he earned a spot on the All-Capital first team. "He played every minute of every game we played," said North Country coach Brad Urie. "He also was very involved with all our direct and indirect kicks either by taking them or as a target player. He played with energy, never got tired and rarely got beat."

**MATT ABBOTT**  
North Country, Sr., MF

A standout defensive midfielder, Abbott earned All-Capital first-team honors as a staple in the center of the pitch for North Country. "Matt is a great leader who is willing to do whatever is needed to help his team win," said his coach Brad Urie. "He works harder than anybody during the games and practice. He is always in great position and never gives up. He was always tasked with marking the other team's best player and never let me down."

**BRODY LABOUBY**  
White Mountains, Jr., D

The athletic and versatile junior standout split time between center midfield and center back before becoming the Spartans' defensive anchor. The Division III All-State second-team selection and team captain was a natural defender, well-skilled with great vision, his coach Andy Cliche said. "He would oftentimes make a run forward and then be the first player back to defend. A great leader, admired by his peers and opponents."

**ETHAN SHOPLAND**  
Hazen, Sr., GK

The athletic, 6-foot-1-inch goaltender was a star as the final line of defense for the Division III Wildcats. An All-Mountain first-team selection, the versatile and vocal leader helped keep Hazen in games during the shortened season. "He stops shots that shouldn't be stopped," said his coach Talan Bryant. "He was just a really good soccer player. He could have been the starting goalkeeper on the team, but he just owned the goalkeeper position."

**CARSON RANCOURT**  
Colebrook, Sr., D

Tough, hard-working and athletic, Colebrook's top talent earned spots on the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State Conference North squad. The only northern D-IV squad to open Littleton in the regular season, the Mohawks' season was cut short in the quarterfinals because of COVID. Nonetheless, Rancourt starred as a sweeper for the Tribe. "He is good in the air and uses his body very well and makes tons of plays," said his coach Ryan Call. "The best defender I saw this season."



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**OLIVIA CORRIGAN**

Littleton, Sr., F

A passionate competitor, The Record's Girls Player of the Year tallied 28 goals and 15 assists for the Crusaders, eclipsing the 100-point career milestone in the process. Strong, fast and savvy, the dynamic forward was the Granite State Conference North POY and a Division IV All-State first-team choice. In the state final, Corrigan tallied in the second half to trigger the Crusaders' epic comeback and help undefeated Littleton earn its first state championship since 2012.

**MACY MOLLEUR**

Hazen, Sr., F

The All-Mountain League POY runner-up and Division IV All-State first-team choice was a force for the Wildcats, who made a late-season run to their first state final since 1987. The skilled striker finished with 16 goals, three coming on direct kicks, and five assists. "Macy was a player we could count on to do something special in almost all of our games," said her coach Harry Beckett. "She constantly challenged her young teammates to raise their own level of play and improve throughout the season."

**RIANN FORTIN**

North Country, Sr., F

The senior captain was the Falcons' top scorer, tallying six goals — two of which were game-winners — and three assists. Tough and aggressive, the Division I All-State pick and All-Capital first-team choice helped power NCU to the No. 6 seed in Division I. "She had an uncanny ability to create space for herself and has the ability to shoot equally strong with either foot," said her coach Peter Kellaway. "She was well respected because of her ability to get the most out of her teammates."

**OLIVIA SARKIS**

Woodsville, Sr., MF

A longtime staple of the Engineers' prominent attack, the four-year starter tallied 18 goals and nine assists in 2020, crossing the 100-point career scoring threshold in the process. A versatile piece, playing both at forward and midfield, Sarkis was named to the Division IV All-State second-team and was a Granite State North All-Conference pick. "She has good ball skills and a rocket for a shot," said her coach Ann Loud. "She is a hard worker, a good team leader and a great role model."

**LIZA MORSE**

Danville, Jr., MF

With a relentless motor and a high soccer IQ, the center midfielder impacted both ends for Danville, which made a run to its first final four since 2007. A Division IV All-State pick and an All-Mountain first-teamer, the second-year captain posted three assists and a goal while providing defensive cover in the midfield. "She has excellent vision on the field and is great at finding through-balls. Defensively she bottles up the middle of the field and takes away strong center-mids," said her coach Spencer Morse.

**SAMANTHA HOWE**

Colebrook, Sr., MF

Versatile and athletic, the senior captain was a fixture for the Mohawks. Moved upfield after spending the past two seasons on the backline, Howe delivered five goals and seven assists as a midfielder this season while earning Division IV All-State first-team honors and being named to the Granite State North All-Conference team. "She has a strong leg, and she's a good playmaker and vocal leader," said her coach Katie Parker. "She stepped up this year and took over a leadership role."

**MADISON MCLAREN**

Profile, Jr., F

With premier speed and athleticism, McLaren was a workhorse for the youthful Patriots. Fighting through consistent double teams, the standout junior finished with 14 goals and seven assists and landed spots on the Division IV All-State first team and the Granite State North All-Conference squad. "Every goal scored, she needed to fight through two and sometimes three defenders to get a shot off," said her coach Kevin Fraser.

**ALLYSON COTNOIR**

Lake Region, Sr., F

The senior All-Capital first-team forward supplied the finishing touch for the Rangers, who reached the D-III quarterfinals. LR's top scorer finished with nine goals and five assists. She scored a hat trick in 44 seconds against Twinfield and had two assists in a first-round playoff win. "Allyson is dedicated and hardworking," said her coach Mary Farnsworth. "She showed a lot of leadership this year on the team and was also a mentor and guiding influence of some of our younger offensive players."

**MORGAN WAGSTAFF**

Woodsville, Sr., D

The senior captain was the strength of the Woodsville defense, helping the Engineers to six shutout wins and a 9-1 record during the regular season. A four-year starter at sweeper, the strong and vocal leader was rewarded with a spot on the Division IV All-State first team and recognized as a Granite State North All-Conference player. "She has improved every season and done an outstanding job," said her coach Ann Loud. "She has encouraged and supported all the younger girls on defense."

**OLIVE BEAUCHESNE**

North Country, Sr., D

The senior captain and All-Capital first-team defender anchored the Falcons' impressive backline (only two goals allowed in the first six games). Bringing toughness, skill and leadership, Beauchesne was a natural in moving from outside back to center back her senior year. "She rarely got beat in any one vs. one situation and communicated extremely well. A warrior who will be greatly missed," said her coach Peter Kellaway.

**EMILY MAINOUS**

Littleton, Jr., GK

Rarely tested during the Crusaders' undefeated regular season, the athletic, gifted and fearless goaltender put her talent on display in the final game of the 2020 season. Mainous made a diving save in the second half to keep her team within striking distance of defending champion Sunapee, then made four straight stops in the penalty-kick shootout to lift the Crusaders to their first state title since 2012.

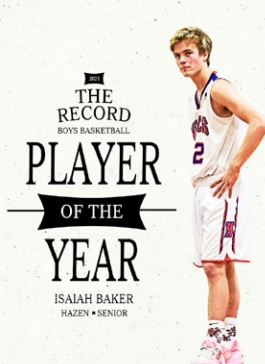
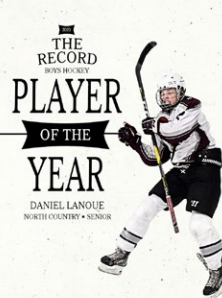
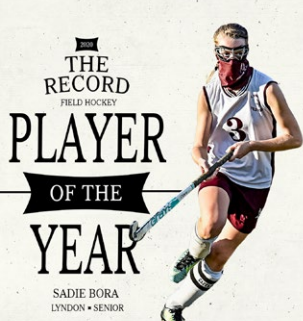
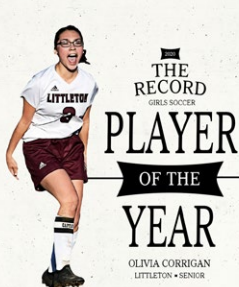


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