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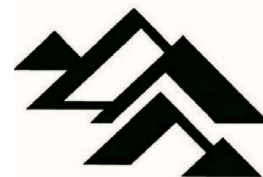
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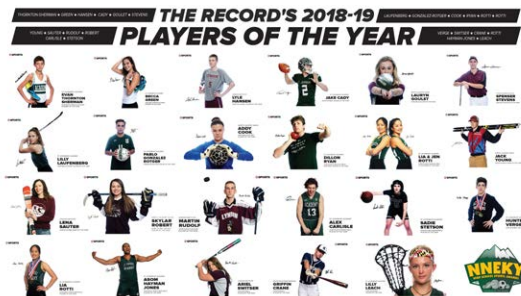
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St. J Academy's Jacob Lacaillade competes in high jump during the Hilltoppers' season-opening track and field meet at Ray Frey Track on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Photo by Michael Beniash

GAME OF THE YEAR



SAINT J

BURLINGTON — The moment was a blur to Alex Carlisle. With six seconds left, his team down a point, and the season hanging in the balance, the St. J star pulled up from the left elbow and launched a jump shot.

"I don't even remember doing it," Carlisle said.

It's something the Hilltoppers will never forget.

The ball splashed through the net and delivered fifth-seeded St. Johnsbury a 55-54 thriller over top-seeded Rice Memorial in a Division I basketball semifinal game at UVM's Patrick Gymnasium.

The Hilltoppers went on to upend two-time defending champion Rutland 54-50 in the state championship, behind Carlisle's 24 points, for their first state title since 1997.

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Sky's the Limit

St. J's Kathleen Fogarty throws the shot put during a dual meet with Lyndon Institute at St. J's Ray Frey Track on Monday, May 20, 2019. It was the 100th meeting between the schools.

Photo by Paul Hayes

BIG SHOTS

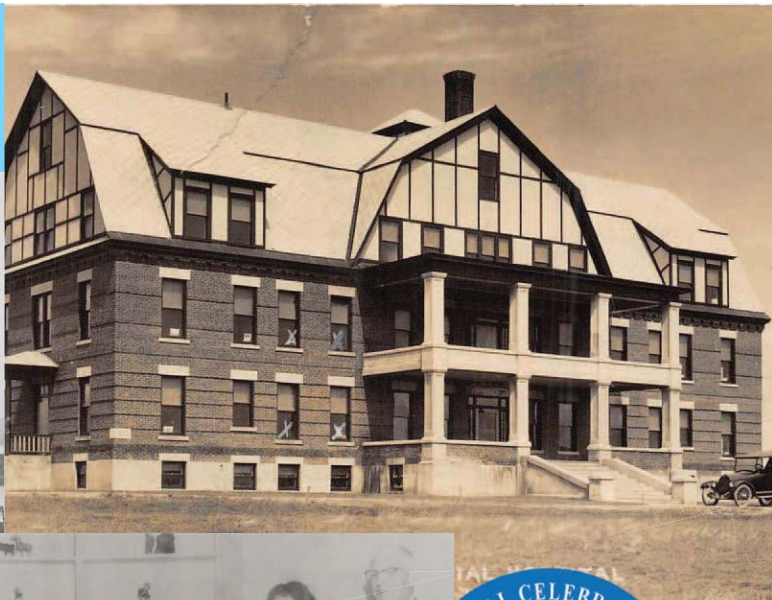
Super Litt

Littleton players including starting guard Jasmine Brown, center, celebrate after the No. 1 Crusaders beat No. 3 Hinsdale 42-31 in the Division IV championship at Plymouth State University's Foley Gym on Friday, March 1, 2019.

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FAB FIVE

Members of the St. J Academy girls track and field celebrate their fifth consecutive Division I track and field title on Saturday, June 1, at Burlington High School. The Hilltoppers become the second D-I squad to record five titles in five years. (Photo by Paul Hayes)



THE RECORD'S 2018-19 CHAMPIONSHIP MOMENTS

What a season. There were so many top moments to look back on we had to trim our yearbook to just the championship moments, and that excludes the handfuls of individual championships during 2018-19. Let's take a look back on the high school season that was:

STILL SPARTA

June 8

MANCHESTER — Back-to-back-championships.

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However it's framed, the bottom line is that White Mountains Regional still rules in Division III baseball.

The sixth-seeded Spartans came from behind to upend fourth-seeded Hopkinton, 7-3, on Saturday at Manchester's Northeast Delta Dental Stadium and hold on to the D-III title.

"I told the boys, they could be one of the best teams along with the 1987 team or they could be THE best baseball team WMR high school ever had," said coach Ben Hicks. "Back-

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STILL SPARTA

Senior Riley Corrigan grins after reaching second in the Division III championship as sixth-seeded White Mountains Regional topped No. 4 Hopkinton 7-3 to win its second straight title at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester on Saturday, June 8, 2019. (Photo by Michael Beniash)





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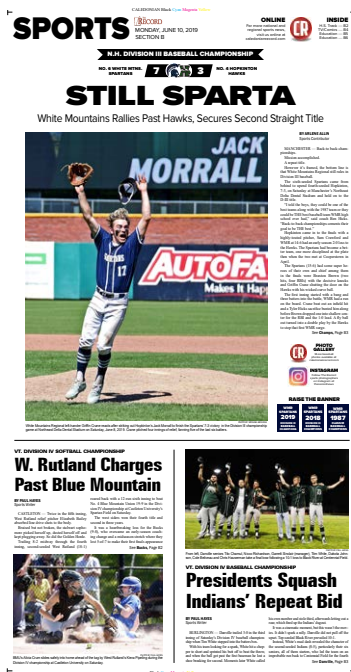
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to-back championships cements their goal to be THE best.”

Hopkinton came in to the finals with a highly-touted pitcher, Sam Crawford and WMR at 14-6 had an early season 2-0 loss to the Hawks. The Spartans had become a better team, one more disciplined at the plate then when the two met at Cooperstown in April.

The Spartans (15-6) had some super heroes of their own and chief among them in the finals were Braxton Brown (two hits, four RBIs) with the decisive knocks and Griffin Crane shutting the door on the Hawks with his wicked curveball.



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The St. Johnsbury Academy girls cemented their

track and field dynasty by securing a fifth straight Division I championship at Burlington High School on Saturday.

Sisters Jen and Lia Rot-

ti led the way. Together they won three events (Jen in 300-meter hurdles, Lia in javelin and pole vault) and scored 60 points as the Hilltoppers beat runners-up

Champlain Valley, 142-107.

The St. J girls become the second D-I squad to record five-titles-in-five-years. The other is Essex, which had streaks of 12 (1985-1997) and six (2005-2010).

“We’ve done something no one else, outside of Essex, has done,” said SJA head coach Chip Langmaid. “If you put together a great group of kids and a great group of coaches, that’s what happens.”

The difference was depth. The Rottis won St. J’s only individual crowns, but the team collected 14 second- and third-place finishes, and had 18 athletes score points, including members of all three relays.

It reflects the team’s shared focus and determination, from top to bottom, Langmaid said.

“The kids went after it, they were aggressive and they performed,” Langmaid

said. “It’s hard to do. This is a sport where every event is the last shot in basketball. Every event is that key. You can’t let down.”

By winning five in a row, the Academy made a statement.

The athletes who laid the foundation for the program’s success are gone, but the Hilltoppers’ dominance continues, suggesting there is something greater — culture, tradition and high standards — which explain the green machine’s greatness.

“To be honest we sometimes put impossible expectations on them, following the people they are following,” said Langmaid. “Everybody in town, everybody at school just expects us to win [but] it takes a tremendous amount of work and a huge amount of effort. It’s hard.”

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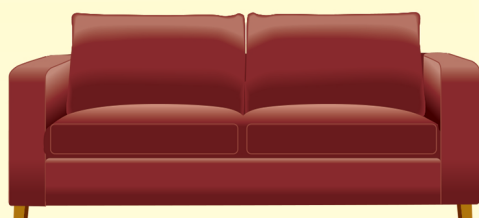


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THE RECORD'S 2019 SOFTBALL

DREAM DOZEN



COLBY ZAUN

Lyndon, Sr., C

One of the top backstops in the state with a rifle right arm, Zaun was an important piece for Lyndon, which rolled to an undefeated regular season and a spot in the Division I final four. Committing just one error defensively, the senior leader batted .529 with a .615 OBP, 37 hits, 33 RBIs, eight home runs, eight triples and five doubles.

KOREY CHAMPNEY

North Country, Soph., 3B

Just a sophomore, Champney was the Falcons' best offensive player. Playing the hot corner for the first time, she was an All-Metro second-team third baseman, batting .528 with a .925 slugging percentage that included a 15-game hitting streak. She belted three home runs, two in a comeback win over CVU, and finished the season with 28 hits and 18 RBIs.

ARIEL SWITSER

Lyndon, Sr., SS/1B

The Record's Softball Player of the Year had a monster offensive season for the Vikings, who ran the table in the regular season and made a run to the Division I semifinals. A versatile infielder who played shortstop and first base, Switser batted a whopping .643 with a .740 OBP. The powerful cleanup hitter, had three home runs, nine triples and nine doubles among her 36 hits. She had 37 RBIs with eight walks and fanned just five times.

HAILE HICKS

White Mountains, Jr., P

One of the premier pitchers in the Granite State and a finalist for our Player of the Year award, the Division III All-State first-teamer went 11-3 with a 0.86 ERA and a whopping 190 strikeouts in 81 innings. She was also a force in the cleanup spot for White Mountains, hitting .449 with a .632 OBP, four home runs, 22 hits, 18 runs and team-leading 28 RBIs. She struck out only twice all season.

MADISEN DUMONT

Littleton, Sr., P/SS

A key cog for the resurgent Crusaders, Dumont brought the power in the middle of Littleton's high-scoring offense. An All-State first-team selection and a Granite State Conference North choice, she collected a .767 batting average while belting a school-record seven home runs and driving in 41. The ace in the circle, she guided LHS to a spot in the D-IV quarterfinals with 87 strikeouts in 63 innings.

LAURYN ALLEY

Blue Mountain, Jr., C

Dependable behind the plate, the junior catcher and cleanup hitter was a force in helping guide the Bucks to an upset win over top-seeded Danville in the semifinals and a berth in the Division IV state final. The Central Vermont All-League selection batted .622 with 11 doubles and 29 runs.



HOPE DRAKE DUVAL

Profile, Sr., SS

A finalist for our Player of the Year award, Drake Duval was the Granite State Conference North Player of the Year and a first-team All-State choice. She batted .754 with .837 OBP and a slugging percentage of 1.574. She belted 11 home runs, had 49 RBIs, 43 runs, 15 doubles, 12 stolen bases and 96 total bases. She also drew 23 walks, 10 intentional, and only fanned four times in leading Profile to the Division IV final four.

EMILY PREST

Woodsville, Soph., 3B

Prest set the tone from the lead-off spot, her speed and willingness to bunt providing huge upside to the potent Woodsville offense. Only a sophomore, but a tremendous leader, Prest batted .562 with 41 hits, seven doubles, a pair of homers, 20 RBIs, 41 runs and 25 stolen bases. She also had a .609 on-base percentage and a .767 slugging percentage for the Engineers, who reached the Division IV semifinals.

SALEENA PORTER

St. Johnsbury, Sr., C

The second-team All-Metro catcher was a major asset for the Division I Hilltoppers. She committed just one error behind the plate and batted at the heart of the St. Johnsbury lineup. She hit .428 with a .796 slugging percentage, collecting four homers, including a grand slam to dead center, four doubles, a triple, 15 RBIs and 19 runs.

KELLEIGH SIMPSON

Lyndon, Soph., P

The Vikings' hard-throwing ace finished the season unbeaten at 10-0, allowing just 12 runs in 53 innings with 94 strikeouts and leading Lyndon to an unbeaten regular season and a spot in the Division I final four. While not committing an error on 15 putouts, she also wielded a strong bat, hitting .444 with a .587 OBP, a homer, a triple and double with 16 RBIs.

HAILEY POTHIER

North Country, Soph., SS

A standout sophomore, Pothier switched from catcher to shortstop and became a first-team All-Metro selection there (she turned two double plays late in the season). She batted .516 with an .887 slugging percentage, leading the team with 32 hits, 22 RBIs and 22 runs scored. She finished with four opposite-field HRs, including three inside-the-parkers against Burlington.

MADISON BEAN

White Mountains, Sr., OF

A standout defender with great range in the outfield, the New Hampshire Division III All-State first-team choice batted .483 for the quarterfinalist Spartans. A speedster with great bunting and slap-hit ability, she was the table-setter at the top of the lineup, finishing with a .666 on-base percentage, 29 hits, 36 runs, 11 walks, four RBIs and only two strikeouts.

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THE RECORD'S 2019 BASEBALL DREAM DOZEN



JAKE CADY

St. Johnsbury, Sr., SS

The first-team All-Metro shortstop had a standout offensive season, making him a finalist for our Player of the Year honor. The sweet-swinging Cady batted .412 with a .500 OBP and .672 slugging percentage. He had a pair of homers and 12 doubles among his 28 hits, while drawing eight walks and driving home 17 for SJA, which reached the Division I quarterfinals.

BRAXTON BROWN

White Mountains, Sr., CF/P

The right-handed power pitcher with a big bat was a finalist for our Player of the Year honors and a Division III All-State second choice. Headed to Plymouth State, Brown batted .357 with 25 hits and 21 runs, a team-leading 30 RBIs and five home runs for the Spartans, who won their second straight title. He went 5-1 on the bump with a 3.44 ERA, fanning 59 in 34 innings.

TYLER WELLS

St. Johnsbury, Sr., P

The hard-throwing right-hander, committed to play baseball at Division II University of New Haven, was the ace for St. Johnsbury, which reached the Division I quarterfinals. The All-Metro first-team pitcher logged a 6-2 record with a 2.63 ERA, fanning 42 batters in 56 innings. He contributed 17 walks, 18 runs and eight RBIs on offense.

GRIFFIN CRANE

White Mountains, Sr., 1B/P

Crane, our two-time POY, stepped up when WMR needed him most. Battling through an elbow injury, the All-State pick finished with four wins, 61 Ks and a 1.98 ERA, and batted .353 with four homers, 21 RBIs and 29 runs from the leadoff spot. Crane was magnificent in the postseason. He pitched a complete-game gem as WMR upset Gilford in the semis and earned the win in relief in the title game as the Spartans repeated as D-III champions.

TIM WHITE

Danville, Sr., C

All grit, heart and hustle, White was the epitome of Danville baseball, leading the team in all offensive categories but OBP and guiding the Indians to their fourth consecutive Division IV state final. The All-Mountain first-team selection had five doubles, two triples and a homer among his 23 hits, adding 10 steals, 24 runs, 23 RBIs to go along with a .469 average and a .571 OBP.

ZACH MOORE

Woodsville, Sr., P

The Granite State North Conference Player of the Year and a Division IV All-State first-teamer, the right-hander went 8-0 on the hill with a 0.95 ERA and 58 strikeouts, leading Woodsville to its first final four in over three decades. He batted .478 with 15 walks and a .607 OBP. He also had six doubles among his 22 hits with 17 RBIs and 19 runs.



PARKER PERRON

Lake Region, Jr., C

Perron made the tough switch from shortstop to catcher and thrived for the Division II Rangers. A captain and team leader, Perron threw out nine runners attempting to steal and batted .378 with a .520 OBP, one homer, six doubles, 15 RBIs and 15 stolen bases en route to earning first-team All-Capital Division honors.

JARED CUSHING

Blue Mountain, Sr., P/SS

A gamer on the hill and a heavy contributor with the bat, the Husson University-bound Cushing was named a Central Vermont All-League selection. Tossing a team-leading 33 innings, the high-IQ pitcher delivered a 1.91 ERA, with 22 strikeouts and just seven walks. Batting in third spot, Cushing hit .385 with a .439 OBP, eight doubles and 18 RBIs.

TYLER HICKS

White Mountains, Fr., 3B

The Division III All-State second-teamer made a huge impact in his first year of varsity ball, batting a team-leading .516 with 32 hits and 23 runs, along with four home runs, 15 walks and 23 RBIs. He was just as good on the mound, with a 3-1 record, two saves, 2.75 ERA and 31 strikeouts in 19 2/3 innings as WMR won its second straight D-III title.

TITO CHAMUL

Danville, Sr., 1B/P

Chamul filled some big shoes as Danville made a run at a second straight Division IV championship. An All-Mountain first-team choice, he batted .425 with a .596 OBP with 18 runs and 18 RBIs, walked 14 times and fanned just five. Stepping into a lead pitching role, Chamul went 4-1 with four complete games, 36 strikeouts and a 3.60 ERA.

LOGAN WENDELL

St. Johnsbury, Jr., 2B

Providing speed and consistency at the top of the lineup and stellar defense at second base (.943 fielding percentage), Wendell earned a spot on the first-team All-Metro squad. Wendell batted .377 with a .529 on-base percentage, collecting 23 hits (two doubles and a triple), 21 runs, 16 walks, five steals and five RBIs for the Division I quarterfinalist Hilltoppers.

DREW DUDAS

Lyndon, Sr., SS

A dynamic leadoff hitter and stout shortstop, the senior landed on the All-Capital first-team for the 10-win Vikings. He batted .422 with a home run, four triples, a double, 16 runs and 16 RBIs. A threat on the basepaths, he stole 20 bags and earned 11 walks. He also threw 27 innings with a 3-2 record in a reserve role on the bump.

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Woodsville head coach Brent Cox, center, awards a game ball following the Engineers' 8-2 home win over Littleton on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

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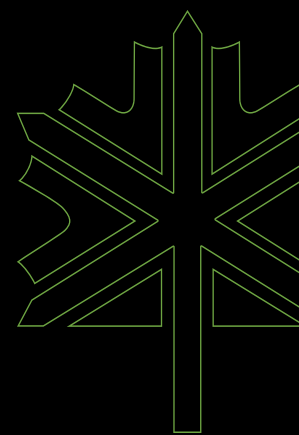


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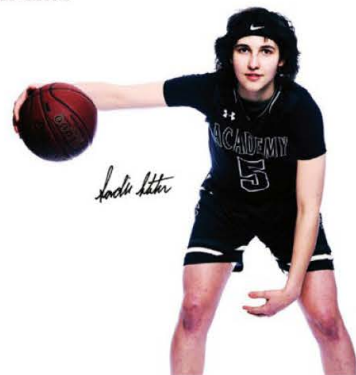
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SLAMMIN' May 25

BURLINGTON — A comeback paved the way to St. Johnsbury's first doubles title in high school boys tennis.

A 7-6 tiebreaking third set in the singles championship made it a clean sweep.

St. Johnsbury Academy capped only the fourth ever sweep of the high school boys tennis singles and doubles state championships behind gritty performances from Mate Koszo, Takahiro Matsumoto and Owen Pakseubzin at Leddy Park on Saturday afternoon.

Koszo, a native of Hungary, captured the Hilltoppers' second individual crown — the first since Eric Martel prevailed in 1991. Matsumoto and Pakseubzin's victory earlier in the day meant Koszo's win secured the



TOP OF THE WORLD — Alex Carlisle (13), Brian Lamar and the rest of the St. J Academy Hilltoppers celebrate after beating Rutland 54-50 in the Division I championship at Patrick Gymnasium on Sunday, March 17, 2019. Carlisle finished with 24 points. (Photo by Michael Beniash)

rare team sweep.

Stowe won the singles and doubles tournaments in 2008 and 2009. South

Burlington was the first to accomplish the feat in 2001.

Koszo, the No. 4 seed, knocked off top-seeded Sam

Walker of South Burlington 6-1, 7-5 in the morning semifinal. In the afternoon, he rallied to squeak out a

3-6, 6-4, 7-6 championship against Champlain Valley's Josh Ashooh.

In the doubles bracket, Matsumoto and Pakseubzin prevailed against Essex's Dominic Minedeo and Tyler Routhier 6-0, 7-6 in their semifinal. Essex's other pair, David Knickerbocker and Eli Pay, advanced to meet the Hilltopper duo after upsetting top-seeded Ryan Anderson and Michael Cafiero of South Burlington 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

In their championship showdown, Matsumoto and Pakseubzin bounced back from a 4-6 loss in the first set to carry the final two 6-4, 6-3 for top honors.

TOP OF THE WORLD March 17

BURLINGTON — Special.

The word was thrown around plenty in the joyous aftermath of St. Johnsbury Academy's 54-50 triumph over Rutland in Sunday's

Division I boys basketball championship.

Alex Carlisle was certainly that on St. Patrick's Day at University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium.

The senior guard delivered a quintessentially special performance in his final high school game, finishing with 24 points to lead the Hilltoppers to their first state title since 1997.

It was the most points in a D-I final since Mt. Mansfield's Matt Glass poured in 27 in 2005.

"He just proved he's a special player," said fourth-year SJA head coach David McGinn. "Big players step up in the biggest games."

Fourteen of Carlisle's points came in a scintillating third quarter — finishing at the rim and from distance — to keep St. J within striking distance of the Raiders, who were vying for their third consecutive championship.

"That's what he's capable

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of,” said teammate Logan Wendell, who finished with eights points (6 of 8 at the foul line) and 10 rebounds. “He’s capable of playing like that on any given night and seeing him do it on the biggest stage is pretty special.”

Asom Hayman-Jones scored 12 points and hauled in nine rebounds for the Hilltoppers, who got key contributions up and down the starting five.

They pulled away in the fourth quarter to avenge last year’s semifinal drubbing to Rutland, grabbing their first championship in 22 years and joining the Academy girls in making it a Hilltopper hoops sweep.

It marks just the eighth time a school has swept the D-I boys and girls titles (and fourth different program — Rice 3x, Essex 2x, Mt. Anthony 2x).

In other words, a special ending to a special season.

“It’s hard to describe,” Wendell said. “I moved here in sixth grade and first teamed up with Nick [Guckin], then Alex. This is something we’ve dreamed about since then.”

DANVILLE DELIGHT March 16

BARRE — Danville’s man of Steele stole the show in the first half. Then Tito and Tim came up huge in the final eight minutes of their high school basketball careers.

Highlighted by those efforts — and combined by key contributions from several others — the Indians broke open a close game late to capture the Division IV state championship with a 57-44 win at Barre Auditorium on Saturday afternoon.

Junior point guard Ian Steele paced the Indians with 24 points, 17 in the first half. Seniors Tito Chamul and Tim White combined



DANVILLE DELIGHT — From left: Ian Steele, Dakota Johnson, Jacob Baesemann, Garrett Sinclair, Tito Chamul and the rest of the Danville Indians hoist the hardware following their 57-44 win over Poultney at Barre Auditorium on Saturday, March 16, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

for 16 points, 12 in the decisive fourth quarter.

“Ian’s our best player and he’s usually the best player in the gym,” said Chamul, who sat most of the first half with foul trouble before sparking a 8-2 run to start the fourth quarter with four points and two assists.

Then White, who had two points in the first half, scored the next six points for the top-seeded (18-6) Indians pushing the lead to 53-44 with 1:45 to play.

“Tim and I, we have been here four straight years,” said Chamul. “We lost in the semis the first two times and lost in the finals last year. But this was our year.



NEVA BETTER — From left, seniors Saleena Porter, Neva Bostic, Sadie Stetson and junior Josie Choiniere react after No. 2 St. Johnsbury Academy beat No. 1 Champlain Valley Union, 42-35, in the Division I girls basketball championship at UVM’s Patrick Gym on Sunday, March 10, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

All of us seniors wanted to win and we did. It’s a great feeling.”

NEVA BETTER March 10

BURLINGTON — Coming out of halftime tied at 17, St. J Academy needed a spark in the Division I girls’ basketball championship.

Enter Neva Bostic.

The senior sharpshooter canned three 3s, including a four-point play to kickstart a pivotal run in the third quarter, and the second-seeded Hilltoppers went on to a 42-35 victory over top-seeded and unbeaten Champlain Valley Union on Sunday

at University of Vermont’s Patrick Gymnasium.

“I was just open,” Bostic said. “I shoot when I’m open.”

“She came out firing away in the third and that’s

exactly what we needed,” said teammate Sadie Stetson. “It got us the momentum, got us all fired up and we just carried that the rest of the game.”

St. J outscored the Redhawks 14-2 in the third quarter, then held off CVU to avenge its lone two losses of the regular season and become back-to-back state champions.

“This is one is pretty special. Two in a row. Two in a row against CVU,” said 25th year SJA coach Jack Driscoll, who now own three state titles. “To get it for our three seniors makes it even more special.

“They had the feeling coming in here today that they could have a strong performance and come out on top. They are confident in their abilities, they trust each other and that showed on the floor today.”

Josie Choiniere led St. J with 13 points, including hitting 8 of 9 foul shots. Bostic

finished with 10 points and Stetson, named the Vermont Gatorade girls player of the year for a third straight season on Friday, had 12 points, five boards and three assists for St. J, which brings home its seventh title overall and third since 2010.

“It feels so good,” said senior Saleena Porter. “We came out and we all worked together. We finally found the chemistry we were looking for all season.”

SUPER LITT March 1

HOLDERNESS — Mission complete.

The top-seeded and unbeaten Littleton girls dethroned third-seeded Hinsdale 42-31 to claim the Division IV crown on Friday for the first time in seven years.

Crusader coach Dale Prior described his team with a quote that a “champion was once a contender that

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LETTY HILL
Hazen, Sr., G

The steady senior guard was a major presence for the Wildcats, who went 19-1 in the regular season and earned the top seed in the Division III tournament. The Mountain League most valuable player was a standout facilitator with strong ballhandling skills, vision and IQ. She averaged 10.6 points and 3.2 assists while shooting 51 percent from the floor in being named a Mountain League first-teamer and VBCA senior all-star.

OLIVIA SARKIS
Woodsville, Soph., F

The 5-foot-8 forward, dubbed "Hammerhead Sark" in Woodsville for her toughness, averaged 14.3 points and 9.7 rebounds per game in helping guide the youthful Engineers to their second straight appearance in the Division IV final four. A physical presence with a great motor, Woodsville's most valuable player also grabbed a spot on the D-IV All-State first team and was a Granite State North selection.

SADIE STETSON
St. Johnsbury, Sr., G

One of the most talented hoopers to ever play in Vermont, the 5-foot-7 guard ends her spectacular career as The Record Player of the Year, Gatorade Vt. Player of the Year, VBCA Player of the Year, Metro Player of the Year and back-to-back Division I state champion. The 1,000-point career scorer, headed to play at D-I American University in the fall, averaged 16.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.3 steals, and 3.3 assists per game in her final high school campaign.

CAMRYN HEATH
Lyndon, Sr., F

Playing with a dogged determination on both ends of the floor, the senior forward, who spent time playing at numerous positions, earned roster spots in the VBCA senior all-star games and on the All-Capital second team in her final season with the Vikings. A standout on defense and on the glass, Heath averaged 8.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, 4.0 steals and 8.0 defensive deflections per contest. Her coach Ben Arsenaault says: "She works harder than her opponents, period."

NEVA BOSTIC
St. Johnsbury, Sr., G

A tenacious defender and premier 3-point shooter, the senior guard earned spots on the Metro Division first team and VBCA senior all-star roster. Bostic finished her final season averaging 8.6 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.2 assists, and 1.0 steals per game for two-time state champ SJA. She played her best hoop in the playoffs, hitting 15 three-pointers in four playoff wins, including splashing three 3s that helped swing the state final in the Hilltoppers' favor.

LAURYN ALLEY
Blue Mountain, Jr., F

The 5-foot-8 junior forward was a double-double machine for the Bucks, who marched to their second straight Division IV state final. Physical and relentless around the rim, the Central Vermont All-League first-teamer and VBCA Dream Dozen pick led Blue Mountain in scoring, rebounds and assists, ending her season averaging 16.7 points, 8.7 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.5 steals per game.



JOSIE CHOINIÈRE
St. Johnsbury, Jr., G

A dynamic and heady combo guard with deft shooting touch from deep, a smooth floater, great court vision and passing ability, the 5-foot-8 junior was named to the Metro Division first team and VBCA Dream Dozen. Choiniere packed the stat sheet nightly, averaging 13.3 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.5 assists, and 2.1 steals per game in helping lead the Hilltoppers to their second consecutive Division I

LANEY HADLOCK
Littleton, Sr., F

The skilled 5-foot-9 forward had a phenomenal senior season, scoring from an array of spots and finishing her career averaging 14.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.0 blocks per game. The N.H. Division IV Player of the Year, Granite State North Player of the Year and All-State first-teamer, who eclipsed the 1,000-point scoring milestone, led Littleton to an unbeaten season and the program's first state

TIA MARTINEZ
Lake Region, Soph., G

The quick and fearless point guard with great handles and a great stroke from distance, Martinez concluded her sophomore campaign averaging 14.3 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.1 assists, and 1.4 steals per game. An intense competitor, she led the Rangers in scoring en route to being named Capital Division Player of the Year, earning a spot on the VBCA Dream Dozen and fueling Lake Region to a berth in the Division II

SAMANTHA HOWE
Colebrook, Soph., F

The 5-foot-10 sophomore was a force offensively and defensively for the youthful Mohawks, who made a run to the Division IV final four. Labeled by her coach Steve Cass as a big-time rebounder and defensive leader, Howe averaged 17.4 points, 11.2 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.9 steals per game while shooting a team-best 42 percent from the floor. She was rewarded with spots on the Granite State North squad and the

JASMINE BROWN
Littleton, Jr., G

A great creator and facilitator on offense, the 5-foot-4 guard was a main cog for Littleton in the Crusaders' unbeaten run to its first Division IV championship since 2012. One of the North Country's top guards and shooters, with the ability to break down her defender, Brown averaged 10 points and 4.0 assists per game while snagging spots on the Granite State North team and the Division IV

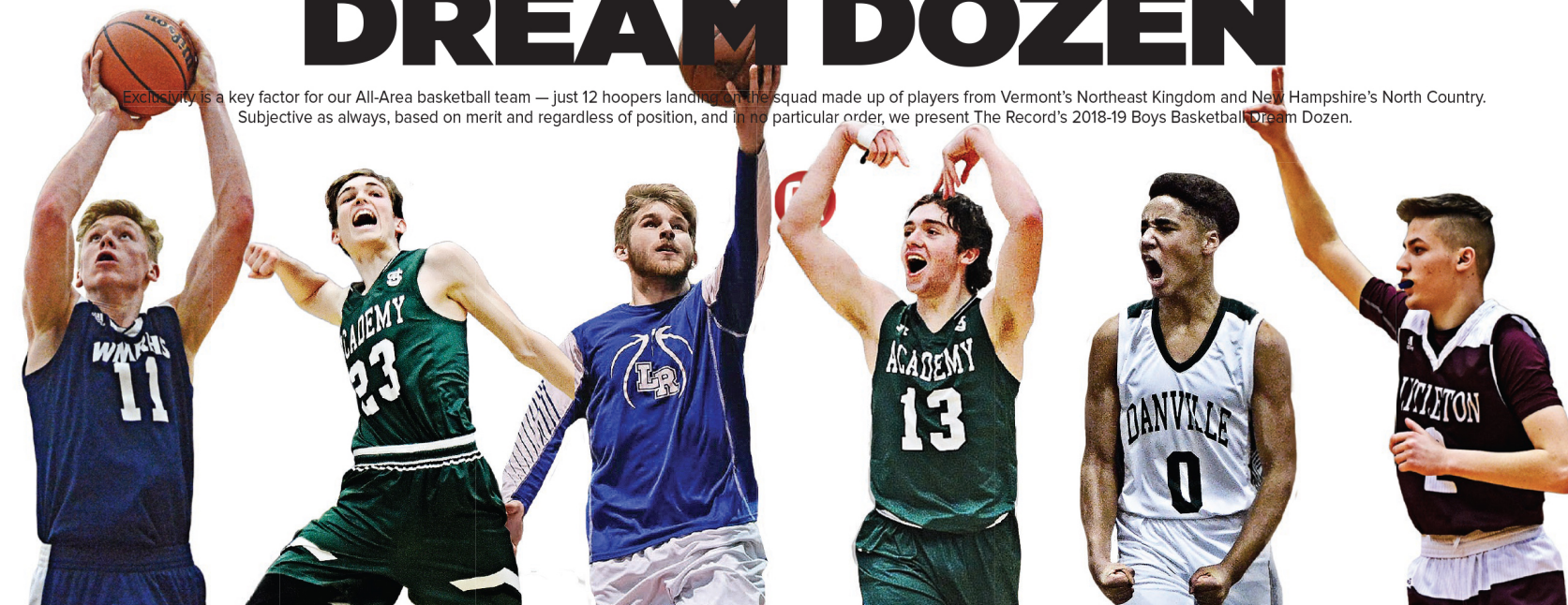
MCKENNA MARSH
North Country, Soph., G

Marsh stepped up big-time in her sophomore season, becoming North Country's main scoring threat while staying relentless in her pursuit of loose balls. She averaged 11 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.1 steals and 1.7 assists per contest in powering the Falcons to the Division I quarterfinals. For her efforts, the smooth-shooting Marsh landed on the All-Lake Division first team and the VBCA

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ZEKE PRIBBERNOW
White Mountains, Sr., F

The Spartans' big man was one of the top forwards in New Hampshire's Division III, helping lead WMR to a spot in the state quarterfinals. With good footwork and strength in the paint and a tenacious appetite on the glass, the 6-foot-5 Pribbernow averaged 18.7 points, 10.4 rebounds and 2.0 blocks per game in earning a spot on the Division III All-State second team. Pribbernow was named the MVP of the N.H. East-West D-III/IV senior All-Star game.

LOGAN WENDELL
St. Johnsbury, Jr., G

The 5-foot-11 point guard with a sweet stroke and an ability to get to the rim, the All-Metro second-team choice and VBCA Dream Dozen pick averaged 16.1 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.1 assists. The team's second-leading scorer, Wendell was clutch from the foul line (80.5%), shot 38% from the field and averaged 30 minutes a game for the Hilltoppers, who claimed their first Division I championship since 1997.

DREW DRAGESET
Lake Region, Sr., F

The sturdy, skilled 6-foot-3-inch forward was a force in the paint for the Rangers, who made a run to the Division II championship game (he scored 19 points in the state final, 15 coming from the foul line). A double-double machine and a wrecking ball in the paint, Drageset averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds, was named an All-Capital first-teamer and was a VBCA senior all-star.

ALEX CARLISLE
St. Johnsbury, Sr., G

The two-time Record Player of the Year elevated his game this winter, leading St. J to its first state title since 1997 (hit the game-winner in the semi-finals and carried SJA with 24 points in the final). The 6-foot guard was the team leader in minutes (31.0), scoring (19.3) and assists (4.2) while averaging 5.5 rebounds and shooting 48.6% from the floor. Carlisle, a 1,000-point scorer, was also named Metro Player of the Year, an All-Metro first-teamer and a VBCA senior All-Star.

IAN STEELE
Danville, Jr., G

The talented, electric 6-foot guard averaged 22.8 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.5 assists in leading the Indians to the Division IV championship, the program's first since 2014. A deft shooter from distance, Steele's penetration and vision were reasons he was named Mountain Division Player of the Year (also All-Mountain first team) and earned a VBCA Dream Dozen nod. Surpassing 1,000 career points this winter, Steele also shot over 50% from the field and 88% from the foul line.

PARKER BRIGGS
Littleton, Jr., G

A pure scorer and one of the premier shooters in the North Country, the 6-foot Briggs averaged 18.0 points, 4.0 assists and 3.0 steals per game for the Crusaders. When teammate and star forward Danny Kubkowski went down with a knee injury, Briggs elevated his game (29 points in the QFs and 11 points, five steals in the semis) as Littleton reached the state final. He was rewarded with spots on the Division IV All-State and Granite State North teams.



DERRICK BREAUT
North Country, Sr., G

Breaut was the engine of the upstart Falcons, who reached the Division I quarterfinals for the first time since 2008. Athletic and attacking, the senior 5-foot-9 guard averaged 8.0 points, 4.0 assists and 2.0 steals, despite drawing significant attention from opposing defenses (scored a game-high 23 in No. 13 NC's 61-50 upset of No. 4 Middlebury). "He steered the ship," said NCU coach John Gunn. "If he played well, we played well."

ASOM HAYMAN-JONES
St. Johnsbury, Jr., F

The 6-foot-4, 245-pound strongman was a critical cog for the Hilltoppers, who ran the table in the postseason en route to their first championship since 1997. One of the premier defenders and rebounders in Vermont, Hayman-Jones had a big role in the Hilltoppers' title run, limiting Rutland star Jamison Evans to 5 of 20 shooting in the state finals. The junior finished the year averaging 71 points, 8.6 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game while shooting 56.3% from the field.

DANNY KUBKOWSKI
Littleton, Jr., F

The top player in the North Country, the athletic 6-foot-1 forward was the Granite State North Player of the Year, the Division IV POY runner-up and an All-State first-teamer, even though a knee injury on the eve of the state quarterfinals ended his season. Surpassing 1,000 points as a junior, Kubkowski averaged 21.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game, while shooting 57% from two, 41% from 3 and over 70% at the foul line.

ISAIAH BAKER
Hazen, Soph., G

The stat-stuffing, smooth-shooting 5-foot-9 guard averaged 19.6 points, 5.2 rebounds, 3.8 steals and 2.5 assists per game, all team-highs. He also shot 41 percent from the field and 88 percent at the charity stripe in leading the Wildcats to the Division III final four. Just a sophomore, Baker was Mountain Division first-team choice and earned VBCA Dream Dozen honors for a second straight season.

BILLY GREEN
Woodsville, Sr., F

Tenacious and hard-working, Green was a complete player this season, averaging 15.6 points per game, 8.0 rebounds per game, 2.0 assists, 2.0 steals per game. Transforming himself from a spot-up shooter to a slasher-and-rebounder, the 6-foot-1 forward led the Engineers on a 12-game win streak, ending with a final four berth. He was named to the Division IV All-State first team and was a Granite State North selection.

DYLAN YOUNG
Lyndon, Sr., G

The four-year starter had a heavy hand in the Vikings' successes this season. A 5-foot-7 point guard, Young paced the Vikings in points (12.0), assists (4.0), assist-to-turnover ratio, charges drawn, free throws and 3s made while being tasked with guarding the opposing team's best offensive player. He finishes his Lyndon career as a VBCA senior All-Star and a second-team All-Capital player.

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refused to give up.”

“It’s tough to go undefeated,” Prior said. “We stayed a family and all 15 girls bought into what we were trying to do. Hard work paid off.”

It was a rematch of last year’s championship game which Hinsdale won, 32-30. The Crusaders kept the feeling of that loss in mind and went back to work this season to get back to the finals again.

During the regular season, Littleton had beaten Hinsdale in a holiday tournament (44-30, Dec. 28), which did not count towards either team’s regular-season record. Despite that win, the Crusaders knew the finals would be tough.

The championship was close until the last two minutes when Gabbie Leavitt struck three times on feeds



SUPER LITT — Players for No. 1 Littleton storm the court after beating No. 3 Hinsdale 42-31 in the Division IV championship at Plymouth State University’s Foley Gym on Friday, March 1, 2019. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

from Lexi Walker for the seven-point lead, 37-30. Laney Hadlock converted a layup and foul shot and Leavitt inbounded the ball to Maddie Dumont to seal the deal.

Prior explained what had appeared to be kill-the-clock mode in the fourth. “We weren’t trying to stall, we were trying to pull them out. We needed to open up that

middle to get to a three-possession lead. Gabbie is our fastest girl and she just took off.”

When it came to crunch time, Leavitt came up big and the Crusaders collected the D-IV crown. There was much delight in Crusader country.

“I’m so proud of these girls and happy for them. It’s good to beat a defending

champion. Seven years ago I got to experience a championship and now the girls have that experience too,” said Prior.

BURKE MOUNTAIN HIGH

March 5

EAST BURKE — Day one was all about speed.

St. Johnsbury went for broke in Monday’s giant

slalom, had four in the top 20, and jumped out to a 36-point lead.

So on day two, the Hilltoppers played it safe.

St. J tapped the brakes in Tuesday’s slalom, had five of six skiers lay down mistake free runs, and cruised to a second straight Vermont boys state crown, beating runner-up Stowe 101-148.

“We didn’t need a heroic run today,” said SJA head coach Patrick Anderson. “We played it smart and didn’t take chances.”

Tommy Zschau set the tone for the Hilltoppers, skiing to a seventh-place finish in a combined time of 1 minute, 25.81 seconds.

He was followed by teammates Cody Van Dine (17th), Leo Desrochers (21st) and Camdyn Meigs (22nd).

For Zschau, a sophomore who stepped into St. J’s leading role this season, repeating as state champs on the Academy’s home hill

was a magical experience.

“It feels awesome,” he said.

Despite losing two key seniors from last year, Rian Fried and Ben Bangs, the Academy returned this year with plenty of talent including sophomores Zschau, Van Dine and Gavin Bangs, juniors Desrochers and Hugo Hong, and seniors Meigs and Adrian Burrington.

“Everybody brought it up a couple of notches from last year,” said coach Anderson. “Everybody was important. Everybody was working hard each practice.”

FIVE-TIME CHAMPS Feb. 16

BURLINGTON — The Rotti sisters, Jen and Lia, combined for 58 points as the St. Johnsbury Academy girls claimed their fifth straight Division I indoor track and field championship Saturday at the University of Vermont.

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The Academy sealed a half-decade of dominance by winning six events and beating runner-up Essex by 76.5 points.

Rebecca Green added two individual wins, in the 1,500 and 1,000 meters, and was part of two first-place relay teams, the 4x400 and 4x800, as the Hilltoppers became the first D-I girls program to win five consecutive indoor state titles.

It was a notable achievement because the team's championship core has completely changed since the start of the Hilltoppers' title run in 2015. In their place a new group has stepped up.

"Now you have a different cast of characters. We cycled through a group of superstars and still carried on. I think that part is significant," said SJA head coach



REIGN DANCE — From left, Haleigh Daft, Michaela Roy, Lilly Laufenberg, Natalie Cartwright and Alexis Duranleau hoist the championship trophy after No. 4 St. Johnsbury beats No. 2 Stowe 2-0 in the Division III field hockey championship at UVM's Moulton Winder Field on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018. (Photo by Paul Hayes)

Chip Langmaid, noting that past teams established a legacy and "these kid were able to continue it."

Meanwhile the St. J boys

fought hard but fell one point short of a three-peat, finishing second to Essex, 143-142.

"We knew it was going

to be really, really close," Langmaid said. "We had a great day. I don't know that we could have done much better."

PATS SWEEP, AGAIN FEB. 11

LINCOLN, N.H. — One point.

That was the winning margin as Profile School edged Lin-Wood, 745-744, in the Division IV girls alpine championship at Loon Mountain on Monday.

Led by freshman Madison McLaren (first in GS, third in slalom, 198 points), the Patriots captured their second straight D-IV title and 21st state championship overall.

It was a sweet sendoff for the Patriots two seniors, Sierra Price and Libby Hamilton. "Being a senior it makes me really happy," said Price. "It's amazing, just to hold the plaque and have everyone smiling around you as a team."

Profile led Lin-Wood 379-373 after the morning GS paced by McLaren (first, 64.8 seconds), Sophie Bell (second, 64.99), Price (seventh) and Annabelle Mullins (16th).

After lunch the Patriots got a scare, as the Lumberjacks rallied in the slalom, placing five in the top 15.

"It was nerve-wracking," Price said. "In slalom everyone was a little tentative. [Lin-Wood] was right behind us and that brought the pressure."

In the end, Profile held on, with Price (second) and McLaren (third) leading the way. Rounding out scoring for the Pats were Emme Bell (17th) and Mullins (19th). The top overall finisher in slalom was Sunapee's Ellie Frederick.

FEB. 14

BENNINGTON, N.H. — So little separated Profile from Lin-Wood on the ski hill that it was tantamount to the snow dust they left behind bombing down the slope.

It was that way on Thursday at Crooked Mountain, but at the end of the day, it was the Profile Patriots win-

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**HALEY HODGDON**

Profile, Sr., F

Hodgdon relied on the four S's — speed, skill, strength and shooting — to break down opposing defenses this season. A Granite State North and Division IV All-State first teamer, Hodgdon was the captain and leading scorer for the third-seeded Patriots. She was capable of scoring from anywhere on the field, with head coach Kevin Fraser saying, "She can take on defenders and consistently beat them with her speed, and she has a strong shot — the accuracy of her shot is her best asset."

OLIVIA SARKIS

Woodsville, Soph., F

A major offensive presence for the semifinalist Engineers, the sophomore finished with a team-high 19 goals and tied for team-high honors with eight assists. The Granite State North selection and Division IV All-State second-teamer possessed a powerful shot while playing fearless and aggressive, attacking soccer. "She had a great work ethic," said WHS coach Ann Loud. "She was completely dedicated and always trying to become a better player."

ADDY COOK

North Country, Jr., GK

Our Girls Soccer Player of the Year is the consummate goaltender. A Division I All-State and first-team All-Capital selection, Cook averaged 7.3 saves and posted six shutouts in 14 games. "She's a presence," said NCU head coach Jose Batista, pointing to Cook's technique, skill, athleticism, take-charge attitude, and vocal on-field leadership. "She makes the whole team better." Cook plans to play soccer next year at Shaddock St. Mary's High School in Minnesota.

ZEKIAH LEWIS

St. J Academy, Sr., D

A fierce, aggressive defender, the Bermudian made an impact in her second season with the Hilltoppers. Named a Division I All-State and All-Metro first-team defender for the second straight season, the rock on St. J's back line also added two goals and an assist. "Zekiah is a talented defender," said SJA coach Jeff Burroughs. "The best one-v-one defender I've seen in my eight years coaching girls."

LIZZIE BROWN

Hazen, Sr., F

Injured midway through the season, Brown kept posting healthy numbers. Coming from Craftsbury, Brown scored 20 goals and six assists for Hazen, earning Division III All-State honors. Technically sound, highly athletic, and possessing a mind for the game and great finishing ability, Hazen head coach Corey Maskell said "she has scored every type of goal imaginable." Playing with a sprained knee, she scored the game-winner in a first-round upset over BFA-Fairfax.

JEN ROTTI

St. J Academy, Sr., MF

A dynamic end-to-end midfielder with great shiftiness and ball skills, Rotti was a critical piece in the midfield. The senior finished with one goal, five assists and spots on the Division I All-State squad and All-Metro first team in her final season with the Hilltoppers. "She is just such an incredible player in terms of work rate and ability to support," SJA coach Jeff Burroughs said. "She never wants the spotlight but always is needed on the field."

**CASSANDRA PASTULA**

Danville, Sr., D

Voted captain by her teammates, the four-year senior sweeper was the anchor of the Indians' back line. An assertive presence, who was calm under pressure and read the game well, Pastula also added a goal on offense while delivering many of the team's direct kicks. She was rewarded with a Division IV All-State selection and a berth on the All-Mountain League first team.

LEXI WALKER

Littleton, Sr., D

Taking on a new role, Walker produced the same stellar results. Moved from midfield to sweeper, Walker anchored a Littleton defense that recorded seven shutouts and allowed just 1.3 goals per game. Aggressive and tactically sound, Walker was named a First-team Division IV All-State defender. "When's she's on the field she sets my mind at ease," said LHS coach Clinton Brown. "Her athletic ability, game-day work ethic and desire to win truly made it a joy for me to coach her."

HOPE DRAKE DUVAL

Profile, Sr., GK

For opposing offenses, there was no hope. Drake Duval was the stingiest goalie in Division IV this season, allowing five goals in 18 games for the third-seeded Patriots. The Division IV All-State first teamer and Granite State North selection was a strong, physical presence in net, with a big leg on clears, who posted 13 shutout wins, including a 3-0 playoff first-rounder over Lin-Wood. Profile head coach Kevin Fraser called her "a tremendous keeper" who has shown vast improvement in the past two years.

GRACE GIROUX

North Country, Jr., MF

No matter if she's swinging a pitching wedge or stepping onto the pitch, Giroux is a winner. A two-sport athlete in the fall, Giroux led North Country to the Division I girls' golf title (their fourth straight) and was the leading scorer for the Falcons' soccer squad, notching four goals and three assists. A relentless competitor and tireless worker, Giroux used her speed, skill and endurance to control possession and dominate the middle of the field, earning First-Team All-Capital honors.

MACKENZIE SCHERER

Colebrook, Jr., D

The diminutive defender has the heart of a lion. The Mohawks' defensive center midfielder, a Granite State North selection, was a key piece for a youthful Colebrook team that fought back from a 0-6 start to reach the playoffs. "She has great one-on-one skills, very aggressive and very physical," said CA coach Katie Parker. "She's 4-11, but plays like she's 6 feet. She battles and does a lot of the dirty work that others won't do."

LIA ROTTI

St. J Academy, Sr., F

The versatile senior has been a critical component to the Hilltoppers' rise in girls soccer over the past four seasons. While a leg injury cost her the final four games, including a playoff contest, the versatile, speedy forward finished with a seven goals and five assists. "She made the difference with pace and finishing," said SJA coach Jeff Burroughs. "I feel comfortable saying we might have turned two of the last three games around with her in those final games."

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JEB WENNRICH
Profile, Sr., D

The big, strong, heady Patriot not only was the team's defensive leader at center back, but the captain and four-year player also led Profile with double-digit goals in his final campaign. He was a second-team Division IV All-State, Granite State North pick and an alternate for this summer's Twin State soccer affair. "He was a solid player, a great leader," said Profile coach Brent Detamore. "You just knew he was going to make the right decision at the right time."

JACOB DEEM
Lisbon, Sr., GK

The 6-foot-2 goaltender was the glue in back for the Panthers. With five shutouts, the big, agile netminder was a Division IV All-State first-team choice and Granite State North selection. The best punter in Lisbon coach Les Poore's three decades of coaching, Deem even tallied a goal from one this season. "He kept us in games that could have easily had a different outcome. He got to so many balls that an average goalie would never get to."

PABLO GONZALEZ-ROTGER
St. Johnsbury, Sr., F

Last year a supporting actor, this year a star. When St. J graduated nine players from last year's finalists, our Boys Soccer Player of the Year stepped into the void, scoring a Metro-leading 18 goals and six assists to lead the Hilltoppers back to the Division I championship game. A native of Spain, Gonzalez-Rotger consistently found the back of the net with his skill, quickness and high soccer IQ, earning him Division I All-State and All-Metro first-team honors.

DERRICK BREAUT
North Country, Sr., D

A forward for three years in high school, Breaut was shifted to outside back for his senior season and he made the most of it. With great speed and tenacity, the senior was key in the Falcons' run to the No. 9 seed in Division I. The first-team All-Capital choice also contributed three goals, including the game-winner against rival Lake Region, and two assists. "We don't make the playoffs if he's not there," said NCU coach James McKenney.

JASON BRAMMER
Littleton, Sr., MF

Offensively and defensively, Brammer was crucial for the Crusaders. A All-State first-team selection, he was the cornerstone of a Littleton defense that allowed 12 goals in 19 games and recorded a dozen shutouts (including two in the playoffs). Possessing exceptional athleticism, Brammer tallied five goals on set pieces and added four assists for second-seeded Littleton, which reached the semifinals for a third consecutive year. A team captain, he also set the tone for the Crusaders.

ASOM HAYMAN-JONES
St. Johnsbury, Jr., GK

The physical 6-foot-4 goaltender was a menacing force in net for the Hilltoppers, who made a run to the Division I championship. Finishing with six shutouts and picked to the All-Metro second-team, Hayman-Jones controlled the box well, was a great distributor of the ball and had tremendous shot blocking ability. "He has some big games late in the season [including a season-defining performance vs. Essex in the semifinals]," said SJA coach Stephen Levesque.



SAJAN HARVEY
St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

One of two returning starters, Harvey was the heart of the Hilltoppers. Possessing breakaway speed and a deft touch, he could advance the ball in a flash and was the team's top distributor. He was instrumental in St. J scoring 3.2 goals per game (second highest in the division) and reaching the D-I finals for a second straight year. A Player of the Year finalist, Harvey had eight goals and 11 assists and was a Division I All-State and first-team All Metro selection.

LOGAN INGALLS
Lake Region, Soph., MF

The future is now. Just a sophomore, Ingalls stepped into a key role for the Rangers this season, helping the team make a surprise run to the Division II semifinals. "He sees the field, understands his responsibilities, consistently facilitates, controls the pace of play, sets the tone, and quality scoring opportunities seem to run through him," LR coach Malcolm Cheney said. Ingalls had a team-high eight goals and eight assists, earning first-team All-Capital honors.

OMARI BAIN
Lyndon, Soph., F

Just scratching his potential, Bain is already turning heads. A dorm student from the Bahamas, he displayed a full set of scoring tools in his second year with the Vikings. "He has phenomenal breakaway speed, a desire to take guys one on one, and accuracy and power on the shot," said LI head coach Dick McCarthy. A team captain, Bain led Lyndon with 18 goals and four assists and was a Division I All-State and first-team All-Capital selection.

DANNY KUBKOWSKI
Littleton, Jr., F

Just a junior, Kubkowski has developed into the most lethal scorer in Division IV. The Granite State North Player of the Year and first-team All-State selection amassed 38 goals and five assists for the second-seeded Crusaders, who won 17 games and reached the semifinals for a third consecutive season. A team captain, Kubkowski cleared the 100-point milestone and finished the season with 108 career points.

SILAS SOUTHWORTH
White Mountains, Sr., MF

The senior center midfielder was White Mountains Regional's main ball distributor and controlled pace of play for the Spartans. A student of the game, skilled on the ball and possessing great vision, Southworth finished with nine goals and 11 assists for 10-win White Mountains, which earned the No. 9 seed in Division III and scored a first-round upset of No. 8 Derryfield.

FREDDY LARSEN
Hazen, Sr., D

Tough and physical, Larsen anchored the Wildcats defense. His uncanny ability to make stops, and his relentless patrolling of the goal area helped Hazen limit opponents to under two goals per game, with five shutouts. Providing steady on-field leadership, Larsen set the table for his team's front line. He could launch a 50-yard free kick with accuracy, or methodically advance the ball upfield, feeding a Wildcats offense that averaged nearly 3.0 goals per contest. A Division III All-State selection, he also had five goals and two assists.

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ning their third straight Division IV boys alpine title, and 19th overall. They needed every good performance that they got, as they outscored the Lumberjacks by a mere 5.5 points.

The Patriots edged Lin-Wood by five points in slalom; by one point, Lin-Wood turned the tables on Profile in the GS, and when totaled up, it was the Patriots who came away with the narrow victory.

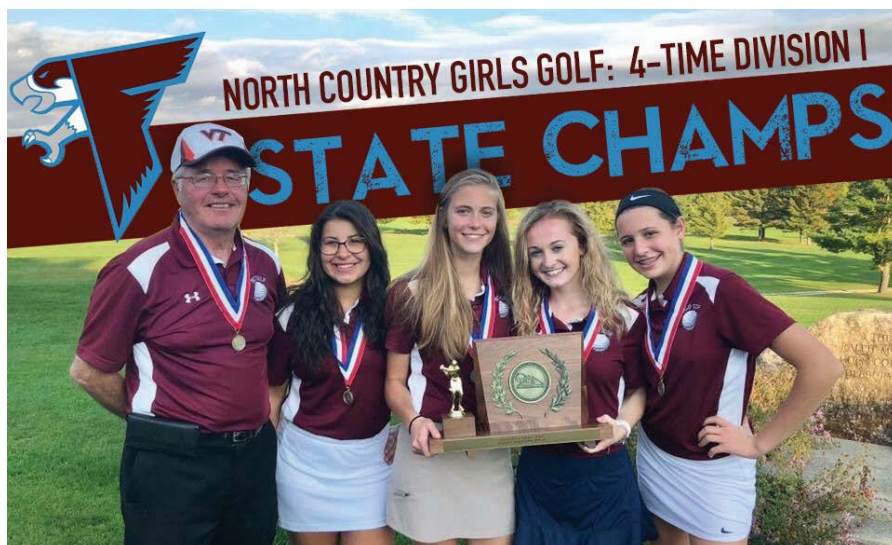
REIGN DANCE

Nov. 3

BURLINGTON — The conditions were horrific.

The outcome was historic.

Fourth-seeded St. Johnsbury Academy braved steady rain, gusting winds and 40-degree temperatures and beat No. 2 Stowe 2-0 in the Division III championship at UVM's Moulton



QUAD GOALS — The North Country girls golf squad claimed its fourth straight Division I championship at Ralph Myhre Golf Course on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018. From left, coach Briah Hampton, Sophia Clements, Grace Giroux, Lauryn Goulet and Marta Potter.

Winder Field on Saturday.

It was the Hilltoppers' first state title in their first finals appearance.

"We've been working for this for so long, it just means everything," said St. J senior co-captain Taryn Tremblay. "We're making history and that's an amazing feeling."

The Hilltoppers (13-3-1) were dominant in their championship debut, outshooting Stowe 11-1 and holding a 12-2 edge in penalty corners.

Morgan Belknap and Alexis Duranleau each scored second-half goals as St. J ended its season on an

11-game unbeaten streak [going 10-0-1 since Sept. 25].

"The girls played lights out today," said St. J head coach Tara Bailey.

QUAD GOALS

Oct. 8

MIDDLEBURY

North Country has banked on two constants during its recent reign over Vermont high school girls golf.

One has been a Goulet. The other a Giroux.

The older sisters started the dynasty. The younger ones have cemented it.

The only squad able to boast two sub-100 scores on Tuesday, the Falcons got a 90 from Grace Giroux and a 94 from Lauryn Goulet to capture their fourth straight Division I state championship on a breezy, Indian summer day at Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

North Country (184) squeaked past runner-up Burr and Burton Academy (190), which posted the low round of the day, a 9-over-par 80 from senior Julia Dapron that earned her medalist honors for the third year in a row. St. Johnsbury was third at 209.

"I think when we won the first year, when I was a freshman, ever since then

we always knew we had a chance and we all just had to score well enough to make it happen," said Lauryn Goulet, whose sister Katie combined to win two crowns with Giroux's sister Carley.

"Our sisters won it together. Now Grace and I are winning together," Goulet said. "It's really nice."

RANGERS RISE

Oct. 8

Another possible four-peat was up for grabs in Division II, with Northfield, like North Country in D-I, claiming the last three titles.

Lake Region, though, had a different idea.

Behind a 91 from Tia Martinez and a 118 from Alayni Miller, the Rangers (209) scored their second ever crown ahead of the defending champs. Lake Region's only other trophy came in 2014.

Northfield took second, 19 shots adrift of the Rangers.

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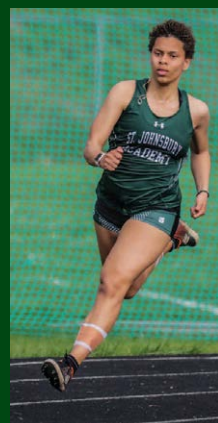
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