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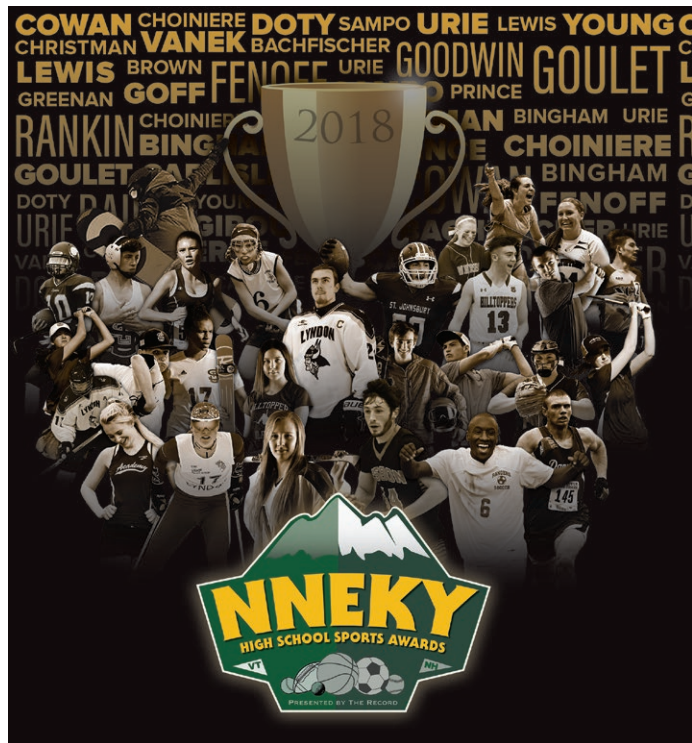
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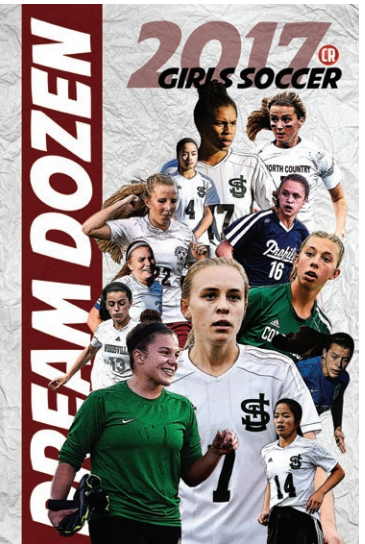
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## BIG SHOTS

### Joy of Victory

Lake Region batterymates Parker Brown and Brady Perron celebrate at the bottom of the pigpile after the sixth-seeded Rangers' 1-0 win over top-ranked Lamoille at Centennial Field on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Brown had 15 strikeouts to lift LRU to its first baseball title.

Photograph by Michael Beniash

## EDITOR'S LETTER

To sum it up, the 2017-18 high school sports season was incredible.

It started in the fall with St. J's stunning goal-line stand in the Division I football championship that capped an undefeated season. It ended with White Mountains, Danville, Littleton and Lake Region baseball and WMR softball all winning state titles on the final weekend of the spring season.

In between, LI field hockey and Profile soccer won for the first time, Lake Region soccer went back-to-back, the SJA girls hoopers topped five-time champion CVU

for the crown, the Profile girls and boys ski teams reigned again the Hilltoppers boys ski team won its first state championship.

And the St. J girls track and field team, the most dominant program of late, won its fourth straight indoor and outdoor titles while the boys took the indoor championship.

As always, it was a joy and privilege to cover our local student-athletes. We were as proud to chronicle their achievements as we are to bring you our 2018 Sports Year in Review.

— Michael Beniash

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# BIG SHOTS

## Spartans, At Last

Starting pitcher Braxton Brown, center, and teammates run a victory lap after White Mountains beat Somersworth, 5-1, to win the Division III championship at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester on Saturday, June 9, 2018. It was the Spartans' first title in 31 years.

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## FOUR-GONE

St. J senior Hannah Wescott, center, holds the championship trophy after winning three events and scoring 36 points to lead the Hilltoppers to their fourth straight Division I outdoor track and field title at Burlington High School on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Seated next to her on the podium are, from left, teammates Neva Bostic, Riley Higgs, Annie Cunningham and Callahan Beck. (Photo by Paul Hayes)



# THE RECORD'S 2017-18 MAGIC MOMENTS

## WALKING TALL

JUNE 9

MANCHESTER — Derek Walker received his diploma in the morning.

He raised a trophy in the afternoon.

In his final high school outing, Walker pitched a complete-game two-hitter, leading No. 2 Littleton over No. 4 Newmarket 3-1 in the Division IV championship at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium on Saturday.

Walker struck out two and walked three, guiding Littleton (17-2) to its second title in three years, and fourth in 11 finals appearances.

"It's a great feeling to go out on a win," Walker said. "I'm really thrilled right now."

It was a perfect ending for Littleton's six seniors, including Walker, who started as sophomores on the 2016 championship team.

Those baseball-focused seniors — Jacob Allaire, Lucas Bray, Brody Fillion, Scott Ridlon, Quintin Ross and Walker — have helped Littleton go 53-4 over the past three seasons.

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## PERFECT 10

Travis Grosse, Tim White and Matt Hauserman hoist the championship trophy after Danville beat South Royalton 10-0 in the Division IV championship at Centennial Field on Friday, June 8, 2018. (Photo by Paul Hayes)





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## THE AVENGERS

SJA's Sadie Stetson, left, and Josie Choiniere react after the Hilltoppers' overtime 48-44 win over Rice in a Division I semifinal at UVM's Patrick Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. The Academy went on to beat five-time defending champ CVU in the title game.

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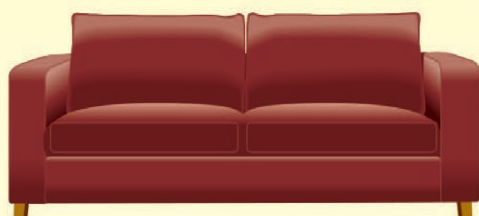


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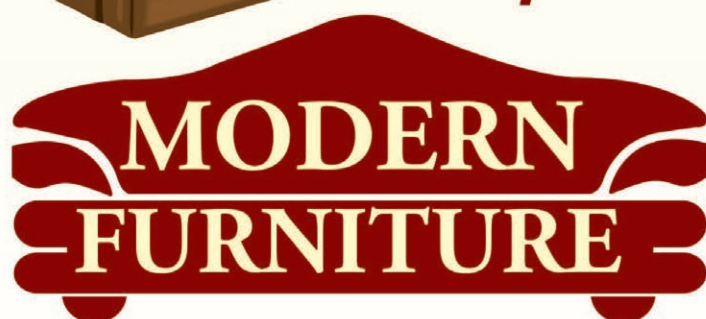
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## THE RECORD'S 2017 GIRLS SOCCER DREAM DOZEN

A lot of talent, not a lot of spots: exclusivity remains a key feature of our All-Area soccer team. Never an easy process, we've trimmed our list to 12 players, based on merit and regardless of position. In no particular order, we present The Record's 2017 Girls Soccer Dream Dozen.



### ADDISON COOK

North Country, Soph., GK

The All-Capital first-team goal-tender posted an 8-6 record with six shutout wins, 78 saves, and 20 goals allowed (1.43 GAA). A third of those goals came in a second-round playoff loss to CVU. After missing two games with injury, she allowed just six goals over the next 10 games, including a first-round win over Middlebury (NCU's first playoff win since 2008).

### ZEKIAH LEWIS

St. Johnsbury, Jr., D

A hard-nosed center back, the Bermudan youth national team player made an instant impact on the back line for the Hilltoppers, who recorded 11 shutouts and only allowed 13 goals in 16 games. The Record's 2017 Girls Soccer Player of the Year also added two goals and was named to the Division I All-State first team and All-Metro second team.

### BRIANNA DOTY

Lyndon, Sr., D

An athletic and veteran presence anchoring the Vikings' defense, the two-year captain also added a goal and two assists for the Vikings, who played their first season in Division I. One of the toughest defenders around, the senior garnered All-Capital first-team honors and earned an invite to the Vermont Senior Classic all-star contest.

### HALEY HODGDON

Profile, Jr., F

The target of opposing defenses' game plans, the skilled and athletic striker still managed to crack the 20-goal mark for a second straight season. The second-team Division IV All-State pick and Granite State North All-Conference selection led the Patriots with a team-high 24 goals and added 11 assists.

### GRACE COOKE

St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

The Division I All-State and All-Metro first-team standout finished with 11 goals and six assists, giving the four-year All-State, All-Metro midfielder 40 and 20 in her illustrious career. With excellent ball skills and an accurate and powerful right foot, The Record Player of the Year finalist led the Hilltoppers to the No. 4 seed and a spot in the quarterfinals.

### TAYLOR SIEWIERSKI

Colebrook, Sr., MF

Colebrook's field general, the Granite State North Player of the Year, D-IV All-State first-team midfielder and Twin State selection collected 13 goals and 15 assists. With great ball skills and a feel for the game, Siewierski finished her five-year career with 54 goals and 71 assists to tie the school's all-time scoring record (Lindsie Lemieux, 2004).



### JEN ROTTI

St. Johnsbury, Jr., D

Speed, versatility, skills, toughness — the junior possessed all of the above for the Hilltoppers, who won 11 games and earned the No. 4 seed in the Division I tournament. Finishing with a goal and assist, Rotti was a key piece of St. J.'s masterful defense (11 shutouts; 13 goals allowed in 16 games), and was rewarded with a nod on the All-Metro second team.

### MOLLY HORTON

Lake Region, Sr., D

An instrumental senior leader for Lake Region, Horton brought athleticism and toughness to the pitch for the Division II Rangers. An All-Capital first-team defender, the three-sport mainstay also collected three goals and three assists in playing, at times, multiple positions.

### CASEY McALLISTER

Hazen, Sr., F

The point of the Hazen attack, and oftentimes double-marked, McAllister used a great first touch and her athleticism to notch 12 goals and seven assists. Her offensive success helped the Wildcat earn Division III All-State first-team honors and a spot on the All-Mountain Division first team.

### MOLLY CLOUGH

Woodsville, Sr., MF

The catalyst of the Woodsville attack, Clough did her best work setting up teammates. The Division IV All-State first-team and Granite State North All-Conference midfielder finished with nine goals and 16 assists for Woodsville, which advanced to the tournament semifinals.

### LIA ROTTI

St. Johnsbury, Jr., F

A major presence for the Hilltoppers, who finished as the No. 4 seed in Division I. Possessing a limitless engine with speed to burn, Rotti finished with four goals and an All-Metro honorable mention nod for St. J., which won 11 games and fell a penalty-shootout shy of reaching their second straight final four.

### CARLEY GIROUX

North Country, Sr., MF

The North Country offense went through the All-Capital first-team midfielder. Giroux compiled five goals and four assists, playing a part in half of NCU's 18 goals this season. She also had three game-winners and scored both goals in the Falcons' first-round, 2-0 win over Middlebury — the team's first playoff victory since 2008.

## THE RECORD'S 2017 BOYS SOCCER

# DREAM DOZEN

The 2017 soccer season was spectacular in terms of local talent. Four teams: St. J, Littleton, Lake Region and Profile reached title games, the latter two claiming crowns. Individual talent was evident all over the pitch, making this year's selection process one of the toughest. As always, exclusivity remains a key feature and the final list, cut to 12 players, is based on merit and regardless of position. In no particular order, we present The Record's 2017 Soccer Dream Dozen.



### BRADY PERRON

Lake Region, Sr., MF

A key midfielder for the back-to-back Division II champion Rangers, Perron finished the season with 13 goals and six assists. The All-Capital first-team and Division II All-State pick also delivered the game-winning header in overtime of LR's 3-2 title-game win over Harwood, leaving the senior with 57 goals (second all-time in Rangers' boys history) and 47 assists in his career.

### JOHN GASTON

St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

The heady two-way senior leader with a tireless motor was a key figure in the center of the pitch for St. Johnsbury, which won a program-best 15 games and earned its first state final berth. The All-Metro first-team choice and Division I All-State pick finished his final season with 11 assists and five goals.

### JOSH WOODS

Lisbon, Sr., F

Despite a target on his back, the clutch, talented striker tallied 32 goals, including five game-winners (three in overtime) with four assists. Woods, a Twin State alternate, was named the Granite State North player of the year and landed on the Division IV All-State team in helping Lisbon to a 14-game win streak during the regular season.

### RILEY URIE

Lake Region, Sr., F

The Record's Boys Soccer Player of the Year for a second consecutive season pumped in 22 goals and 18 assists, leaving the star striker with school records in both categories (90 goals, 76 assists). The Capital Division player of the year and Division II All-State pick had four goals and three assists in the playoffs, helping lead the Rangers to their second straight crown.

### SHEA YOUNG

Profile, Sr., D

The rock-solid Division IV All-State first-team and Granite State All-Conference defender anchored the Patriots' stellar defense. A Twin State alternate, Young also scored twice and added six assists for Profile, which won 16 games en route to its first soccer championship, a 2-0 win over rival Littleton.

### MATTEO DILL

St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

Shifty in traffic with great pace, the midfielder led the Hilltoppers in goals scored, finishing with 15 tallies and one assist. Dill earned a spot on both the Division I All-State and All-Metro (first-team) squads while playing a key role in St. Johnsbury's historic run to 15 wins and its first state-finals berth.



### LIAM KENNEDY

Lake Region, Sr., GK

A Division II All-State and Capital Division first-team selection, Kennedy came through for the Rangers. In 13 regular season games, the senior netminder averaged 8.4 saves and one goal against, posting five shutouts. He was instrumental in the Rangers winning back-to-back titles, making 14 saves in a 3-2 win over Harwood in the D-II championship.

### JEB WENNRIICH

Profile, Jr., D/MF

Strong and versatile, the 6-foot-3 Wennrich was a key player in midfield and on defense for Profile, which topped Littleton 2-0 in the Division IV championship to bring home the program's first title. Wennrich, who finished his junior season with six goals and 11 assists, earned All-State first-team and Granite State North Conference honors.

### BEN HAMMER

St. Johnsbury, Sr., D

Returning from an early-season injury, Hammer quickly cemented his status as one of Vermont's premier defenders. The poised and powerful center back, who was also dangerous on set pieces (five goals), earned Division I All-State and first-team All-Metro honors in helping the Hilltoppers to a berth in their first state-title game.

### TRAVIS GROSSE

Danville, Sr., MF

A tenacious and relentless midfielder, Grosse's efforts didn't go unnoticed. He was named Mountain Division Player of the Year and landed on the Division IV All-State squad. A three-year captain and the Indians' catalyst, Grosse finished a dazzling senior season with 22 goals and 10 assists.

### RIAN FRIED

St. Johnsbury, Sr., MF

A big target on set pieces, the Hilltoppers' talented offensive midfielder had the ability to score in myriad ways, finishing with 14 goals and five assists. A finalist for our Player of the Year honor, Fried was an All-State, All-Metro first team standout for St. J, which won a school-record 15 games and reached its first state final.

### GONZALO PENA

Lyndon, Jr., MF

The attacking midfielder from Spain and the Vikings' playmaker was a gifted passer with great anticipation and feel for the game. Pena scored nine times and added 10 assists to earn All-Capital first-team honors, helping lift Lyndon to one of its better seasons in recent memory.

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Lyndon's Falicia Lynch, center left, and teammates celebrate the Vikings' semifinal win over Missisquoi at South Burlington on Wednesday, Nov. 1. LI went to beat Stowe 2-0 in the Division III title game to capture the program's first championship.

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nals, the top-seeded and unbeaten White Mountains Regional girls waited until the last two innings to subdue seventh-seeded Belmont, 4-1 on Saturday at D&M Park and hold onto the crown for a third year in a row.

"When you start something there's only one place to aim for and that's right here in the championship," said WMR coach Forrest Hicks.

Spartan sophomore ace Haile Hicks led the Spartans with 12 strikeouts with one walk. The three-time champions conclude the 20-0 season on a 26-game win streak. Fire trucks escorted the champions from the Twin Mtn. line through to Lancaster to the cheers of crowds gathered all along the route.

### PERFECT 10 JUNE 8

BURLINGTON — Everything went perfectly for the Danville Indians.

Flawless fielding, stellar pitching and timely hitting converged Friday night at Centennial Field as the Tribe won its first Division IV title since 2012 with a 10-0 drubbing of top-seeded South Royalton.

Tito Chamul and Matt Colburn each cleared the bases with doubles and Matt Hauserman baffled the Royals, allowing just four hits in a superb shutout performance on the mound. Busy shortstop Travis Grosse handled five of six chances. It was a tremendous team performance, one that coach Nick DeCaro called a culmination of three years of hard work.

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"It means a lot," DeCaro said. "We've been on the doorstep the last couple of years. This victory is as much for our current kids as it is for some of the kids who have graduated

and moved on."

### FOUR-GONE JUNE 2

BURLINGTON — Despite missing two key contributors, the St. Johnsbury girls soldiered on and won their fourth straight title at the Division I outdoor track and field championship at Burlington High School on Saturday.

With last year's leading scorers Katherine Cowan and Grace Cooke (five individual titles, 62 points in 2017) sidelined by injuries, St. J flexed its considerable depth, scoring 134 points to beat runner-up South Burlington by a 44-point margin.

"They're a great group of kids, they work hard," said SJA head coach Chip Langmaid. "Even without [Cowan and Cooke] they stepped right in and kept going."

Leading the Hilltoppers were senior Hannah Wescott, a three-event winner in pole vault, high jump and 100 hurdles, and juniors Jen and Lia Rotti, with Jen winning the 300 hurdles and Lia earning four second place finishes (long jump, triple jump, pole vault and javelin).

Together they scored 89 points, setting the tone for the Hilltoppers, who rose to the challenge.

"I've never gotten in the blocks so shaky before, I know we all felt the heat," Wescott said. "Coming in without [Cowan and Cooke], being unsure how we were going to do, there was so much pressure."

Added Lia Rotti, "We knew we were going to have a huge gap where [Cowan and Cooke] weren't going to score points. But we also had a lot of people we knew could step up. We put a lot of pressure on them and they worked really hard."

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five individual wins — Zekiah Lewis in long jump, Wescott (three) and Jen Rotti — St. J relied on its considerable talent pool.

St. J athletes stepped up across the board, including sophomores Kayla Talbot (second, discus; sixth, shot put) and Hannah Davis (fifth, 100 hurdles) and juniors Riley Higgs (fourth, 400 meters) and Neva Bostic (fourth, javelin).

Said Wescott, "It shows our depth. You can't win a championship with one person. Today proves that."

## THE AVENGERS

MARCH 10

BURLINGTON — Josie Choiniere changed her socks. Then she changed the game.

The superstitious sophomore guard traded in her traditional black socks for a white pair, and proceeded to knock the socks off Champlain Valley Union.

Choiniere tied her season-high with 23 points — the most in a Division I final since 2007 — as top-seeded St. Johnsbury Academy ended the Redhawks' five-year reign with a resounding 48-33 victory in Sunday afternoon's championship game at Patrick Gymnasium.

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The triumph was sweet redemption for the Hilltoppers (22-2), who avenged their 36-33 loss to Champlain Valley in last season's title game, ended the Redhawks' 22-game playoff

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# THE AVENGERS

Choiniere, Hilltoppers End Redhawks' Reign in Title-Game Rematch



St. J Academy's Sadie Stelson, along with teammates Hannah Davis, Josie Moulton, Neva Boock, Salvana Porter and others enjoy the moment after knocking off five-time defending champion Champlain Valley Union 48-33 in the Division I championship on Sunday at Patrick Gymnasium.

BY MICHAEL RENIASH

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The triumph was sweet redemption for the Hilltoppers (22-2), who avenged their 36-33 loss to Champlain Valley in last season's title game, ended the Red Sox's 22-game playoff win streak and seized

win streak and seized their first title since winning as a 12 seed in 2010.

“CVU is a trigger for us,” said Choiniere, who added a team-high seven rebounds and six steals. “We just had so much motivation to beat them. They are a great team, they

have a great coach, but this was the one game we wanted.”

"They've been the standard in Vermont for a number of years now," said 24th-year SJA coach Jack Driscoll of the second-seeded Redhawks. "For us to beat them today makes this championship a little more special."

It was a special afternoon of basketball for the Hilltoppers, who executed their game plan with brilliance. They played with poise, energy and confidence from the outset, shooting 48.5 percent from the floor, forcing 17 turnovers, handling the taller CVU squad on the glass (24-all in rebounding) and limiting the Redhawks to 30.8 percent shooting.

"We've been talking about having our best game of the year since getting on the bus to leave the Rice game [after Wednesday's semifinals]. To come back and make sure that this last game was our best one, the kids did a pretty darn good job," Driscoll said.

## MOUNTAIN TOPPERS

MARCH 6

EAST BURKE — Bombs away.

That's how the St. J Academy boys team skied on Monday and Tuesday, and it resulted in the Hilltoppers' first ever alpine skiing championship.

In combined scoring from the two-day event, the Hilltoppers and Champlain Valley Union crushed the course on Warren's Way at Burke Mountain, with St. J (99 points) edging past the CVU Redhawks (104). Woodstock was a distant third, with 147. Hilltoppers sophomore Hugo Hong ripped the course in 1:30.52, giving him second place among the 81 skiers. Teammate Rian Fried also had a big day, taking fifth place.

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# WEIDMANN

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It was hardly a done deal as the race came to a close. "It was nerve-wracking. We didn't think we'd won it until the very end," SJ coach David Eckhardt said. "It was a bit of a shock, then elation and joy. The boys really knocked it out of the park."

**YOUNG AND RELENTLESS**  
**FEB. 13**

Cannon, Loon, Sunapee...

It doesn't seem to matter where the Profile Patriots ski. They're at home on any hill, and showed that again Tuesday.

Sunapee was the venue this time, and at the end of the day, the Patriots brought back the Division IV alpine championship, edging the host Sunapee Lakers by just 11 points in overall scoring (slalom/GS combined) in close competition.

It's title number 20 for the girls program, and the first since 2015.

## BACK-TO-BACK PATS

### FEB. 12

LINCOLN — Jack Sampo led the Profile Patriots to a second straight Division IV boys crown at Loon Mountain on Monday.

Sampo had two podium finishes (first in

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slalom, third in GS) as Profile won its 18th boys alpine title, repeating as champs for the

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**Karianne Scott**



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first time since a six-year reign from 2004 to 2009.

The Patriots tallied 758 points, comfortably ahead of runners-up Derryfield (733) and third-place Lin-Wood (695).

"They wanted it, goodness gracious, from the very first practice they wanted to win today's race," said Profile head coach Phil Boone.

Profile racers laid down 24 clean runs (no falls, no hikes) and successfully dialed back their personal ambitions, just a little bit, for the good of the team.

Boone said his team avoided 'go big or go home' heroics, approached their races intelligently, and "as a team, they really did what they had to do."

"One risk and we might not be champions today," Boone said.

## SWEEP, SWEEP FEB. 10

**BURLINGTON** — The girls had the might, the boys had to fight.

In the end, all went right for St. Johnsbury Academy, which swept the Division I indoor track and field team titles for the second consecutive winter on Saturday at University of

# SPORTS

## Back-to-Back Pats

Sampo, Profile Shred Loon Mountain, Claim Second Straight Crown and 18th Overall



**BY PAUL HINES**  
Sampo, Profile Shred Loon Mountain, Claim Second Straight Crown and 18th Overall

## Youngster Kim Earns Gold In Halfpipe

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## Hadlock, Littleton Thwart Tribe

Bostic, Hilltoppers  
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## Spartans Stay Hot

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The Hilltopper girls won 10 events, includ-

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## THE RECORD'S 2017-18 GIRLS BASKETBALL DREAM DOZEN

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**LANEY HADLOCK**  
Littleton, Jr., F

Leading Littleton to a Division IV runner-up finish, the smooth-shooting Hadlock averaged 14.5 points, 6.0 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and 2.5 steals per game for the top-seeded Crusaders. She was named to the N.H. Basketball Coaches' Organization D-IV All-State, and Granite State Conference-North first teams in guiding Littleton to the state finals.

**SADIE STETSON**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., G

The electric 5-foot-7 guard averaged 15.6 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.0 steals per game for the Hill-toppers, who finished the season with 22 wins and ended Champlain Valley Union's five-year reign with a 48-33 victory in the Division I championship game. The Metro player of the year, VBCA player of the year, and two-time Gatorade Vermont girls player of the year, Stetson shot 41 percent from the floor, 32 percent from 3 and 79 percent from the foul line.

**TAYLOR SIEWIERSKI**  
Colebrook, Sr., G

Named the Division IV girls player of the year by both the N.H. Basketball Coaches' Organization and Granite State Conference-North, the speedy and talented Siewierski averaged 13.3 points, 7.2 steals, 5.6 assists and 5.1 rebounds per game. She posted six double-doubles and one triple-double for the fifth-seeded Mohawks, who made a run to the final four.

**JOSIE CHOINIERE**  
St. Johnsbury, Soph., G

The Record's Player of the Year averaged 14 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.7 assists, and 3.0 steals per game (she shot 80 percent from the foul line, 43 percent from 3 and 42.9 percent overall). She was even better in the playoffs, averaging 19 points in four playoff wins, including a season-high 23 in the Division I title-game win over five-time champ CVU. A first-team All-Metro honoree, Choiniere was also named to the VBCA Dream Dozen.

**JADE BERRY**  
Lyndon, Sr., G

The first-team All-Capital and VBCA Senior All-Star selection contributed in all areas for the Vikings. Possessing endless drive and great court vision, she averaged 10 points, 6.7 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 2.5 steals and 1.1 blocks. Playing through knee injuries for much of the season, the leader and role model was part of a senior group that set a school record for wins over a four-year span (68).

**KYLIE WRIGHT**  
North Country, Sr., F

It was a memorable season for Wright. She joined North Country's 1,000 point club (finishing with 1,316 for her career) and led the Division I Falcons to their most successful season ever: A program-best 18 wins and their second semifinal appearance (and first since 1996). The Lake Division First Team and VBCA Senior All-Star averaged 16 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.7 assists and had eight double-doubles.



**LAURYN ALLEY**  
Blue Mountain, Soph., F

The second-year player averaged 16.4 points and 11.2 rebounds during the regular season (19.5 and 11.8 in the playoffs) while leading the runner-up Bucks to their first finals appearance since 2001. She had 15 double-doubles, scored over 20 points nine times, and chipped in 2.9 assists and 2.2 steals per game. She was named to the VBCA Dream Dozen for the second straight year, and was also a Central Vermont League First-Team All-League selection.

**CAMRYN HEATH**  
Lyndon, Jr., F

Heath did the dirty work for the Vikings. The second team All-Capital and VBCA Dream Dozen selection was the Vikings' defensive stopper and top rebounder, flirting with a double-double this season, averaging 9.4 points and 9.0 rebounds. Her rebounding was evenly split (95 offensive, 94 defensive boards) and LI head coach Eric Berry called her "Vermont's version of Dennis Rodman on the offensive glass."

**LILY KINDER**  
Woodsville, Sr., F

Kinder concluded her career at Woodsville with a stellar season, leading the Engineers to the Division IV final four. The N.H. Basketball Coaches' Association first-teamer and Granite State-North all-conference selection averaged 14 points and 9.6 rebounds, and was the keystone of the Engineers' defense. She was also the Most Valuable Player of the Divisions III and IV senior all-star game.

**MOLLY HORTON**  
Lake Region, Sr., G

The 5-foot-5 senior captain was the quintessential leader for the Division II Rangers, who won 15 games in the regular season en route to the No. 5 seed. The four-year varsity guard finished her final season averaging 11 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.8 steals, and was named an All-Capital first-team choice and a Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association Senior All-Star.

**NEVA BOSTIC**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., G

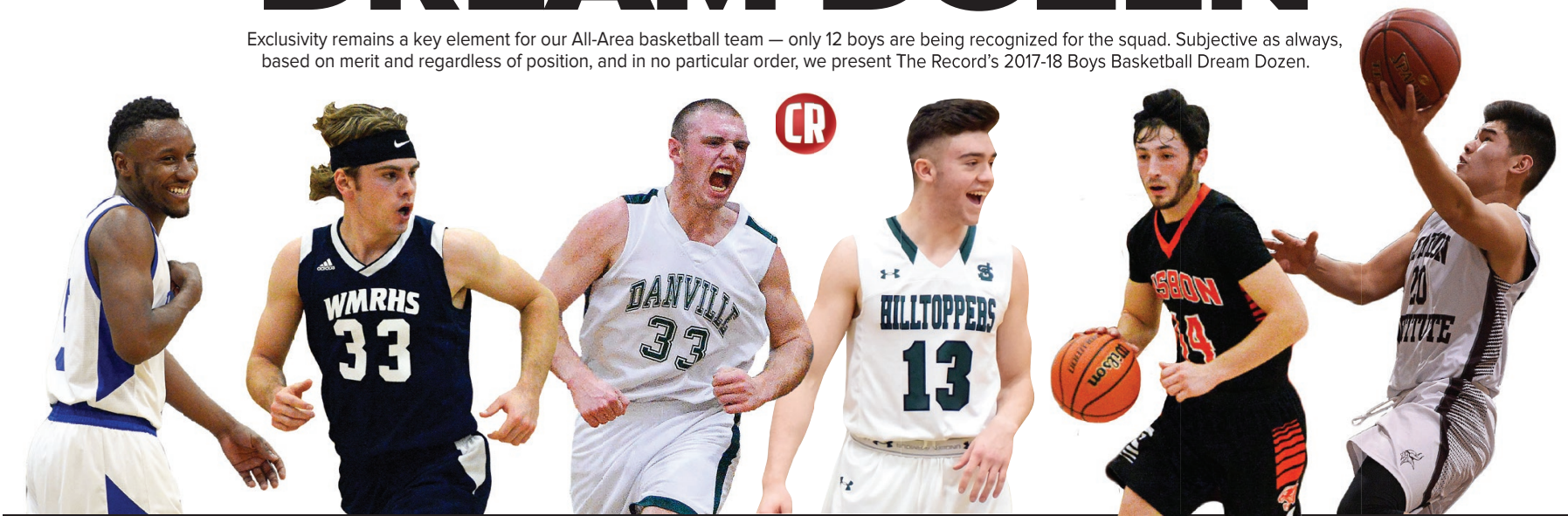
The athletic wing took a big step forward her junior season, becoming a defensive stopper and a consistent scoring threat. Her shooting and driving ability were key in the Hilltoppers' run to the top seed and the Division I championship [unseating five-time champ CVU]. An All-Metro second-team selection, she averaged 10 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.2 steals per game, and shot 42 percent.

**CARLEY GIROUX**  
North Country, Sr., G

Named to the Lake Division First Team, Giroux posted career bests in points and rebounds per game, as the Falcons set a program high for wins (18), and reached their second semifinal in program history and first since 1996. The senior guard averaged 14 points, 5.2 boards, 3.2 steals and 3.1 assists and was a Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association Senior All-Star.

# THE RECORD'S 2017-18 BOYS BASKETBALL DREAM DOZEN

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## RILEY URIE

Lake Region, Sr., G

The talented senior averaged 21 points per game en route to reaching the 1,000-point career milestone and earning Capital League Player of the Year honors (while being named to CL First Team). The athletic guard — also a Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association All-Star — was a menace on both ends for the Rangers, who landed the No. 2 seed in Division II.

## GRIFFIN CRANE

White Mountains, Jr., G

An athletic guard with an endless motor, Crane made a huge leap during his junior season. A Division III All-State honorable mention, Crane averaged 13 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game for the Spartans, who made the playoffs for the first time in five years and reached the quarterfinals for the first time since 2011. He also hit two game-winners this season.

## RILEY FENOFF

Danville, Sr., F

The emotional leader of the Division IV finalist Indians, the Mountain Division co-player of the year and all-league first-teamer made a big impact on both ends of the floor. A Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association North-South All-Star, who also reached the 1,000-point career scoring mark, the forward averaged 18.1 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.2 steals and 3.0 assists per game.

## ALEX CARLISLE

St. Johnsbury, Jr., G

The Record's Player of the Year was a dynamic force for the Hilltoppers, who reached the Division I final four for the first time since 2013. The do-it-all 6-foot guard with an explosive first step averaged 15.5 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 1.3 steals per game, while earning spots on the All-Metro first-team squad and the Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association's Dream Dozen.

## JOSH WOODS

Lisbon, Sr., G/F

The gifted 6-foot-1 guard finished his standout career with a mammoth senior season. The Granite State North player of the year and Division IV All-State first-teamer averaged 25.2 points and 11 rebounds a game for the Panthers. He finished with 1,452 career points (Lisbon's second all-time boys scorer and third overall).

## JACKY LAU

Lyndon, Sr., G

The sweet-shooting four-year starter led Lyndon in four categories (16.4 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 4.5 apg, 2.0 spg) this winter. A VBCA senior all-star selection and first-team All-Capital choice, Lau surpassed the 1,000-point milestone (including a 38-point effort in a win over Montpelier), became the winningest player in school history and helped Lyndon earned its first Division I playoff win.



## RIAN HAYMAN-JONES

St. Johnsbury, Sr., F

The 6-foot-4 forward and former Lake Region standout made a big impact in his senior season in Division I. The Hilltopper averaged 8.5 points, 7.7 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game, helping St. J Academy earn the No. 4 seed and reach the Division I final four for the first time in five years. A strong and athletic presence in the interior, Hayman-Jones was All-Metro honorable mention.

## TRAVIS GROSSE

Danville, Sr., G

The senior point guard averaged 11 points, 8.4 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 4.1 steals for the Indians, which earned the No. 1 seed in Division IV and reached the state finals. Grosse, who hit the 500-assist milestone late in the season, was the Mountain Division co-player of the year, an all-league first-teamer and a Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association Dream Dozen pick.

## DANNY KUBKOWSKI

Littleton, Soph., G

One of the top talents in the North Country, the athletic 6-foot-1 guard averaged 22.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while helping Littleton make a run to the Division IV final four. The high-energy defender averaged 3.9 steals, had four 30-plus-point games en route to landing on the Granite State first team and All-State second team.

## ZEKE PRIBBERNOW

White Mountains, Jr., F

The 6-foot-4 big man was a force down the stretch for the Spartans, who reached the Division III quarterfinals in their first trip to the playoffs since 2013. Pribbernow, an All-State honorable mention pick, averaged 16 points (including 22.8 over his last five games) and nine boards per game. He also blocked nearly two shots a game and had eight dunks for upstart WMR.

## GARRETT OLSEN

Woodsville, Sr., G

Selected first-team All-State by the the N.H. Basketball Coaches' Organization, the 6-foot-2 Olsen was Woodsville's point guard, primary ballhandler, and on-court leader. The Granite State-North All-Conference selection averaged 18 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists per game and was also a defensive stalwart for the fifth-seeded Engineers.

## ANTONIO CARLISLE

St. Johnsbury, Sr., G

The 5-foot-10 guard averaged 10.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game, which earned the No. 4 seed before advancing to the semifinals for the first time since 2013. A pick for the Vermont Basketball Coaches' Association North-South senior all-star game, the smooth-shooting senior was also chosen as an All-Metro second-teamer.

## THE RECORD'S 2018 SOFTBALL

## DREAM DOZEN

Exclusivity remains a key element in constructing our All-Area softball squad. Our selections are voted on and debated by members of our sports staff. Players from all schools we cover — St. J, Lyndon, North Country, Lake Region, Danville, Blue Mountain, Littleton, Profile, Lisbon, White Mountains, Woodsville, Groveton, Colebrook — are in play. A tough process, we've trimmed our list to 12 players, based on merit and regardless of position. Today, in no particular order, we present The Record's 2018 Softball Dream Dozen.



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

The freshman, a Record Player of the Year finalist, batted .573 with a .610 OBP and 1.133 slugging percentage. The potent No. 2 hitter and All-Metro first-team catcher had 43 hits, eight homers, 12 doubles, three triples, 39 RBIs and 35 runs and only struck out six times while leading NCU to the Division I semifinals for the first time since 1998.

**MOLLY HORTON**  
Lake Region, Sr., C

Eye-popping statistics were just a part of a standout senior campaign for the Rangers' backstop. Horton batted .635 with a .725 on-base percentage. A leader behind the dish, she also had 33 hits, 37 runs and 22 stolen bases and added one home run, seven doubles and three triples for the Rangers, who reached the Division II quarterfinals.

**HAILE HICKS**  
White Mountains, Soph., P

The Record's Player of the Year powered the Spartans to an undefeated season and their third straight Division III title. The hard-throwing sophomore, also a first-team All-State selection, went 19-0 with 0.98 ERA and 211 strikeouts and just 30 walks in 122 innings. In the postseason, Hicks recorded 70 percent of the outs, fanning 54 batters in four wins (26 innings).

**KASEY CHAMPNEY**  
North Country, Sr., 1B

The first-team All-Metro first baseman played flawless defense while batting .476 with a .571 on-base percentage. She had 30 hits with four home runs, six doubles and 29 RBIs, while adding 20 runs and drawing 14 walks for the Falcons, who reached the Division I semifinals for the first time in 20 years.

**KALLIE KEENE**  
St. Johnsbury, Sr., SS

A tough out as St. Johnsbury's leadoff hitter, the scrappy second-team All-Metro shortstop batted .449 with 20 RBIs, 20 runs, eight doubles, four triples and a home run while stealing six bases and walking seven times for the Division I Hilltoppers.

**JENNA MALONE**  
Lyndon, Soph., RF/1B

The right fielder had a breakout offensive season hitting in the five spot for the Vikings. Malone led the team in six categories, including hits (29), home runs (tied with four), batting average (.547), OBP (.690), OPS (slugging and OBP combined, 2.901) and RBIs (24). She only struck out twice this season.



**CALLIE YOUNG**  
North Country, Sr., SS

The leadoff batter for the Falcons hit .526 with a .554 on-base percentage. Named an All-Metro first-team shortstop, Young collected 41 hits, including eight triples and four doubles, while scoring 40 runs and driving in 22 for the Falcons, who advanced to the Division I final four for the first time in two decades.

**KAITLYN NELSON**  
White Mountains, Sr., 3B

Nelson finished with a bang, earning Division III Player of the Year honors while leading White Mountains to a perfect record and its third consecutive Division III title. The third baseman, who committed just one error, had a .510 batting average (.538 in the playoffs) with six home runs, six doubles, 38 hits and 22 RBIs.

**ALYSSA PREST**  
Woodsville, Sr., P

Returning after missing her junior season with a PCL injury, Prest became the Division IV Pitcher of the Year, going 16-2 with a 1.70 ERA and striking out 148 batters in 106 innings. At bat, the Engineer hit .471 with a .520 OBP with two home runs, 10 doubles, 35 RBIs and a .700 slugging percentage in leading Woodsville to the tournament semifinals.

**KYLIE WRIGHT**  
North Country, Sr., P

An ace pitcher with pop in her bat, Wright hit .429 with a .532 OBP. She had five home runs, five doubles and drew 14 walks while adding 18 RBIs and 20 runs for the Division I semifinalist Falcons. The second-team All-Metro pitcher went 9-4 in the circle, compiling 78 strikeouts in 84 1/3 innings and walking just 16 batters.

**SALEENA PORTER**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., 3B

Starting the season at catcher and moving to the hot corner, the first-team All-Metro third baseman provided power in the heart of the Hilltopper order. She batted .460 with 21 runs scored and a team-leading 21 RBIs, adding three home runs, eight doubles and walking eight times.

**TAYLOR SIEWIERSKI**  
Colebrook, Sr., SS/P

The four-year starter and Division IV All-State choice was a versatile threat for the semifinalist Mohawks. As a pitcher Siewierski went 7-1, allowing just 13 runs all year. Also a shortstop who played other positions, the CA leadoff batter hit .357 while leading the team in extra base hits and OBP. She also had 19 RBIs and 10 stolen bases for the 15-2 Tribe.

## THE RECORD'S 2018 BASEBALL

## DREAM DOZEN

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**DEREK WALKER**  
Littleton, Sr., P

The hard-throwing right-hander — a Twin State selection, Division IV All-State choice and Granite State North all-conference pick — went 9-2 on the bump with one save and threw a complete-game three-hitter in the Division IV title game — a 3-1 Crusader victory. Walker had a 1.33 ERA, fanning 74 in 58 innings. At bat, he hit .463, had an OBP of .603 and scored 26 runs.

**MATT HAUSERMAN**  
Danville, Sr., P

Hauserman batted .565 with a .710 OBP with 30 RBIs, 19 runs, seven doubles and two triples. He drew 16 walks and only fanned three times in being named to the All-Mountain first team. He also went 5-2 on the bump, pitching four complete games and 39 innings. He had a 1.85 ERA (0.97 WHIP) with 41 Ks and pitched Danville to its first crown since 2012.

**TYLER WELLS**  
St. Johnsbury, Jr., P/DH

The first-team All-Metro pitcher and finalist for the The Record's Player of the Year award, Wells went 6-3 with 1.17 ERA for the Division I semifinalist Hilltoppers. He racked up 54 Ks in throwing a Metro-best 66 innings. At the plate, Wells hit .340 with 20 runs, 18 hits, six doubles, 26 walks, a .603 OBP, only struck out twice and had 12 RBIs with multiple game-winning hits.

**GRIFFIN CRANE**  
White Mountains, Jr., P/1B

The Spartans' catalyst batted .508 with a .670 OBP, nine doubles, three triples, one home run, 20 steals and 38 runs scored in leading the Spartans to the Division III championship for the first time in 31 years. The Record's Player of the Year and D-III All-State first-teamer also went 5-1 with three saves on the bump. He had a 2.30 ERA with 87 strikeouts in 47 innings.

**BRANDON BRUNELL**  
Lyndon, Sr., P

The first-team All-Capital right-hander and Twin State selection tossed one no-hitter and two one-hitters this season. He finished the season with a 6-3 mark with 1.92 ERA. Brunell had 68 strikeouts in 52 ⅔ innings while limiting foes to a .184 BA. He also ended with a .342 average at the plate.

**BRODY FILLION**  
Littleton, Sr., C

The Granite State North Player of the Year, Twin State selection and Division IV first-team All-Stater (for the third straight year) batted .340 with a .551 OBP and scored 23 runs in helping guide Littleton to its second title in three years. The division's top catcher also gunned down 60 percent of those attempting to steal.



**JAKE CHOINIERE**  
St. Johnsbury, Sr., C

The rock behind the plate for the Hilltoppers, Choiniere earned a spot on the Vermont Twin State roster while grabbing second-team All-Metro honors. The four-year backstop batted .313 with a team-leading 19 RBIs. He added five doubles, scored 10 runs and fanned just three times. He also had .973 fielding percentage, allowed one passed ball and threw out four runners stealing.

**TRAVIS GROSSE**  
Danville, Sr., SS

Possessing speed and power, Grosse batted .421 from the leadoff spot with a .522 on-base percentage. He had 28 runs and 21 RBIs, two home runs, eight doubles and a triple. He also drew 10 walks while landing on the All-Mountain first team and helping Danville to its first baseball title since 2012 — a 10-0 romp over two-time champ South Royalton.

**PARKER BROWN**  
Lake Region, Sr., P

The first-team All-Capital right-hander pitched Lake Region to its first Division II title, fanning 15 in complete-game four-hitter in the state final. He finished the year at 6-1 with a 1.19 ERA, fanning 90 batters and allowing just nine earned runs in 52 ⅔ innings. In the Rangers' playoff run, he had three complete-game victories and compiled 41 Ks.

**JASPER RANKIN**  
St. Johnsbury, Sr., CF

The first-team All-Metro outfielder and Twin State selection was a hit machine batting cleanup for the Division I semifinalist Hilltoppers. Rankin had 31 hits and 63 ABs for a .493 average. He scored 13 runs while adding seven doubles, a triple, six RBIs and five steals. He also had .941 fielding percentage in center field.

**BRAXTON BROWN**  
White Mountains, Jr., P/O

A finalist for the Record's Player of the Year award, the first-team Division III All-State right-hander was lights out on the hill for the champion Spartans. He went 11-0 (also had two saves) with a 0.96 ERA, fanning 111 batters. He also didn't give up an earned run in three playoff wins. At the plate, Brown batted .484, with a .620 OBP, four doubles, a triple and two home runs.

**BRADY PERRON**  
Lake Region, Sr., C

The All-Capital co-Player of the Year who also earned a Twin State roster spot, hit a team-leading .432 with a .597 OBP and a .727 slugging percentage. The heady catcher also had three doubles, two triples, two home runs, 24 RBIs, 20 runs, drew 17 walks and allowed just two passed balls while throwing out 11 runners in leading the Division II Rangers to their first state title.



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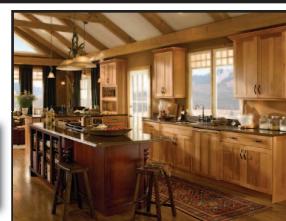
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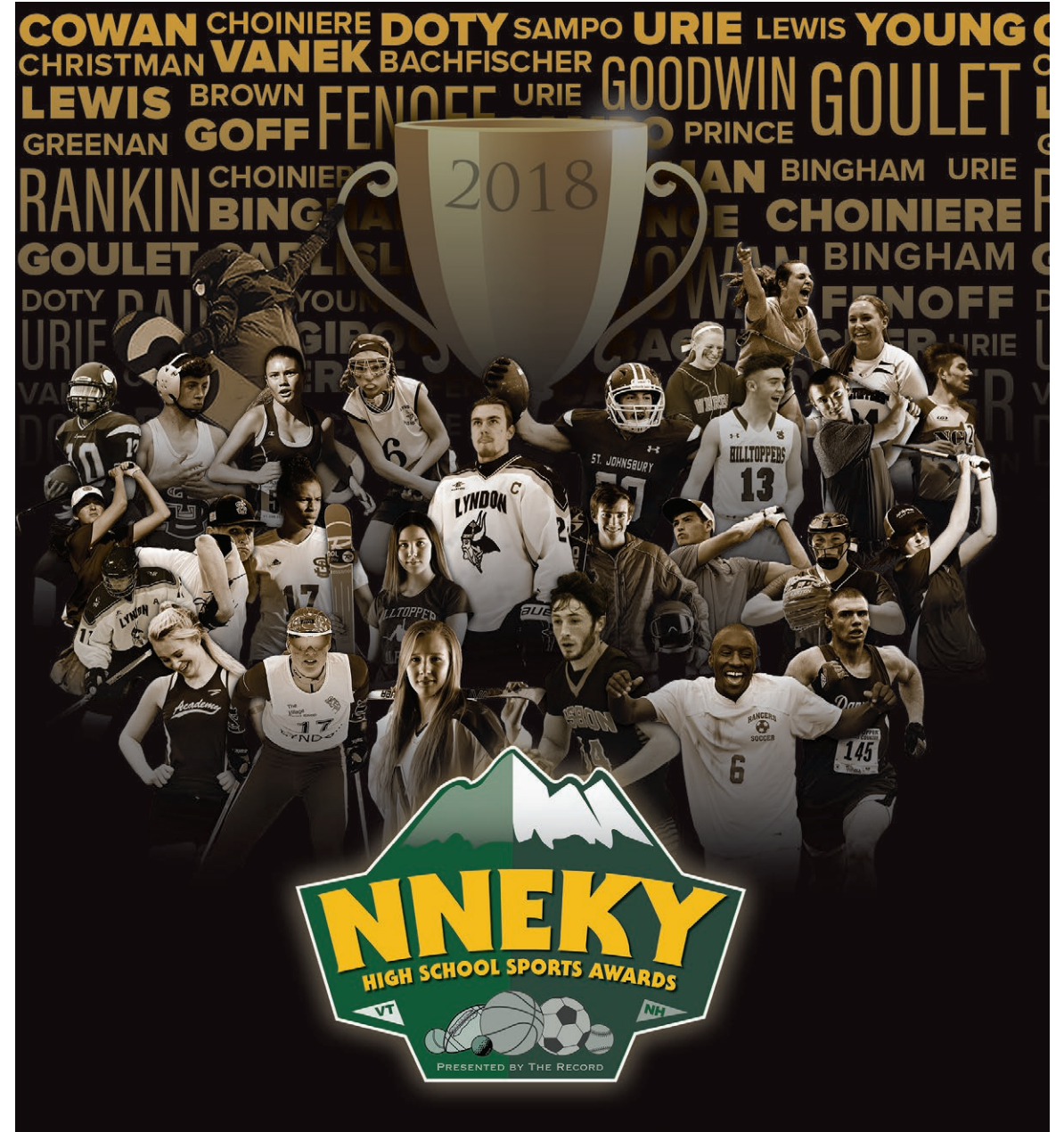
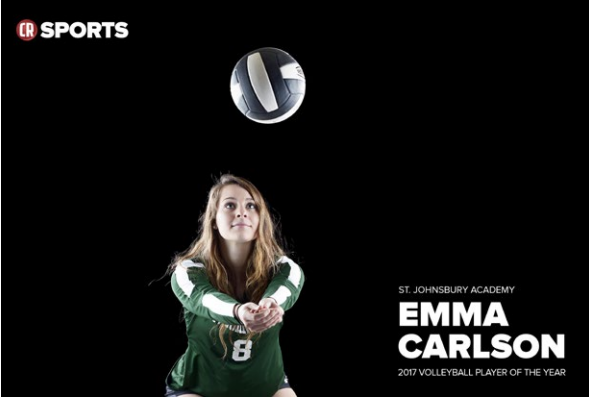
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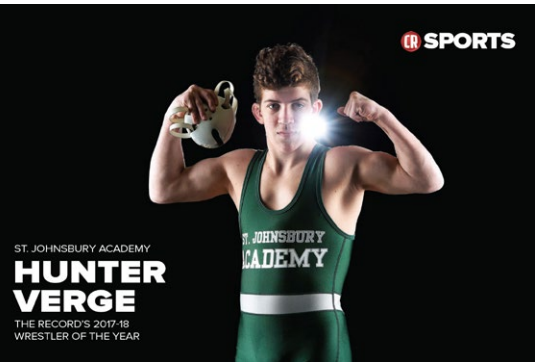
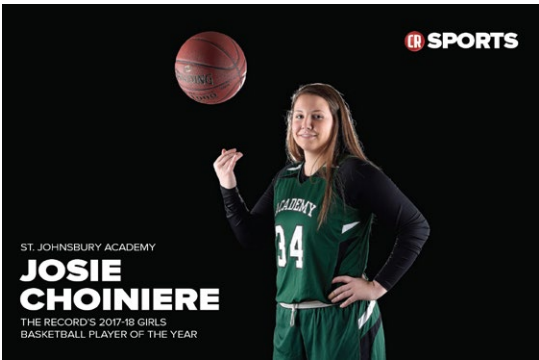
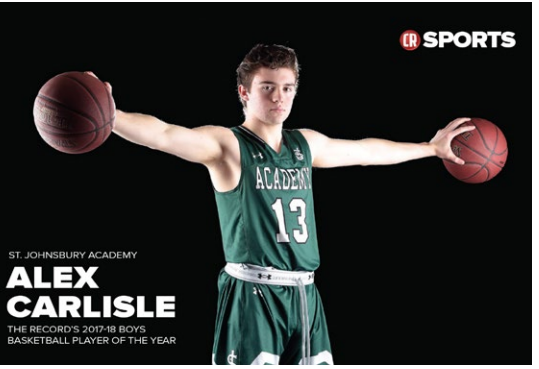
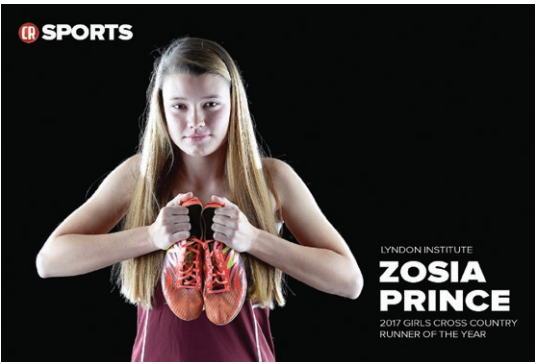
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ing all three relays en route to their fourth consecutive indoor crown — besting runner-up Essex by a whopping 126 points. Senior Katherine Cowan led the charge, her three individual wins helping St. J break its all-time scoring record with 230 points (229 in 2016) and putting the Hilltoppers in elite company (they join Rutland and Essex as programs with four straight titles).

“I can’t say enough about the girls team,” SJA coach Chip Langmaid said of his powerhouse squad that, including outdoor, has produced seven consecutive championships. “They are a spectacular group that works incredibly hard.”

The St. J boys, losing 18 seniors from last year’s team, scrapped and clawed their way to the narrowest of victories, edging Essex and Mount Mansfield — the three separated by just 2.5 points — for their second straight crown.

“The boys victory is special



in a different way,” said Langmaid. “When you win scraping for every point and everyone has to dig deep. ... How many events did we not even score in?”

### PERFECTION NOV. 11

RUTLAND — The fate of Hilltopper nation hung in the balance, the outcome of Saturday night’s Division I championship up for grabs in the frigid air at Rutland High School.

A perfect season and a state

title, or the third title-game loss in four years for St. J Academy.

It came down to one play: Hilltoppers up a point; Hartford ball at the SJA 8-yard line, 9 seconds to play and no timeouts to burn.

Would the defending-champion Hurricanes kick or pass? They opted to run.

“They didn’t kick any extra points this year so I figured they were going to try and run it in,” senior lineman Tom Emery said. “Try to run on our defense in crunch time and we’ll shut

you down every time.”

Nick Porter took the handoff and ran to his right. St. J senior Shane Alercio sniffed it out early, getting a handful of jersey and slowing his momentum.

“They ran to my side,” Alercio said. “I had a hand on his shirt, but missed him. But we had Nick Guckin and Hunter Palmieri come in hot from the back side and they were there to take him down.”

The precious few seconds burned down to zero.

“When I saw the clock wind down, that was about the best thing I’ve ever seen,” Alercio said.

Final score: SJA 33, Hartford 32.

A chaotic celebration ensued, the Hilltoppers (11-0) storming to midfield and hoisting their first football championship since claiming the D-II title in 1994.

“I don’t know what I am feeling, just about everything right now,” Alercio said. “We call this whole season basically our revenge tour and just to be here without a loss, that’s just the most amazing feeling I’ve ever felt. This is probably the hardest I’ve ever worked for something and the hardest these boys have ever worked for something.”

“So many guys stepped up this year and I am just so proud of everybody and can’t wait to bring this home.”

The final stop on the Hilltoppers’ 2017 revenge tour: Title town.

“It’s like a storybook ending,” Emery said. “All the hard work. All the trials and tribula-

tions. All the times we failed. All the times we’ve lost big games. Now I feel like we’ve redeemed ourselves.”

### BELIEVE IT NOV. 4

BURLINGTON — Everyone assumed Lyndon Institute was rebuilding.

Instead, they reloaded.

After graduating nine starters from last year’s semifinalist squad, the No. 3 Vikings shocked everyone — except themselves — to beat No. 4 Stowe, 2-0, in the Division III championship at University of Vermont on Saturday.

“They were just believers,” said LI head coach Roxanne Courser, in her 19th season. “They believed they were going to do this from day one and that’s what they talked about. They just wanted it. They wanted to carry that trophy home.”

Falicia Lynch and Haley Ott each scored first-half goals and goalkeeper Emma Hudson (five saves) notched her eighth shutout as the Vikings won their first title in their finals debut.

Said Lynch about her team’s history-making win, “Just thinking about it makes me speechless, there’s no words to describe it because it’s so amazing.”

The Vikings were looking for more than a first banner. They also played for junior midfielder Camryn Heath whose grandfather, longtime LI coach, athletic director and administrator Bob Heath, died on Oct. 21 at age 77.

“My grandfather meant a lot to me,” Heath said. “We spent almost every weekend together working on sports and he was really my biggest supporter.”

“Any sports game that I had, he was there with me, and actually his last words to me were to kill it in playoffs. So I think we did exactly that.”

### RANGER REPEAT NOV. 4

SOUTH BURLINGTON — Top-seeded Lake Region kept its cool.

Even after No. 6 Harwood

stormed back in the second half, scoring two goals in the final 11 minutes, the defending champion Rangers had faith in themselves.

That faith was rewarded five minutes into overtime, when Brady Perron headed in the golden goal, giving Lake Region a 3-2 win in the Division II championship at South Burlington High School on Saturday.

“I don’t think anyone got that nervous,” said Perron, a senior midfielder. “We’ve played with each other for so long, we’ve been behind in games and still been able to come out on top.”

It was the second straight title for the Rangers (15-2), who beat Milton 4-0 in last year’s finals.

“It was very satisfying to watch these kids reach their potential for the last two years,” said LR head coach Brad Urie, an assistant who took over the team midway through the season. “You can put a lot of work into a team and they won’t reach their potential. This group did.”

### PATRIOTS’ DAY NOV. 4

MANCHESTER, N.H. — It’s not that there’s a first time for everything in sports.

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Controlling adroitly the artificial-turf pitch of Southern N.H. University’s Penman Field, especially at the back end in the second half, Profile got first- and second-half goals from seniors Hanzon Hunt and Shamus McKim on Saturday to help lock up a 2-0 win and their first boys soccer title.

“Defense did it,” elated second-year coach Brent Detamore said. “We’re not the same team that we were at the start of the season. We’ve gotten better — our defense was solid from the start, so it was a matter of working on our offense, and throughout the year we’ve gotten better at that.”

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