

Running Mountaineers are tough to catch this fall

By Steve Enman THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

BERLIN — Berlin High Coach Bob Lord's boys' cross-country team opened its season on Sept. 25 with a strong showing against a solid Kennett team and the Mountaineers hope to continue improving each day, each meet as the season progresses.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the schedule is abbreviated as it is in all the local high school programs. The Mountaineers will have three meets against Kennett, two against Pittsburg-Canaan and one with White Mountain Regional.

Coach Lord welcomes back senior runner Brody Day, who has taken first place in two meets thus far this season.

"He is looking stronger than ever and should have a great year," Lord said.

Brayden Landry, a junior, returns "with running in his blood and will be in the top finishers all season,"

Lord looks for good things from senior Jace Arsenault, junior Cole Rudeger, senior Elijah Gilcris, sophomore Dave Young, junior Victor Morales, Cam Sloane and freshmen Max Bowman and Brennan Boewe.

On the girl's side of things, there are only three runners, with five required to score as a team. Those runners include Cora Treiss, Alyssa Delafontaine

and Candice Howry.

"All three have been working hard, improving each day and will contribute much throughout the season," Lord said.

Lord had some help early on from long-time cross country coach from down in southern part of the state in Mike Clark, and has appreciated his expertise and enthusiasm.

The Mountaineers' had two meets ast week, competing in the Pittsburg-Ca-Invitational

The Berlin boys' cross-country team is off and running. Members are (from left) Cole Reudiger, Dave Young, Brody Day, Max Bowman, Brayden Landry, Brannen Boewe, Jace Arsenault, Jeremy Howry, Victor Morales, Elijah Gilcris and (not pictured) Cam Sloane.

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and then traveling to Kennett on Saturday. Both meets proved successful as they totally dominated up north and lost in Kennett to Kingswood Regional by one point, 45-46. At the Murphy Dam, BHS had six of the top 7 finishers and then four finishers from the No. 11 to 17 spots.

No team other than Berlin had enough runners

In the Kennett race things were close all the way through but Kingswood managed to squeak one runner in where needed to win by one point.

In condensing things here, Brody Day was second in the Murphy Dam race in 18:44, but bounced back and won the Kennett race in 18:11; Brayden Landry, first in 18:40, and second in 18:12 (a second behind Day); Jace Arsenault, fourth, 20:34 and 10th, 19:42; Victor Morales, fifth, 21:26 and 20th, 20:41; Elijah Gilcris, sixth, 21:32 and 18th, 20:37; Dave Young, seventh, 21:40 and 16th, 20:17; Cole Ruediger Berlin High senior Brody Day and junior Brayden Landry finished first and second, respectively, at the Kennett Invitational in Conway on Saturday. (LLOYD JONES PHOTO)

rounded out the top 7 with an 11th place finish in 22:18 and 17th in 20:27.

Gorham's Colby Gourdeau was 10th with a time of 22:16 and 23rd, 21:44.

The girls finished with Gorham's Zoe Grondin first in Pittsburg with a time of 24:31 and eighth at Kennett, 23:08, Cora Treiss, third, 26:03 and 12th, 24:30; Alyssa Delafontaine, fifth, 19:40 and 21s, 26:46, and Candice Howry sixth, 31:15.

Lord was pleased with all his runners, saying, "The boys are really fired up with their success thus far. Hopefully, they can keep it going. The team finish at the Kennett race was particularly pleasing, as all competition was from D2 (Berlin is D3)." The Junior Varsity race was won by Berlin's Jeremy Howry with Candice Howry running her best race of the season,

and Max Bowman and Brannen Boewe running well, too.

The Mountaineers hosted a meet Tuesday and dominated the race with White Mountain Regional and Pittsburg-Canaan, with neither team having a full compliment of five runners to post a score.

Brody Day took first in 18:30, BHS alumni Kolby Delafontaine was second in 19:21, followed by Brayden Landry, third, 19:42; Jace Arsenault, fourth, 20:45; Victor Morales, fifth, 20:48; Elijah Gilcris, eighth, 21:59; and Cole Ruediger rounded out Berlin's top 7 with a ninth place finish in 22:09.

Gorham's Colby Gourdeau was 12th in 23:17.

Gorham's Zoe Grondin was the first female runner at 23:33, while Berlin had Cora Treiss coming in fourth at 27:58, followed by Alyssa Delafontaine in fifth, 28:34, and Candice Howry was eighth, 41:48



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Berlin High field hockey seniors with their family members at senior recognition night are (from left) Kenna Baldarama, Maddy Letarte, Becca Pouliot, Mickaily Walsh, Kelly McCormick and Braylyn Alverado. (ANDY RANCLOES PHOTO

Berlin field hockey is a contender

By STEVE ENMAN

BERLIN — Veteran Berlin High field hockey Coach Nicki Arguin's team is already setting the tone for the season after a 2-1 opening game loss was followed by outscoring their next three opponents 12-0, for a 4-1 start to the season.

The Mountaineers (4-3) suffered a bit of a setback this week with a 5-2 loss at home to Kennett High (5-0 in Division II) on Saturday, and a 3-1 loss in Concord to Bishop Brady on Monday.

Against Bishop Brady, Berlin scored first at 12:17 when Mia Letourneau made a quick pass to Cienna Langlais, who dished off to Becca Pouliot at the post and she found the back of the net.

However, later, at 9:39 and 5:47 BB scored two to take a 2-1 lead going into the second half.

In the second half the Giants scored another goal at 4:51 to go up 3-1 and held on until the final horn

The Mountaineer's goalie Luma Berry had a busy day in net with 24 saves, including 18 in the second half, while the Bishop Brady goalie was forced to make half of that with 12. The winners also doubled up on corners with

a 10-5 advantage.

This year's varsity roster features seniors Makenna Balderrama, Becca Pouliot, Madison Letarte, Kelly McCormick and Mickailey Walsh; juniors Mia Letourneau and Emily Roy; and sophomores Cienna Langlais, Alxis Bouradda, Ari Richard, Erin McCormick, Hayleigh Cusson, Lacey Johnson, Ava Petrie and Zenley Saleet.

Coach Arguin said "freshman Luma Berry will be helping us out between the pipes" in goal.

"Each added: She we hope to game improve and become a cohesive team."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it's meant a later start to the season, an abbreviated schedule and a lot shorter bus rides. The New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association is also making this a fall with an open tournament, meaning everyone gets into the tournament.

Berlin opened its season with a 2-1 loss in Conway to Kennett on Sept. 18, but rebounded nicely with a 2-0 win at Littleton on Sept. 23; beat White Mountains 2-0 at home on Sept. 25; beat Laconia 4-0 at home on Sept. 28; and shutout White Mountains 4-0 at home last Thursday.

In their first win, the only reason they didn't beat Littleton by double figures, was due to the unbelievable job Crusader goalie Emily Tholl did, with a

Berlin scored both of their goals in the first half when Cienna Langlois set Becca Pouliot up for the first one at 10:25, and the second one came with 6:02 remaining when Maddy Letarte got the ball on a corner to Pouliot on the far post, who promptly crossed to Langlois for the score. Mountaineer goalie Luma Berry faced no shots on goal, with her team coming up with 21 corners to none for Littleton.

The second win against White Mountain Regional was similar as both goals were scored in the first half, both off the stick of Emily Roy, at 12:56 and shortly after at 10:52. Langlois had a nice pass to Pouliot, who redirected to Roy on the right post for the first score.

The second one came when Mickailev Walsh passed to Kenna Balderama at the top of the circle, who took a shot that was quickly poked in by Roy, again on her favorite spot, the right post. Spartan goalie Fowler had 30 saves, Berlin goalie Berry one, while both teams had three corners each. The BHS JV field hockey team won its game over White Mountain Regional 3-1, with Lacey Johnson scoring two goals and Hayleigh Cusson netting the other one. Good job girls!

The team continued its offensive and defensive dominance when the Mountaineers defeated Laconia 4-0. That dominance included 52 shots on goal and no shots allowed by their defense on goalie Luma Berry. Scoring came from Cienna Langlais and Becca Pouliot, with two goals each, with an



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Gorham boys' soccer has good numbers out this fall

By STEVE ENMAN

GORHAM — This year the Gorham boys' soccer team is a young but focused group of players. A team of 24 (varsity, swing and JV) showed up to play this year, most are sophomores and freshmen, five returning juniors and two returning senior along with two new seniors out for the Huskies.

This is exciting because we are looking forward to this building year while still looking to make our mark as a team to take seriously. Possession through simple passing and strategic runs are still the strategy. We will need to win that 50-50 ball and put goals in the net.

We start from the back with a strong, knowledgeable and talented goalie, junior and captain, Liam Cairns. He confidently organizes his defense and leads from the back.

Our defense includes returning sophomores, Carson Roberge and Aiden Corrigan. As last season proved, they are formidable and relentless. Freshmen Camden Pake plays with smarts and intensity, playing angles just right. Luke Olson, a junior, makes a presence on the field this year with physical and gritty play. Jon Micucci, a sophomore, brings speed and determination to the back four. Alec Wydra, a sophomore, is fearless and smart with his play.

Freshman Mike Cote is training hard as goalie and showing growth and promise. Fellow freshmen Josh Laverdure, Sedric Deblois, Coleman Keezer and Joe Rafferty are all working hard and gaining experience.

The midfield includes two essential and returning players, juniors and captains Nolan York and Teagan Leclerc. These two young men have proven themselves to be leaders and playmakers. Their communication, quick, effective passing and vision of the field make a huge impact on our team.

Freshman Abraham Backler joins in with them as a holding mid. He impresses with constant talk, movement and he sets up runs nicely. Our right/left mids include returning junior Seung Nam-Montanaro and freshmen Brendan Saladino. Both players switch the field with ease, move end-to-end with great energy, and have an eye for the goal.

Newcomers senior Craig Diaz, sophomore Gavin Greer, freshmen Jun Nam Montanaro, and returning sophomore Chase Carder will be working in the midfield and providing energy and intensity.

Up front, we will rely on returning senior Aiden Etienne. He has a gift for sliding the ball into the net. Returning senior Cullen Anderson will help out both up front and in the back. He brings "to and through" the ball speed along with an eye for the goal. Senior Anthony Frisk has natural athleticism and an eye for the goal. Returning sophomore Landyn Croteau will be needed up front and on the wings. He is a much-needed flexible player with ability to play in various positions.

Our bookkeeper, junior Hannah Fox, will keep our data each game. We are very much looking forward to playing and having a season.

In the season-opener on Sept. 18, White Mountains edged Gorham 2-1.

Trailing 1-0 after a first-half penalty kick goal, Gorham was still a bit flat, and in the 69th minute, White Mountains made it 2-0.

Gorham picked up the pace and was rewarded in the 77th minute when a scramble in the WMRHS box ended with Aiden Etienne placing a nice hard low



The Gorham High boys' soccer team members are (front row, from left) captain Teagan Leclerc, Craig Diaz, Seung Nam Montanaro, Jon Micucci, Josh Lavadure, Camden Pake, Jun Montanaro, Abe Backler, Brendan Saladino and Coleman Keezer; (back row from left) Chase Carder, Anthony Frisk, Alec Wydra, Carson Roberge, Aiden Corrigan, Luke Olson, Liam Cairns, Nolan York, Mike Cote, Landyn Croteau, Cullen Anderson and Sedric Deblois. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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Mountaineers sit fourth in Division III soccer table

By STEVE ENMAN

BERLIN — The Berlin boys' soccer team is off to a fantastic start. The Mountaineers are 4-1 and currently sit fourth in the Division III standings. Coach Tony Valliere has the Mounties playing solid defense and creating plenty of scoring opportunities on the offensive end.

"This season provides us with a lot of returning players as we graduated only four and have seniors Tyler Rousseau, Austin Cornish, Tom Oechsle and Jared Hoitt looking to provide impact for us out on the field in various roles," Valliere said. "We are also lucky to have our senior goalie Shaun Goyette in nets, who is hungry to make this senior year the best that he can for his team."

He added: "The rest of the team will be made up of a very heavy junior group who has been playing a vital role since their freshman year along

with a talented group of freshman and sophomores who have been around soccer and really have a strong soccer IQ."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association is making this a fall with an open tournament.

"With the format of the season being an open tournament it really provides a little bit of a different feel for games and an opportunity to get players some opportunities that may not always come out of a season where you are in a constant battle in the standings," said Valliere. "We play some different opponents this year with our regional schedule and also see teams up to three times which always makes for some great games as we look to make adjustments based on previous games."

Berlin opened the season on Sept. 21 with a 2-1 overtime victory on the road against Littleton.

Littleton scored at the 44-minute mark to take a 1-0 lead that held up until at 79:38 Berlin's Carter Poulin took the ball down the sideline, got it to Ben Estrella, who slid the ball perfectly to Tyler Rous-



The Berlin boys' soccer team is off to a 4-1 start to the season. Team members are (front row, from left) Ben Estrella, Griffin Melanson, Tyler Rousseau, Shaun Goyette, Kolin Melanson and Austin Cornish; (back row, from left) Jamison Walsh, Aric Huter, Brady Poulin, Haden Poulin, Landon Boucher, Carter Poulin, Brayden Riendeau, Tom Oeschle, Brody Duquette, Malachi Plociennick, Jacob Mercier and Jared Hoitt. (COURTESY PHOTO)

seau who beat the goalie through the five-hole. Then at 90:26, in the second overtime, Estrella from the 18-yard mark, carried the ball across and took a low rising shot that just nipped the fingertips of the goalie and found the back of the net for a thrilling win.

Coach Valliere said, "We knew this would be a battle, especially since Littleton already had a game under their belt while we had not had any competition, for some of the players almost a year, for others since March. It was a great win for us especially this early in the season and a chance to build some team chemistry. We tried a few different things and also got to spotlight some of the younger players."

The Mountaineers liked overtime so much, they went there again in their second match winning the local derby at home over Gorham 2-1 in the Gaydo Cup Homecoming game on Sept. 26.

After a 2-0 loss at home to Bishop Brady (3-1) on Sept. 29, the Mounties met Gorham on the Common on Saturday and spoiled the Huskies' Homecoming with a 3-1 win.

The teams were tied 1-1 at halftime. Huskies' Brendon Saladino scored at 6:10 on a beautiful chip shot that

deflected off goalie Shaun Goyette's fingertips, and a Mountaineer goal 5:02 came off the foot of Ben Estrella on a rebound of a Kolin Melanson shot.

Berlin took control in the second half, with what proved to be the game-winning goal when Estrella got the ball to Tyler Rousseau at 44 minutes for a wide-open net and score. Tom Oeschle picked a great time to get his first varsity goal at 51 minutes, on another nice set-up by Estrella to Oeschle, who promptly deposited the ball with a low shot to the far post, just out of the reach of Cairns, to put the finishing touches on the win.

Goyette had four saves for Berlin and Cairns had 12 for Gorham.

Both coaches had some great comments. Valliere said, "This was a big game to rebound from after our loss to Bishop Brady. The boys were hungry for a win, showed good composure throughout and were able to create space and give themselves plenty of opportunities.

Not only did Tom Oeschle score his first varsity goal but also won the sportsmanship award for his play in the win."

Gorham's Tina Binette commented that, "It was a battle throughout and after the first half we were tied at 1-1. The Huskie boys played well, dug deep but unfortunately injuries in the second half to three key players really disrupted our flow. I am proud of the team, they never gave up and gave Berlin a run for their money. Teagan Leclerc won the sportsmanship award and he deserved it as he was supportive, positive and played with dignity."

Berlin posted a solid 2-1 win on the road against Division II Kennett (1-3) on Monday, and will look to keep that momentum going in the final seven matches of the season.

The Mountaineers are scheduled to host Colebrook today at 3:30 p.m.; make the jaunt to Gorham on Saturday for an 11 a.m. match; host Canaan on Monday at 4 p.m.; travel to White Mountains on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.; host Kennett on Oct. 17 at 11 a.m.; host White Mountains on Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m.; and host Laconia on Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m.



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Gorham's Zoe Grondin (second from left) finished eighth overall in 23:08 at the Kennett Invitational in Conway on Saturday, while Berlin's top finisher was Cora Treiss (right), who was 12th, covering the 5K course in 24:30. (LLOYD JONES PHOTO)





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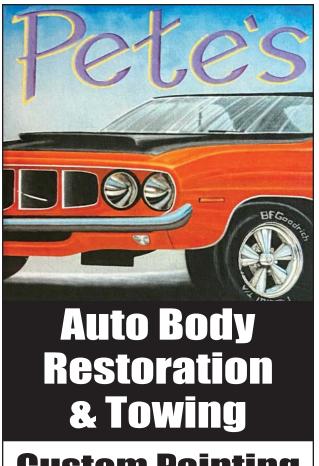
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The 2020 Gorham High girls' soccer team is (back row, from left) Amber Wilson, Emma Bernier, Sarah Godin, Bryanna Poirier, Sidney Chapman, Sage Gallant, Jessica Burton and manager Danika Daniels; (front row, from left) Olivia O'Neil, Katelyn Chase, Madi Buteau, Libby Fortin, Isobel Micucci, Halery Desilets and Sophia Schoenbeck. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Gorham girls reach 3-3-1 in DIV

By STEVE ENMAN

GORHAM — The Gorham High girls' soccer team improved 3-3-1 start on the season in Division IV play following a thrilling 2-1 double overtime win over Pittsburg-Canaan on Monday. Coach Chris Partenope is upbeat about her squad, and the Huskies are thrilled to be able play this fall amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is definitely a different set-up for soccer this year but thankfully at least there's a bit of a season with 11 games on tap with our regional teams Berlin, WMRHS, Profile, Groveton, Canaan/Pittsburg)," Partenope said. "Certainly, the protocols in place and being mindful of everything has added

challenges but it is what it is. So, we adapt and hope it all works out."

In Monday's win, Gorham started things off early, at 1:15 with a well-placed shot by Sidney Chapman after Bri Poirier set her up with a nice pass.

At 30:42 of the first half the visitors tied things up and from then on through the remainder of regulation both teams played pretty even soccer and had chances to score to no avail.

Thus overtime and it wasn't until 1:25 in the second overtime that the Huskies ended it when Sarah Godin picked the perfect time to score her first varsity goal, assisted by Sophia Schoenback to

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A successful sports season to the Berlin & Gorham teams



The Berlin High girls' soccer team (back row, from left) Ashley Baldridge, Ellie Morris, Alison Jacques, Emma Demers, Maddy Roy, Liz Gilcris, Aspen Langlois, Mak Peare, Aubree Poirier, Alexa Goulet, Abby Blais, Ky Lang, Lena Caouette, Kyra Woodward, Aubrie Woodward and Alicia Breault; (front row, from left) Skyler Frizzell, Aliyah Paquette, Julia Parra, Rayna Bourbeau, Redyn Munce, Grace Bradley, Ava Bartoli, Kadence Gendron, Julia Coulombe and Jill Hallee; and (in the very front) Chloe Dagesse. (AL WOODWARD PHOTO)

Berlin High girls are 2-4 in soccer

BY STEVE ENMAN
THE BERLIN DAILY SUN

BERLIN — The Berlin High girls' soccer team is off to a 2-4 start on the season, which started a little later than usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mountaineers have played their opponents tough, and Coach Al Woodward has been pleased with how the team is developing.

The 2020 team finds itself young with a spattering of senior and junior experience in just the right places.

"We are coming off an injury plagued season but all returning players look to be healthy and ready to go," Woodward said.

Assistant coach Holly Munce brings a wealth of experience and energy to the team.

Four-year senior starters Grace Bradley and Kyra Woodward are anchoring down the Berlin defense. Handling the goalie duties will be Chole Dagesse, a junior, and sophomore Alexa Goulette.

The midfield has solid experience with the likes of Elizabeth Gilcris Alicia Breault and Kadence Gendron.

"Controlling the midfield will be two girls with solid skills and a great touch, Mak Peare and Jill Hallee," said Woodward, who added, "The future looks bright with freshmen speedsters Ava Bartoli, Julia Coulombe and Alyiah Paquette Look for Aspen Langlois, Abby Blais, Redyn Munce and Aubrie Woodward to find some varsity minutes to help the Berlin netters have some success.

"Although we are very early in this season, I remain confident that this group of student athletes will demonstrate the dedication and determination to be successful."

In match action, in Conway on Sept. 19, it was Berlin 1, Kennett 3

"It was great to finally get back out on the field," Woodwad said. "The Berlin girls were both excited

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and a little nervous. Definitely a challenge without any preseason games."

Berlin started off on its heels in the first 15 minutes when Kennett High found the back of the net three times.

"After shaking the rust off, we were able to hold Kennett off for the last 65 minutes," Woodward said. "Goalie Chloe Dagesse had some big saves keeping us in the game. Solid defense by Grace Bradley and Kyra Woodward. Very impressed with Jill Hallee and Alicia Breault in our midfield. Good chances from Freshman Ava Bartoli and Sophomore Mak Peare."

The Mountaineer goal came from a successful penalty kick byGrace Bradley after Make Peare was fouled hard in the box while attempting a breakaway goal.

Match Day No. 3 — at home, Berlin 2, Gorham 0 Coach Woodward shared, "The girls came out with lots of energy and that combined with our speed we capitalized on, resulting in great offensive chances."

Jillian Hallee got things going early with a score on a great pass from Ava Bartoli. Later, Ava scored a goal of her own, unassisted, which was the final goal of the match as Berlin held off some serious lategame pressure from the Huskies to preserve the shutout and win.

That included 14 big saves by goalie Chloe Dagesse, a solid game from Grace Bradley and a body block by Kyra Woodward on a point-blank scoring chance by Gorham to prevent a sure goal.

"The girls played with passion and determination and left it all on the field," said Woodward.

After a 4-0 setback against Bishop Brady in Con-

cord on Sept. 29, the Mountaineers rebounded with a 4-0 victory in the local derby at Gorham on Match Day No. 4.

Partenope said, "The score did not reflect how we actually played. We had lots of opportunities but just could not buy a goal. Olivia O'Neil played well in nets with nine saves."

Also, the Sportsmanship Award was presented to Sidney Chapman.

The Mountaineers fell 3-1 at home to Kennett on Monday after leading 1-0 at the half.

Berlin has six matches left on the regular season schedule including at Colebrook on Thursday at 4 p.m.; hosting Gorham on Saturday at 11 a.m.; at Canaan on Monday at 4 p.m.; hosting White Mountains on Wednesday at 4 p.m.; venturing to Whitefield to play White Mountains on Oct. 21 at 3:30 p.m.; and hosting Laconia on Oct. 23 at 4 p.m.

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give the locals the hard-fought win. Goalie Olivia O'Neil had a great game and came up with eight very important saves.

"It was good to get a win after the hard work the team has been putting in, plus I made some changes with the team that we did not have time to go over them in practice that the girls adjusted to well," said Partenope. "Sage Gallant had a great game on defense and Madi Buteau kept the opponent's defense and goalie busy.

There are 14 girls out for the program this season. "We have a small squad this year, but we have plenty of experience players with a big senior class and an athletic underclassmen group should make for a pretty competitive group," Partenope said.

"Being so small, players are being asked to be very versatile in their play, which just helps to strengthen

the group as a whole."

Seniors make up half of the roster. They include:

Bryanna Poirier: "Looking to work a lot in midfield but also up top in a forward position." Emma Bernier: "A defensemen with lots of experience to help bolster defense." Isobel Micucci: "Also strong in the defense that will help anchor our defense." Katelyn Chase: "This is only her second year but she is working into the midfield and forward positions." Libby Fortin: "She is stepping up to work into the defense." Madi Buteau: "Another experienced midfielder/forward." Sophia Schoenbeck: "We're looking for strong play in midfield/forward position from here."

Juniors include captain Halery Desilets: "She is seeing time with defensive backs as she did last year but also is between the pipes (in goal)." Sage Gallant: "She will be stepping and seeing more defense time." Captain Sidney Chapman: "She is solid in the midfield/forward position."

There is one sophomore in Jess Burton, who

according to Partenope is, "small but mighty in mid-field/forward position."

Three freshmen are being counted on to contribute. Amber Wilson, who "has been working hard in defensive position," Olivia O'Neil, who has been "working hard in goalie position;" and Sarah Godin," who has been doing "some great things in midfield/forward position," according to Partenope.

The Huskies opened their season with a 1-1 draw on the road against White Mountain Regional in Whirefield on Sept. 18.

They topped Groveton 1-0 at home on Sept. 22; fell 2-0 at Berlin on Sept. 26; were edged 2-1 by Coelbrook at home on Sept. 29; lost to Berlin 4-0 at home on Saturday, but rebounded nicely with a 2-1 win at home over Canaan on Monday.

Gorham has four regular-season matches remaining including at Berlin on Saturday at 11 a.m.; host Profile on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.; host White Mountains on Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m.; and at Groveton on Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

H.L. Menken



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assortment of players assisting.

Goal No. 1 came at 4:10 of the first half when Pouliot had a nice defensive move to get the ball at the 75-yard marker and made a pass to Madison Cusson who came down to the 25, with some nifty moves in the process. She dished off the ball to Langlais who took a hard shot that found the back of the net.

Later, at 5:22, Langlais again scored when Kelly McCormick got the ball at the left side of the circle, passed to Kenna Balderrama at the center of the circle, took a shot that was finished off by Langlais to give the Mountaineers at 2-0 lead.

Then Pouliot caught the scoring bug as she put in a rebound at 7:20, which started with Emily Roy making a hard cross to Balderrama who took the initial shot. And last but not least, at 2:51 Maddy Letarte passed to Langlais who dished off to Pouliot on the left post and she promptly deposited it into the net.

Laconia's goalie Carrigan Williams had 17 saves in the first half, more than most goalies get in a game, and then a whopping 31 in the second half. Arguin did say, "The stats are correct and Williams made some good saves," and lots of them!

The Mountaineers have four games left on the schedule, traveling to White Mountains on Friday for a 3:30 contest; hosting Newport on Monday at noon; at Littleton on Wednesday at 4 p.m.; and at

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shot to the corner of the net.

"We matched in skill, but we need to provide the same intensity we demonstrated during the last 15 minutes," said Coach Binette. "We also need to get the ball in the net. Overall, I'm proud of the boys because they didn't give up the game and they know they want to do better and they certainly have the ability to do so."

On Sept. 22, Gorham topped Goveton 5-1.

Cullen Anderson scored the first goal, assisted by Teagan Leclerc at 12 minutes of the first half and later, at 28 minutes, Seung Montanaro scored in the right corner of the net with a nifty cross pass from Brenden Saladino. Finally, Nolan York finished the first-half scoring with an unassisted goal at the 29-minute mark.

Second-half goals came off the feet of Saladino 15 minutes in, and York, again, at the 21-minute mark. Liam Cairns was credited with two saves, with Mike Cote seeing some second-half action between the pipes, while the Groveton goalie was busy with 11 saves. The Gorham defense successfully thwarted 10 corners.

Coach "B" said, "The boys did a beautiful job of 1 touch passing, opening lanes and putting themselves in numerous scoring opportunities.

The Huskies came up short in a home-and-home derby against Berlin, falling 2-1 on the road to the Mountaineers on Sept. 26, and 3-1 at home Saturday.

Gorham (1-3) is scheduled to host Berlin again this Saturday at 11 a.m.; travel to Profile on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m; host Canaan on Oct. 16 at 4 p.m.; and venture to Whitefield to play White Mountains on Oct. 19 at 3:30 p.m.