



Community Bulletin Board

Sunday, June 1, 2008

COACHES WANTED

Clark University — Assistant women's basketball. This is a part-time position. Information: Pat Glispin, (508) 793-7628 or pglispin@clarku.edu.

Grafton High — Girls' JV soccer, girls' freshman soccer, girls' JV field hockey. Information: Karrah Ellis, (508) 839-5425, ext. 212.

Holy Cross — Assistant women's soccer. This is a full-time position with benefits. To apply, visit

Hudson Catholic High — Girls' varsity soccer. Apply to Bob Raymond, Hudson Catholic High, 198 Main St., Hudson, MA 01749.

Monty Tech — 3 assistant football. Information: David Reid, (978) 345-9200, ext. 3660.

Oxford High — Boys' JV soccer, girls' JV soccer. Send cover letter and résumé to John Doldoorian Jr., Athletic Director, Oxford High School, 495 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540.

Shrewsbury High — Girls' varsity cross country, girls' varsity indoor track. Send letter of intent and résumé to Jay Costa, Athletic Director, Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Westboro High — Boys' JV soccer, boys' freshman soccer, JV field hockey. Send letter of interest by June 15 to Johanna DiCarlo, Athletic Director, Westboro High School, 45 West Main St., Westboro, MA 01581.

Worcester Academy — Assistant field hockey, JV field hockey, co-ed water polo, JV hockey, assistant varsity hockey. Information: Ed Reilly, (508) 754-5302, ext. 123 or edward.reilly@worcesteracademy.org.

PLAYERS WANTED

Blackstone Valley Chaos Summer Boys' Basketball League — For players in grades 5-8. Cost: \$65. Information: Dennis Richey, (508) 529-0031, (508) 736-8349 or dennisrichey@bvchaos.com; www.bvchaos.com.

Clinton Irish Blizzard — For players ages 18 and older. Information: Jim, (978) 368-7979; clintonirishblizzard@hotmail.com; www.eteamz.com/IrishBlizzard.

Worcester Wildcat Youth Flag Rugby — For players ages 8-15. Cost: \$25. Information: Ed Dziewietin, (508) 852-6839 or edziewietin@verizon.net; Chris Monaghan, (774) 262-0700 or wing_80@msn.com.

TEAMS WANTED

Men's Summer Lacrosse League — For players ages 18 and older at Foley Stadium. League starts June 19. Information: Chris Widelo, (508) 208-3920 or chrisw@xcellacrose.com.

USSSA Softball Co-Ed League — League plays one night a week starting in June. Information: Casey Polaski, (508) 832-9951.

REGISTRATIONS

Hardwick/New Braintree Youth Soccer — 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at New Braintree Town Hall, and 3-5 p.m. June 9 at Hardwick Elementary School. Information: (413) 477-0055.

Worcester Youth Soccer League — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at St. Christopher's Church, West Boylston St. Information: (508) 929-0150 or www.wysl.org.

TRYOUTS

Bay State Games Central Mass. Field Hockey Team — For high school-aged players at Framingham State College; 9-11 a.m. today, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. Saturday and 8-10 a.m. next Sunday. Information: www.baystategames.org.

Central Mass. Fútbol Club — For players ages 7-18. Information: www.centralmafc.com.

Nashoba Regional Cheerleading — For players in grades 8-11, 3:30 p.m. June 16-18. Information: Tom O'Brien, (978) 779-2257, ext. 5.

The Enterprise

Oliver Ames draws a blank in repeat bid

The Tigers are shut out to end their quest for a second straight Div. 2 state title.

By Mark Ducharme

ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

Jun 06, 2008

TAUNTON — It was going to take a special effort to derail Oliver Ames' attempt at winning a second straight Div. 2 state baseball title.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, Dighton-Rehoboth's Nate Koneski provided it.

Koneski didn't flinch in Thursday's Div. 2 South Sectional semifinal against the Tigers, who had won 12 of their last 13 tournament games, including their last eight in a row.

The Falcons' mound ace scattered four singles, struck out 10, walked four and did not allow an OA base runner to reach third base in a 2-0 complete-game shutout.

Dighton-Rehoboth will take on Plymouth North, a 2-0 winner over Bishop Stang in the other semifinal in the Div. 2 South Sectional championship, on Monday at 7 p.m. at Braintree.

Oliver Ames, meanwhile, heads home after finishing at 18-5 as the Tigers could not come through at the plate against Koneski.

"He (Koneski) was probably the best pitcher we faced all season," said Oliver Ames coach Leo Duggan. "We had our chances, but when you get four hits (you can't do much)."

"We have had a great run. We won 58 games the last three years. Our five losses have been by seven runs."

Dighton-Rehoboth baseball coach Bob Cuthbertson wasn't surprised by Koneski's tight leash on the Tigers.

“What you saw today, is what we have seen all year,” Cuthbertson said, “Obviously, the opposition is one of the best teams in the state. Nate Koneski showed what he was capable of. He knows how to pitch. He is a great competitor.”

Koneski had his success by hitting the outside corner with his fastball in the first three inning and then used a nasty curve ball to keep the OA hitters guessing.

The Tigers got two runners on in the first inning (Trevor Lawson and Dallas Nunes both walked with two outs) and in the fourth inning (Michael and Justin Holmes both hit singles), but Koneski shut the door on the potential Tigers’ threats.

“I played with Koneski on a **Bay State Games** team,” said Oliver Ames third baseman Dallas Nunes. “He is a good pitcher and he does a good job of keeping the hitters off balance. We just couldn’t hit him.”

“Nate has three pitches that he can throw for strikes at any time in the count,” said Cuthbertson. “He has a real good sense on how to pitch.”

“The 114 pitches is a lot for Nate, but OA had a lot of quality at-bats and, obviously, you have to be careful with that lineup. He felt comfortable and felt strong the whole way. the pitch count wasn’t in consideration for him today.”

The tough part for the Tigers is that Dighton-Rehoboth scored its two runs with out the benefit of a hit in the first inning.

The Falcons took advantage of four walks in the first inning walks for their two runs.

John Simmons, who was the only player with multiple hits, scored on a wild pitch before George Agostini scored when OA attempted to get a doubleplay on a groundball.

Mike Cole and Michael Holmes combined to pitch six scoreless innings of relief, allowing six hits and striking out six between them.

Cole came in the first inning after D-R scored its first run and had the bases loaded with none out. He got two groundouts and a popout and the Falcons scored only one more run in the first.

“Mike Cole and Michael Holmes both did a good job,” said Duggan. “Tom Whitty just had a tough time getting the ball over.”

“I was concerned that we only got two runs in the first inning,” said Cuthbertson. “Runs have been precious for us. The other day we beat Milton, 2-1. We are just happy to be on the good side.”



UMass Lowell's "Opening the Door" Seminar Draws 300-Plus

LOWELL, MA (June 9, 2008) – The majority of 500 seats in UMass Lowell's Campus Recreation Center were filled. People listened to speakers and scribbled furiously.

A wonderful source, said Lanny Eder of Northboro, who's son, Danny, was a freshman on the Algonquin Regional H.S. boys soccer team last fall and suspects he'll go on to play in college. That is why Eder was there.

The UML Department of Athletics held the first-ever – and what will hopefully be annual – free seminar, "Opening the Door to College Sports: The College Recruiting Process from A to Z" Thursday night in front of an estimated 350 attendees.

The seminar, which took fruition in only late April, brought to the forefront the essential elements that high school student-athletes, coaches, administrators and even guidance counselors need for the transition from high school to college athletics.

"Our goal was to enlighten, inspire and enable every single person who attended this presentation, to better navigate their way through what can be an overwhelming process of college recruiting," said UML men's soccer coach Ted Priestly.

"Given the content and the value of our information, I think the people who attended tonight were happy that they came."

The seminar featured eight speakers, beginning with UML Director of Athletics Dana Skinner, whose "character counts" speech opened the evening and was followed by a segment on finding balance from Joan Lehoullier, UML's senior associate director of athletics.

Kerri Mead, the co-director of admissions, detailed the admissions process while Dick Kenney, NCAA compliance director for 30-plus years, spoke on eligibility and Chris Foye, assistant athletic trainer, lectured on performance enhancement.

Head Hockey Coach Blaise MacDonald (So This is Division I) and Head Field Hockey Coach Shannon Hlebichuk (Finding the Right Fit), who was a two-time All-American at UML, offered their expertise before Priestly ended the seminar with a moving personal account of his experience at UMass, from which he was cut from the men's soccer team as a freshman, but regrouped to enjoy a three-year career with the Minutemen.

A question-answer session followed the seminar.

"I think this is a wonderful resource," said Eder. "It was very exciting to be here to hear all of this information. I've never been aware of anything like this. There was almost too much information, a lot of it that parents don't even think about."

The seminar was the idea of Priestly, who, like several other UML coaches, believed that student-athletes attending UML were arriving uninformed and ill-prepared for the rigors college athletics.

“Simply just being a good athlete is no longer enough to play sports in college,” Priestly said. “To do so, student-athletes must also be informed, prepared and engaged in the transition from high school to college athletics.

“We made the decision to do this five weeks ago,” Priestly added. “We passed the word around through a grassroots marketing effort. We received endorsements from the MIAA, the **Bay State Games**, Mass Youth Soccer and various other youth sports organizations because they believe in our mission and need for this information to be shared.”



Sports briefs

June 13, 2008 11:06 pm

Baseball

The North Shore Navigators will play an exhibition against Team U.S.A., the Olympic training team, tonight (7 p.m.) at Lynn's Fraser Field. Tickets are \$10.

Bay State Games tryouts

Tryouts for the Northeast softball team in the **Bay State Games** will be held at Bishop Fenwick in Peabody on the following days: tomorrow, 6 p.m.; June 16, 6 p.m.; June 19, 6 p.m.; and June 22, 6 p.m. The tryout fee is \$15 and the finalist fee for those who qualify is \$50. For more information, call Mark Kulakowski at 978-804-4114 or e-mail mkulakowski@endicott.edu



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Bay State Games Central Mass. Baseball — For high school-aged players, 3-6 p.m. tomorrow and Thursday at Assumption College and 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anna Maria. Information: www.baystategames.com.



Former C's GM takes love of sports behind the lens

By Laura Crimaldi
Sunday, June 15, 2008

To enjoy an NBA championship series, it helps to be clairvoyant.

Or at least it would have helped former Boston Celtics [team stats] General Manager Jan Volk, who won five championships during his 26-year tenure with the team.

"If I knew we were going to win, I would have enjoyed it much more," said Volk, 61, who served as GM from 1984 to 1997.

Volk, a Wayland resident, became a member of the Celtics family as a teenager when he met Red Auerbach at Camp Milbrook in Marshfield, home to the NBA legend's eponymous basketball school for 20 years.

After completing law school, Volk landed his first job with the team selling season-ticket packages in 1971. Within five years, sales grew from 850 to 12,000 and the operation became computerized.

"I was trying out for my next job every single day with Red," said Volk. "He was constantly throwing things at me."

While rising through the ranks of the Celtics front office, Volk spent his free time honing his sports photography skills, a hobby that he picked up in college. He even covered the 1984 Olympics as a stringer for Time Magazine.

But the subject that inspired Volk most was his son, Matt, who started out in Pop Warner football and continued his athletic career through his college days at Bowdoin in Maine.

"I played four years in college and I had no pictures of myself. I wasn't going to let that happen to my son," Volk said.

Starting in the fall of 2001, after a two-year stint serving as a consultant to Ascent Entertainment Group (then owners of the Denver Nuggets), Volk carved out a post-Celtics career as a full-time sports photographer.

His Waltham-based business, SportsPix, specializes in youth, high school and collegiate sports photography. SportsPix is also the official photographer for the [Bay State Games](#) and the Cape Cod Baseball League. His Web site, sportspix.biz, has an inventory of 600,000 images, Volk said.

"I enjoy it," said Volk, who photographed the season opener for the Cape Cod Baseball League on Friday. "There's nothing in this world that is easy all the time, but for the most part, this is easy all the time."

The Standard-Times

NEW ENGLAND TRACK: Rose joins region's elite in final meet

By MIKE ROCHA
Standard-Times correspondent
June 15, 2008 6:00 AM

New Bedford senior Jeff Rose earned his place as one of New England's best all-around athletes on Saturday at the 63rd annual New England Track and Field championship.

Rose finished third in the long jump and sixth in the 200 meters at the regional championship at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine.

"I think I did pretty good," Rose said. "I gave it my all, all for years."

Rose was in second place after his final jump of 22 feet, 1¼ inches, but was passed by Connecticut's Darryl Baptiste on his last leap of 22-2. Rose said his hamstring had tightened throughout the day, but he wasn't going to miss running in his final meet. He finished in 22.41 seconds.

Rose credited retiring New Bedford coach Steve Gardiner with his performance.

"My coach helped me all four years," Rose said. "Steve Gardiner. He's helped me on and off the field. He's like my dad. He's retiring and I'm leaving. It's good a way to go out. I've loved being on the track team."

New Bedford's Jon Gomes, who finished 12th in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.47, logged the best time by a Massachusetts sophomore and second best time at the meet. Connecticut sophomore Rodrigo Souza finished 11th in 15.36.

"He's certainly one of the best 10th graders in New England," Gardiner said.

Gomes almost didn't make the trip. Earlier in the week, Gardiner was told Gomes didn't reserve his spot, but when he checked the seeds on Thursday night, Gomes was on the docket.

"I don't know how it worked out and I didn't ask," Gardiner said. "I had to get a hold of (Gomes on Thursday night)."

While Gomes had a spot, he wasn't planning on being ready to leave for Maine after school on Friday.

"He was trying out for the basketball team at [Bay State Games](#) because he thought his season was over," Gardiner said. "Then I had to talk to his mother to make sure it was OK with her. Now, all the kids wouldn't fit in my van."

Gardiner said the school department was helpful in arranging for another van.

"It worked out fine, but we were scrambling Thursday night."

New Bedford's Annifreed Sinjour finished 14th in the 400 meters with a 59.13.

"In her heat, she was winning off the first 300," Gardiner said. Sinjour ran a low 41-second stretch through the first 300 meters but faded at the end with a high 17 in the final stretch. "She went for it. It was probably her third or fourth best time of the season," said Gardiner.

New Bedford senior Kelsey Medeiros finished 16th in the 300-meter hurdles in 46.83 seconds, and Chelsea Metivier, also a senior, no-heighted on the pole vault.

"Warming up, she didn't feel right," Gardiner said.

Fairhaven sophomore Eric Stroud finished 14th in the javelin with a throw of 172-7.

Rose will attend Division 2 Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Conn. Gardiner will coach next year at UMass Dartmouth. Rose downplayed the emotion but said it meant a lot competing for the Whalers one last time.

"We talked about the moment," Rose said, "and all that, how it was a pleasure to have me."

"I'm going to miss him," Gardiner said



Check out the Hanover Parks and Recreation offerings

Thu Jun 19, 2008

Hanover - Hanover Parks and Recreation is at 550 Hanover St. To register for programs, visit the Web site at hanover-ma.gov. For more information, call 781-826-7529 or email recreation@hanover-ma.gov.

Wrestling Summer Clinics – Hanover Middle School. Youth program for students in grades three through nine will begin with the basic skills of wrestling and will build on these skills while moving on to advanced techniques and live wrestling. Emphasis will be placed on improving strength, flexibility and proper conditioning to ensure the health and safety of all involved. Goal of the program is to generate interest in the sport of wrestling, while instilling self-discipline and building self-confidence. High school program for students in grades nine through 12 will serve as a good warm-up for the **Bay State Games**. Focus will be on drills and live wrestling. Several college wrestlers will be on site to work with camp participants. T-shirt included. Meets July 7 through 10. Grades one through nine will meet 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$55. Grades nine through 12 will meet 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. Cost is \$35.



Hammering out a bond Hingham father and son enjoy national success, and throwing together

By Matt Porter, Globe Correspondent | June 22, 2008

Late on summer afternoons, they take turns throwing.

At the end of a long day, two pillar-like figures, a father and his son, head over to the field at Hingham High to throw the hammer.

The twin towers are Kyle Morse, a junior at Radford University in Virginia, and his father, Tim.

The elder Morse will watch as his son wraps three taped fingers around the handle, pulls it in front of him, turns his massive frame three times, and throws. It's a release for both father and son.

The younger Morse, who stands 6 feet 3 and weighs 250 pounds, comes home to Hingham in the off-season. He works with his father's landscaping crew during the day, but when the work is done, the two cool down by flinging hammers across the field.

"It's a relaxed atmosphere," said Kyle. "Just something fun to do over the summer. I just go out there and enjoy myself. We'll usually get a nice big dinner afterward."

His dad laughs.

"Believe me, he likes to eat. You gotta stay out of the way when he's eating barbecue."

For a moment, the 51-year-old Morse ponders how fast his son has grown.

In just his third season competing, the younger Morse is one of the best hammer throwers in the country. Last Friday, he earned All-America status with a throw of 207 feet 4 inches at the NCAA Division 1 Track and Field Championships in Des Moines. His personal best of 217 feet 4 inches won the East regionals. He missed qualifying for this summer's Olympics in Beijing, but he now has his radar locked on London for the 2012 Games.

And he's just getting started.

"He's going up against guys that have been throwing at least 10 years," said Mark Sieminski, a Scituate-based strength coach who taught Morse in high school. "We haven't seen the best of him yet."

Morse's path began when his father found a javelin at a yard sale. They'd hurl the spike across the field.

"You wouldn't have looked at me and said, 'This kid's got definite potential,' " Kyle admits, his first throws traveling 100 feet.

He flirted with football at Hingham High, but he soon found the discus. He learned weightlifting basics with Sieminski, and his throws rapidly improved. He placed third in the state as a junior, then won the state meet and earned Globe All-Scholastic honors as a senior.

He committed to Radford, a small Division 1 school. As a graduation gift, his parents sent him to a camp run by Harold Connolly, who held the world hammer record for 10 years and won the gold in the 1956 Games, the last American to do so. Connolly, 77, was born in Somerville and has a statue dedicated to him in Brighton, but he now lives in Radford, Va. There was an instant connection.

Morse blossomed. "It was like a new beginning for me," said Morse. "I was taught the proper way to throw right off the bat. I didn't learn any bad habits."

In his first meet as a freshman, he threw 163 feet, and kept making them longer and longer. He worked with Connolly and highly sought-after throwing coach Larry Judge. A year ago, he met Judge protégé Erin Gilreath, who formerly held the American women's record and competed in Athens in 2004. A romance developed that endures today.

Hammer throwing became Morse's world. And when he came home from his first year at Radford, he brought his father into that world. "He told me, this is even more fun than the disc," said Tim. "I picked one up and he showed me how to throw it. He's been showing me how to throw it for two years."

Like his own father, Tim Morse started a sport late and progressed rapidly. Richard Morse picked up tennis at age 36 and yesterday was elected into the US Tennis Association's New England Hall of Fame.

Tim Morse was a collegiate pole vaulter at Northeastern, but picked up the hammer quickly under his son's tutelage. In his first meet, at the US Track and Field Nationals, he placed eighth in the master's division. Two weeks ago, he threw 159 feet at a local meet at Harvard, which places him third nationwide in the 50-54 age group. He throws at local events, and as they did last year, both he and Kyle will compete in the **Bay State Games** on July 13.

They relish the chance to throw together again.

Last Wednesday night in Hingham, Tim Morse threw the hammer into the fading summer sky. His son was in Indianapolis, training with Judge and Gilreath. As he improves, Kyle Morse will travel more and more, to national and international competitions. No matter where they are, though, Tim and Kyle Morse will always have the bond they forged through those summer throws.

"We did a lot of things together," said Tim. "But the throwing is something I can do with him . . . something you can do for the rest of your life. I started at 50, and I started because of him."

"It gets to the point where everything is hustle and bustle and everybody's got to do this and that. But we have to take time to do something with our kids."

TAUNTON DAILY GAZETTE

Proving her point

**By Steven Sanchez Staff Writer
GateHouse News Service**

Jun 24, 2008

Bridgewater — Brittany Eldridge had something to prove in her final season of softball.

Especially, when it came to inside the circle.

For three seasons, Eldridge waited patiently in the shadows of Bridgewater-Raynham's all-time strikeout leader, Christina Berardi.

After Berardi graduated in 2007, Eldridge finally took center stage.

And she showed a glimpse of greatness right from opening day.

Eldridge went the distance against Marshfield, allowing just three hits, one earned run while striking out 13.

"I pitched only one game my junior year and won," Eldridge said. "I did not pitch again until my senior year. So I had something to prove. I knew I could do it. It was just a matter of getting the opportunity. Once I did, I put my heart into it."

Eldridge enjoyed a phenomenal senior campaign in both pitching and hitting.

The 6-foot-1 standout finished with a 10-5 record with 126 strikeouts in 99 2/3 innings of work in her first season as the Trojan ace. Her earned run average of 1.82 was second only to Taunton's Erin Wade in the Old Colony League.

Eldridge's numbers at the plate were terrific as well.

She led B-R in hitting with a .441 batting average (34-for-77). She also was tops on the Trojans lineup in RBI (21) and had five doubles, four triples and two home runs.

"She stepped right in there to take the No.1 role after sharing the duties with Kelly Macomber for most the season," B-R head coach Mike Carrozza said. "Offensively, I remember her getting the big hit to either lead off the inning or drive in the runs. She was a gamer."

Eldridge hit for the cycle (single, double, triple and home run) and drove in five runs in the Trojans' 21-6 win over the Marshfield Rams.

She was selected to the OCL All-Star team at the end of the season and was added to the B-R Hall of Fame.

"I felt really good," Eldridge said. "This was absolutely my breakout year as far as pitching. My hitting was consistent throughout the year. I've been stressed out in other years and this season I let myself go. This is what I want to do when I go to college."

The University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth-bound hurler played on various town and AAU teams over the course of her career. She started playing softball at the age of 5.

"I've been a pitcher since I was 12," Eldridge said. "I pitched for my Raynham town teams and played on eight different teams. Christina [Berardi] and I started out the same time and then we went off and did our own club teams in the summer. I just kept working at it. Her and I had the same pitching coach."

Carrozza followed Eldridge during her youth leagues and junior high school career. She also played for Carrozza's team in the [Bay State Games](#), which captured the gold medal.

"I knew she could pitch," Carrozza said. "I had total confidence in her. This year, she improved herself on the mound and with her hitting."

Just like Berardi, Eldridge displayed the same type of sneaky fastball to opposing hitters.

Her delivery — tall and powerful windmill style — to the plate often had batters chasing pitches or getting caught looking at the third strike.

Beside the fastball, Eldridge also possessed a rise ball, changeup and drop curve.

In 15 appearances in the circle, Eldridge averaged 8.4 strikeouts per game. She had a season-high 15 Ks against Dartmouth.

"Overall, it was the whole package this year," she said. "Everything was working for me."

One of Eldridge's most rewarding memories at B-R came on May 11, 2005 when as a freshman first baseman, she was on the field the day that the Trojans snapped Taunton's 116-game OCL winning streak that dated back to April 16, 1997.

The win also put an end to a 45-game drought for B-R against the Tigers and it helped the Trojans clinch a share of their first league title.

Although she went 0-for-2 on that special day, it was something she'll never forget.

"The best moment in my career was the first time we beat Taunton High," Eldridge said.

“Just that excitement. Your adrenaline is just ridiculous. I mean 30 years is a long time to be part of an OCL championship. It’s something I’ll always carry for the rest of my life.”

Eldridge, who was named “Rookie of the Year” by her team that season, played a role in B-R’s semifinal run in the postseason.

She went 2-for-3 and scored two runs in B-R’s 10-0 whitewash of Quincy in the Division I South first round.

Defensively, she came up big in the Division I South quarterfinals against Braintree, snagging a pop out at first and turning it into a double play to end the fourth inning.

Eldridge also had a one hit (1-for-3) in the 1-0 semifinal loss to Milton.

“I was a freshman and it was a little intimidating coming on a team with players like Christina,” Eldridge said “But it was a good group of girls. As a freshman, you’re kind of an outcast. We got along and we had something to prove that year. And we proved it. It was a great year.”

Now with her sights set for the Corsairs in Dartmouth, Eldridge took time out to thank the B-R community for all the memories.

“I could not have asked for a better high school, a better team,” she said. “We did well (and were) pretty consistent all four years I was here. We’re always in the running for the OCL.

“I’ll miss everything about B-R. I’ll miss the teachers. I miss the old school. I love the new school, but the old school was my home for three years. I miss everything about that school. I’m proud to have gone there.”



Sandwich swimmers qualify for Bay States

By Staff reports

Tue Jun 24, 2008

Sandwich - Ten Sandwich swimmers competed in the Southeast/Coastal Division [Bay State Games](#) Trials last weekend in Hanover where each was allowed to choose up to four events. The fastest four in each age group and stroke received an invitation to compete in the finals next month in Harvard’s 50-meter pool.

Alex Dropo, 16, (16-18 age group) was second in his 50 and 100 free, third in his 200 IM and fourth in the 100 breast to qualify.

Five swimmers represented the 13-15 age group. Haley Fournier, 14, placed first in her 200 breast, 200 and 1000 free events, and second in her 500 free. Nick Crossman, 14, touched first in his 400 IM, second in the 100 breast, third in the 200 IM and fourth in the 50 free. Tom Cundiff, 14, swam first in his 100 fly and second in the 50 and 100 free events. Anna Zhang, 13, was fifth in her 200 fly and is the first alternate for that event. Emily Budzynkiewicz, 14, is also a first alternate for her effort in the 200 breast.

Chris Shiels, 12, (10-12 age group) will swim four events from a second in the 200 breast, thirds in the 100 breast and 200 free, and a fourth in the 500 free. Kyra Crossman, 12, also qualified in all four of her events with thirds in her 100 free and 400 IM, and fourths in the 500 free and 100 back. Emilee Fournier,

11, placed fourth in the only event she entered, the 100 breast. Brian Cundiff, 11, will swim three events from a first in his 100 free, a second in the 50 free and fourth in the 200 free. He and Budzynkiewicz swim for the Sandwich Community School's Wahoos team, while the others swim for the YMCA Makos team.



Reflecting in their own words

Wed Jun 25, 2008

Hingham - "Garrett believed in the concept of student-athlete. He was interested in the boys' success in the classroom as well as on the ice. If he noticed a change in one of his players, he would quietly seek out his school counselor to see if the counselor could help or if he could do something to help the situation. I was fortunate to be with him on the ice at the Garden twice when he and the team were awarded the Mulloy Sportsmanship Award. At the end of the ceremony he gave the award plaque to me so it could be displayed the very next day in the high school office for all to see. Good sportsmanship was a high priority for him."

--Paula Girouard McCann, Hingham High principal

"The bottom line is Garrett was a class act. He meant a lot to younger coaches in the area like myself. He was always willing to help coaches get scrimmages. I played for him in the summer when I was in high school and coached with him during **Bay State Games**. We were coaching rivals in terms of Marshfield vs. Hingham, but we were very, very good friends. I enjoyed golfing with him. He was Hingham hockey and he made that program what it is. He's going to really be missed."

--Dan Connolly, Marshfield High hockey coach

"Garret was a great coach. I've never met anyone who knew more about hockey than him. He was known around here and nationally as well. He put Hingham hockey on the map. He didn't duck anyone. He played one of the toughest schedules in the state. He did it the right way. His team won the Mulloy Sportsmanship Award four times. There is not another team that has won that award while playing at such a high level."

--Bill Barges, recently retired Hingham High AD

"All I know, is it's going to be strange not seeing Garrett at Pilgrim Arena. The Weymouth-Hingham hockey game is intense and I was looking forward to sitting the corner with him and talking about the game. He had a great passion for hockey. Garrett was the type of person that if there were 10 games at the rink, he would watch seven of them and coach the other three."

--Bob Donovan, Weymouth High AD and former WHS coach

"The honor was well-deserved. I don't know why it took so long. I know that he taught me a lot. He was an old-school type of coach. We spent a lot of time talking about coaching over last summer."

--Paul Killinger, Hingham High football coach on Reagan's induction into the Mass. Hockey Hall of Fame

"I don't think Scituate hockey would have had a state title or even come close the last few years if it wasn't for Garrett. I swallowed my pride after the first few years of not really taking the (Scituate High) hockey team anywhere and asked for his help. I showed Garrett what I'd been doing, and he told me I was getting way too complicated. He sat me down with a chalkboard and showed me a real simple system for success at the high school level. I couldn't believe it was that simple, but I did it anyway, and I can't believe. How well it worked. Garrett helped (Marshfield coach) Dan Connolly and (Duxbury coach) John Blake too, and they both got state titles too."

--Mike Breen, Scituate hockey coach

"I had the opportunity to coach with Garrett Reagan for two seasons 1986-1988 and to watch his teams since then. "GR" was totally committed to the Harbormen program and I believe put more time into his job than any other coach in the state. His efforts were rewarded as he not only continued the proud legacy of the Hingham High program he took over, but enhanced it. He expected a lot from his players whether it be off ice conditioning in the off-season or no nonsense and zero tolerance for a lack of discipline on the ice. In short, he set the bar high and in return, his players aspired to be better, working hard year round, playing a team oriented defense and piling up victories, State Championships, Super 8 appearances and sportsmanship awards. Garrett Reagan truly cared about HHS' hockey and each of his players and had a commitment and dedication to his team that was and is unmatched. GR was a true gentleman of the sport, a trusted and loyal friend and mentor, and he will be greatly missed by all of us who played for, coached with or against him".

--Hugh Gorman, Hingham High girls hockey assistant coach

"Garrett always kept the best interest of his program. He took pride in building his hockey program. Garrett did things the way you wanted to. If you are part of his program, you commit totally to it and put in the time to be a participant. You aren't owed anything, you have to earn it."

--John Todd, Hingham High boys lacrosse coach