

2021-22 WINTER SPORTS AWARDS



INTRODUCTION

Somers High School would like to acknowledge our winter sports teams and athletes as our district still limited large indoor gatherings for any type of large award ceremonies and our winter teams hosted their own sports awards night.

This past winter season, we had (87) athletes participating in (7) sports, including wrestling was allowed to participate by the CIAC for the first time since the 2019-20 winter season.

Post-season honors were awarded to (11) All Conference athletes and (2) All State athletes including Rachel St. Germain's Open, New England, and National Championship performances.

As always, we would like to thank our trainer Kade Redman and school nurse Monica Willemain who were involved daily in keeping our athletes and coaches informed and healthy through all of the many challenges required for playing sports through this past winter. With limited home attendance for most of the winter season, we would like to thank all of our game security and workers who help our school transition to full fan attendance by the start of post-season play. We would like to especially thank our game personnel: Paul Campagna, Ed Palomba, and Tom Mazzoli for their dedicated work at the score table for all of our home basketball games.

Thanks,
Alan Walker
SHS Athletic Manager

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Alan Walker
Assistant Coach: Michelle Dalessio, Pasquale Dematteo
Assistant Coach: Anika Vanhoenacker
Team Captains: Grace Majowicz, Devon Dalessio, Eliana Wood



TEAM SUMMARY

The girl's varsity basketball team finished tied for second in the NCCC, with the best regular season since 1993. As the number 2 seed in the NCCC playoffs, the girl's team defeated Windsor Locks before losing a close semi-final game vs. Canton. With a first round bye in the Class S state tournament, the #4 seeded Spartans defeated Ellis Tech in the 2nd round before losing to Bolton in the quarterfinals. The Spartans finished with a record of 17 wins and 7 losses, with the most wins since the 2008-09 season.

ALL NCCC: Eliana Wood, Sydney Cassidy

VARSITY LETTERS

SENIORS: Grace Majowicz, Natasha Sherwood

JUNIORS: Shea Cassidy, Deidre Dalessio, Devon Dalessio, Erin Donohue, Hallie Watt

SOPHOMORES: Alexa Damboragian, Taylor Illuzzi, Grace McGuinness, Dara Salka, Eliana Wood

FRESHMAN: Stephanie Burzynski, Sydney Cassidy, Ava DePeau

VARSITY MANAGERS:

Seniors: Kristo Karajo, Grace Lessard, Madison Hinkley

Juniors: Kiana Kalman

Sophomores: Kristina Haraga, Kate Gebo, Rebecca Munson



JV CERTIFICATES

SOPHOMORES: Brooke Novak, Alessandra Gioscia; **FRESHMAN:** Tatiana Arruda

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Tony Palazzesi

JV Coach: Kyle Kipfer

Freshman Coach: Jeffrey Houde

Team Captains: Cody Palazzesi, Kevin Huss



TEAM SUMMARY

The boy's varsity basketball team finished the regular season with a 15-5 record qualifying for both the NCCC playoffs and DIV state tournament. The Spartans defeated Windsor Locks before losing a close game at Granby in the 2nd round. With a first round bye in the state tournament, the #7 seeded Spartans lost to Morgan in the 2nd round. Congratulations to Cody Palazzesi for becoming the 15th player in Somers history to score 1000 career points, while also earning ALL NCCC and DV All State honors.



All NCCC: Cody Palazzesi

DIV ALL STATE: Cody Palazzesi

VARSITY LETTERS

SENIORS: Sean Croken, Kevin Huss, John Zapolski, Cody Palazzesi, Thomas Lafayette

JUNIORS: Trevor Gentile, Connor Marchi, Colby McCormick

SOPHOMORES: Braden Davis, Dylan Doody, Cody Ferrero, Jayden Lynch, Troy Maia, Jacob Yvon

FRESHMAN: Jack Olearcek

VARSITY MANAGERS: Emily Lawlor, Caroline Colton, Sadie Vesco, Amelia Carengo, Lauren Zapolski

BOY'S JV BASKETBALL TEAM



JV CERTIFICATES

JUNIORS: Christopher Francis

SOPHOMORES: Trent White

FRESHMAN: Chase Beggs, Andrew Cardwell, Eric Renzoni, Thomas Saso

BOY'S FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM



FRESHMAN CERTIFICATES: Jack Brayton, Jack Chester, Aiden Clarity, Evan Colton, Drew DiCesare, Brendan Grenier, Ethan Hartman, Jesse Martello, Nico Skalski

TRI-TOWN ICE HOCKEY

Varsity Coach: Kyle Fijalkowski
Assistant Coach: Bryan Anderson
Somers Captains: Vincenzo Rumore
Alternate Captains: Gavin Rauza, Lazaros Vasiliadis



TEAM SUMMARY

The Tri-Town ice hockey team finished the regular season with a 10-10 record and qualified for the DIII state tournament. As the #8 seed, the Tri-Town team lost the Conrad in the first round.

VARSIITY LETTERS

SENIORS: Matthew Fleischman, Gavin Rauza, Vincenzo Rumore, Lazaros Vasiliadis

JUNIORS: Michael Croyle, Alexander Douglas, Cole Ferro, Camden Fickett,
Kyle Provencher

SOPHOMORES: Robert Martin

NUTMEG CONFERENCE ALL LEAGUE: Kyle Provencher, Gavin Rauza, Vincenzo Rumore

VARSIITY MANAGERS: Mackenzie Bridge, Kendal Terry



Tri-Town seniors celebrate on their team senior night.

INDOOR TRACK

Ellington HS Indoor Track Coach: Peter Corbett & Adam Zylberman



VARSITY LETTERS

BOYS: Douglas Suter, Jonathan DuPerre, Benjamin Champion, Alex Deveau
GIRLS: Rachel St. Germain, Gracie Flynn, Ella Champion, Sarah St. Germain

TEAM SUMMARY

After not competing in NCCC or invitational indoor events in 2021, Somers had (4) boys and (4) girls participate with Ellington High School for the 2021-22 season. In the NCCC Championships, Rachel St. Germain won the 1000 m, 1600m and 3200 m events while Doug Suter was the NCCC pole vault champion. With only (4) athletes participating in the Class S Indoor Championships, the Somers girls finished in 6th place.

Rachel St. Germain's Indoor Season Accomplishments:

NCCC Champion: 1000 m, 1600 m, 3200 m

Class S State Champion: 1600 m, 3200 m

CIAC Open Champion: 1600 m, 3200 m

New England Champion: 2 Mile

Nike National Runner-up: 2 Mile

Nike National Champion: 5 K



Rachel St. Germain wins the New England 2 Mile Championships!

WRESTLING

Varsity Coach Noey Guerra

Assistant Coach: Ned McCormick

Captains: Cooper Barrett, Taylor McCormick, Tait Gaudet



TEAM SUMMARY

With our wrestling team competing for the first time since the 2019-20 season, first year Coach Noey Guerra guided his team to a 4th place finish in the NCCC Championships with Cooper Barrett, Taylor McCormick, and Manny Davis all winning individual champions. Logan Wolf, Tait Gaudet, and Braden Joyal all finished in 3rd place. The team finished 10th overall in the Class S State Championships.

VARSIITY LETTERS:

Seniors:

Cooper Barrett

Taylor McCormick

Gracie Herrity-Manager

Samantha Hansen-Manager

Juniors:

Manuel Davis
Tait Gaudet
Braden Joyal

Sophomores:

Corey Vidjnagni

Freshman:

Cowen Joyal
Logan Wolf
Tyler Wolf

ALL NCCC: Cooper Barrett, Taylor McCormick, Manuel Davis
GIRL'S ICE HOCKEY



Somers had one ice hockey player on the Suffield Co-op girl's club team: freshman Katelyn Provencher. The team consisted of (27) athletes from schools mostly within the NCCC and CCC, and finished their season with a record of 7 wins, 10 losses, and 1 tie.

SOMERS BOOSTER CLUB

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BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT
Jacqui Symington

With the use of the high school concession stand allowed during home basketball games, the Booster Club were able to continue their long tradition of providing refreshments during our home basketball games. Somers High School would like to again thank the Booster Club for continuing to sponsor the Athlete of the Month Awards and 1st time varsity letters, with a special thanks going to Stacey Colton for the winter sports video.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH
SPONSORED BY THE SOMERS BOOSTER CLUB

The following student athletes were nominated by their respective coaches for their outstanding accomplishments during this past winter season.

DECEMBER

Boys Basketball: Cody Palazzesi
Girls Basketball: Devon Dalessio
Wrestling: Cooper Barrett
Tri-Town Hockey: Gavin Rauza
Boys Indoor Track: Alex Deveau
Girls Indoor Track: Sarah St. Germain

JANUARY

Boys Basketball: Troy Maia
Girls Basketball: Sydney Cassidy
Wrestling: Tait Gaudet
Tri-Town Hockey: Kyle Provencher
Boys Indoor Track: Benjamin Campion/Jonathan DuPerre
Girls Indoor Track: Ella Campion

Girls Ice Hockey: Katelyn Provencher

FEBRUARY

Boys Basketball: John Zapolski
Girls Basketball: Deidre Dalessio
Wrestling: Logan Wolf
Tri-Town Hockey: Vincenzo Rumore
Boys Indoor Track: Douglas Suter
Girls Indoor Track: Gracie Flynn

MARCH

Boys Basketball: Cody Palazzesi
Girls Basketball: Eliana Wood
Tri-Town Hockey: Michael Croyle
Girls Indoor Track: Rachel St. Germain

1ST TIME VARSITY LETTER WINNERS
SPONSORED BY THE SOMERS BOOSTER CLUB



CRITERIA: The following student athletes have earned their first career varsity letter while participating in a varsity sport during this past fall.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Natasha Sherwood
Kate Gebo
Kristina Haraga
Rebecca Munson

Sydney Cassidy

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Trevor Gentile
Braden Davis
Cody Ferrero
Jayden Lynch
Jacob Yvon
Jack Olearcek

WRESTLING

Corey Vidjinagni
Cowen Joyal
Tyler Wolf

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Katelyn Provencher

NCCC ALL ACADEMIC HONORS



Somers High School and the NCCC would like to recognize our student athletes who have qualified for the NCCC Scholar Athlete award by qualifying with either high honors or honors during the fall sports season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Alessandra Gioscia
Brooke Novak
Tatiana Arruda
Grace Majowicz
Deidre Dalessio
Devon Dalessio

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thomas Lafayette
Cody Palazzesi
John Zapolski
Colby McCormick
Braden Davis
Dylan Doody

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Katelyn Provencher

INDOOR TRACK

Benjamin Campion
Douglas Suter
Ella Campion

Erin Donohue
Alexa Damboragian
Taylor Illuzzi
Grace McGuinness
Dara Salka
Eliana Wood
Stephanie Burzynski
Sydney Cassidy
Ava DePeau
Madison Hinkley
Kiana Kalman
Grace Lessard
Rebecca Munson
Kristina Haraga
Kate Gebo

TRI-TOWN HOCKEY

Matthew Fleischman
Michael Croyle
Cole Ferro
Kyle Provencher
Kendall Terry

Cody Ferrero
Jack Olearcek
Trent White
Andrew Cardwell
Eric Renzoni
Thomas Saso
Jack Brayton
Jack Chester
Brendan Grenier
Ethan Hartman
Nico Skalski
Lauren Zapolski
Emily Lawlor

WRESTLING

Cooper Barrett
Taylor McCormick
Tait Gaudet
Braden Joyal
Samantha Hanse
Gracie Herrity

Gracie Flynn
Sara St. Germain
Rachel St. Germain

SUMMARY

Once again, Somers High School would like to thank everyone for all of the support and dedication to our winter sports student athletes and coaches during this past season. All of our spring sports athletes and coaches are looking forward to this spring season as we anticipate a full sports schedule.