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# SPORTS REPORT

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## High schools athletes swing into action

By ANDY KIRKALDY  
ADDISON COUNTY — Spring sports athletes at Middlebury, Mount Abraham, Vergennes and Otter Valley union high schools have already had their greatest wish for the spring granted. They're playing.

After having no season at all a year ago and then pandemic-shortened campaigns this past fall and winter, once again athletes are taking to fields, tennis courts and tracks, and they are competing.

And not only that, sunny weather and temperatures in the 60s and 70s greeted them in their first week of practice, which began back on April 5.

OK, it's Vermont. We've had snow more than once since then. But it's not like wintry precipitation following that early warmth and sunshine is a metaphor for athletes having their hopes dashed this spring. That's just the way the weather rolls in the 802.

And even if the athletes don't win games, medals, or titles, they're still going to have fun in the weeks to come. As well as fitness and the lessons of teamwork and discipline — that's why they do it, right?

Still, scores get kept, and heights and distances measured. There are legitimate hopes this spring.

Notably, two teams entered this season as defending champions: The Mount Abe softball team won its third straight Division II title in 2019 (the last time Vermont had spring championship games), and two years ago the VUHS-Mount Abe collaborative girls' lacrosse team went undefeated on the way to its first D-II crown. Key players return to both.

And the VUHS track team brings back three runners who helped claim three D-III relay golds in 2019.

Still, those three and all the other teams will look different.

After all, all the juniors and seniors from 2019

have graduated.

So what will happen this spring? A school-by-school look is inside.



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MUHS  
Mt. Abe  
Otter Valley  
VUHS



# Middlebury Union High School

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

Surprising news at the area's biggest high school came from the baseball program — it will compete at only the JV level. In terms of numbers, MUHS could have fielded a team: 18 athletes showed up. But school Activities Director Sean Farrell pointed out those 18 consisted of five sophomores, 12 freshmen and one junior.

Farrell and the coaching staff — including new varsity head coach Tim Paquette, a former college player and Vergennes standout — thought it best to look toward the future of the program and the athletes and stick with JV competition.

Farrell also noted that former coach Charlie Messenger stepped down, while MUHS Softball Coach Polly Rheume also regretfully stepped away due to work conflicts. Bob Cameron, who has middle school and youth softball coaching experience, agreed to take the softball program over.

Almost all players who made the Tiger softball program competitive in 2018 and 2019 graduated, and Cameron will be looking to develop a team with two seniors, Olivia Audet, a 2019 veteran, and Jordan Bessette. They will be looking to supply leadership to nine juniors who were freshmen the last time Tiger softball players took the field.

Audet also helped the Tigers start strong, fanning 17 in their opening win, and younger athletes made clutch plays in what was an extra-inning victory that boded well, as did their later win over a solid



VUHS team that pushed their record to 2-1. Many of those newcomers look ready for prime time.

Coach Matt Rizzo's Tiger boys' lacrosse team also contains a large junior class and a few seniors — attacker Bode Rubright, midfielder Mason Kaufmann and goalie Jack Rizzo — who helped the Tigers reach the D-I semifinal round two years ago.

Among the many talented juniors is defender Matthew Kiernan, who saw time as freshman.

The Tigers should be solid in the back, always a good place to start when putting together a strong team. They also opened the season

well, thumping host Burlington in their opener, 15-2.

Coach Brandi Whittemore's 2019 girls' lacrosse team was in rebuilding mode after a senior-dominated 2018 team won its second straight D-I title. That's not a bad thing for 2021, because many key players two years ago were freshmen and sophomores and are still with the program.

Four of those returners are seniors: goalie Lydia Deppman, defender/midfielder Kaitlyn McNamara, and attackers/midfielders Cam Jaring and Clara Wolff. Multi-sport athletes like

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## Spring Sport Rosters

### Middlebury Union High School Varsity Track and Field Team

Coach: Ben Weir

| Name                | Grade |
|---------------------|-------|
| Owen Connelly       | 12    |
| Lucas Nelson        | 12    |
| Thomas Nevins       | 12    |
| Harper Sinclair     | 12    |
| Sofia Stefani       | 12    |
| Nicholas Suchomel   | 12    |
| Ethan Foster        | 11    |
| Viviana Hammond     | 11    |
| Ella Landis         | 11    |
| Zoe Noble           | 11    |
| Astrid Olsen        | 11    |
| Maddy Stowe         | 11    |
| Hannah Turner       | 11    |
| Greg Wilhelm        | 11    |
| Narges Anzali       | 10    |
| Trey Bosworth       | 10    |
| Helen Brayton       | 10    |
| Mary Conklin        | 10    |
| Maddie Crowne       | 10    |
| Seina Dowgiewicz    | 10    |
| Mary Johnson        | 10    |
| Eliot Schneider     | 10    |
| Benjamin Seaton     | 10    |
| Ronen Silberman     | 10    |
| Toby Wells-Spackman | 10    |
| Emersyn Brookman    | 9     |
| Baxter Harrington   | 9     |
| Hunter Lloyd        | 9     |
| Jonas McDermott     | 9     |
| Zachary Nevins      | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Girls' Varsity Ultimate

Coach: Dan Raabe

| Name                   | Grade |
|------------------------|-------|
| Anna Berg              | 12    |
| Megan Balparda         | 11    |
| Phoebe Hussey          | 11    |
| Melody Barenbaum       | 10    |
| Marjorie Christner     | 10    |
| Arianna Graham-Gurland | 10    |
| Elise Heppell          | 10    |
| Liliana Luksch         | 10    |
| Vivian Ross            | 10    |
| Cat Carpenter          | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Team

Coach: Matt Rizzo

| Name                 | Grade |
|----------------------|-------|
| Mason Kaufmann       | 12    |
| Jackson Rizzo        | 12    |
| Bode Rubright        | 12    |
| Matthew Kiernan      | 11    |
| Joseph Pellerin      | 11    |
| Willem Berry         | 10    |
| John Boglioli        | 10    |
| Kegan Brown          | 10    |
| Devon Cyr            | 10    |
| Henry Hunsdorfer     | 10    |
| Evan Krizo           | 10    |
| Owen Lawton          | 10    |
| Tyler Quesnel        | 10    |
| Penn Riney           | 10    |
| Cole Schnoor         | 10    |
| Cameron Stone        | 10    |
| Charles Stone        | 10    |
| Henry Wagner         | 10    |
| Fynn Whitlock        | 10    |
| Casey Calzini        | 9     |
| Julian Cotell        | 9     |
| Noah Doherty-Konczal | 9     |
| Toby Draper          | 9     |
| Jackson Gillett      | 9     |
| August Hodde         | 9     |
| Zach Jette           | 9     |
| Gavin McNulty        | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Boys' Varsity Tennis Team

Coach: Dan Comar

| Name                | Grade |
|---------------------|-------|
| Antonio Abdul Sater | 12    |
| Abel Anderson       | 12    |
| Aiden Cole          | 12    |
| Andrew Giorgio      | 12    |
| Oliver Poduschnick  | 12    |
| Karic Riche         | 12    |
| Sasha Meyers        | 11    |
| Aidan Chance        | 11    |
| Clyde Malhotra      | 10    |
| Iver Anderson       | 9     |
| Kellan Bartlett     | 9     |
| Edward Fallis       | 9     |
| Brian Newton        | 9     |
| Elliott Slavin      | 9     |
| Silas Taylor        | 9     |
| Henry Weston        | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Varsity Softball Team

Coach: Bob Cameron

| Name             | Grade |
|------------------|-------|
| Olivia Audet     | 12    |
| Jordyn Bessette  | 12    |
| Taylor Betournay | 11    |
| Hannah Cameron   | 11    |
| Riley Farrell    | 11    |
| Patience Hanley  | 11    |
| Olivia McCray    | 11    |
| Lily Russell     | 11    |
| Abigail Stafford | 10    |
| Makayla Swan     | 10    |
| Emma Deering     | 9     |
| Sienna Rubright  | 9     |
| Isabella Wilbur  | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team

Coach: Brandi Whittemore

| Name               | Grade |
|--------------------|-------|
| Lydia Deppman      | 12    |
| Camryn Jaring      | 12    |
| Kaitlyn McNamara   | 12    |
| Clara Wolff        | 12    |
| Ivy Doran          | 11    |
| Reese Fitzgerald   | 11    |
| Sophie Larocque    | 11    |
| Fairley Olson      | 11    |
| Kenene Otis        | 11    |
| Alanna Trudeau     | 11    |
| Naomi Brightman    | 10    |
| Nyna Cole          | 10    |
| Elisabeth Crawford | 10    |
| Hana Doria         | 10    |
| Lia Robinson       | 10    |
| Nora Wootten       | 10    |
| Ella Tucker        | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Girls' Varsity Tennis Team

Coach: Jill Dunn

| Name             | Grade |
|------------------|-------|
| Lois Alberts     | 12    |
| Abby Bailey      | 12    |
| Elizabeth Bright | 12    |
| Emma Franklin    | 12    |
| Bridget Graham   | 12    |
| Gwen Troumbley   | 12    |
| Julia Bartlett   | 11    |
| Talia Cotroneo   | 11    |
| Kaya Wright      | 11    |
| Scarlet Carrara  | 10    |
| India Choudhury  | 10    |
| Paige Hescocock  | 10    |
| Audrey Carpenter | 9     |
| Amelia Coburn    | 9     |
| Sophie Mason     | 9     |
| Abby Morsman     | 9     |
| Caroline Nicolai | 9     |

### Middlebury Union High School Boys' Varsity Ultimate

Coach: Michelle Steele

| Name               | Grade |
|--------------------|-------|
| Lucas Broughton    | 12    |
| Timothy Hunsdorfer | 12    |
| Kyle Mitchell      | 12    |
| Zacharias Burrows  | 11    |
| Ira Carling        | 11    |
| Owen Hamilton      | 11    |
| Reilly Lawson      | 11    |
| Jordan Martin      | 11    |
| Nathaniel McVeigh  | 11    |
| Jackson Poppenga   | 11    |
| Jared Rancour      | 11    |
| Lief Reiderer      | 11    |
| Layne Chant        | 10    |
| William Ingham     | 10    |
| Finn O'Neill       | 10    |
| Lewis Suchomel     | 10    |



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Ivy Doran, Sophie Larocque and Fairley Olson are among seven juniors, and another junior, Alanna Trudeau, racked up six goals in the Tigers’ opening 13-2 victory over Brattleboro this month.

And younger players include starters in other varsity sports. It all adds up to what should be a competitive season for the Tiger girls’ lacrosse squad.

Turnout for Coach Jill Dunn’s girls’ tennis program was encouraging, with 18 athletes signing up. The Tiger girls have demonstrated enthusiasm, even if they have not enjoyed the same level of success on the court as the boys’ program.

Dunn is confident that could change this year, as six seniors return: Abby Bailey, Elizabeth Bright, Lois Alberts, Emma Franklin, Bridget Graham and Gwen Troumbley, plus three juniors with experience from 2019, including No. 2 player on the ladder Julia Bartlett.

Another eight freshmen and sophomores were looking to crack the top nine on the playing ladder,

and two did: Freshman Scarlett Carrara took over as the No. 1 singles player, and sophomore Abby Morsman opened at No. 3 on the ladder as the Tigers swept Rice, 7-0, in their first match without dropping a set.

Another new coach takes over, at least as an interim, for the boys’ tennis program. Ken Schoen, who has helped the Tiger boys to winning seasons in recent years, bowed out due to his workplace COVID requirements. Taking over is MUHS teacher Dan Comar, who Farrell said has tennis coaching experience.

Five experienced players return: seniors Abel Anderson, Andy Giorgio, Karic Riche, Aiden Cole and Oliver Poduschnik. There are three juniors and sophomores, and seven freshmen, some of whom already have a strong tennis background, signed on.

A continuation of the program’s winning streak would be no shocker, and certainly the team’s future looks bright. The Tigers had not yet played as of this writing.

Meanwhile, Ultimate, the newest varsity sport at MUHS, has doubled in size. Maybe not exactly



in numbers, but there are now Tiger boys’ and girls’ teams rather than one coed team. And another new coach: Daniel Raabe joins the program to coach the girls’ team, while program founder, Michelle Steele, will stick with the boys’ squad.

Almost all the athletes, especially on the girls’ side, are new faces in the program. There are 17 members of the boys’ team, including seniors Timothy Hunsdorfer, Lucas Broughton and Kyle Mitchell, who will toss the flying disks around, which can’t be referred to in promotional material as they typically are conversationally for trademark reasons. (Psst: They’re called “Frisbees.”)

Anna Berg is the only senior on the 10-strong girls’ team. Games are played on the Ultimate Field, which football players used in the fall.

Another new coach this spring at MUHS takes over the school’s track and field program: He is MUHS teacher Ben Weir.

Given the Middlebury College track is off limits this spring due to COVID-19 restrictions, Farrell said Weir is an ideal coach for the team because he previously led the track and field program at Randolph High School — a school without a track.

Few athletes returned from the 2019 team. Those returning include Hannah Turner, Astrid Olson and Viviana Hammond on the girls’ side, and Nicholas Suchomel among the boys.

Cross-country runners who fared well in the fall could help in the distance events, including Ella Landis, Seina Dowgiewicz, Sofia Stefani, Baxter Harrington, Ethan Foster and Thomas Nevins.

## Schedules

| Middlebury Union High School Boys' Tennis |                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Date                                      | Opponent/Event  | Time      |
| 4/27                                      | Colchester      | 3:30 p.m. |
| 4/29                                      | CVU             | 3:30 p.m. |
| 4/30                                      | North Country   | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/8                                       | Harwood         | 12 p.m.   |
| 5/10                                      | U-32            | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/12                                      | Spaulding       | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/17                                      | BFA St Albans   | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/21                                      | @ North Country | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/25                                      | Harwood         | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/26                                      | @ U-32          | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/28                                      | @ Spaulding     | 3:30 p.m. |

| Middlebury Union High School Girls' Tennis |                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Date                                       | Opponent/Event   | Time      |
| 4/24                                       | Rice             | W, 7-6    |
| 4/27                                       | @ Colchester     | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/4                                        | Otter Valley     | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/6                                        | BFA St. Albans   | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/8                                        | @ Harwood        | 12 p.m.   |
| 5/10                                       | @ Spaulding      | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/17                                       | @ BFA St. Albans | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/19                                       | @ Montpelier     | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/21                                       | North Country    | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/25                                       | Harwood          | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/26                                       | U-32             | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/28                                       | Spaulding        | 4 p.m.    |

| Middlebury Union High School Varsity Softball |                |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Date                                          | Opponent/Event | Time      |
| 4/20                                          | CVU            | W, 7-6    |
| 4/22                                          | @ Colchester   | L, 9-1    |
| 4/24                                          | Vergennes      | W, 12-5   |
| 4/27                                          | Milton         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 4/29                                          | @ Rice         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/4                                           | @ Enosburg     | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/6                                           | @ BFA Fairfax  | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/8                                           | Mt. Abraham    | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/11                                          | @ Spaulding    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/13                                          | @ Vergennes    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/15                                          | @ Milton       | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/18                                          | Rice           | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/20                                          | Enosburg       | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/22                                          | BFA Fairfax    | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/25                                          | @ Mt. Abraham  | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/27                                          | Spaulding      | 4:30 p.m. |

| Middlebury Union High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse |                    |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Date                                                 | Opponent/Event     | Time      |
| 4/17                                                 | Brattleboro        | W, 13-2   |
| 4/26                                                 | @ Essex            | 4 p.m.    |
| 4/28                                                 | Burlington         | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/1                                                  | Mt. Anthony        | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/4                                                  | CVU                | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/7                                                  | South Burlington   | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/10                                                 | Burr & Burton      | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/11                                                 | @ Mt. Mansfield    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/14                                                 | Essex              | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/18                                                 | @ Burlington       | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/21                                                 | @ CVU              | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/25                                                 | @ South Burlington | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/28                                                 | Mt. Mansfield      | 4:30 p.m. |

| MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL Boys' Ultimate |                    |         |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Date                                        | Opponent/Event     | Time    |
| 4/20                                        | @ South Burlington | 4 p.m.  |
| 4/22                                        | @ CVU              | 4 p.m.  |
| 4/26                                        | Vermont Commons    | 4 p.m.  |
| 4/29                                        | Colchester         | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/1                                         | Montpelier         | 11 a.m. |
| 5/4                                         | Milton             | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/11                                        | Essex              | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/15                                        | @ St. Johnsbury    | 11 a.m. |
| 5/18                                        | @ Rice             | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/20                                        | @ Spaulding        | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/22                                        | @ BFA              | 11 a.m. |
| 5/25                                        | Mt. Mansfield      | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/27                                        | @ Burlington       | 4 p.m.  |

| MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL Girls' Ultimate |                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Date                                         | Opponent/Event     | Time       |
| 4/27                                         | Burlington         | 4 p.m.     |
| 4/29                                         | @ St. Johnsbury    | 4 p.m.     |
| 5/1                                          | @ BFA Fairfax      | 12:15 a.m. |
| 5/4                                          | @ CVU              | 4 p.m.     |
| 5/6                                          | South Burlington   | 4 p.m.     |
| 5/8                                          | St. Johnsbury      | 11 p.m.    |
| 5/11                                         | @ Montpelier       | 4 p.m.     |
| 5/15                                         | Montpelier         | 11 a.m.    |
| 5/18                                         | BFA Fairfax        | 4 p.m.     |
| 5/20                                         | @ South Burlington | 4 p.m.     |
| 5/22                                         | CVU                | 11 a.m.    |
| 5/25                                         | @ Burlington       | 4 p.m.     |

| Middlebury Union High School Boys' Varsity Lacrosse |                    |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Date                                                | Opponent/Event     | Time      |
| 4/17                                                | @ Burlington       | W, 15-2   |
| 4/27                                                | Essex              | 4 p.m.    |
| 4/30                                                | @ South Burlington | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/3                                                 | BFA St. Albans     | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/5                                                 | Mt. Mansfield      | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/8                                                 | @ Woodstock        | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/10                                                | @ CVU              | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/12                                                | Burlington         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/15                                                | @ Essex            | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/17                                                | South Burlington   | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/19                                                | @ BFA St. Albans   | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/22                                                | @ Mt. Mansfield    | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/26                                                | Rutland            | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/29                                                | CVU                | 11 a.m.   |

| Middlebury Union High School Varsity Track and Field |                                                         |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Date                                                 | Opponent/Event                                          | Time      |
| 4/28                                                 | @ Burlington                                            | 3:30 a.m. |
| 5/10                                                 | @ Colchester                                            | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5/21                                                 | @ Burlington                                            | 3:30 p.m. |
| 6/1                                                  | @ Mt. Mansfield - Last Chance States @ South Burlington | 3:30 p.m. |
| 6/5                                                  |                                                         | 9:30 a.m. |

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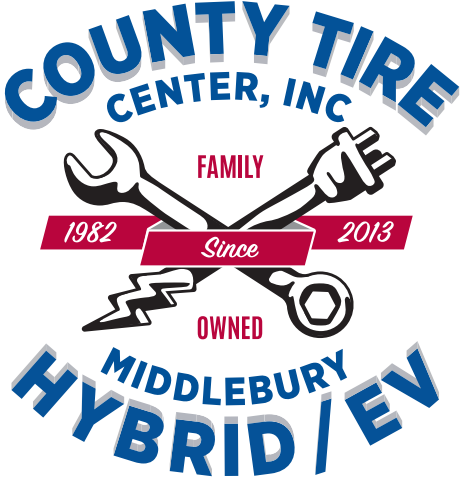
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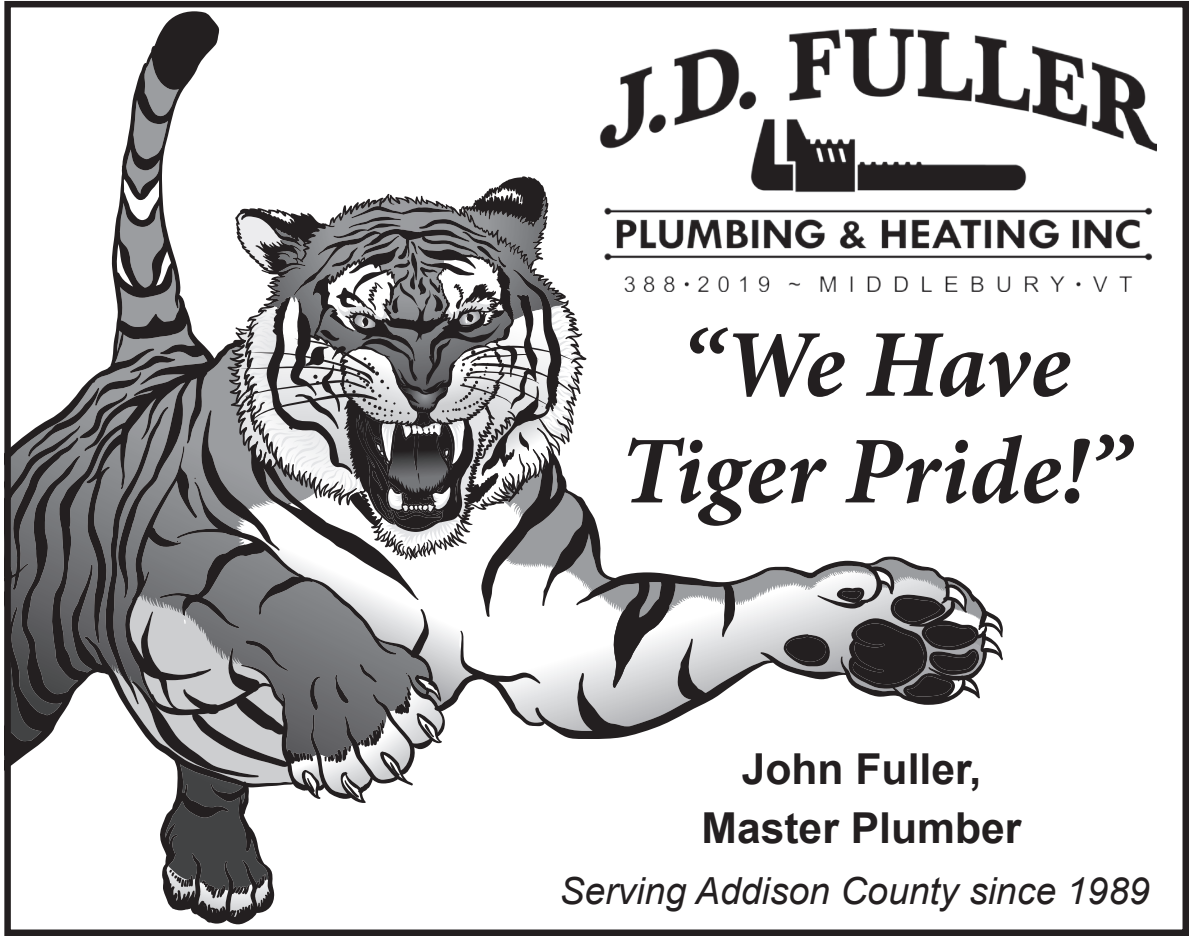
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# Vergennes Union High School



**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

The Commodores upped the ante in 2019 with some notable team performances.

The VUHS baseball team carved its way through the Division-III tournament before falling to top seed White River Valley in the final. The team, like every other team, saw key players pick up diplomas after that season.

But its top three pitchers were all sophomores then: Jarret Muzzy, Tucker Stearns and Barret Barrows, and all are back. Also returning are seniors Jake Russell, pegged to catch, and infielder Xavier DeBlois to help key what could be another deep postseason run for Coach Dwight Burkett's crew.

The Commodores hit some stormy weather right out of port, losing twice, once to a strong D-I team and once when an opposing hurler tossed a two-hit gem at them. But they are a good bet to right the ship.

Similarly, Coach Brad Castillo's VUHS track team also returns three runners who were sophomores then and ran on a trio of state championship D-III relay teams: Ben Huston, Gabe Praamsma and DeBlois. Other members of this year's baseball squad will do double duty to help the Commodores compete in the relays again.

Many girls' soccer players also joined the track group this year and should give that half of the squad a chance to represent VUHS on the D-III medal stand.

Unlike most teams this spring, VUHS Softball Coach Travis Scribner could start an entire team of returning players from his 2019 squad. That young Commodore group showed promise that season and took D-II finalist Otter Valley into extra innings in the first round of the playoffs before falling.

Third baseman Ema Gernander, catcher Karrie Ayer and outfielder Jordan Kimball are the senior veterans, while juniors like pitcher/infielder Sierra Bertrand, shortstop Audrey Tembreull, first baseman Felicia Poirier, outfielders Audrey Scribner and Jordan Norris and utility players Ella Hameline and Anna Carr all played key roles two years ago.

Five newcomers join the returners. One, sophomore Bethany

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## Spring Sport Rosters

| Vergennes Union High School<br>Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team |       | Vergennes Union High School<br>Varsity Track Team |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coach: Marikate Kelley                                      |       | Coaches: Brad Castillo                            |       |
| Name                                                        | Grade | Name                                              | Grade |
| Harriet Anderson                                            | 12    | Xander DeBlois                                    | 12    |
| Sophie Davis                                                | 12    | Adam Galuszka                                     | 12    |
| Rebekah Duprey                                              | 12    | Aidan Gebo                                        | 12    |
| Marley Keith                                                | 12    | Ben Huston                                        | 12    |
| Hannah Kelly                                                | 12    | Jarret Muzzy                                      | 12    |
| Savannah Scrodin                                            | 12    | Gabriel Payne-Vinick                              | 12    |
| Ashley Tierney                                              | 12    | Gabe Praamsma                                     | 12    |
| Sadie Thomas                                                | 12    | Adam Sausville                                    | 12    |
| Sydney Weber                                                | 12    | Jonathan Willis                                   | 12    |
| Elena Bronson                                               | 11    | Anna Carr                                         | 11    |
| Ava Doherty-Konczal                                         | 11    | Allison Croke                                     | 11    |
| Illia Dennison                                              | 11    | Madeline Degraaf                                  | 11    |
| Annika Funke                                                | 11    | Mykenzie Duffy                                    | 11    |
| Halle Huizenga                                              | 11    | Ella Hameline                                     | 11    |
| Molly Laurent                                               | 11    | Rhode Miguel                                      | 11    |
| Ryley Olsen                                                 | 11    | Geneva Verburg                                    | 11    |
| Carly Rougier                                               | 11    | Shamus Rooney                                     | 10    |
| Remi Shepard                                                | 11    | Acadia Clark                                      | 9     |
| Cassandra Guillemette                                       | 10    | Riley Gagnon                                      | 9     |
|                                                             |       | Madelyn Giroux                                    | 9     |
|                                                             |       | Calvin Gramling                                   | 9     |
|                                                             |       | Ryder Messinger                                   | 9     |
|                                                             |       | Siobhan Potter                                    | 9     |
|                                                             |       | Calder Rakowski                                   | 9     |
| Vergennes Union High School<br>Varsity Softball Team        |       | Vergennes Union High School<br>Baseball Team      |       |
| Coach: Travis Scribner                                      |       | Coach: Dwight Burkett                             |       |
| Name                                                        | Grade | Name                                              | Grade |
| Karrie Ayer                                                 | 12    | Barret Barrows                                    | 12    |
| Emalie Gernander                                            | 12    | Zachary Botala                                    | 12    |
| Sydney Jewell                                               | 12    | Xander DeBlois                                    | 12    |
| Jordan Kimball                                              | 12    | Adam Galuszka                                     | 12    |
| Jordan Norris                                               | 12    | Hunter Morin                                      | 12    |
| Sierra Bertrand                                             | 11    | Jarret Muzzy                                      | 12    |
| Anna Carr                                                   | 11    | Gabriel Payne-Vinick                              | 12    |
| Ella Hameline                                               | 11    | Jake Russell                                      | 12    |
| Kaitlyn Little                                              | 11    | Tucker Stearns                                    | 12    |
| Felicia Poirier                                             | 11    | Timothy Ashley                                    | 11    |
| Audrey Scribner                                             | 11    | Xavier DeBlois                                    | 10    |
| Audrey Tembreull                                            | 11    | Elijah Duprey                                     | 10    |
| Bethany Bresnick                                            | 10    |                                                   |       |
| Samantha Hallock                                            | 10    |                                                   |       |
| Jasmine Little                                              | 10    |                                                   |       |

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| Date | Opponent/Event | Time      |
|------|----------------|-----------|
| 4/20 | Poultney       | W, 13-1   |
| 4/24 | @ MUHS         | L, 12-5   |
| 4/27 | Mt. Abraham    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 4/29 | @ Spaulding    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/4  | Milton         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/6  | @ Rice         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/8  | BFA Fairfax    | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/11 | Enosburg       | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/13 | MUHS           | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/15 | @ Mt. Abraham  | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/18 | Spaulding      | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/20 | @ Milton       | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/22 | Rice           | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/25 | @ Fairfax      | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/27 | @ Enosburg     | 4:30 p.m. |

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# Mt. Abraham Union High School



**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

The Mount Abe track and field team might have an edge this year on its Tiger and Commodore counterparts. After all, the Eagles have a track.

If the Eagle Track Co-Coaches Eva Friend and Nate Reynolds’ team does square off with its county rivals, it should be a good meet. Like the Tigers, the Eagles are a young group with strong turnout and enthusiasm; and the Commodores bring some experience and speed to the track.

Three athletes returning for the Eagles after qualifying for the 2019 Division-II state meet are sprinter Branden Reynolds and throwers Eliza Bent and Abigail Roy. All three posted top-10 finishes two years ago.

Coach Ed Cook of the Mount Abe-VUHS cooperative boys’ lacrosse team has five returners, four of whom were starters in 2019, that give the 2021 team a good place to start and be competitive this spring, although the Eagles took their lumps in their first couple outings.

That quintet includes two defenders, junior Carmelo Miceli and senior Quincy Cook; senior midfielder Griffin Paradee; senior attacker Liam Oxford; and senior goalie Aidan Danyow, who saw action between the pipes two years ago. Senior Jack Chaput also saw time as a midfielder in 2019.

The Eagles played strong defense in their opening loss to Hartford April 17, and showed flashes offensively even though Oxford and Chaput had to miss the game.

Coach Jeff Stetson and his 2019 senior-laden baseball team were justifiably eyeing a run at a D-II title. That didn’t pan out for the obvious reason, but at least that group was able to play together over the summer and win a state senior Babe Ruth championship.

Not all graduated, though: 2021

seniors Ryan Whitcomb, Colby Lathrop and Will Vichi gained valuable varsity experience in 2019, and Stetson believes there’s plenty of depth and talent among the one more senior, six juniors and three sophomores on this season’s roster.

The Eagles opened this season with a D-I home loss, but picked up a spirited road win in their second game.

Then there’s the springtime D-II dynasty that the Eagle softball team has become, with four straight trips to the final and wins in the past three.

How about four? There won’t be veterans at all the positions,

but there are key returners. Senior Cami Willsey saw action on the mound two years ago, but might devote her time to catching and make way for talented sophomore hurlers Eve McCormick and Payton Vincent.

The Eagles are young. The only seniors are versatile veterans Cami Masse, who can play almost anywhere on the diamond but looks to hold down first base, and Karissa Livingston, who looks to be headed to the outfield.

The Eagles dropped their opener to D-I powerhouse Missisquoi, but who’s going to bet against Coach Donnie McCormick’s crew in D-II?



## Spring Sport Rosters

| Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Track and Field Team |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coaches: Nate Reynolds, Eva Friend                           |       |
| Name                                                         | Grade |
| Shea Cravens                                                 | 12    |
| Liam Davison                                                 | 12    |
| Louisa Funk                                                  | 12    |
| Eliana Ginsburg                                              | 12    |
| Emmaline Heilman                                             | 12    |
| Latham Lomax                                                 | 12    |
| Branden Reynolds                                             | 12    |
| Abigail Roy                                                  | 12    |
| Isaiah Szczecinski                                           | 12    |
| Hugh Ball                                                    | 11    |
| Eliza Bent                                                   | 11    |
| Madeline Donaldson                                           | 11    |
| Noah Engvall                                                 | 11    |
| Abigail Johnson                                              | 11    |
| Gavin Kouwenhoven                                            | 11    |
| Tristan Parker                                               | 11    |
| Alexander Yaggy                                              | 11    |

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Sadie Alderman     | 10 |
| Gavin Bannister    | 10 |
| Sean Davison       | 10 |
| Olivia Devino      | 10 |
| Nathaniel Gustin   | 10 |
| Jordan Hall        | 10 |
| Ruby Hall          | 10 |
| Maisy Hill         | 10 |
| William Illiff     | 10 |
| Dustin Lavigne     | 10 |
| Andrew Lester      | 10 |
| Ryan Marcotullio   | 10 |
| Tristan Pudvah     | 10 |
| Owen Reynolds      | 10 |
| Evan Roy           | 10 |
| Abigail Sturtevant | 10 |
| Abel Atocha        | 9  |
| Joseph Darling     | 9  |
| Mason Frazier      | 9  |
| Teagan Obarski     | 9  |
| Michael Sayre      | 9  |

| Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Boys’ Lacrosse Team |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coach: Ed Cook                                              |       |
| Name                                                        | Grade |
| Jack Chaput                                                 | 12    |
| Quincy Cook                                                 | 12    |
| Aidan Danyow                                                | 12    |
| Koby LaRose                                                 | 12    |
| Latham Lomax                                                | 12    |
| Grayson Lyons                                               | 12    |
| Liam Oxford                                                 | 12    |
| Griffin Paradee                                             | 12    |
| Collin Dupoise                                              | 11    |
| Jade Edwards                                                | 11    |
| Evan Jennison                                               | 11    |
| Billy Lyons                                                 | 11    |
| Carmelo Miceli                                              | 11    |
| Taylor Stearns                                              | 11    |
| Henry Anderson                                              | 10    |
| Sawyer Shepard                                              | 10    |
| Giles Heilman                                               | 9     |
| Sawyer Leonard                                              | 9     |
| Iain Olsen                                                  | 9     |

| Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Softball Team |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coach: Don McCormick                                  |       |
| Name                                                  | Grade |
| Karissa Livingston                                    | 12    |
| Camillenne Masse                                      | 12    |
| Natalie Chase                                         | 11    |
| Isabella Powell                                       | 11    |
| Cami Willsey                                          | 11    |
| Alyssa Whitcomb                                       | 11    |
| Gabrielle LaFreniere                                  | 10    |
| Dakota Larocque                                       | 10    |
| Eve McCormick                                         | 10    |
| Lucy Parker                                           | 10    |
| Isabella Robideau                                     | 10    |
| Payton Vincent                                        | 10    |
| Madelyn Hayden                                        | 9     |

| Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Baseball Team |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coach: Jeff Stetson                                   |       |
| Name                                                  | Grade |
| Colby Lathrop                                         | 12    |
| Zeke Savage                                           | 12    |
| Will Vicci                                            | 12    |
| Ryan Whitcomb                                         | 12    |
| Owen Bromley                                          | 11    |
| Neil Guy                                              | 11    |
| Tanner Harris                                         | 11    |
| Adam Mansfield                                        | 11    |
| Carter Monks                                          | 11    |
| Ethan Thompson                                        | 11    |
| Joe Graziadei                                         | 10    |
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| Chance Denecker                                       | 10    |

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# Mt. Abraham Union High School



## Spring Sport Schedules

| Mount Abraham Union High School<br>Varsity Softball |                |           | Mount Abraham Union High School<br>Varsity Baseball |                |           | Mount Abraham Union High School<br>Varsity Track & Field |                           |           | Mount Abraham Union High School<br>Varsity Boys' Lacrosse |                     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Date                                                | Opponent/Event | Time      | Date                                                | Opponent/Event | Time      | Date                                                     | Opponent/Event            | Time      | Date                                                      | Opponent/Event      | Time      |
| 4/23                                                | Missisquoi     | L, 12-2   | 4/20                                                | Burlington     | L, 10-2   | 4/30                                                     | @ Colchester              | 3:30 p.m. | 4/17                                                      | Hartford            | 11 a.m.   |
| 4/27                                                | @ VUHS         | 4:30 p.m. | 4/24                                                | @ Missisquoi   | 11 a.m.   | 5/5                                                      | @ Milton                  | 3:30 p.m. | 4/24                                                      | Rice                | 11 a.m.   |
| 4/29                                                | Enosburg       | 4:30 p.m. | 4/27                                                | @ VUHS         | 4:30 p.m. | 5/8                                                      | @ Burlington Invitational | 9 a.m.    | 4/26                                                      | BFA Fairfax         | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/1                                                 | @ Rice         | 11 a.m.   | 5/1                                                 | Spaulding      | 11 a.m.   | 5/10                                                     | @ Milton                  | 3:30 p.m. | 4/28                                                      | Spaulding           | 4 p.m.    |
| 5/4                                                 | BFA Fairfax    | 4:30 a.m. | 5/4                                                 | Enosburg       | 4:30 p.m. | 5/11                                                     | Home Meet                 | 3:45 p.m. | 5/1                                                       | @ St. Johnsbury     | 3 p.m.    |
| 5/5                                                 | Otter Valley   | 4:30 p.m. | 5/5                                                 | Otter Valley   | 4:30 p.m. | 5/21                                                     | @ Burlington              | 3:30 p.m. | 5/4                                                       | @ Stowe             | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/6                                                 | Spaulding      | 4:30 p.m. | 5/8                                                 | @ VUHS         | 11 a.m.   | 5/29                                                     | @ Essex Invitational      | 9 a.m.    | 5/7                                                       | Colchester (@ VUHS) | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/8                                                 | @ MUHS         | 11 a.m.   | 5/11                                                | Milton         | 4:30 p.m. | 5/21                                                     | @ CVU                     | 3:30 p.m. | 5/15                                                      | @ Harwood           | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/11                                                | Milton         | 4:30 p.m. | 5/13                                                | Missisquoi     | 4:30 p.m. | 6/1                                                      | @ Mt. Mansfield           | 3:30 p.m. | 5/18                                                      | @ Montpelier        | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/13                                                | Rice           | 4:30 p.m. | 5/15                                                | VUHS           | 11 a.m.   | 6/5                                                      | @ State Championships     | 9:30 a.m. | 5/21                                                      | U-32                | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/15                                                | VUHS           | 11 a.m.   | 5/18                                                | @ Enosburg     | 4:30 p.m. |                                                          |                           |           | 5/25                                                      | @ Milton            | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/18                                                | @ Enosburg     | 4:30 p.m. | 5/22                                                | @ Spaulding    | 11 a.m.   |                                                          |                           |           |                                                           |                     |           |
| 5/20                                                | @ BFA Fairfax  | 4:30 p.m. | 5/24                                                | Mt. Mansfield  | 4:30 p.m. |                                                          |                           |           |                                                           |                     |           |
| 5/22                                                | @ Spaulding    | 11 a.m.   | 5/27                                                | @ Milton       | 4:30 p.m. |                                                          |                           |           |                                                           |                     |           |
| 5/24                                                | Missisquoi     | 4:30 p.m. |                                                     |                |           |                                                          |                           |           |                                                           |                     |           |
| 5/25                                                | MUHS           | 4:30 p.m. |                                                     |                |           |                                                          |                           |           |                                                           |                     |           |
| 5/27                                                | @ Milton       | 4:30 p.m. |                                                     |                |           |                                                          |                           |           |                                                           |                     |           |

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# Otter Valley Union High School

**By ANDY KIRKALDY**

Spring of 2019 saw plenty of success for Otter Valley sports teams, none more so than for the baseball squad. The Otters earned the No. 1 seed in D-II before falling to Fair Haven in a close final.

Only one player, senior catcher Alex Polli, returns from that squad, but there are 37 players in the program, including another four seniors — Lane Eddy, Lucias Sheldrick, Dylan Gaboriault and Parker Todd — and six juniors, many of them varsity athletes in other sports.

Coach Mike Howe will emphasize fundamentals, and word has it that there are decent pitchers among those who signed up. The Otters should be competitive — and they proved it by rallying past D-I rival Rutland in their opener.

Right behind the baseball team in 2019 was the OV softball team, which earned D-II's No. 2 seed and lost to Mount Abe in the D-II final.

The program lost many key players to graduation, but strong turnout should boost Coach Kelly Trayah's Otters, as well as overall quickness and athleticism.

There are three seniors with 2019 experience: shortstop Mia Politano, first baseman Jadynn Pope and catcher Josie Cone. MacKenzie McKay could lead a deep pitching rotation that will also feature



Miyiah Hall and Ryleigh LaPorte as OV looks to contend again — this season in D-III, where they could make some noise.

AD Steve Keith said low numbers did not allow OV to field a girls' tennis team this spring, but there were plenty of athletes to populate the OV boys' lacrosse team, another group that enjoyed 2019.

The Otter boys' lacrosse team two years ago posted a winning record that included a first-round playoff victory that preceded a 3-2 quarterfinal setback to eventual champion Stowe.

Coach Jesse Milliman resigned due to work and family reasons, Keith said. But he is confident that OV teacher Matt Clark, a former college player and assistant coach, can keep the momentum going with 30 athletes signing up and an emphasis on skill development.

Keith said he is optimistic: "We look forward with excitement for Coach Clark to maintain the level of success of the Otter Valley boys' lacrosse program."



## Spring Sports

| Rosters                                              |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Baseball Team |       |
| Coach: Michael Howe                                  |       |
| Name                                                 | Grade |
| Lane Eddy                                            | 12    |
| Dylan Gaboriault                                     | 12    |
| Alexander Polli                                      | 12    |
| Lucias Sheldrick                                     | 12    |
| Parker Todd                                          | 12    |
| Ethan Blow                                           | 11    |
| Jared Brutkoski                                      | 11    |
| Tanner Brutkoski                                     | 11    |
| Michael Dame                                         | 11    |
| Brady Diaz                                           | 11    |
| Fraser Pierpont                                      | 11    |
| Jordan Beayon                                        | 10    |
| Matthew Greeno                                       | 10    |
| Andrew McEnery                                       | 10    |
| Caleb Whitney                                        | 10    |

| Otter Valley Union High School Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Team |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coach: Matthew Clark                                       |       |
| Name                                                       | Grade |
| Jakob Stevens                                              | 12    |
| David Williams                                             | 12    |
| Hayden Bernhardt                                           | 11    |
| Austin Cormany                                             | 11    |
| Domanic Davis                                              | 11    |
| Isaac Derepentigny                                         | 11    |
| Cooper Johnson                                             | 11    |
| Samuel Martin                                              | 11    |
| Matthew Moseley                                            | 11    |
| Daniel O'Brien                                             | 11    |
| Evan Thomas                                                | 11    |
| Kieran Williams                                            | 11    |
| Benjamin Marks                                             | 10    |
| Thomas Politano                                            | 10    |
| Simon Martin                                               | 9     |
| Brady McDonough                                            | 9     |
| Sawyer Tinsman                                             | 9     |

| Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Softball Team |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Coach: Kelly Trayah                                  |       |
| Name                                                 | Grade |
| Josie Cone                                           | 12    |
| Niya Hall                                            | 12    |
| Jessica Malbon                                       | 12    |
| Mia Politano                                         | 12    |
| Jadynn Pope                                          | 12    |
| Virgil Chapin                                        | 11    |
| Marissa Connors                                      | 11    |
| Emily Hutchins                                       | 11    |
| Riley Keith                                          | 11    |
| Faith Scarborough                                    | 11    |
| Bryn Blanchard                                       | 10    |
| Sydney Gallo                                         | 10    |
| Alexis Hayes                                         | 10    |
| Ryleigh LaPorte                                      | 10    |
| Mackenzie McKay                                      | 10    |
| Grace O'Connell                                      | 10    |

| Schedules                                       |                  |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Baseball |                  |           |
| Date                                            | Opponent/Event   | Time      |
| 4/17                                            | @ Rutland        | W, 7-2    |
| 4/20                                            | @ Fair Haven     | L, 12-2   |
| 4/27                                            | Hartford         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 4/29                                            | Green Mountain   | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/4                                             | Windsor          | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/5                                             | @ Mt. Abraham    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/10                                            | @ Burr & Burton  | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/12                                            | Mt. Anthony      | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/14                                            | Fair Haven       | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/18                                            | @ Windsor        | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/20                                            | Springfield      | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/22                                            | @ Brattleboro    | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/25                                            | @ Green Mountain | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/27                                            | Rutland          | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/29                                            | @ Hartford       | 7 p.m.    |

| Otter Valley Union High School Boys' Varsity Lacrosse |                  |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Date                                                  | Opponent/Event   | Time    |
| 4/19                                                  | @ BFA Fairfax    | L, 16-3 |
| 4/22                                                  | Hartford         | 4 p.m.  |
| 4/24                                                  | @ Brattleboro    | 11 a.m. |
| 4/27                                                  | @ Woodstock      | 4 p.m.  |
| 4/30                                                  | Stratton         | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/4                                                   | Montpelier       | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/7                                                   | BFA Fairfax      | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/14                                                  | @ Rutland        | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/17                                                  | Burr & Burton    | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/27                                                  | @ Mt. Abraham    | 4 p.m.  |
| 5/29                                                  | @ Green Mountain | 11 a.m. |

| Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Softball |                        |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Date                                            | Opponent/Event         | Time      |
| 4/20                                            | @ Fair Haven           | L, 4-9    |
| 4/22                                            | @ Mt. Abraham          | postponed |
| 4/27                                            | @ Hartford             | 7 p.m.    |
| 4/29                                            | @ Springfield          | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/1                                             | Green Mountain         | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/4                                             | Windsor                | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/5                                             | @ Mt. Abraham          | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/6                                             | @ White River Junction | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/10                                            | Rutland                | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/12                                            | Mt Anthony             | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/14                                            | Fair Haven             | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/18                                            | @ Windsor              | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/19                                            | Mt. Abraham            | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/20                                            | Springfield            | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/22                                            | @ Brattleboro          | 11 a.m.   |
| 5/27                                            | @ Burr & Burton        | 4:30 p.m. |
| 5/29                                            | Hartford               | 11 a.m.   |

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