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# Tiger teams eye repeating success of spring of 2024

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — In many cases, in the next few months Middlebury Union High School athletes might find the spring of 2024 a tough act to follow.

Consider the following from last year:

- The Tiger baseball and boys' tennis teams won the school's first championships in those sports.
- As a junior, MUHS sprinter Jazmyn Hurler bolted to victory at three distances at the state meet, with convincing margins in each.
- The Tiger boys' lacrosse team took the Champlain Valley Union High School dynasty into overtime in the Division I final before losing a heartbreaker.
- The MUHS softball team won 11 games and earned a No. 4 seed in D-II, and the girls' tennis team improved by seven wins over the year before and also earned a D-II No. 4 seed.

Not all Tiger opponents were steamrolled. A young girls' lacrosse team won six times, and the Tiger Ultimate team did not rack up victories. In the Ultimate squad's case, that was in part due to a welcome development — a number of athletes signed up, but just too late to meet a multi-school administrative deadline for scheduling. That left co-ed Tiger teams competing in a boys' schedule and having fun but not winning often. This season all is in order for the program to field two varsity teams — girls' and boys'.

MUHS Activities Director Sean Farrell spoke to the *Independent* about what to look for from all the school's athletic programs this spring — adding he'd gladly accept a repeat of the level of success Tiger teams enjoyed in the same few months a year ago.

## BASEBALL

One reason the Coach Tim Paquette's Tiger baseball team succeeded in 2024 was experience and senior leadership. Those elements helped the team overcome a 1-7 start, following which the Tigers ripped off 11 wins in their next 12 games, capped by an incredibly dramatic, extra-inning victory over Mount Abraham in the D-II final.



As Farrell pointed out, eight members of that 2024 team were seniors, and many played key roles.

"Obviously, we were senior-heavy last year," Farrell said.

But he also noted that the cupboard is not bare. It includes four pitchers, one being senior Tucker Morter, and all of whom can play in the field when not on the mound. Then there is senior center fielder and leadoff hitter Alex Sperry.

"We've got Alex Sperry anchoring the outfield," Farrell said.

Joining Morter in the mound corps are three other pitchers who saw action last year: junior Gabe Velez and sophomores Ryan Brouillard and Tucker Wright.

"We've got a good core of returners," Farrell said. "The issue is do we have the depth in pitching and all that to be successful like we were last year."

He acknowledged Sperry and four returning pitchers is a good place to start, however.

"I think we have some pieces in place that are going to be helpful," Farrell said. "So, again, we're optimistic."

## TRACK & FIELD

Farrell pointed out the track and field team — led by Coach Chris Anderson and assistants William Haig and Jill Bruning — has 19 returning athletes, and 11 of them are seniors. As well as triple-gold winner Hurley, there are veterans of not only the track & field team, but also of successful Tiger cross-country running and Nordic skiing programs, to provide leadership.

Some of those athletes are newer to the spring program and could be ready to make a bigger impact. Junior Solstice Binder is in her second year in Tiger track, and her seventh-place finish at 100 meters was the closest a Tiger athlete other than Hurley came to scoring points in the D-II meet a year ago. Distance runners Beth McIntosh and Mary

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# MUHS

# BASEBALL



**Middlebury Union High School  
Varsity Baseball Team**

Coach: Tim Paquette

Name	Grade		
Tucker Morter	12	Gabriel Velez	11
Alex Sperry	12	Wyatt Bigelow	10
Wesley Audet	11	Ryan Brouillard	10
Owen Butterfield	11	Landon Hunt	10
Timothy Ploegman	11	Ben Nop	10
		Tucker Wright	10
		Trevor Wright	9

**Middlebury Union High School  
Varsity Baseball**

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/22	@ Mount Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
4/26	Colchester	11 a.m.
4/29	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
5/1	St. Albans	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Montpelier	11 a.m.
5/5	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
5/8	Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Missisquoi	11 a.m.
5/13	@ VUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/17	Milton	11 a.m.
5/20	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/22	Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
5/24	VUHS	11 a.m.
5/27	Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/29	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.

# MUHS

# SOFTBALL



Middlebury Union High School Varsity Softball Team		
Name	Grade	
Coach: Timm Hanley		
		Brianna Foss 11
		Ireland Hanley 11
		Madelyn LaDuke 11
Lily Dame	12	Jocelyn Foster 9
Meredith Cameron	12	Lillian Paquette 9
Lexi Whitney	12	Adeline Ritter 9
Emma Morrissey	12	Rebecka Seeley 9
Skyler Choiniere	11	McKenna Whitney 9
McKenzie Forbes	11	

Middlebury Union High School Varsity Softball		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/17	U-32	4:30 p.m.
4/22	@ Mount Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
4/26	@ Colchester	11:00 a.m.
4/29	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
5/1	St. Albans	4:30 p.m.
5/8	Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Rice	11:00 a.m.
5/13	@ VUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/17	Milton	11:00 a.m.
5/20	Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/22	Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/24	VUHS	11:00 a.m.
5/27	Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/29	Milton	4:30 p.m.



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# MUHS

# GIRLS' LACROSSE



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

Coach: Caroline Wood and Jeff Weaber		Lia Calzini	11
		Kenyon Connors	11
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	Quinn Doria	11
Matty Austin	12	Ivy Gates	11
Lila Cook Yoder	12	Hayden Dunakin	10
Aven Frankovic	12	Ida Blackwell	10
Juliette Hunsdorfer	12	Sedona Carrara	10
Sara Kent	12	Alice Livesay	10
Georgie Kiel	12	Julia Morrissey	10
Addison Schnoor	12	Isabel Quinn	10
Pelagia Slater	12	Ellie Conklin	9
Ada Weaber	12	Louisa Orten	9

**Middlebury Union High School  
Varsity Girls' Lacrosse**

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/9	@ Harwood	4:30 p.m.
4/12	@ St. Albans	11:00 a.m.
4/14	@ Stowe	4:30 p.m.
4/16	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/28	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
4/30	@ S Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Essex	11:00 a.m.
5/6	Mount Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
5/8	Colchester	4:30 p.m.
5/9	@ Rutland	4:00 p.m.
5/13	St. Albans	4:30 p.m.
5/16	CVU	4:30 p.m.
5/20	VUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/23	S. Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/27	@ Essex	7:30 p.m.

# MUHS

# BOYS' LACROSSE



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

Coach: Matt Rizzo

Name	Grade		
Angus Blackwell	12	Lyle Carey	11
Callan Boulanger	12	Marshall Eddy	11
George Devlin	12	Theodore Fallis	11
Landon Kean	12	Jaxson Heffernan	11
Tassilo Luksch	12	Logan McNulty	11
Luke Nuceder	12	Barlow McWilliams	11
Cooper Quinn	12	Cooke Riney	11
Cam Whitlock	12	Taylor Altemose	10
Ben DeBisschop	11	Brady Lloyd	10
Linc Bonner	11	Rowdy Malcom	10
		Levi Nuceder	10
		Gabriel Quesnel	10

**Middlebury Union High School  
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse**

Date	Opponent/Event	
4/10	@ Harwood	4:30 p.m.
4/12	St. Albans	11 a.m.
4/15	@ Woodstock	4:30 p.m.
4/17	CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/19	Rice	11 a.m.
4/21	Woodstock	4:30 p.m.
4/30	S. Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/3	@ Essex	3 p.m.
5/6	@ Mount Mansfield	4:30 p.m.
5/9	Burr & Burton	4:30 p.m.
5/13	@ St. Albans	4:30 p.m.
5/16	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
5/20	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/23	@ S. Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/27	Essex	4:30 p.m.
5/30	Mount Mansfield	4:30 p.m.

# MUHS

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Harrington are also in their second years with the program and could emerge.

Those who could make an impact on the boys' side are newcomers multi-sport brothers Joshua and Jonathan Kafumbe with sprinting potential.

Among the five freshmen who signed up are two, Jorgen Pirrung and Meredith Carr-Perlow, who excelled this past winter for the Tiger Nordic teams.

"It's safe to say students who have athleticism in other sports, it can translate to track with proper instruction, experience and practice," Farrell said.

The Tigers also have a number of senior veterans to help in the leadership and possibly scoring department: Keil Broderson, Elsa Burrows, Aaron Carr-Perlow, Lucas Flinner, Maggie Noble, Haakon Olsen, Gabe Schmidt and Ethan Spritzer.

## BOYS' TENNIS

The team that won the program's first title a year ago under Coach Ken Schoen's guidance will look different this spring. Four players return, and only three of them were regular starters a year ago: Senior No. 1 Jackson Murray, and two sophomores, Co-Captain Charles Young and Nate Cook Yoder, who played at Nos. 3 and 4, respectively, for the 2024 title team.

The fourth is junior Kirin Biancosino, whose role will be determined by preseason challenge matches. A newcomer, senior Baker Nelson, is the other co-captain.

Despite the turnover, Farrell and the always optimistic Schoen believes the team will be strong again. Farrell said Schoen expects newcomers to fill out the starting ladder, including Biancosino, seniors Kaden Hammond and Nelson, and freshman Alex Andersson.

With their emergence, Farrell said Schoen expects the team to be competitive.

"In their challenge matches he said they've done very well," Farrell said Schoen reported. "They've raised their level of play."

## BOYS' LACROSSE

Coach Matt Rizzo's Tiger boys' lacrosse team saw a half-dozen starters graduate from the team that lost in overtime to CVU in the D-I final — including its leading scorer, four middies and a defender.

But the first thing Farrell did when asked about the squad is throw out names of standout returning players.



FILE PHOTO

"You've got Luke Nuceder, Logan McNulty, Angus Blackwell, George Devlin, Cooke Riney, Marshall Eddy back. You've got Levi Nuceder in goal," Farrell said.

All are upperclassmen except Levi Nuceder, a sophomore, and they are evenly spread positionally among attack, midfield and defensive players.

He could have easily added a few more: long-stick middle Cam Whitlock, defender Cooper Quinn, and defensive midfielder Tassilo Luksch, all seniors, and sophomore middle Brady Lloyd.

In all, there are 16 returners, seven of whom are seniors.

With that much talent and experience returning, strong senior leadership, and promising youngsters in the mix, Farrell expects — and he said the team and coaches expect — the Tigers will be more than competitive again this spring.

"That's our expectation, and that's the players' expectation," he said. "All they have to do is work hard every day, compete in every game, and we should be there."

## SOFTBALL

Coach Timm Hanley's 11-win softball team graduated only three seniors, but among them were the team's ace pitcher and multi-year starting catcher.

The pitching chores will thus mostly fall to senior veteran Lexi Whitney, who has experience on the mound and is coming off a breakthrough basketball season.

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## BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD



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

Coach: Chris Anderson		Ethan Spritzer	12	Blake Davidson	10
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	Esra Anzali	11	Truth Fetterolf	10
Keil Broderson	12	Solstice Binder	11	Louis Klein	10
Elsa Burrows	12	Mary Harrington	11	Sawyer Malzac	10
Aaron Carr-Perlow	12	Jonathan Kafumbe	11	Ellington Patterson	10
Lucas Flinner	12	Teddy Manning-Lonczak	11	Edward Roche	10
Jazmyn Hurley	12	Vivian Mott	11	Annika Bruning	9
Joshua Kafumbe	12	Laila Sunderland	11	Meredith Carr-Perlow	9
Beth McIntosh	12	Sarah Tolgyesi	11	Selma Citarella	9
Maggie Noble	12	Alixis Williams	11	Raine Evans Nash	9
Haakon Olsen	12	Sawyer Witscher	11	Mary Landwehr	9
Gabe Schmitt	12	Emilia Bullock	10	Jorgen Pirrung	9

# MUHS

# GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD



### Middlebury Union High School Varsity Track and Field

Date	Opponent/Event	Time			
4/8	@ Burlington	3:15 p.m.	5/4	@ Colchester	3:00 p.m.
4/15	@ CVU	3:30 p.m.	5/22	Hosts at College	3:30 p.m.
4/29	@ Mount Abe	3:45 p.m.	6/2	@ MMU Last Chance	3:30 p.m.
5/7	@ Mount Mansfield	3:30 p.m.	6/6	D-II State Meet @ BHS	12 noon

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# ULTIMATE BOYS'



### Middlebury Union High School Boys' Varsity Ultimate

Coach: Drew McDowell	Nick Carpenter	11	Killian Barry	9
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	Berkeley Graham-Gurland	11	Maxwell Breckenridge
Matthew Berg	12	Callan McDowell	11	Christopher Bunt
Axel de Boer	12	Sole Pareja	11	George Cammack
Avery Hamilton	12	Toby Baker-Rouse	10	Miles Goetz
Zackery Ho	12	Annan Duquette-Hoffman	10	Holden McDowell
Ian Sinclair	12	Charlie Reiderer	10	Maddox Slater
Jackson Trump	12	Isaiah Robinson	10	

### MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Boys' Ultimate

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/9	@ Montpelier	4 p.m.
4/11	@ St J	4 p.m.
4/16	@ Rice	4 p.m.
4/30	@ CVU	4 p.m.
5/2	@ Burlington	4 p.m.
5/7	@ S Burlington	4 p.m.
5/12	Milton	4 p.m.
5/16	Colchester	4 p.m.
5/21	Essex	4 p.m.
5/28	Mount Mansfield	4 p.m.

# MUHS

# ULTIMATE GIRLS'



**Middlebury Union High School  
Girls' Varsity Ultimate**

Coach: Anne Murray		Oprea Littlefield	11
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	Lila Hescocock	10
Jessie Bodette	12	Adalaide Markowski	10
Anika Heppell	12	Greta Suter	10
Ella Kozak	12	Mira Biancosino	9
Avery Hohenschau	11	McMillan Caldwell	9

**MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
Varsity Girls' Ultimate**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent/Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
4/4	@ Burr & Burton	4 p.m.
4/17	Mount Mansfield	4 p.m.
5/1	@ Montpelier	TBA
5/6	Burlington	4 p.m.
5/8	CVU	4 p.m.
5/15	@ S Burlington	TBA
5/19	@ Milton	4 p.m.
5/22	Burr & Burton	4 p.m.

# MUHS

# GIRLS' TENNIS



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

Coach: Dan Comar		Maryam Khan	11
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	Quinn Mackey	11
Sophia Boise	12	Grace Ritter	11
Clara Chant	12	Anna Wolosinski	11
Piper Farnsworth	12	Sophia Nicolai	10
Subia Khan	12	Abrina Ho	9
Maya Breckenridge	11	Thea Porter	9
Navah Glickman	11	Penny Stattel	9
Emily Johnson	11	Adelaide Taylor	9
Olivia Kearley	11		

### Middlebury Union High School Varsity Girls' Tennis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/9	@ U32	3:30 p.m.
4/12	Harwood	11 a.m.
4/18	@ St. Albans	3:30 p.m.
4/28	N Country	4 p.m.
4/30	@ Rice	3:30 p.m.
5/5	@ Montpelier	3:30 p.m.
5/7	@ N Country	3:30 p.m.
5/9	@ Mount Mansfield	3:30 p.m.
5/12	Spaulding	4 p.m.
5/14	@ Stowe	3:30 p.m.
5/16	@ Harwood	4 p.m.
5/19	St. Albans	4 p.m.
5/21	Montpelier	4 p.m.
5/23	U-32	4 p.m.
5/28	Colchester	4 p.m.

# MUHS

# BOYS' TENNIS



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

Coach: Ken Schoen

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>		
Jackson Murray	12	Nate Cook Yoder	10
Baker Nelson	12	Charles Young	10
Kirin Biancosino	11	Alex Andersson	9
Kaden Hammond	11	Paras Biancosino	9
		Jonathan Carpenter	9
		Jackson Lind	9

**Middlebury Union High School  
Varsity Boys' Tennis**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/10	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/14	@ Stowe	3:30 p.m.
4/16	Colchester	4 p.m.
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4/28	@ S. Burlington	3:30 p.m.
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5/7	CVU	4 p.m.
5/9	Mount Mansfield	4 p.m.
5/12	@ St. J	3:30 p.m.
5/14	Stowe	4 p.m.
5/28	@ Colchester	3:30 p.m.

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“Softball is all about your pitching,” Farrell said. “Alexis Whitney is going to have to carry the major load of the season on the mound.”

That said, he added almost every other starter returns from a team that made it to the D-II final in 2023 and was frustrated by a home quarterfinal upset in 2024.

“We’ve got a still strong core of field players and hitters,” Farrell said, listing among them senior third baseman Meredith Cameron, junior first baseman Skyler Choiniere, senior center fielder Lily Dame, and junior shortstop Ireland Hanley.

Plenty of talent will fill in around the veterans, he said.

“We’ve got some younger players I think will step up,” Farrell said, including freshmen who as 8th-graders played JV softball a year ago. One, McKenna Whitney, is listed as pitcher/utility on the roster and could spell Lexi Whitney.

He added the team is motivated to make a deeper postseason run this spring.

“They were disappointed by their performance in the playoffs last year,” Farrell said. “I think they want to prove themselves this year they should have gone further than they did.”

## GIRLS’ TENNIS

In 2024 Coach Dan Comar’s girls’ tennis team improved from two wins to nine wins as the program earned its No. 4 seed. Like the boys’ tennis team, the girls’ starting lineup did suffer a few losses: Between graduation and the departure of an exchange student, four regulars moved on.

Meanwhile, six returned who saw regular play: senior singles players Sophia Boise and Piper Farnsworth, and four who mostly played doubles a year ago, seniors Subia Khan and Clara Chant and juniors Maryan Khan and Anna Wolosinski.

“They’re returning kids who will contribute quite a bit,” Farrell said.

Farrell also has a sense that younger players will also make their presence felt — already enough signed on to bring the program numbers up to a healthy total of 17.

“There are a few freshmen and sophomores that look like they will be contributing to the program,” he said.

Challenge matches will determine the five singles starters and two doubles teams.

Farrell anticipates this season could resemble the 2024 campaign for the program.

“They developed as the year went on and finished nice and strong. And I have confidences will bring this team along the same way,” he said. “I suspect they’re going to do fine.”

## GIRLS’ LACROSSE

The MUHS girls’ lacrosse team did not lose many athletes to graduation, and meanwhile gained a co-coach to work with returning Coach Jeff Weaber. Caroline Wood, a former D-II college player and lacrosse official — and a MUMS science teacher — will join Weaber on the sidelines.

Among the returners are senior Co-Captains Ada Weaber and Georgie Kiel. Farrell expects good leadership from them.

“They’re both great kids,” he said.

After a six-win transition year in which Weaber was a new coach introducing different concepts, Farrell anticipates progress this spring.



FILE PHOTO

“There were a few growing pains. They were just trying to figure out a new system. Jeff was introducing a new defense,” Farrell said. “That takes time with any sports. And we have many returning athletes, and a lot of the younger ones have pretty good talent let alone our seniors. I have faith we’re going to surprise a few schools this year that are thinking it’s the same team as last year.”

He summed up.

“We’re excited for the season,” Farrell said. “They’re going to do well.”

## ULTIMATE

The good news is there are two full Ultimate teams this spring after last spring’s late registration mishap, and both the girls’ and boys’ teams have full independent schedules.

“We’re able to have two teams now, which is great,” Farrell said. “We had this sign-up problem last year where we didn’t know we had a (girls’) team, then we had 30 kids out. So that made it a challenge.”

There is also a coaching shuffle. Anne Murray, a local resident and longtime adult Ultimate player is the girls’ head coach, and her husband, Dwight Griesman, is the assistant coach. Both played through college and into adult competition, Farrell said, with Murray playing on teams that have “won several national titles.”

Both also have coaching experience, he added.

“What I love about it is they’re really teaching the fundamentals, and really have a great Ultimate IQ,” he said.

Former girls’ Ultimate coach Drew McDowell has moved sideways to take over the boys’ team, with Andrew McWilliams assisting. McDowell replaces program founder Michelle Steele, but she is not leaving the sport — she will coach the co-ed MUMS program and hopes to enhance the sport at that level and provide a better foundation for the not-always competitive (but always spirited) MUHS teams.

“She’s moving down to the middle school, which will only pay dividends for us,” Farrell said. “By having Michelle down there we can create a true feeder program.”

Farrell is also optimistic with the extra coaching at the varsity level the Tiger teams can begin to catch up to the competition.

“I’m optimistic. There are two coaches for each team, so the kids are getting a lot of one-on-one attention to help us grow and develop ourselves as a competitive team in Vermont,” he said.

As of deadline, only the girls team had chosen captains. Senior Jessie Bodette and junior Avery Hohenschau are the captains, and the spirit captain is senior Annika Heppell.

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# Mount Abe programs seeing reasons for optimism

By ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — The spring of 2024 saw one Mount Abraham sports program, the cooperative Eagle-Vergennes boys' lacrosse team, score a major breakthrough by winning its first state title, and another, the Eagle baseball team, suffer another major heartbreak, an extra-inning loss in the Division II final.

Meanwhile, the Mount Abe softball team posted another winning season, but didn't repeat its 2023 D-II title, while several Eagle track & field athletes excelled at the D-II championship meet.

What to expect this spring? Mount Abe Athletic Director Devin Wendel filled in the *Independent*.

## BOYS' LACROSSE

In 2024, Coach Ed Cook's MAV boys' lacrosse program made its third straight trip to the D-III final, knocking off Green Mountain Valley for the team's first title.

That was a group led by a dozen seniors, however. Wendel said Cook is going to have to blend newcomers into the mix this spring.

"But we have some good returning players and leaders," he added.

Junior defender Cooper Cook and senior long-stick middle Spencer

Gebo return to take charge of the defense, where senior short-stick middies Jake Prouty and Hayden Lutz also excelled a year ago. Junior Connor Nason will take over in goal after two solid campaigns for the Eagle JV team.

"There's just some solid all-around team leadership from that group," Wendel said.

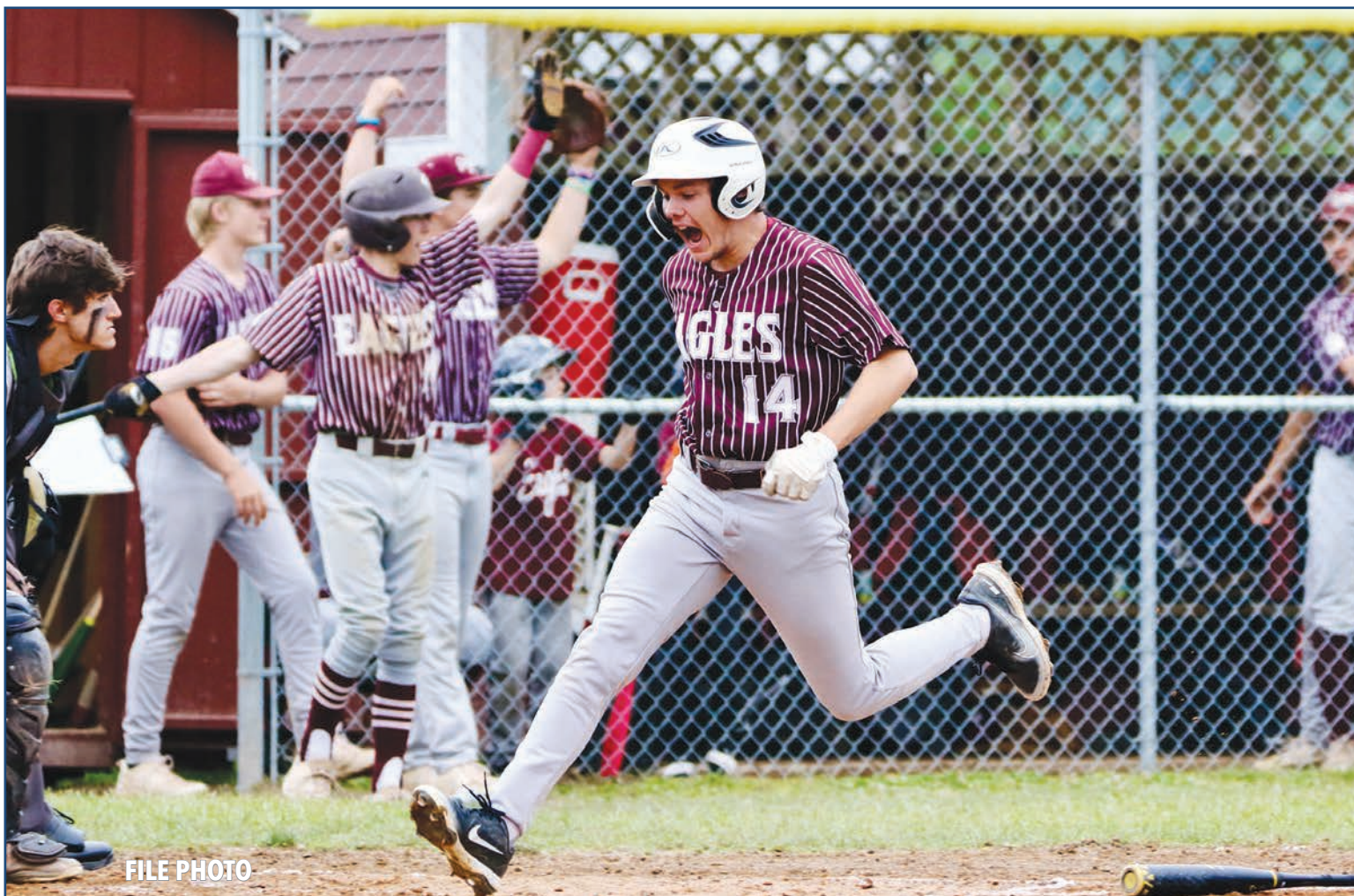
Further up the field, Wendel expects three middies/attackers — senior Chase Atkins, junior Joe Sullivan and sophomore Asa Root-Pratt — to provide production and leadership.

As for replacing a dozen seniors, Wendel pointed out there are 40 athletes in the MAV program, and the numbers have been good for a couple years now, meaning there has been a JV team where the athletes can play, learn and improve.

And that bodes well for this season and beyond, Wendel said.

"I think a huge part of the reason we were able to get to that point last year was because of that. As we build our numbers up we're getting our kids into JV games. We're prepping them at that developmental level, the freshman and sophomore years. And as they come into the

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# Mt. Abe

# BASEBALL



### Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Baseball Team

Coach: Jason Barnard

Name	Grade
Riley Coffey	12
Gavin Conrad	12
Aricin Griffin	12
Connor Peck	12
Brody Barnard	11
Evan Corrigan	11
Cameron Castillo	10
Clark Cray	10
Jackson Jennings	10
Stefan Johnson	10
Irie Mazur	10
Abraham Ready	10

### Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
4/15	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/29	@ Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
5/1	Otter Valley	4:30 p.m.
5/3	@ at Rutland	3 p.m.
5/6	Fairfax	4:30 p.m.
5/8	@ Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
5/13	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/15	MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/17	VUHS	10 a.m.
5/20	Missisquoi	2:30 p.m.
5/22	Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/24	Enosburg	11 a.m.
5/27	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/29	@ VUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/31	@ North Country	11 a.m.

# Mt. Abe

# BOYS' LACROSSE



Mount Abraham Union High School  
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Team  
Coach: Ed Cook

Name	Grade		
		Joe Sullivan	11
Chase Atkins	12	Lucas Villena	11
Brayden Duggento	12	Mason Atkins	10
Spencer Gebo	12	Abe Camara	10
Jacob Prouty	12	Rowan Clark	10
Cooper Cook	11	Baxter Montgomery	10
Grayson Desilets	11	Lincoln Painter	10
Rhett Lathrop	11	Asa Pratt	10
Nathan Lester	11	Levi Smith	10
Connor Nason	11	Addy Halby	9
Jack Senecal	11	Otto Siegfried	9

Mount Abraham Union High School  
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/11	Stowe	4:30 p.m.
4/15	@ Hartford	4:30 p.m.
4/18	@ St. Johnsbury	4:30 p.m.
4/30	@ Otter Valley	6 p.m.
5/2	@ Lyndon	4:30 p.m.
5/8	Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/10	Milton	11 a.m.
5/14	@ Harwood	4:30 p.m.
5/16	@ Colchester	4:30 p.m.
5/20	Otter Valley	4:30 p.m.
5/24	@ Fairfax	11 a.m.
5/28	Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
5/30	Montpelier	4:30 p.m.

# Mt. Abe

# TRACK & FIELD



**Mount Abraham Union High School  
Varsity Track & Field Team**  
Coaches: Katie Burdett & Brent Crum

Name	Grade		
		Ezaias Herben	10
Ruby Connell	12	Jackson LaMarche	10
Lauren Cousino	12	Bowen Lutz	10
Ryan Cross	12	Truman Sawyer	10
Whitney Dykstra	12	Lincoln Ward	10
Finn Harris	12	Charlotte Desilets	9
Damian Newell	12	Kolbey Jimmo	9
Nola Roberts	12	Julianna Murphy	9
Elliot Senecal	12	Eloise Newman	9
Hazel Stoddard	12	Sadie Nezin	9
Carson Baldwin	11	Karson Norris	9
William McLeod	11	Eliza Ruble	9
James Mount	11	Payton Shephard	9
Isla Underwood	11	Jaret Sturtevant	9
Garrett Duell	10	Mazin Swebston	9
Elias Eberhardy	10	Sophia Underwood	9
Rhiannon Ellison	10	Cameron Vose	9
Kassondra Garrow	10	Mariyah White	9

**Mount Abraham Union High School  
Varsity Track & Field**

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/7	@ Mt Mansfield	3:30 p.m.
4/17	@ Burlington	3:15 p.m.
4/23	@ Essex	3 p.m.
4/29	Hosts Multi-team	3:30 p.m.
5/7	@ Milton	3:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Burlington Invitational	
5/12	@ Missisquoi	3:30 p.m.
5/22	@ MUHS (College)	3:30 p.m.
5/31	@ Essex Invitational	
6/2	@ MMU Last Chance	3:30 p.m.
6/6	D-II State Meet at BHS	12 noon

# Mt. Abe

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varsity years they're ready to go."

His conclusion?

"I think we're going to be right back in the mix like last year," Wendel said.

## BASEBALL

Coach Jason Barnard's baseball team returns almost all the starters who carried the Eagles to within a seventh-inning baserunning misunderstanding of the D-II title a year ago.

"The exciting part of that team this year is we are returning just about everybody," Wendel said, the exceptions being one graduated starter and one other athlete who is not playing this year.

Sophomore aces Cam Castillo and Stefan Johnson return to lead the pitching staff, while sophomore Clark Cray is back to catch them. Evan Corrigan is back at shortstop, slugging third baseman Abe Ready returns and can also pitch, starting junior second baseman and leadoff hitter Brody Barnard is back, and hard-hitting first baseman Aricin Griffin returns.

There are good players coming up to join them, Wendel said, and the Eagles have positional flexibility.

"When someone's on the mound, we're going to be able to move players in and around the infield and outfield to fill gaps, and we're going to go relatively deep in our pitching rotation," he said. "I think we're going to hit the ball well again, also. We've got kids who can

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# Mt. Abe

# SOFTBALL



**Mount Abraham Union High School  
Varsity Softball Team**

Coach: Don McCormick

Name	Grade		
		Brooke Barnard	10
Abigail Parker	12	Reagan LaFreniere	10
Elise Parker	12	Emmali Rougier	10
Genevieve Forand	11	Leah Tierney	10
Molly Mangini	11	Nora Hurlburt	9
Brooklyn Ryersbach	11	Madison King	9
Gretchen Toy	11		

**Mount Abraham Union High School  
Varsity Softball**

Date	Opponent	Time
4/15	@ CVU	4:30 p.m.
4/17	Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
4/29	@ Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
5/1	Otter Valley	4:30 p.m.
5/3	@ Rutland	3 p.m.
5/8	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Milton	11 a.m.
5/13	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/15	MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/17	VUHS	10 a.m.
5/20	Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/22	Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/24	Enosburg	11 a.m.
5/27	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/29	@ VUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/31	@ North Country	11 a.m.



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# Mt. Abe

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definitely swing the bat.”

Wendel summed up.

“I think we’re going to have another exciting year.”

## SOFTBALL

Coach Don McCormick’s Eagle softball team was good once again in 2024, even if it didn’t duplicate the success of some of their recent predecessors — the program has won five D-II titles since 2018. This past spring the Eagles won 10 games and lost to a D-II finalist in a competitive road quarterfinal.

Wendel said the 2024 edition might have been as good as some of those championship teams, but so was their competition.

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen such a strong level of Lake Division, or Division II, softball,” Wendel said. “The level of softball play right now is pretty phenomenal in this state.”

Several valuable players graduated from that 2024 team, but Wendel also believes the Eagles will be good once again.

“We’re bringing back another solid core this year,” he said.

Mainstays include seniors Elise Parker (at first base) and Abba Parker, junior Gen Forand (who will again team up with Abba Parker on the left side of the infield), junior outfielder Brooklyn Ryersbach, junior No. 1 pitcher Gretchen Toy, junior Morgan Larocque and sophomores Brooke Barnard and Reagan LaFreniere.

Wendel said he also fully expects the team’s other returners and newcomers to contribute as the season progresses.

He also acknowledges the Lake Division probably has four or five D-II title contenders — including the Eagles.

“I think we’re going to be competitive. Honestly, I think this program is as good as anybody,” he said.

## TRACK & FIELD

Co-Coaches Brent Crum and Katie Burdett are fielding a track & field team that lost some of its top scorers from a year ago, but is blessed with strong numbers — almost three dozen — and does return several scorers.

“We had a really big middle school program last year, so we have a lot of rise in the numbers this year, which is a good thing,” Wendel said.

There are certainly veterans the coaches can count on. A year ago at the D-II meet, Hazel Stoddard, now a senior, took second in the high jump and fifth in the pole vault, while classmate Ruby Connell was third at 200 meters and fifth in the high jump. Another senior this year was one place away from scoring in the high jump, Whitney Dykstra. Wendel also believes sister newcomers Isla and Sophie Underwood (a junior and freshman, respectively) could make their presence felt.

On the boys side, sophomore Truman Sawyer took third in the triple jump a year ago, and sophomore Garrett Duell just missed placing in the pole vault.

Wendel said it was too early to say who might emerge as scorers.

“We’re just barely getting outside,” he said. “We’re going to be able to see who is really going to stretch their legs a bit.”

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# Commodore teams looking at taking steps forward

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — The Vergennes Union High School teams that played ball sports in the spring of 2024 had mixed levels of success in the regular season.

But the Vergennes-Mount Abraham girls' lacrosse and VUHS baseball and softball teams all saw their seasons end the same way — with closely contested first-round playoff setbacks.

Arguably the team that enjoyed the most postseason success in 2024 was the Commodore boys' track and field squad, which took seventh in the Division-III championship meet and won several races. But that team was hard-hit by graduation, although a couple standouts return. A few point-scorers also return for the girls' team.

The *Independent* talked with Addison Northwest School District Athletics Director Peter Maneen about the teams' prospects for this spring season.

## GIRLS' LACROSSE

Over the past few years the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative girls' lacrosse team has been the most consistently competitive team based at VUHS. The Commodores have had winning seasons every spring since winning the D-II title in 2019. In 2024 they won 13 games and earned the No. 3 seed, but were upset by one goal in a home quarterfinal.

This year the program gets a new coach, the second in its eight-year history: Mount Abraham middle school art teacher Emiko Cruschiel takes over from the MAV team's first, and up to this point only, head coach, Marikate Kelley. Per Maneen, Cruschiel has been running the girls' middle school program for the past few years and played lacrosse at CVU and St. Lawrence University.

Cruschiel inherits a team from which a half-dozen seniors graduated, including its starting goalie, two key senior midfielders, and a versatile starting defender.

"We lost some pretty good players," Maneen said, while adding they also have "some pretty good returning players."

Nine, in fact, are back from the 2024 team, and they cover positions all over the field. Two seniors, Esme Visco-Lyons and Ruby Heller, are attackers, and the third returning senior, Safoura Camara, is a defender. The team's fourth senior is a varsity newcomer, Kendra Jackson, and



will be the team's goalie.

Three juniors also return, defender/midfielder Maris LaPerle, defender Scout Jacobson, and attacker/midfielder June Yates-Rusch. Three sophomores are back after seeing varsity playing time as freshmen: midfielder Meredith Dufault, attacker Davis Thompson and defender Adrienne Smits.

Maneen expects newcomers to the team to make an impact.

"The younger players have been really successful in the middle school. They participate in that Northern Vermont League, and they've won that," he said. "We're definitely a younger group overall, and we've got a lot of puzzle pieces to figure out where they fit. But it's still a talented roster, and we're expecting good things out of this group."

## TRACK & FIELD

In 2024 Coach Brad Castillo's Commodore boys won two events and placed in three more, two of them relays. But only two of the athletes who accomplished those feats return, seniors Grey Fearon and Brody McGuire.

A year ago, Fearon was third in the boys' 800 and ran with three seniors on the Commodores' winning four-by-800-meter relay team. McGuire joined Fearon and two seniors on a third-place 4x400 team, and he also placed sixth in the discus a year ago. Both also scored points indoors in the D-II championship meet in February.

There are more returners on the girls' side, including sophomore Isabella Van Voorst, who placed fifth at 400 meters this past spring and also ran on the fourth-place 4x400 relay team with two other returners, senior Jing Williams and junior Ava Francis.

Despite the graduation of a number of standout point-scorers, there is plenty of reason for optimism, according to Maneen. One of which is sheer numbers. There were no defections among 9th- to 11-graders who were on the team in 2024, and the ranks of the returners were swelled by 16 freshmen from Coach Mary Neffinger's strong middle school program.

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FILE PHOTOS



# SOFTBALL



Vergennes Union High School Varsity Softball Team	
Coach: Peter Monty	
Name	Grade
Rory Couture	12
Rory Hendee	12
Katelyn Laberge	12
Rizz Mullin	12
Phoebe Raphael	11
Kaiya Corbett-Anderson	10
Asher Jewell	10
Acasia Visser	10
Almeida Laci	9
Jayden Ploof	9
Alex Visser	9
Alexa Guinness	9

Vergennes Union High School Varsity Softball		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/19	Thetford	11 a.m.
4/22	Richford	4:30 p.m.
4/24	@ Oxbow	4:30 p.m.
5/03	Oxbow	3 p.m.
5/06	Twinfield	4:30 p.m.
5/08	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/10	Enosburg	11 a.m.
5/13	MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/17	@ Mount Abe	10 a.m.
5/20	Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/22	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/24	@ MUHS	11 a.m.
5/27	Rice	4:30 p.m.
5/29	Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.

# VUHS

# GIRLS' LACROSE



Vergennes Union High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team		
Name	Grade	
Coach: Emiko Chrusciel		Jayden Steadman 11
		June Yates-Rusch 11
Safoura Camara 12		Aubrey Coffey 10
Ruby Hellier 12		Thompson Davis 10
Kendra Jackson 12		Meredith Dufault 10
Esme Visco-Lyons 12		Ellie Eckels 10
Ila Crowley 11		Adrienne Smits 10
Nila Fitzgerald 11		Ada Hellier 9
Scout Jacobson 11		Gwen Laperle 9
Maris LaPerle 11		Callie Rule 9

Vergennes Union High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/10	@ Stowe	4:30 p.m.
4/12	@ Essex	11 a.m.
4/15	Hartford	4:30 p.m.
4/19	St Johnsbury	11 a.m.
4/26	St Albans	11 a.m.
4/29	@ Lamoille	4:30 p.m.
5/02	Lyndon	4:30 p.m.
5/07	@ Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/10	@ Milton	6 p.m.
5/13	Harwood	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ GMVS	4:30 p.m.
5/16	Colchester	4:30 p.m.
5/20	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/24	Rice	11 a.m.
5/28	@ Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
5/31	@ U-32	11 a.m.

# VUHS

## TRACK & FIELD



### Vergennes Union High School Varsity Track Team

Coaches: Brad Castillo			
Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Connor Brogan	12	Madeleine Stroup	10
Mary Cosgrove	12	Isabelle Van Voorst	10
Grey Fearon	12	Vivienne Audy	9
Torrey Hanna	12	David Coburn	9
Sophia Johnson	12	Charlotte Coffey	9
Brody McGuire	12	Petra Fearon	9
Eliza Olenga	12	Caleb Hatch	9
Jing Williams	12	Lauren Hill	9
Sawyer Garthaffner	11	Sophia James	9
Chance Koenig	11	Georgia Kunkel	9
Gina LeBeau	11	Marwan Liebhaber	9
Faith McAllister	11	Joseph Maneen	9
Carter McGuire	11	Isabel Miguel	9
Quincy Sabick	11	Emerson Morrill	9
Eleanor Wilkinson-Sachs	11	Oliver Morrissey	9
William Clark	10	Rowan Neffinger	9
		Josselyn Sanchez-Gomez	9
		Kalder Steen	9

### Vergennes Union High School Varsity Track & Field

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
4/7	@ Mount Mansfield	3:30 p.m.
4/15	@ CVU	3:30 p.m.
4/29	@ Mount Abe	3:30 p.m.
5/7	@ Essex	3:30 p.m.
5/10	@ BHS Invitational	
5/22	@ MUHS (College)	3:30 p.m.
5/31	@ Essex Invitational	
6/2	@ MMU	3:30 p.m.
6/5	D-III State Meet at BHS	



# BASEBALL



Vergennes Union High School Baseball Team		
Coach: Andy O'Brien		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	
Reese Paquette	12	Aaron Kandzior 10
Gabriel Scribner	12	Liam McGuire 10
Aiden Fuller	11	Colton Reed 10
Carter McGuire	11	Izaak Wolniewicz 10
Carter McGuire	11	Cyrus Clair 9
Elliot Cosgrove	10	Izaiha Dyette 9
Ryan Johnson	10	Liam Paquette 9
		Kaiden LeCompte 9

Vergennes Union High School Varsity Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Time
4/19	Thetford	11 a.m.
4/22	Richford	4:30 p.m.
4/24	@ Burlington	4:30 p.m.
5/1	Peoples	4:30 p.m.
5/3	@ Randolph	3 p.m.
5/8	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/10	Enosburg	11 a.m.
5/13	MUHS	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
5/17	@ Mount Abe	10 a.m.
5/20	Milton	4:30 p.m.
5/22	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
5/24	@ MUHS	11 a.m.
5/27	Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
5/29	Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.

# VUHS

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“It’s the largest track and field roster I’ve seen in the 21 years I’ve been here,” Maneen said. “Juniors down, everybody’s returning, and we’ve got a good crop of younger kids coming in.”

One of the incoming freshman, Lauren Hill, joined with Van Voorst, Williams and senior Torrey Hanna to finish third in the 4x400 meter relay in this past February’s D-II indoor track meet. Maneen said that quartet then knock 20 seconds off their time at the New England championship meet and should be serious contenders in D-III this spring.

Two boys’ relay teams finished just out of the money indoors:

- The 4x400 group of junior Carter McGuire, Brody McGuire, senior Chase Koenig and Fearon was seventh.

- The 4x800 relay unit of both McGuires and freshmen Rowan Neffinger and Caleb Hatch was eighth.

There is no question there are some big shoes to fill on the boys’ side with the loss of several talented runners to graduation. Just the fact there are so many newcomers increases the odds some athletes will do so, Maneen said.

“The younger kids coming in, they’re pretty well prepared to jump right into meets,” he said. “We’re looking not just to individual faces, but looking to see what we can do as a team competing in Division III with the larger numbers we have.”

“We think we have the athletes that can place and score,” Maneen added.



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## BASEBALL

In the challenging Lake Division in 2024, Coach Andy O’Brien’s Commodore baseball team won just four games. They then claimed a first-round D-III playoff game and lost to top-seeded Thetford, 5-2, in a quarterfinal — leaving the bases loaded three times.

Only three players graduated from that team, but they included an ace pitcher and a starting infielder who was the team’s No. 2 hurler, Maneen noted.

“We lost a lot of innings through graduation. We’ve got quite a number of players who are capable of taking the mound this year, so Andy’s got some options,” he said.

Listed as potential pitchers on the roster are seniors Gabe Scribner and Reese Paquette, juniors Ryan Wright and Aiden Fuller, sophomores Izaak Wolniewicz and Liam McGuire, and freshmen Kaiden LeCompte and Liam Paquette. Fuller, Reese Paquette, and sophomore Colton Reed and freshman Izaiha Dyette are all possibilities at catcher.

O’Brien has plenty of decisions to make in the infield and outfield as well.

Fuller, Reed, Wright, both Paquettes (Reese is an incumbent starter), Liam McGuire, LeCompte, returning starter Scribner and Wolniewicz are all infield candidates. Seeking time in the outfield will be possibly Scribner and Fuller; junior Carter McGuire; sophomores Ryan Johnson, Aaron Kandzior and Liam McGuire; and freshmen Cyrus Clair and Dyette.

“They are more versatile than they have been in the past in term of

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kids being able to play multiple positions,” Maneen said.

Scribner and Reese Paquette are the only seniors on a roster of 15.

“They’ve been involved for quite a few years, so leadership-wise we’ll be in good shape,” Maneen said.

The Commodores remain the only D-III team in the Lake Division, and in recent years have found tough sledding on the way to the playoffs, in which they are typically competitive.

“Sometimes we take our lumps in the regular season, but it’s been very beneficial for us when we move into facing teams (from schools) our size in the playoffs,” Maneen said. “So we’re looking forward to hopefully seeing that continue.”

## SOFTBALL

Like the VUHS baseball team, the Commodore softball outfit struggled in the competitive Lake Division (10 of their games were against top-seven D-II tournament seeds) and finished the season with one win. In the D-III tournament VUHS almost knocked out No. 6 Fair Haven, which had to rally for five runs in the bottom of the seventh to win by a run.

Like the VUHS baseball squad, this spring the softball team is young, with only four seniors on a roster of 15: outfielder Rory Hendee, pitcher/infielders Katie LaBerge and Rizz Mullin, and catcher/infielder Rory Couture.

A three-year starting pitcher is not with the program this season, and Coach Peter Monty’s first task is to determine how to fill the shoes. Also listed as potential hurlers on the roster are two more pitcher/infielders, sophomore Acaisa Visser and 8th-grader Jordan Hutchins.

“Katie, Rizz and Acaisa are expected to be the main pitchers, and we’re maybe looking to work in some younger kids,” Maneen said.



Working in the younger kids will be a larger theme for the program this spring, he said.

“It’s a young group, and there definitely will be some growing pains as they get to the varsity level of play,” Maneen said. “Some of these younger players, it’s their first year, or it’s their first year taking a larger role on the team. We’re looking for them to progress.”

Maneen added it will be important for the Commodores “to stay positive and see the big picture” as they face the Lake Division iron this spring.

“That’s going to be the key to the season,” Maneen said. “While we’re going to go out and look to compete every game, this season is going to be based on getting some experience and really building our program.”



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# Spring Sports Playoff Schedule

2025	Baseball	Softball	Girls' Lacrosse	Boys' Lacrosse	Tennis	Track & Field	Ultimate
Pairings Posted	June 1	June 1	June 1	June 1	June 1		June 1
Playdowns	June 3/4	June 3/4	June 3/4	June 3/4	June 3/4		June 3/4
Quarterfinals	June 6/7	June 6/7	June 6/7	June 6/7	June 6/7		June 6/7
Semi-Finals	June 10/11	June 10/11	June 10/11	June 10/11	June 10/11		June 10/11
State Finals	June 13/14	June 13/14	June 13/14	June 13/14	June 13/14	June 13/14	June 13/14

## Did you know?

*The Vermont Principals' Association, which supports school leaders to improve the equity and quality of educational opportunities in Vermont, is the organization that oversees school sports programs in the Green Mountain State. It provides these answers to frequently asked questions.*

**Can a student participate in more than one sport per season?**  
Yes. But some schools have local policies that prohibit this.

**Must students have health insurance to play high school sports?**

Yes. All students are required by VPA rules to have some sort of health insurance coverage. This is done for the protection of both the student and the school.

**Does the VPA require students to have "physicals" before they play high school sports?**

No. This is a local school decision.

**Can a student participate on a school team and non-school team at the same time?**

Yes.

**How many games can a school play during a season?**

The maximum number of games allowed in the Fall season is 14 (with the exception of football which has a 9 game season). In the Winter season it is 20 and in the Spring season it is 16.

**If a high school student participates in the Early College Program, can they play on a college team and then return to play on a high school team?**

No. High school students who participate in the Early College Program may not participate on a collegiate team, but can still play on the high school teams from where they attended as long as they have not received a diploma.

**How many years of eligibility does a student have in high school sports?**

Every student has 4 years of eligibility, which starts when the student enters 9th grade. It continues through the next 4 years whether a student participates in a sport or not.

**What is the age requirement to participate in high school sports?**

Students in grades 9 through 12 who turn 19 years old before Aug. 1 of their Senior year are ineligible to compete. If they turn 19 after August 1, they can become eligible if an age waiver is requested by the school and approved by the VPA. There is no minimum age requirement.

**If a student receives a diploma, but wishes to return to school for a 5th year, are they eligible to participate in sports?**

No. Once a student has received a diploma, their ability to participate in high school activities has come to an end.

## OVUHS

## SOFTBALL

**Otter Valley Union High School  
Varsity Softball Team**

Coach: Kelly Trayah

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Randi Lancour	12
Kaylee Maloy	12
Hannah Desabrais	11
Micheala Hobbs	11
Aubriana Marchinkowski	11
Roni O'Brien	11
Noelle Seigle	11
Leann Thomas	11
Michelle Hendee	10
Adyson Humiston	10
Lana Karnai	10
Ella Otto	10
Sophia Parker	10
Pema Kerins	9

**Otter Valley Union High School  
Varsity Softball**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/8	MAU	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/17	@ Burr & Burton	4:30 p.m.
4/22	Springfield	4:30 p.m.
4/24	@ Rutland	4:30 p.m.
4/29	Bellows Falls	4:30 p.m.
5/1	@ Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/6	@ White River Valley	4:30 p.m.
5/9	@ Hartford	4:30 p.m.
5/13	@ White River Valley	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ Springfield	4:30 p.m.
5/17	Brattleboro	11 a.m.
5/20	Hartford	4:30 p.m.
5/22	@ Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
5/24	@ Bellows Falls	11 a.m.
5/28	Woodstock	4:30 p.m.

## OVUHS

## BASEBALL

**Otter Valley Union High School  
Varsity Baseball Team**

Coach: Michael Howe

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Tucker Maranville	12
Noel Pearsons	12
Nolan Tripp	12
Jackson Howe	11
Lucas Kendrick	11
Dominyk Waite	11
Jacob Warrell	11
Wyatt Cone	10
Marek Hietman	10
Jonathan Johnson	10
Max Potter	10
Nolan Quenneville	9
Lucas Whitney	9

**Otter Valley Union High School  
Varsity Baseball**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/10	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
4/12	@ Windsor	11 a.m.
4/24	Mount Anthony	4:30 p.m.
4/29	Bellows Falls	4:30 p.m.
5/1	@ Mt Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/5	Springfield	4:30 p.m.
5/8	@ Hartford	6 p.m.
5/12	@ Leland & Gray	4:30 p.m.
5/15	@ Green Mountain	4:30 p.m.
5/17	Brattleboro	11 a.m.
5/20	Hartford	4:30 p.m.
5/22	@ Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
5/24	@ Bellows Falls	11 a.m.
5/27	@ Burr & Burton	4:30 p.m.
5/29	Rutland	4:30 p.m.
5/31	Windsor	11 a.m.

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# BOYS' LACROSSE

**Otter Valley Union High School  
Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Team**

Coach: Emerson Doty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Tanner Derepentigny	12
Clavin Ladd	12
Jackson Marks	12
Brendan McLoughlin	12
Raul Soto	12
Jaydon Connors	11
Ethan Dukette	11
Robert Gilbert	11
Jason Hartwell	11
Benjamin McGuigan	11
Samuel Luis	11
David Bertrand	10
George Stamp	10
Quinton Bishop Brown	9
Sebastian Chretien	9
Noah Gilbert	9

**Otter Valley Union High School  
Boys' Varsity Lacrosse**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/11	@ BFA Fairfax	4:30 p.m.
4/18	Randolph	6 p.m.
4/22	Rutland	6 p.m.
4/25	@ Hartford	6:30 p.m.
4/30	Mount Abe	6 p.m.
5/2	@ GMVS	4:30 p.m.
5/5	Brattleboro	6 p.m.
5/7	@ Randolph	5 p.m.
5/12	Montpelier	6 p.m.
5/20	@ Mount Abe	4:30 p.m.
5/27	Stratton	6 p.m.
5/29	@ Brattleboro	7 p.m.



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