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MUHS teams seeking more postseason success

By ANDY KIRKALDY

MIDDLEBURY — Looking purely at scoreboards, overall results for Middlebury Union High School sports teams in the fall of 2024 can fairly be described as mixed. Most teams were .500 or better, but none claimed titles.

The Tiger football team had a winning record and reached the Division I semifinal round.

In its second varsity season, MUHS girls' volleyball posted 11 wins, including a playoff game.

The MUHS girls' and boys' cross-country teams were third and fifth in D-II, respectively.

The Tiger girls' soccer team followed up a .500 regular season with a heartbreaking one-goal first-round loss in the D-II tournament.

The MUHS boys' booters faced a rebuilding year and won four times, but sees strong chemistry this fall.

The Tiger field hockey team won just twice in the regular season before losing in overtime to a higher seed in the first round of the D-II playoffs. The team will play a different, and friendlier, schedule this fall.

The Tiger boys' golf team missed qualifying for the D-II state championship tournament by four strokes after a few respectable regular season results.

The MUHS bass-fishing team returns its whole team after a mid-pack finish of a year ago and will be seeking its second title in one of the newer official Vermont Principals' Association sports.

MUHS Athletic Director Sean Farrell took the time to discuss the Tiger programs' outlooks for this fall.

FOOTBALL

The MUHS football team — the most popular high school athletic program in Addison County — is coming off a solid season that saw the Tigers earn the No. 4 seed, roll to a big quarterfinal win, and then come up short in the semifinal round against top seed CVU despite a commendable effort.

The Tigers will this season change tactics and line up in a shotgun formation and throw the ball 30 times a game.

OK, just kidding. They'll look to run the ball.

Junior quarterback Brady Lloyd or sophomore backup Maverick Gardner-Wacker will most often hand off the ball to a stable of running backs that includes seniors Logan McNulty and Ben DeBisschop and juniors Jason Sperry and Tucker Wright.

When the Tigers put the ball in the air, senior tight end Cooke Riney and senior wideout Marshall Eddy are the most likely targets. Most of these players will play key roles defensively. Key two-way linemen include seniors Steven Lackard, Levi D'Avignon, and heavyweight wrestler Kameron Raymond, who returns to the program this season.

Farrell said the Tigers have the ability to compete with anyone on its schedule, but that the team is not deep.

"Our numbers are not huge, but what we have for talent is strong. It's just that we have to stay healthy. We don't have a lot of depth," he said. "I think we'll be competitive. I give a lot of credit to the coaches. Even in years when I think we're going to struggle they're able to get the team ready to compete and be very successful."

VOLLEYBALL

In 2024, the second-year varsity girls' volleyball team went 11-5, earned the No. 7 seed statewide, and won a first-round playoff game before falling to the No. 2 seed in the all-division tournament.

There are two big changes for this season for Head Coach Bethany Morrissey's program.

One is the VPA's decision to allow two divisions in the fast-growing sport, which should allow the Tigers a better chance to compete in the postseason, Farrell said, although that's not a guarantee.

"There's still some really good teams in Division II," Farrell said. "But I think we will certainly be one of the top three teams in D-II"

The other is the graduation of 10 players who helped lead the team to back-to-back home playoff games. Their loss has been at least in part offset by strong interest in the program — there will again be two JV teams — and the fact that talented players remain, according to Farrell.

"That's a big chunk coming out of the program (graduating)" Farrell said. "Our numbers are very strong."

With the numbers also comes competition for playing time.

"That's the beauty of having a large program. It does help to have a lot of competition if you want to get to the next level."

Some of the key players include senior Marilyn Perez, sophomore Stella Lente, and juniors Adelene Young, Julia Morrissey and Abigail Young. They and other veterans will be key to the team's chemistry as well as its good play, Farrell said.

"We have some good leadership and people who have really grown through the program," he said.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Tiger girls' and boys' cross-country teams' strong finishes at the 2024 state meet were fueled by runners who also graduated in June. Those athletes included the top runners for both of Coach Chris Anderson's girls' teams and two more of the top five boys' finishers.

More reinforcements arrived for the girls' team than the boys' side.

In addition to senior top finisher Mary Harrington and three sophomore scorers from 2024 — Louise Orten, Annika Bruning and Meredith Carr-Perlow — Mount Abraham sophomore Cameron Vose transferred to MUHS, and her time would have placed her in a scoring position for MUHS this past fall. Farrell said the Tiger coaches are also high on freshman Emerson Blair. There are a total of nine girls signed up.

For the boys, senior Kaden Hammond and sophomore Jorgen Pirrung are the only starters returning for the state meet, with Hammond finishing 20th. The coaches will have nine more boys from which to choose in rounding out a scoring team.

Farrell acknowledged the program's student count is not the highest it's ever been, but said the coaches are happy with the teams' ability.

"We've got low numbers, but they quality of athletes competing is good," Farrell said. "Cross country is a sport you kind of have to love. You really have to enjoy the running to stay in it. Usually the

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VOLLEYBALL

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Sean Farrell

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ones that are there are the ones that are really committed to the sport and want to excel at it.”

And some of them should break through, he added.

“We have some good young runners coming up through, which is great,” Farrell said.

GIRLS’ SOCCER

Unfortunately, any discussion of girls’ soccer and basketball this academic year has to start with mentioning the offseason knee injury suffered by senior standout Solstice Binder, who will thus miss both seasons. The *Independent* wishes Binder the best in rehabilitating the injury.

A year ago, Coach Reeves Livesay’s squad followed up a 6-6-2 regular season with an overtime loss to D-II finalist Mount Abe — the Tigers’ third one-goal loss of the fall to the Eagles.

Other players graduated, and this year six sophomores and a freshman outnumber the five healthy seniors on a roster that skews young, although there are also seven juniors.

Farrell said the coaches expect a group including senior defender Lia Calzini, senior forward/midfielder Cooper Cannon, junior midfielder Isabel Quinn, and sophomore midfielder Anni Broderon to serve as “the backbone of the team.” Sophomore Ellie Orten was in goal in the preseason, with sophomore Marley Lambert in the wings.

Farrell and the coaches also expect other veterans to contribute and newcomers to emerge.

“There are some good younger players who have shown some development from last year.

In all, there is a sense the Tigers could take a step forward, at least assuming no more bad news on the injury front.

“I think we’ll be more competitive than we were last year,” Farrell said. “Again, I think being healthy is important for our key players,”

BOYS’ SOCCER

A year ago, first-year Coach Max Ratti-Bicknell inherited a boys’ soccer program that was hard-hit by graduation, a fact that was reflected in its 4-11 final record, No. 14 seed and first-round D-II playoff setback.

Ratti-Bicknell thinks things are looking up, according to Farrell.

“He’s very optimistic about the team. They’ve had a couple good scrimmages,” Farrell said. “He feels he’s got some good leadership.”

Providing much of that leadership as well as strong play on the field will be senior midfielders Theo Fallis and Oscar Drake, senior defender Ben Longman, senior goalie/forward Jonathan Kafumbe, and junior midfielder Annon Duquette Hoffman.

Farrell added Ratti-Bicknell has focused as much on developing the team’s culture as on its tactics.

“They’re starting to pick up on his expectations and his system, not just his system of play, but how he wants his team to function. I think he’s pretty happy with its growth so far,” he said. “The goal for Max is more about strong team unity and getting the chemistry of the team to the point where they are good about relying on each other and playing as a team and not playing as individuals.”

Farrell also noted the JV program is looking strong.

“It’s looking great for them moving up,” Farrell said.

FIELD HOCKEY

Coach MaKayla Broughton’s Tiger field hockey team had its moments in 2024, but ultimately it turned into another season with few results in the win column — and ultimately the decision to play in the Capital Division against teams with similar numbers in the program and mostly, like MUHS at this point, no JV teams.

“We stayed in the Metro for years feeling hopeful that our program would rebound and grow, and also that keeping a higher level of competition, in conversations with the coaches over the years, they wanted to stay with the stronger competition, because if you play strong teams you get better,” Farrell said.

But Farrell said the theory began to wear thin as the losses mounted, and there is a new crop of players on the way he and the current coaches don’t want to discourage, although the D-II postseason will remain the same.

“It got to the point we needed to be in a more competitive league to hopefully grow the program some more,” he said. “The numbers are pretty high down in the middle school right now, so I think it will be good for us with a younger team coming in next year.”

There will be more travel: Opponents will include U-32, Montpelier, Lyndon, North Country, St. Johnsbury and Stowe.

“It’s an appropriate league for us,” Farrell said. “I’m really optimistic.”

On the field, the Tigers will depend on the leadership and play of senior forward/midfielders Kenyon Connors, Maya Breckenridge, Quinn Doria and Ivy Gates. Junior Heaven Ross returns in goal, and senior

Hex Bingham is back on defense. Connors and Breckenridge are the captains. The rest of the team are sophomores and freshman, many of whom show promise.

“Our five seniors have proved themselves over the past three years,” Farrell said. “Heaven Ross grew as goaltender last year.”

BASS FISHING

Coach John Fitzgerald’s bass fishing program brings back the same eight anglers this fall to take to the waters of Lake Champlain, only four of whom the VPA allows to compete at its two sanctioned tournaments, and only two in the varsity boat. The program thus does what it can, with help from volunteers with boats, to get team members out on the water.

For example, the Tiger team was set to join Burr & Burton on the final weekend of August on Lake St. Catherine for what might best be called a scrimmage. The plan was “to get as many kids into that as we can,” Farrell said.

But the VPA rules require the same anglers to fish in the varsity boats in both tournaments, limiting opportunities.

“I would love to say all eight kids would get into the competitions and tell you all about them, but the reality is it’s not going to happen,” Farrell said.

Almost certainly, the varsity boat will carry three-year veterans
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FIELD HOCKEY

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MUHS

FOOTBALL



Middlebury Union High School Varsity Football					
Coach: Jed Malcolm		Yankee Rheume	12	Tucker Wright	11
Name	Grade	Cooke Riney	12	Randy Cameron	10
Levi D'Avignon	12	Tyreese Tucker	12	Connor Desabrais	10
Ben DeBisschop	12	Aiden Arsenault	11	Tanner English	10
Owen Butterfield	12	Parker Carl	11	Maverick Gardner-Wacker	10
Marshall Eddy	12	Rudy Devoid	11	Evan Gillett	10
Jaxson Heffernan	12	Brady Lloyd	11	Jackson Jacobs	10
Steven Lackard	12	Colton Murray	11	Adam Larose	10
Brayden McKee	12	Sam Sherman	11	Tim Nop	10
Logan McNulty	12	Jason Sperry	11	David Odell	10
Kameron Raymond	12	Connor Swan	11	Trevor Wright	10

Middlebury Union High School Varsity Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/4	@ Essex	6:30 p.m.
9/12	@ Brattleboro	7 p.m.
9/19	Rutland	7 p.m.
9/26	CVU	7 p.m.
10/3	Hartford	7 p.m.
10/10	@ Mt Anthony	7 p.m.
10/17	Burr & Burton	7 p.m.
10/24	@ S Burlington	7 p.m.

MUHS

BASS FISHING



Middlebury Union High School Bass Fishing Team			
Head coach:		Wyatt Bigelow	11
John Fitzgerald		Nate Cook Yoder	11
& Chris Gorman		Gwendolyn Bergeron	10
Name	Grade	Larry Bougor	10
Nick Cole	12	Carter Hart	10
Taylor Altemose	11	Duncan Wedge	10

Middlebury Union High School Bass Fishing	
Date	Opponent/Event
9/13	VPA Classic on Grand Isle
10/4	State Championship on Grand Isle

MUHS

FIELD HOCKEY



Middlebury Union High School Varsity Field Hockey Team		
Coach: MaKayla Broughton		
Name	Grade	
Hex Bingham	12	Bea Deering 10
Maya Breckenridge	12	Jocelyn Foster 10
Kenyon Connors	12	Lena Guiliani 10
Quinn Doria	12	Elle MacIntyre 10
Ivy Gates	12	Fallon Ray 10
Heaven Ross	11	Becka Seeley 10
Thea Boglioli	10	Sophie Simpson 10
		Penny Stattel 10
		Lily Swinton 10

Middlebury Union High School Varsity Field Hockey		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
9/5	@ Mt Abe	4 p.m.
9/9	OV	4:30 p.m.
9/11	Milton	4:30 p.m.
9/16	@ Lyndon	4 p.m.
9/19	@ North Country	4 p.m.
9/22	Mt Abe	4:30 p.m.
9/25	@ Harwood	4 p.m.
9/30	@ St. Johnsbury	4 p.m.
10/3	Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
10/7	U-32	4:30 p.m.
10/9	@ Spaulding	4 p.m.
10/14	Stowe	4:30 p.m.
10/17	@ Montpelier	4 p.m.

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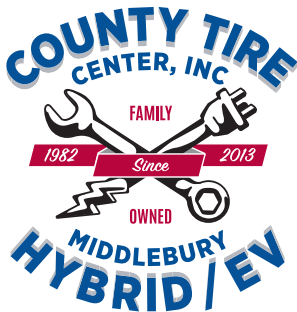
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BOYS' SOCCER



Middlebury Union High School
Varsity Boys' Soccer Team

Coach: Max Ratti-Bicknell		Annan Duquette-Hoffman	11
Name	Grade	Landon Hunt	11
Lyle Carey	12	Noah Gillespie	11
Nick Carpenter	12	Timmy Laframboise	11
Trennon Cioffredi	12	Judah Matovu	11
Oscar Drake	12	Micah McConnell	11
Theo Fallis	12	Henry McDonnell	11
Jonathan Kafumbe	12	Ellington Patterson	11
Ben Longman	12	Porter McDonnell	10
Callan McDowell	12	Holden McDowell	10
Barlow McWilliams	12	Daniel Power	10
Gabe Velez	12	Oliver Wetzel	10

Middlebury Union High School
Boys' Varsity Soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	VUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/5	Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
9/10	Mt Abe	4:30 p.m.
9/13	@ Winooski	10 a.m.
9/16	St Albans	4:30 p.m.
9/19	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.
9/25	Rice	4 p.m.
9/30	@ Missisquoi	4:30 p.m.
10/4	@ Mt Abe	4 p.m.
10/8	TBA	4 p.m.
10/11	@ St Albans	10 a.m.
10/14	Milton	4 p.m.
10/18	@ Rice	10 a.m.

MUHS

GIRLS' SOCCER



Middlebury Union High School Girls' Varsity Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	VUHS	10 a.m.
9/3	@Montpelier	6 p.m.
9/6	Harwood	4:30 p.m.
9/12	Mt Abe	4:30 p.m.
9/20	Rutland	10 a.m.
9/26	Rice	4:30 p.m.
9/29	@St Albans	4:30 p.m.
10/4	@ Mt Abe	9 a.m.
10/7	Milton	4 p.m.
10/11	@ VUHS	11 a.m.
10/15	@ Rice	4 p.m.
10/18	St Albans	10 a.m.

Middlebury Union High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team		
Coach: Reeves Livesay		Jordyn Rushton 11
Name	Grade	Evelyn Schoelzel 11
Matty Austin	12	Sawyer Witscher 11
Solstice Binder	12	Anni Broderson 10
Lia Calzini	12	Ellie Conklin 10
Cooper Cannon	12	Finleigh Drake 10
Avery Hohenschau	12	Pema Kerins 10
Emily Johnson	12	Marley Lambert 10
Emilia Bullock	11	Ellie Orten 10
Hayden Dunakin	11	Lillian Paquette 10
Alice Livesay	11	Leah Warner 10
Isabel Quinn	11	

MUHS

CROSS COUNTRY



Middlebury Union High School Varsity Cross Country		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/30	@ Essex	
9/6	@ Burlington	
9/13	@ Harwood	
9/19	Hosts at MUMS	
9/27	@ U-32	
10/4	@ Thetford Trails Run	
10/11	@ NVAC Meet at MVU	
10/25	State Meet at Thetford	

Middlebury Union High School Varsity Cross Country Team		
Coach: Chris Anderson		George Cammack 10
Name	Grade	Meredith Carr Perlow 10
Berkeley Graham-Gurland	12	Fiona Mackey 10
Kaden Hammond	12	Louisa Orten 10
Mary Harrington	12	Jorgen Pirrung 10
Blake Davidson	11	Cameron Vose 10
Truth Fetterolf	11	Bryce Abair 9
Jase Kozak	11	Emerson Blair 9
Charlie Reiderer	11	Caroline Larocque 9
Alex Anderson	10	Ezra Latch 9
Annika Bruning	10	

MUHS

VOLLEYBALL



Middlebury Union High School
Varsity Volleyball

Coach: Bethany Morrissey

Name	Grade
Logan Edmonds-Beattie	12
Josie Gaiotti	12
Marilyn Perez	12
Grace Ritter	12
Laila Sunderland	12
Alixis Williams	12
Anna Wolosinski	12
Ida Blackwell	11

Thea Jackson	11
Kate Kozak	11
Tenny LaRoche	11
Stella Lenti	11
Julia Morrissey	11
Adelena Young	11
Abby Hamilton	10
Willow Heywood	10
Ginger Riney	10
Adeline Ritter	10

Middlebury Union High School
Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/29	@ Rice	6 p.m.
9/3	Burlington	6 p.m.
9/5	@ CVU	6 p.m.
9/10	@ Missisquoi	6 p.m.
9/12	Mt Mansfield	6:30 p.m.
9/15	@ Enosburg	6 p.m.
9/17	Randolph	6 p.m.
9/25	Colchester	6 p.m.
9/29	@ VT Commons	6 p.m.
10/4	Hartford	6 p.m.
10/6	@ Mt Abe	6 p.m.
10/8	Harwood	6 p.m.
10/11	@ Montpelier	12:30 p.m.
10/15	Lyndon	6 p.m.

MUHS

GOLF



Middlebury Union High School Varsity Golf Team		
Coach: Joe Crodelle		
Name	Grade	
Taylor Altemose	11	Maggie Morter
Abigail Andres	11	Gabriel Quesnel
Max Ayer	11	Ethan Dodds
Ryan Brouillard	11	Peter Fuller
Connor Gordon	11	Ibis Kin
James Hellyer	11	Alayna LaFlam
Rowdy Malcom	11	Jakson Lind
Reaney McKinley	11	Case Pitner
		Sophia Welch
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Middlebury Union High School Varsity Golf		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
Boys:		
9/3	@ Ralph Myhre	4 p.m.
9/4	@ Basin Harbor	4 p.m.
9/9	@ Ralph Myhre	4 p.m.
9/11	@ Burlington HS	4 p.m.
9/15	@ Lang Farm Links	4 p.m.
9/24	@ St. Albans	4 p.m.
9/30	State Qualifier at Champlain CC	
10/7	State Tournament at Dorset Field Club	
Girls:		
9/19	@ Basin Harbor Club	4 p.m.



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New league, new divisions, new team at Mt. Abe

BY ANDY KIRKALDY

BRISTOL — Championships were scarce among Addison County high schools in the fall of 2024, but Mount Abraham claimed a title in one of the newest official Vermont Principals' Association varsity sports a year ago — bass fishing.

Another Eagle team came close to one: the girls' soccer squad made a run to the Division II final, where they gave top seed Milton at battle before falling.

Meanwhile, the Eagle boys' soccer team played competitively and won 11 games, and hopes are realistically high for this season.

The next most successful team under the Eagle banner in the fall of 2024 was the Mount Abraham-Vergennes Cooperative football team, which parlayed a 5-3 regular-season record into the program's first D-II playoff berth. The top seed ended MAV's playoff hopes in the next round, but it was a step forward. The number crunchers in the state's football committee bumped the Eagles down to D-III during the offseason, possibly giving MAV a better chance to compete.

Another team bumping down to D-III is Eagle field hockey, winners just twice a year ago. They will move from the highly competitive D-I Metro Conference to the Capital Division, which consists of D-II and D-III teams. Again, numbers dictated the move down from D-II, according to Athletic Director Devin Wendel.

Despite a modest at best turnout, the Mount Abe cross-country team remains in D-II. Barring a surge in signups, the Eagles will again not score as a team, instead focusing on individual results and improvement.

There golf team's results echoed cross country in 2024 — the team did not qualify for the D-II tournament, nor did any individuals. But the team is loaded with multi-sport athletes, and improvement cannot be counted out.

Finally, the Eagle girls' volleyball team will make its debut at the varsity level this fall after a couple seasons at club and JV. And numbers are good between varsity and JV, boding well.

Wendel took the time to talk with the *Independent* about the outlook and goals for each of the Mount Abe fall programs — which are double the amount the school offered in the season when he was a student-athlete a couple decades ago.

BASS FISHING

Wendel pointed out that fishing Coach Carroll Isham and his top anglers — twins Hailey and Isayah Isham, who rode the championship boat a year ago and call him Dad — will be aiming to accomplish something that has yet to be done in the eight-year history of the sport — win back-to-back-titles. Their teammates, Ethan Bromley and Garrett Duell, also juniors, could also bring home a second straight trophy to Mount Abe.

For the second straight year, as well as the two official VPA events off Grand Isle, the Eagle team will also attend a tournament hosted by Burr & Burton.

As well as the competition aspect, Wendel has been impressed by how the local fishing community has rallied around the Eagle program.

"Whether it's donations of lures, or just time, or just whatever it may be, there's been a lot of people wanting to grow the sport and giving these kids more opportunities and better equipment," Wendel said.

GIRLS' SOCCER

The Eagle girls' soccer team a year ago entered the D-II playoffs with a 9-5 record. Coach Dustin Corrigan said late in the season he wouldn't want to be the teams that drew the Eagles in the playoffs, and he was right, as Mount Abe rolled over two higher seeds on the road before succumbing to powerhouse Milton.

But this year's team will look different, Wendel acknowledged, after almost a full team's worth of seniors who played major roles graduated. Even with a half-dozen athletes who either started or saw important minutes off the bench back, newcomers are going to have to carry a load, he said.

"We're going to be really leaning on some student-athletes who saw limited time and not as much of starting time last year," Wendel said.

That said, he believes that between Corrigan's ability to organize the team and the quality of the newcomers, the Eagles will do well, adding they looked good in preseason outings.

"We have some kids that are hungry and competitive and want to help their team and make a name for themselves out on the field, so it's going to be fun to see who steps up to that varsity speed," he said.

BOYS' SOCCER

Coach Chris Coffey's boys' soccer gang played well from start to finish a year ago in winning 11 games. They also return a number of key players as they seek a deeper playoff run this season.

"We have a really strong squad coming back, lots of experience, lots of tactical and technical ability. The kids are just smart, not selfish players who are willing to move the ball around and help their teammates out," Wendel said. "I think this is also a group that jives really well together. There's a lot of good chemistry on this team."

They also thumped D-I Rutland in a preseason scrimmage, Wendel noted, showing size and speed as well as crisp ball movement.

But what could be key for the Eagles this season would be winning just a game or two more in what has been a highly competitive D-II landscape in recent years, Wendel said. Despite 10 regular-season wins a year ago, the Eagles received only a No. 6 seed, and had to travel a long way to lose at No. 3 Stratton in a quarterfinal rather than hosting.

"Sometimes that middle-of-the-pack record can make all the difference where you land in the playoffs and then totally change what your seeding is," Wendel said.

Regardless, he concluded, "I think we're going to have a fun season."

FOOTBALL

Coach Jeff Stein's MAV cooperative football program also returns a number of starters from its winning season a year ago, and overall numbers are good, too.

"We have 40 kids in the program, which is great," Wendel said.

Half of those will play varsity, with balance between the offensive and defensive sides of the ball and in their ability to move the ball on the ground and through the air on offense.

"We have a really well-rounded squad. Coach Stein is really excited for who we have coming back. We've got some size on the line this year.

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GIRLS' SOCCER

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Devin Wendel

Eagles

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We've got some really athletic kids out there, and a couple new pickups who showed really well in the scrimmage last weekend at Mount Mansfield," Wendel said. "We've got some kids that are just hungry and want to play some football."

The team could use two quarterbacks, senior Rhett Lathrop and junior Clark Crary, with the playing time there dependent in part in where else on the field they might be needed. Junior Cole Gagnon at running back and senior Ryan Wright at receiver established themselves last year, and senior lineman Shayne Russell and junior lineman Juan De La Cruz joined them in receiving postseason D-II recognition.

They are just some of the veterans back.

"The biggest strength of the team is just experience, just as a group that has come up through the system," Wendel said. "They got to see some good success last year, which was exciting, and I think they're just hungry to compete."

And then there's the new division.

"We're in Division III. I think we're going to have a really nice, competitive regular season," Wendel said. "I wouldn't be surprised if this team makes some noise in the playoffs, either."

FIELD HOCKEY

The other team dropping to D-III is Coach Jen Myers's field hockey program. Despite some good moments and competitive setbacks, there's no getting around that the Eagles won just twice a year ago and lost a home playoff game as the No. 8 seed in D-II.

Wendel emphasized the program did not request a change, but was assigned to D-II by the VPA due to its program numbers. However, the move to the Capital Division was a program decision after a few years of taking lumps against the best teams in Vermont in the D-I Metro Division. Middlebury made the same choice to join the Capital, but its numbers dictated the Tiger program remain in D-II.

"The Metro just proved to be something that just wasn't benefitting us anymore. Us along with Middlebury moved into the Capital to try to play against more like teams, more (similar) school size," Wendel said. "Also, like Middlebury, we're without a JV team this year, like many teams in the Capital league. (There will be) a little more travel here and there, but the games will be more completeive."

As for a reasonable outlook, Wendel said the team graduated about as many seniors as there

are seniors on the team this year, with plenty of younger contributors returning.

Another thing he noted is that as well as showing well in their annual preseason jamboree, the Eagles have taken it on themselves to organize team-building activities during the run-up to the season.

"We have some kids who have really worked hard team culture-wise, really tried to create some team unity," Wendel said. "It's kind of a new chapter for Mount Abe field hockey — different division, different league, and a group of players that are really invested in trying to make this the best possible experience going into the change this year. So it's exciting to see."

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Tucker Anderson's cross-country team is recruiting as it looks to add to the 11 runners who had signed on before the start of classes.

The only returning female Eagle runner who ran in the in D-II state meet a year ago is sophomore Eloise Newman, while the three boys who competed in Thetford and are back for more are, in order of their finish, junior Oliver Zelonis, senior James Mount and sophomore Karson Norris.

"The numbers are a bit down; small roster this year," Wendel acknowledged. "I think we're going to see good things from several of these athletes, but when it comes to scoring we've got to stay healthy, and we've got to make sure everybody's at the meet."

Recruitment could reduce the margin of error.

"Tucker, our coach, has been setting up recruiting tables, reaching out to students and just sharing information about cross country, all the lifelong benefits and what a great sport (it is)," Wendel said.

Of course, cross country is also an individual sport, and focusing on personal goals is a worthy cause over the course of a season.

"On any given day, that's what the coaches are working on," Wendel said. "End your season better than where you started. If you're running a 25-minute 5K at the start of the season, and you're running it at 24 minutes at the end, that's an improvement, and that's what we want to see. And keep building on that year after year."

GOLF

Coach Emily Ringquist is leading almost as many golfers as Anderson is mentoring cross-country runners — 10 to be exact. In 2024 the results were also comparable to cross country, with no scoring at state meets.

The golf team has a schedule with a number

of competitions around northern Vermont, including a couple at Basin Harbor, for a team that includes familiar names from other Eagle sports.

"It's a pretty competitive schedule this fall, lots of travel," Wendel said. "But I think it's going to be good season for them. They're going to be able to see a lot of diverse courses across the state, which is exciting."

There will be competition for starting spots, with only about half the team able to compete on any given day, and no one necessarily having an inside track with most of the team returning on equal footing.

"Only so many people can compete at a meet, and it's going to be interesting to see who refines their games in the first meets of the season, to see who gets the opportunity to attend those," Wendel said. "I think it will be a pretty competitive group across the board. These are multi-sport athletes. These are kids who love to compete, love to play, get along well with each other."

VOLLEYBALL

Finally, there are the new kids on the block — the girls' volleyball team under the charge of Coach Megan LaRose.

In all, there are 20 athletes in the program, including a dozen JV players. As was recently the case in Middlebury, the creation of the volleyball club and the subsequent move up to the varsity level was largely driven by student demand and organization.

"The biggest thing is hats off to the student athletes who advocated to get this sport started," Wendel said.

It's also helpful for the new Eagle program that the VPA agreed to go to two divisions for the growing activity, meaning most of the Eagles' games will not be against teams from larger schools that typically play in D-I.

Wendel said a realistic goal for a team that played a JV schedule a year ago might not be an immediate championship, but continuing to raise the program's level of play would be a good target.

"The biggest thing is probably to grow the sport and teach the game," he said. "We know that we're a new team, and even though we've been working on it for a couple years, club and then JV, it's different than that varsity level. It's a big step ... But one of our core tenets here is just having fun. So I think if this team goes out, they work hard, they compete every day, they have fun, then mission accomplished."

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VOLLEYBALL



Mount Abraham Union High School Volleyball Team	
Coach: Megan LaRose	
Name	Grade
Paige Guilbeault	12
Rhiannon Andrews	11
Ali Brown	11
Gemma Lyles	11
Amelia Desilets	10
Charlotte Desilets	10
Julianna Murphy	10
Meg Park	

Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Volleyball		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/29	VT Commons	6 p.m.
9/3	Missisquoi	6 p.m.
9/5	@ Harwood	6 p.m.
9/8	@ VT Commons	6 p.m.
9/10	@ Hartford	6 p.m.
9/12	@ Enosburg	6 p.m.
9/17	Colchester	6 p.m.
9/26	Hartford	6 p.m.
10/4	Harwood	6 p.m.
10/6	MUHS a	6 p.m.
10/8	@ Lyndon	6 p.m.
10/10	Randolph	6 p.m.
10/15	@ Montpelier	6 p.m.
10/17	@ Missisquoi	6 p.m.

Mt. Abe

BOYS' SOCCER



Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Boys' Soccer Team	
Coach: Chris Coffey	
Name	Grade
Evan Audy	12
Evan Corrigan	12
James Graziadei	12
Zealand Jackson	12
Aidin Hodzic	12
Maverick Livingston	12
Johnny Stanley	12
Abraham Camara	11
Rowan Clark	11
Kestral Edwards	11
Sean Golden	11
Jaran Griffin	11
Truman Sawyer	11
Wayden Cherington	10
Mazin Swepston	10

Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Boys' Soccer		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/29	VUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/2	@ Rice	4:30 p.m.
9/5	@ St. Albans	4:30 p.m.
9/10	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/13	Missisquoi at Mt Abe	10 a.m.
9/16	@ VUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/18	@ Winooski	4:30 p.m.
9/22	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.
9/27	Rice	10 a.m.
9/30	@ St. Albans	4:30 p.m.
10/4	MUHS	11 a.m.
10/8	@ Missisquoi	4 p.m.
10/14	Winooski	4 p.m.
10/17	Milton	4 p.m.

Mt. Abe

GIRLS' SOCCER



Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team			
Coach: Dustin Corrigan		Raquel Harris	11
Name	Grade	Lucy Lawson	11
Lila Brightman	12	Leah Tierney	11
Molly Burgess	12	Elsa Masefield	10
Skyler Macdonald	12	Olivia Sawyer	10
Brooklyn Ryersback	12	Payton Shepard	10
Isla Underwood	12	Edda Twyman	10
Brooke Barnard	11	Sophie Underwood	10
Aubrey Coffey	11	Mae Cannon	9
Thompson Davis	11	Ila Corrigan	9

Mount Abraham Union High School Girls' Varsity Soccer		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/29	@ Fair Haven	6 p.m.
9/3	U-32	4:30 p.m.
9/6	@ VUHS	10 a.m.
9/9	@ Spaulding	4:30 p.m.
9/12	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/17	Rice	4:30 p.m.
9/20	@ St Albans	10 a.m.
9/27	@ Rutland	1 p.m.
9/29	@ Milton	4:30 p.m.
10/4	MUHS	9 a.m.
10/7	@ Rice	4 p.m.
10/10	St Albans	4 p.m.
10/13	VUHS	4 p.m.
10/18	Milton	10 a.m.

Mt. Abe

FOOTBALL



Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Football Team			
Coach: Jeff Stein		Clark Crary	11
Name	Grade	Juan De La Cruz	11
Kyle Clark	12	Cole Gagnon	11
Tyson Hallock	12	Lincoln Painter	11
Rhett Lathrop	12	Eli Schondube	11
Connor Nason	12	Levi Smith	11
Jackson Paquin	12	Izaak Wolniewicz	11
Gabe Roussin	12	Izaiha Deyett	10
Shayne Russell	12	Caleb Stearns	10
Dakota Safford	12	Chase Wright	10
Logan Stearns	12	Emmytt Duval	9
Noah Vartuli	12	Thatcher Leggett	9
Ryan Wright	12	Jaxson Sias	9
Mason Atkins	11	Carter Smith	9

Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Football		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
9/6	OVUHS	1 p.m.
9/13	@ Fairfax	1 p.m.
9/20	@ Missisquoi	1 p.m.
9/27	Windsor	1 p.m.
10/4	Rice	1 p.m.
10/10	@ Milton	7 p.m.
10/18	Spaulding	1 p.m.
10/25	@ Poultney	1 p.m.

Mt. Abe

FIELD HOCKEY



Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Field Hockey Team			
Coach: Jen Myers		Abigail Hurlburt	10
Name	Grade	Eleanor Hurlburt	10
Louisa Guilmette	12	Grace Jenkins	10
Maris LaPerle	12	Willa Kaeck	10
June Yates-Rusch	12	Gwen LaPerle	10
Harper Young	12	Anika Morton	10
Addison Wright	12	Jillian Cousino	9
Natalie Smith	11	Natalie Layn	9
Lux Tierney	11	Lila Smith	9
Marino Bangoura	10	Kaylie Thompson	9

Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Field Hockey		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/29	@ Essex	4 p.m.
9/5	MUHS	4 p.m.
9/9	@ Colchester	4 p.m.
9/11	Montpelier	4 p.m.
9/16	@ Missisquoi	4 p.m.
9/19	@ St. Johnsbury	4 p.m.
9/22	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.
9/25	U-32	4 p.m.
9/29	@ Stowe	4 p.m.
10/4	Harwood	10 a.m.
10/6	@ Milton	6 p.m.
10/9	Lyndon	4 p.m.
10/15	@ Spaulding	4 p.m.
10/17	North Country	4 p.m.

Mt. Abe

GOLF



Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Golf Team			
Coach: Emily Ringquist		Stefan Johnson	11
Name	Grade	Jackson LaMarche	11
Brody Barnard	12	Andrew Doherty-Konczal	10
Cooper Cook	12	Spencer Sears	10
Joseph Sullivan	12	Otto Siegfried	10
Cam Castillo	11	Sawyer Visco-Lyons	10

Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Golf		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
9/3	@ Lakewood Links	4 p.m.
9/4	@ Basin Harbor	4 p.m.
9/8	@ Orleans CC	4 p.m.
9/11	@ Basin Harbor	4 p.m.
9/14	@ Barre CC	4 p.m.
9/23	@ Orleans CC	4 p.m.
9/30	D-II Qualifier	9 a.m.
10/7	State Tourney at Dorset CC	9 a.m.

Mt. Abe

BASS FISHING



Mount Abraham Union High School
Bass Fishing Team

Coach: Carroll Isham

Name	Grade
Ethan Bromley	11
Garrett Duell	11
Hailey Isham	11
Isayah Isham	11

Mount Abraham Union High School
Varsity Bass Fishing

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
9/13	VPA Classic on Grand Isle	
10/4	State Championship on Grand Isle	

Mt. Abe

CROSS COUNTRY



Mount Abraham Union High School Varsity Cross Country Team			
Coach: Tucker Anderson		Ellie Newman	10
Name	Grade	Sadie Nezin	10
Phil Burnham	12	Karson Norris	10
James Mount	12	Del Guilmette	9
Bennett Eberhardy	11	Bennett Mangini	9
Merissa Gordon	11	Elena Placencia	9
Oliver Zelonis	11	Matthew Steele	9

Mount Abraham Union High School Cross Country		
Date	Opponent/Event	
9/6	@ Burlington Invite	
9/9	@ Milton	3:30 p.m.
9/13	@ Harwood Invitational	
9/16	Mt Abe Hosts	3:30 p.m.
9/19	@ MUHS Invite	2:30 p.m.
9/27	@ U-32 Invitational	
9/30	@ Milton	3:30 p.m.
10/4	@ Thetford Trails Run	
10/11	@ NVAC Meet at MVU	
10/25	State Meet at Thetford	



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FILE PHOTOS



Middlebury Tigers

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Taylor Altemose and Nate Cook Yoder, both juniors. “They’re our two captains, and are our varsity team, and the others will fill in our slots for the JV boats in those two competitions,” Farrell said.

The rules mean it’s important for the local community to provide opportunities for the whole team. Last year, Farrell said the team launched boats near the Crown Point Bridge, for example.

“This only happens if the B.A.S.S. organization says this is an important thing, and members come out and volunteer,” Farrell said. “It’s awesome that they see the importance of getting kids involved and making it happen.”

Also of note — both MUHS, in 2022, and Mount Abe, in 2024, have won VPA bass fishing titles in the sport’s eight-year sanctioned history. And no school has won twice.

Why not the Tigers?

“It’s the beauty of bass fishing,” Farrell said. “You never know on a given day.”

GOLF

Coach Joe Crodelle’s program has clearly sparked interest in the MUHS student body since the sport was revived there a few years ago — 13 boys and four girls signed up this fall.

Farrell noted there is a similarity between golf and bass fishing — no matter how many students sign up, only five at a time can compete.

“You play five, score four,” Farrell said.

Thus, who plays is a matter of who swings the clubs well in practice sessions and in rounds at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course.

“We get them out, we practice, get them some skill development, and if they’re shooting (in) the top five, they’ll get a chance to play in matches,” Farrell said. “But it’s not like all 17 are coming to Jay Peak for a match.”

The team has been reasonably competitive in recent years, with Juniors Rowdy Malcolm, Max Ayer and Reaney McKinley “pretty clearly our top three” entering the season, Farrell said.

Before almost qualifying for the D-II tournament in 2024, the team did so in 2023, according to Farrell.

On the girls’ side, juniors Maggie Morter and Abigail Andres should hold their own, he said.

Developing the lifelong skill and building the program are certainly goals.

“We don’t have any seniors this year, so we have time to work with these kids and build their skills,” Farrell said. “Hopefully we get some 9th-graders to come in and play.”

GOLF

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Commodore teams have high hopes, new leagues

By ANDY KIRKALDY

VERGENNES — New leagues and high hopes for the girls' and boys' soccer teams headline the sports news this fall at Vergennes Union High School.

The Commodore cross country program will in the meantime again make do with modest numbers in the competitive Division II running scene.

The recently revived VUHS golf program returns its entire team — of four golfers. Barring late recruits to allow team postseason scoring, the quartet will focus on individual improvement and regular-season competition.

The bass fishing program, meanwhile, has a good turnout of young angling enthusiasts and appears to have gained a foothold at the Vergennes school, fittingly given its sea-going mascot.

Addison Northwest School District Director of Athletics & Activities Peter Maneen spoke with the *Independent* about what to look for this fall from the Commodore varsity teams.

He also noted several VUHS athletes compete for the Rice Memorial girls' volleyball team, about a dozen VUHS students play in the Mount Abraham-Vergennes cooperative football program, and more compete in the club rowing program sponsored by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Maneen said both levels of the VUHS girls' soccer program boast depth and skill.

"The girls have a lot of returning players, and they have a lot of strong younger players coming into the program," he said. "There are also about a dozen 8th-graders playing for the JV team, so numbers are trending in the right direction."

The Commodores have also left the Lake Division after taking their lumps in that league in recent years. They will play a largely Mountain Division schedule, while preserving rivalry games with Mount Abraham and Middlebury. The program has been the only Division III team in the D-II Lake league, and the Mountain Division consists of schools with comparable student populations.

Maneen noted the boys' team will make the same move. At least on paper, both teams should have more competitive regular seasons producing better won-loss records and enter the D-III postseason with higher seeds and a higher level of confidence, Maneen said.

"On both the girls' and boys' sides, for the last eight or 10 years, ever since we've been Division III ... whenever we get into the Division III tournament after playing tough schedule, we end up playing teams with higher seeds than we should beat early in the tournament," he said.

For example, the VUHS girls last year started out strong a year ago against comparable non-league foes, but lost almost all of their Lake games. The Commodores then entered the D-III tournament as the No. 9 seed. They defeated the No. 8 seed, 3-0, on the road, but then immediately met the No. 1 seed in the second round and lost.

This new schedule should allow the teams to enter their tournaments

with better records and more momentum, Maneen said.

"This way it will give us a chance to play a more competitive schedule against teams (from schools) more comparable in size, and hopefully seed us more appropriately when it comes to the tournament, to give us more opportunity for home games and runs through the tournament."

As for second-year Coach Morgan Kathan's talented group of soccer players, Maneen said she will be working to assign them the right roles to maximize their abilities as a group.

"You can compare it to a puzzle. The pieces are all there. It's trying to define the best way to put them all together," he said. "They've got a lot of pieces, a lot of talented pieces, and now figuring out how to make them fit best for the framework of the team is going to be the trick."

BOYS' SOCCER

Veteran Coach Kevin Hayes's Commodore boys' took a few lumps in 2024. Despite being competitive in most games, they managed to earn only a No. 12 D-III tournament seed and bowed out in the first round.

"Things go in cycles. Last year wasn't the year when those close games necessarily went our way," Maneen said. "They have some pretty tough players coming back. Again, they have some good younger players coming in ... And Kevin always has his kids prepared."

Maneen said the Commodore boys should be able to use their speed to be dangerous offensively, particularly on through balls, and should be able to match opponents' physicality.

"We're looking for them to be competitive throughout the season," Maneen said.

The Commodores could also build belief and wins due to the same switch to the Mountain League schedule as the girls' program.

"Confidence in high school is one of those underrated things. When you play all those Division 2 schools your win-loss record might not go your way, and it takes a toll on your confidence," Maneen said.

CROSS COUNTRY

With six boys and three girls signed on heading into the first week of classes, the numbers for Coach Brad Castillo's are not overwhelming this fall.

The boys' team finished eighth in Division II a year ago, and its top runner graduated. The other four state meet scoring runners return from that team, however, including seniors Chance Koenig and Carter McGuire, the top two returning finishers. Maneen expects that pair to set the tone for the team.

Three of the three non-scoring Commodore girls' contingent at the state meet also return: Senior Ellie Wilkinson-Sachs and sophomores Lauren Hill and Georgia Kunkel. Hill was the top VUHS finisher at the state meet a year ago, but will also be playing soccer and will miss some XC meets. It appears unlikely, Maneen said, the team will recruit enough female runners to post a team score at the state meet.

But he also said that's not the be-all and end-all for the sport.

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GIRLS' SOCCER

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Peter Maneen

CROSS COUNTRY

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Peter Maneen

Commodores

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“Cross country, like all of our running programs, has a great atmosphere,” Maneen said. “They know what’s expected. They always have their eye on improving. Brad’s always good about moving them in the right direction.”

GOLF

The good news for Commodore golf Coach Will Benton is that the entire enthusiastic team returns.

The not-so-good news is there are only four of them, one short of the minimum required number to compete for a Division II title. They are juniors Benjamin Hale, Ryan Johnson, Quinn LeBeau and Asa Root-Pratt.

Individually, Hale and LeBeau are most likely to lead the team with the lowest scores on any given day, according to Maneen, and possibly qualify for a shot at an individual title. “I’m expecting Quinn and Ben Hale to be the top scorers,” he said.

The bigger goal is to learn the game, however.

“Their eye is on improving, going out and improving every time they’re on the course, and learning and enjoying the lifelong sport of golf,” Maneen said.

And maybe the quartet can find a recruit to round out the team into a scoring unit. “You never know once

BASS FISHING

“Our fishing program is built around getting kids into the sport. We’re trying to get kids into activities that they can continue on with when they leave high school. And Jack and his crew do a great job getting kids out. The kids enjoy it and stick with it.”

— Athletic Director
Peter Maneen

school starts,” Maneen said.

BASS FISHING

Q: What sport by the numbers is more popular than golf at VUHS?

A: Bass fishing.

Eight students have signed up to fish competitively with Coach Jack McGuire this fall, with much the same goals as the four golfers — learning a lifelong sport the requires sticklike equipment and offers time for conversation. Maneen points out this is the only sport some VUHS students sign up for, while some have then tried other sports after enjoying the atmosphere on the bass fishing team.

“Our fishing program is built around getting kids into the sport,” Maneen said. “We’re trying to get kids into activities that they can continue on with when they leave high school. And Jack and his crew do a great job getting kids out. The kids enjoy it and stick with it.”

Of course, should the students hook a big one or two off Grand Isle in early October, so much the better.

“And you never know. One of these kids might hook a lunker in the state tournament,” Maneen said. “It only takes one really good fish.”

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CROSS COUNTRY



Vergennes Union High School Varsity Cross Country Team			
Coach: Brad Castillo		David Coburn	10
Name	Grade	Lauren Hill	10
Sawyer Garthaffner	12	Georgia Kunkel	10
Chance Koenig	12	Emerson Morrill	10
Carter McGuire	12	Quin Dubois	9
Eleanor Wilkinson-Sachs	12		

Vergennes Union High School Varsity Cross Country		
Date	Opponent/Event	
8/31	@ Essex Invite	
9/6	Burlington Invite	
9/9	@ Milton	3:30 p.m.
9/1	@ Mt Abe Meet	3:30 p.m.
9/19	@ MUHS Invite	3:30 p.m.
9/24	@ Rice Meet	
10/4	@ Thetford Trails Run	
10/11	@ NVAC Meet at MVU	3:30 p.m.
10/25	@State Meet at Thetford	

VUHS

BOYS' SOCCER



Vergennes Union High School Varsity Boys' Soccer Team	
Coach: Kevin Hayes	
Name	Grade
Tiegen Buskey	12
Aiden Fuller	12
Peter Maneen	12
Ryker Mosehauer	12
Evan White	12
Garrett Wood	12
Jude Bragg	11
Elliot Cosgrove	11
Colton Reed	11
Connor Simison	11
Joseph Maneen	10
Pearce Mosehauer	10
Rowan Neffinger	10
Liam Paquette	10
Andrew Houghton	9

Vergennes Union High School Boys' Varsity Soccer					
Date	Opponent	Time			
8/29	@ Mt Abe	4:30 p.m.	9/30	@ Cal. United	4:30 p.m.
9/2	@ MUHS	4:30 p.m.	10/3	Blue Mt	4 p.m.
9/10	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.	10/6	Enosburg	4 p.m.
9/16	Mt Abe	4:30 p.m.	10/9	@ GMVS	4 p.m.
9/19	@ Fairfax	4:30 p.m.	10/11	Paine Mt	4 p.m.
9/22	@ Richford	4:30 p.m.	10/14	Fairfax	4 p.m.
9/27	@ Oxbow 1	1 p.m.	10/17	Richford	4 p.m.

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GIRLS' SOCCER



Vergennes Union High School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team			
Coaches: Morgan Kathan		Adrienne Smits	11
Name	Grade	Isabelle Van Voorst	11
Faith McAllister	12	Megan Willis	11
Octavia Devine	12	Lauren Husk	10
Ava Francis	12	Sophia James	10
Amelia Giroux	12	Adeline Smith	10
Libby Ringer	12	Ayla Kittredge	9
Ashtin Stearns	12	Ella Maneen	9
Eva Borah	11	Reese Muzzy	9
Isabella Romond	11		

Vergennes Union High School Girls' Varsity Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	@ MUHS	11 a.m.
9/6	Mt Abe	11 a.m.
9/9	@ Richford	4:30 p.m.
9/12	@Oxbow	4:30 p.m.
9/17	@ Paine Mt	4:30 p.m.
9/20	Hazen	11 a.m.
9/26	@ Enosburg	4:30 p.m.
9/29	Cal United	4:30 p.m.
10/4	@ Winooski	11 a.m.
10/7	Fairfax	4 p.m.
10/11	MUHS	11 a.m.
10/13	@ Mt Abe	4 p.m.
10/15	Missisquoi	4 p.m.
10/18	@ Blue Mt	11 a.m.

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BASS FISHING



Vergennes Union High School Varsity Bass Fishing Team	
Coach: Jack McGuire	
Name	Grade
Harmony Stearns	12
Trevor Carr	11
Kyle Clark	11
Ryan Johnson	11
Liam McGuire	11
Ella Bearor	10
Caleb Stearns	10

Vergennes Union High School Bass Fishing		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
9/13	@VPA Classic on Grand Isle	
10/4	@State Championship on Grand Isle	

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GOLF



Vergennes Union High School
Varsity Golf Team

Coach: Will Benton

Name	Grade
Benjamin Hale	11
Ryan Johnson	11
Quinn LeBeau	11
Asa Root-Pratt	11

Vergennes Union High School
Golf

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
9/3	@ Cedar Knoll	4 p.m.
9/4	@ Basin Harbor	4 p.m.
9/9	@ West Bolton	4 p.m.
9/11	@ Cedar Knoll	4 p.m.
9/17	@ VT National	4 p.m.
9/24	@ Basin Harbor	4 p.m.
9/30	@State Qualifier at Champlain CC	
10/7	@State Tournament at Dorset Field Club	



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FIELD HOCKEY

Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Field Hockey Team		
Coach: Jodie Keith		
Name	Grade	
Alexis Beaulieu	12	Tayah Cram 11
Breanna Bovey	12	Sophia Parker 11
Hannah Desabrais	12	Mariterese Pearsons 11
Marissa Dick	12	Elliana Berriault 10
Michaela Hobbs	12	Isabella Bovey 10
		Lydia Keith 9

Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Field Hockey		
Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	@ Harwood	11 a.m.
9/4	@ Fair Haven	4 p.m.
9/9	@ Middlebury	4:30 p.m.
9/13	Bellows Falls	11 a.m.
9/17	@ Rutland	4 p.m.
9/20	Woodstock	11 a.m.
9/23	Windsor	4:30 p.m.
9/26	Brattleboro	4:30 p.m.
9/29	@ Woodstock	4 p.m.
10/3	@ Winsdor	4 p.m.
10/6	Fair Haven	4:30 p.m.
10/10	Woodstock	4:30 p.m.
10/13	@ Burr & Burton	6 p.m.
10/16	Rutland (Senior Game)	4:30 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Football		
Date	Opponent	Time
9/6	@ Mt Abraham	1 p.m.
9/12	@ Springfield	7 p.m.
9/19	Woodstock	7 p.m.
9/26	MVU	7 p.m.
10/4	@ Windsor	1 p.m.
10/11	Mill River	7 p.m.
10/18	Poultney	6:30 p.m.
10/25	@ Rice	1 p.m.

Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Football Team			
Coach: Jim Hill			
Name	Grade		
Colin Carroccia	12	Declan Galipo 11	Landon Wilcox 11
Jaydon Connors	12	Justin Hendee 11	Colby Benoit 10
Zachary Dragon	12	Austin Lamica 11	Patrick Coleman 10
Ethan Dukette	12	Ayden Laroque 11	Clover Hobbs 10
Drake Felkl	12	Emmett Mallory 11	Ethan Kenyon 10
Samuel Luis	12	Gerald Phillips 11	Jared Krans-Gould 10
Austin Mallory	12	Max Potter 11	Eli Larocque 10
Chase Razanoski	12	Nolan Quenneville 11	Alexandru MacLeod 10
Dominyk Waite	12	Jonathan Rambone 11	Marek Heitmann 9
Derrick Walton	12	Jonathan Rayborn 11	Ryan Li 9
David Bertrand	11	Keegan Reid 11	Paul Flanders 9
Brooklyn Colburn	11	Andrew Sweeney 11	Colby Brown 9
		Peyton Trombley 11	
		Lucas Whitney 11	

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GOLF

Otter Valley Varsity Golf

Coach: Greg Hughes

Name	Grade	Wyatt Cone	11
Connor Denis	12	George Stamp	11
Zachary Dragon	12	Chase Herrick	10
Jackson Howe	12	William Kilpeck	10
Jacob Warrell	12	Gavin Steen	10
		Max Eugair	9

Otter Valley Union High School
Varsity Golf

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/30	@ Rutland	3:30 p.m.
9/4	@ Woodstock	3:30 p.m.
9/5	@ Manchester	3:30 p.m.
9/9	Neshobe	3:30 p.m.
9/10	@ Equinox	3:30 p.m.
9/11	@ Green Mtn Nat	3:00 p.m.
9/16	@ Rutland	12 noon
9/18	@ Quechee	3:30 p.m.
9/24	@ Woodstock	12 noon
9/25	@ Killington	3:30 p.m.
9/26	@ Ekwonok	1 p.m.
10/1	@ Div 2 Sectionals at Neshobe	9 a.m.
10/8	@ State Girls at Burlington CC	9 a.m.
10/10	@ State Boys at Burlington CC	9 a.m.
10/28	@ New Englands at Mohegan Sun	TBA

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GIRLS' SOCCER

Otter Valley Union High School
Varsity Girls' Soccer Team

Coach: Tammi Blanchard

Name	Grade	Lana Karnai	11
Jazalynn Madrigal	12	Tegan Boynton	10
Bella Cassel	11	Makenzie McNolty	10
Allie Charbonneau	11	Iyla Spensley	10
Katelyn Greeno	11	Madison Stamp	10
Michelle Hendee	11	Addison Erickson	9
Adyson Humiston	11	Lucy Howe	9

Otter Valley Union High School
Girls' Varsity Soccer

Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/30	@ Hartford	11 a.m.
9/3	@ Woodstock	4:30 p.m.
9/6	Fair Haven	11 a.m.
9/12	@ Proctor	6 p.m.
9/13	@ Leland & Gray/Green Mtn	6/8 p.m.
9/16	Hartford	6 p.m.
9/18	@ Stratton	4 p.m.
9/25	@ Mill River	4:30 p.m.
9/27	Green Mountain	10 a.m.
10/1	@ Fair Haven	6 p.m.
10/3	Woodstock	8 p.m.
10/6	Stratton	6 p.m.
10/9	@ MSJ	4 p.m.
10/14	MAU	5 p.m.

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BOYS' SOCCER

Otter Valley Union High School Boys' Varsity Soccer			
Coach: Brent Wilbur		Jonathan Johnson	11
Name	Grade	Brody Williams	11
Timothy Baron	12	Ayden Wingfield	10
Jason Hartwell	12	Hunter Barnhardt	9
Brody Lathrop	12	Max Lavelle	9
Benjamin McGuigan	12	Ezra Satz	9
Tanner Biondi	11	Anthony Zaccheus	9
Aiden Clark	11		

Otter Valley Union High School Boys' Varsity Soccer		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
8/30	@ Proctor	3 p.m.
9/2	Green Mountain	6 p.m.
9/5	@ Twin Valley	6 p.m.
9/9	Randolph	6 p.m.
9/11	Mill River	6 p.m.
9/19	@ Green Mountain	8 p.m.
9/20	@ Leland & Gray/Rivendell	6/8 p.m.
9/24	West Rutland	6 p.m.
9/27	Twin Valley	1 p.m.
10/1	@ Randolph	4 p.m.
10/3	White River Valley	6 p.m.
10/8	@ Mill River	4 p.m.
10/10	@ White River Valley	4 p.m.
10/15	@ Fair Haven	6 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Otter Valley Union High School Varsity Cross Country Team			
Coach: Cameron Perta		Cooper Rubright	11
Name	Grade	Ryder Snow	11
Aubrey Martin	11	Shayla Frain	10
Jackson Rawls	11	Riley Wilder	

Otter Valley Union High School Cross Country		
Date	Opponent/Event	Time
9/2	@ Rutland	4:45 p.m.
9/9	Otter Valley (Senior Race)	4:45 p.m.
9/16	@ Hartford	4:45 p.m.
9/23	@ Fair Haven (Castleton Univ.)	4:45 p.m.
9/30	@ Arlington	4:45 p.m.
10/4	@ Thetford Trail Run	9 a.m.
10/7	@ Springfield	4:45 a.m.
10/17	@ Springfield (SVL Champ)	4 p.m.
10/25	@ Thetford (State Champ)	9 p.m.
11/1	@ Meet of Champions (Essex)	TBA
11/8	@ New Englands	TBA



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