

Allie Wile jumps into the arms of Ipswich girls lacrosse teammate Jenelyn Taylor during the Tigers' Division 1 state semifinal victory.
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A SEASON OF CELEBRATION

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It was a season of celebration.

Four teams that call the North Shore home — St. John's Prep lacrosse, as well as the Hamilton-Wenham girls, Manchester Essex boys, and St. John's Prep tennis programs — all claimed state championships this spring.

Each of these victorious squads, naturally, had their own story to tell. The Eagles' lacrosse triumph was their fourth consecutive state crown and gave them 19 straight playoff wins dating back to 2021. Their brethren on the Prep tennis team, who were also the No. 1 seed in their bracket, went undefeated and captured the school's first championship on the hardcourts since 2001.

The Hamilton-Wenham girls team entered dynasty status after the top seeded Generals swept through the bracket for another championship victory, their third straight in Division 4. On the boys' side of the Division 4 tennis bracket, the Hornets of Manchester Essex gained a large measure of revenge by defeating their Cape Ann League rivals from Lynnfield (the top seed who had swept them during the regular season) with a 3-2 decision and capture their first crown.

But these titlists weren't the only ones who had a remarkable run through the playoffs in June. The Ipswich girls lacrosse team reached the Division 4 state title game; Salem baseball had its greatest season in 34 years by making it to the Division 4 state semifinals; so did the Swampscott boys lacrosse team after turning in its best-ever season at 20-2. The Hamilton-Wenham boys team was also a state semifinalist in Division 4, as were the Manchester Essex girls.

A brilliant spring showing capped off a terrific 2023-24 school sports year. Now, we eagerly await what will transpire in 2024-25.



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ABOVE: Hamilton-Wenham captain Sienna Gregory holds the Division 4 girls tennis state championship trophy over her head after the Generals won their third straight title, sweeping Lynnfield 5-0 in the final.



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LEFT: St. John's Prep lacrosse seniors (from left) Nick Schibli, Grayson Ambrosch and Brendan Powers pose with the Division 1 state championship trophy after defeating Needham, 17-13, for their fourth straight crown.



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Righthanded pitcher Jordan O'Malley of Salem allowed only three baserunners over six innings in the Division 4 state semifinals as the Witches had their best playoff run in 34 years.



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Manchester Essex's Charlie Virden screams joyfully after winning his match at second singles in three sets to deliver the Division 4 state championship to his team.



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Third singles player Luke Free and the St. John's Prep tennis team beat all five of their playoff opponents to win the Division 1 state title for the first time since 2001.

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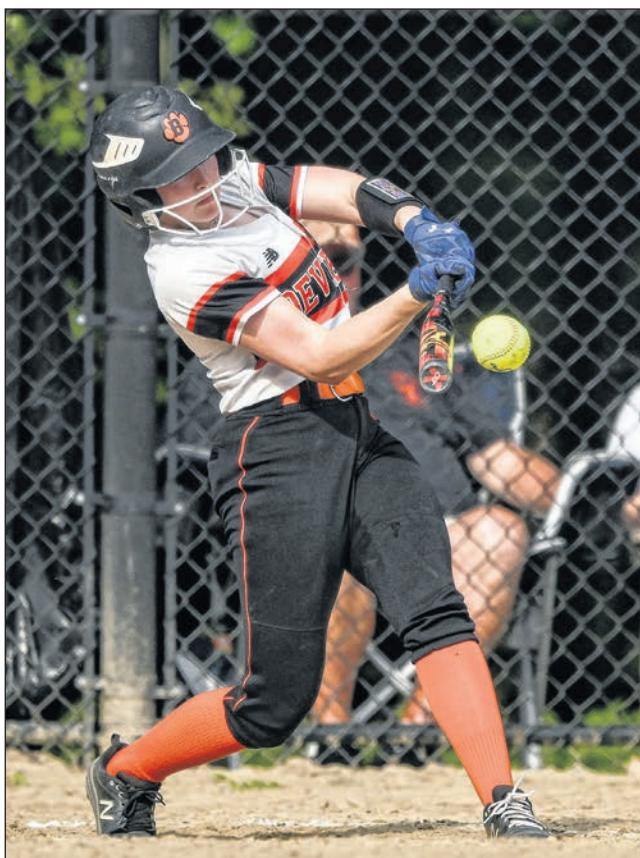


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Swampscott boys lacrosse captain Carson Palmer (right) celebrates a goal with freshman teammate John Von Barta in a second round triumph over Lynnfield.



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Hamilton-Wenham girls lacrosse captain Lucy Ayers gets a hug from her brother, Michael, following the Generals' season ending loss to Weston in the Division 4 state quarterfinals.



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Beverly's Elsa Reulet hammers a pitch for extra bases.



DEREK KOUYOUNJIAN

Marblehead's Nathaniel Jendrysik leaps over the bar during the 110 hurdles at the NEC Championship Meet.



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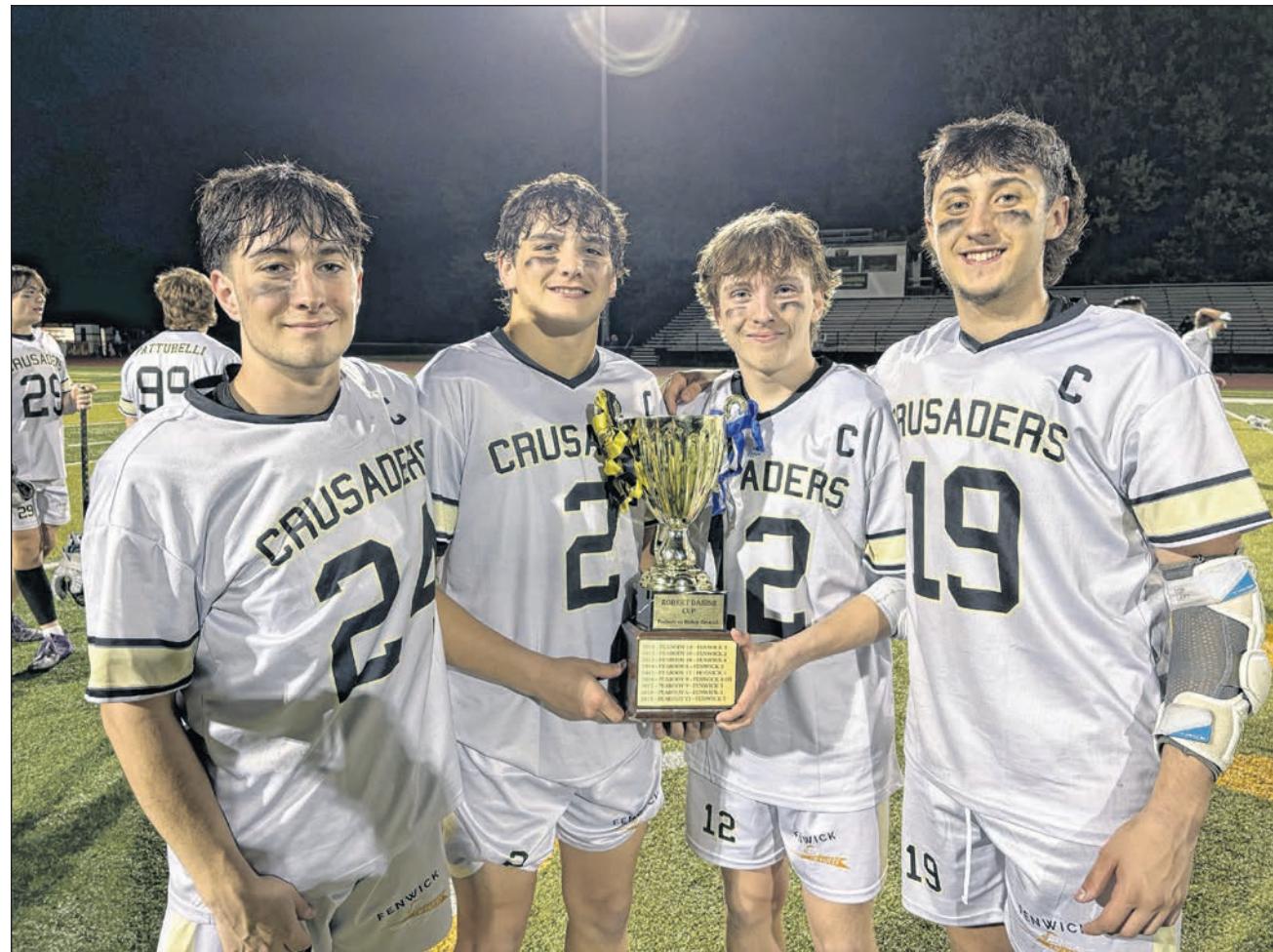
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Nora Kisiel of Essex Tech took part in the New England Outdoor Track and Field Championships.



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Waters Lloyd of Pingree led her team in goals, total points and ground balls this spring.



Bishop Fenwick boys lacrosse captains (from left) Joey Marshall, Luke Connolly, Kieran Corcoran and Anthony Sasso pose with the Danish Cup after defeating Peabody, 10-8. It was the Crusaders' first-ever win in the annual Tanner City bout.



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First singles player Madison Savage of Danvers leaps during her serve in a playoff match at Old Rochester.

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Masconomet sophomore Spencer Linonis takes flight during the triple jump.

Gloucester third singles player Shane Widtfeldt returns a forehand during the Fishermen's playoff clash against Swampscott.

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Salem volleyball standout Eddie Butler spikes the ball over defenders from BC High.

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Rockport second baseman Jameson Colbert prepares to catch a relay toss before turning and firing to first for a double play.



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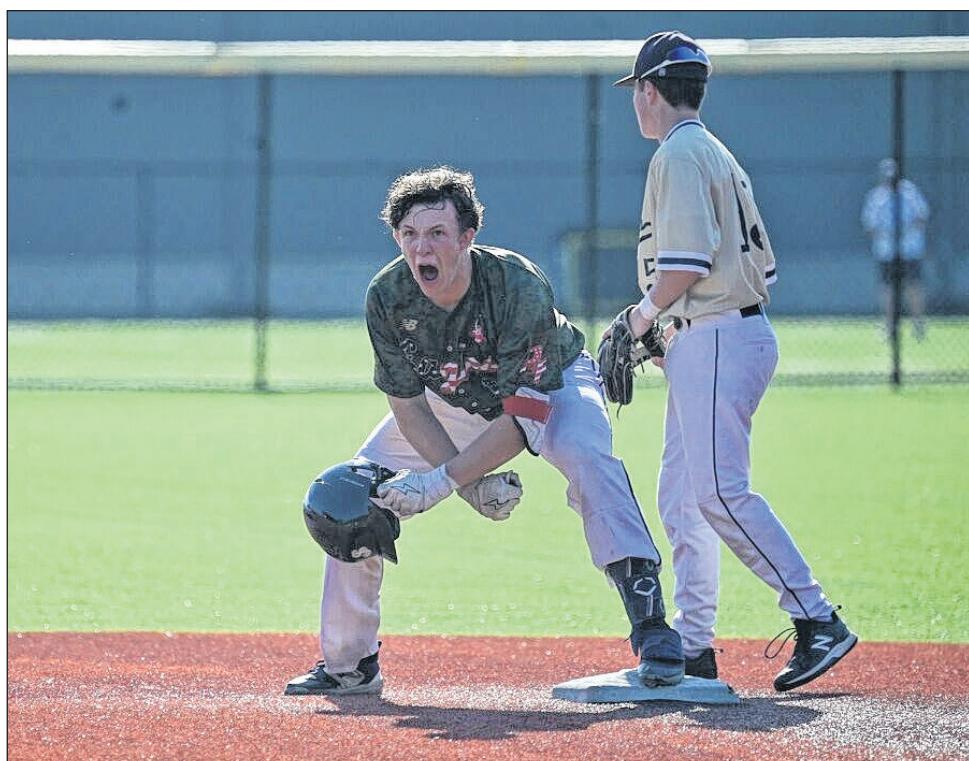
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Manchester Essex third singles player Sienna Crocker stretches out for this shot during a big win over her Monomoy opponent.



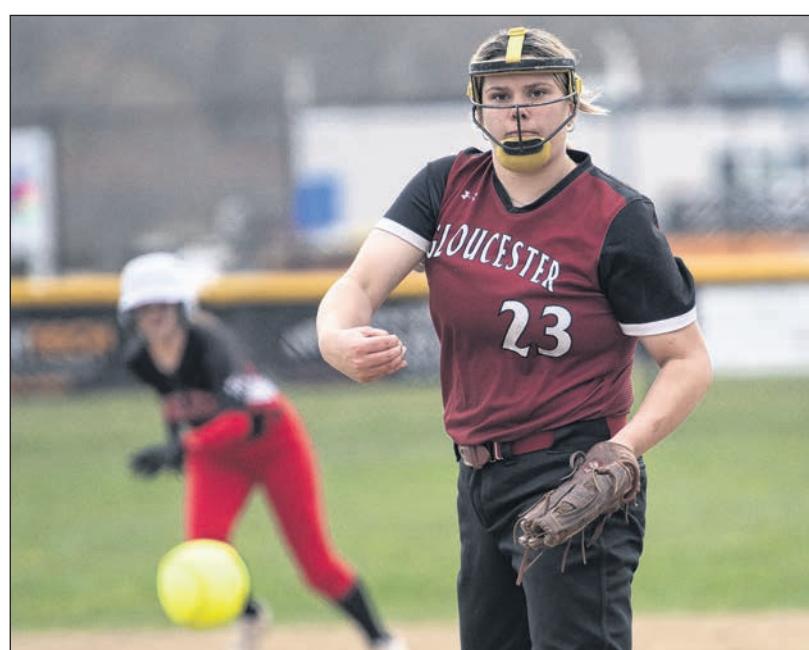
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Ally Bettencourt pats Peabody lacrosse teammate Katie Amico on the back following a goal against Danvers.



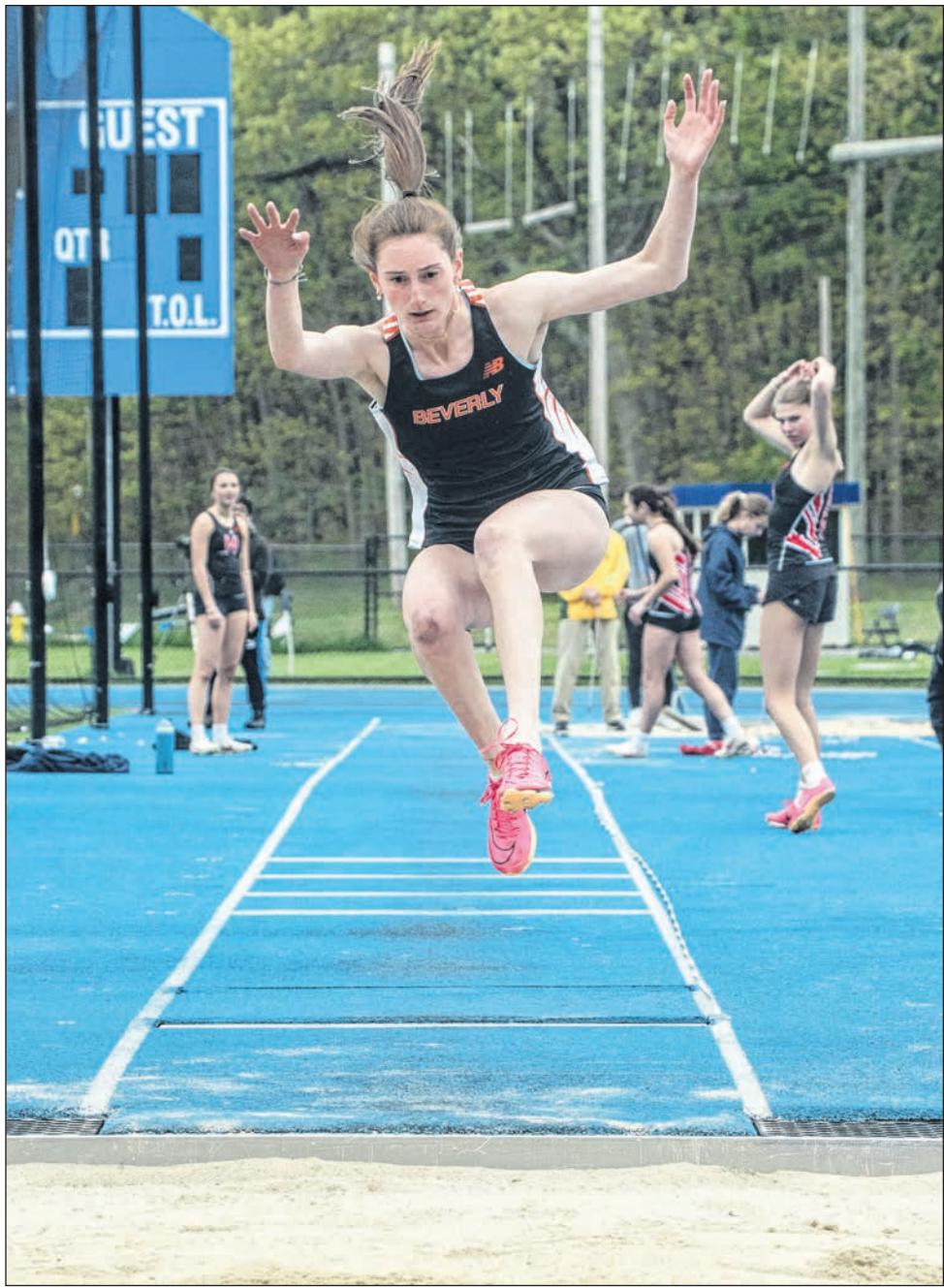
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Jack Grawney is pumped up after delivering an RBI double in St. John's Prep baseball's Division 1 playoff win over Needham.



Gloucester's Cameron Carroll fires a pitch during a shutout victory over Salem.

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Beverly's Grace Galbreath flies through the air in the long jump.

Eli Batista of Peabody (far left) and Marblehead's Tommy Carlson sprint against Nicholas Cappuccio of Winthrop at the Northeastern Conference Meet.

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Danvers' Sammy Fay slides safely into home plate during the championship contest of the inaugural Emily Shann Tournament.



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Ipswich's Finn Wright protects the ball so that Essex Tech defender Jack Hanchett can't knock it free.

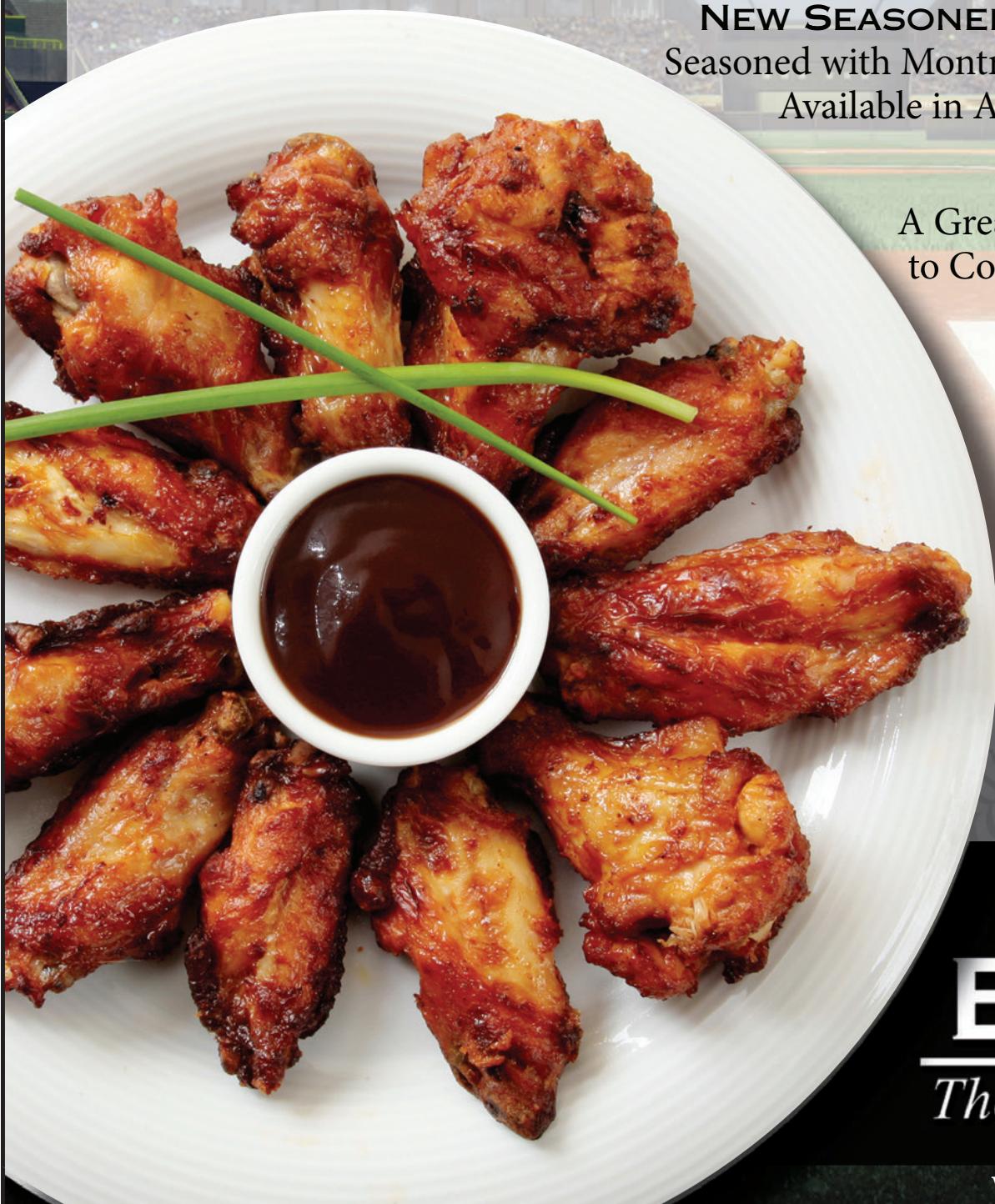
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