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PLATTSBURGH — Clinton Community College’s Director of Athletics, Kevin Daugherty has announced the appointment of Chris Waterbury as the head women’s soccer coach for the upcoming Fall 2024 season. A distinguished figure in collegiate soccer, Waterbury brings a wealth of experience and an impressive track record to lead the Clinton women’s soccer program to new heights.

“First and foremost is that I think that serves both parties well,” Waterbury said. “I truly love coaching and staying busy. I think this helps this community as well.

“As someone who has a daughter who played college soccer, and with my knowledge of the game, I believe I can help make each player better that wishes to come to Clinton not only to play but as well as get an education.”

Waterbury’s coaching journey began in 1982, where he secured a 3-9-1 record at New England College. Over the years, he has left an indelible mark on the soccer landscape, notably achieving 26 consecutive winning seasons from 1988 to 2013, ranking as the 12th-longest streak in Division III history.

A 1981 graduate of SUNY Cortland with a master’s degree from SUNY Albany in 1985, Chris Waterbury’s coaching career at Plattsburgh State further solidified his legacy. As the winningest coach in the history of State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) men’s soccer and the 11th-most in NCAA Division III history, Waterbury led the Cardinals to all eight SUNYAC titles in program history. His teams qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament 11 times, reaching the semifinal round in 2005.

With an overall coaching record of 477-169-65, including successful tenures at New England College, Lyndon State College, and 33 years at Plattsburgh State, Waterbury’s leadership has garnered widespread recognition. He earned the SUNYAC Coach of the Year award seven times, the latest honor coming in 2012 when the Cardinals finished with a 17-3-1 overall record.

Waterbury’s coaching accomplishments extend beyond the field, as he mentored 11 student-athletes to 15 All-America accolades, including the three-time All-American Jason Sousa (2003-2005). Additionally, seven SUNYAC Huntley Parker Award recipients and two SUNYAC Rookies of the Year benefited from Waterbury’s expertise.

The Clinton women’s soccer program has been on hiatus since the 2019 season, searching for a leader capable of restoring the program’s legacy of success, which culminated in a National Championship in 2010. With the appointment of Chris Waterbury, the college anticipates a resurgence of the women’s soccer program, blending his proven coaching acumen with a commitment to fostering student-athletes’ growth on and off the field.

“[Clinton] had a good program but COVID took its toll on it,” Waterbury said. “If I can help to give a little bit of injection and energy into it. Everybody’s a winner and that’s special.”

Director of Athletics Kevin Daugherty said, “We are thrilled to welcome Chris Waterbury to the Clinton Community College family. His extensive experience, outstanding achievements, and commitment to excellence make him the ideal leader for our women’s soccer program. We look forward to a new era of success under his guidance.”

Waterbury added that this is an unique challenge to undertake, something he’s thrilled to do. He hopes to find players that want to undertake it with him.

“The biggest challenge is going to be that it’s not an ordinary year in a sense we don’t have a returning team,” he said. “You normally have a nucleus of players that we don’t have.

“The challenge is we need more numbers than normal. Anyone who is interested please reach out to me directly and let’s start a dialogue. Please reach out to the Clinton Community College Athletic Department, or me directly by phone at 518-570-7727.”

The recent appointments of Chris Waterbury as the women’s soccer coach, Kyle Cahoon for men’s soccer along with Dan Parker for women’s basketball, Keith Bombard for cross country, and Neil Epstein for men’s basketball signify a transformative phase for Clinton Community College’s athletic program.

With a strategic focus on comprehensive program development, these distinguished coaches bring a wealth of experience and expertise to rejuvenate and strengthen Clinton’s sports offerings.

As of Fall 2024, the college is happy to reinstate fall and winter sports that have been integral to its athletic legacy, signaling an exciting era of revival and providing student-athletes with a diverse array of opportunities to excel in their chosen disciplines. The collective vision and commitment of the new coaching team reflect the college’s dedication to fostering excellence and creating a vibrant and competitive athletic environment.
BY JOE LOTEMPLIO
Editor in Chief

SARANAC — It took awhile, but Saranac’s Brenna Ducatte recorded her 1,000th career point in girls basketball as her Spartans rolled on to defeat AuSable Valley 57-36, Feb. 7.

The junior hit a three-pointer midway through the fourth quarter to hit the milestone, erupting a large crowd of supporters.

“It was such a relief, especially since I thought the shot was off,” Ducatte said with a little laugh after the game. “But it was a big weight off my shoulders.”

Ducatte entered the game nine points shy of the 1,000 point mark. She struggled early on as AuSable applied heavy pressure on defense. She hit one three-pointer in the first half, but had several other shots miss the mark.

The same scenario unfolded in the second half as Ducatte hit a three-pointer early in the third period, but then went a bit cold from the floor.

“I definitely started to overthink it,” she said about her early game struggles. “I tried to look for some more inside shots since the outside shots weren’t falling.”

Ducatte said she also concentrated on helping her teammates by getting them the ball and playing good defense.

“We still had a game to win, and I wasn’t trying to be selfish at all and just trying to play good basketball.”

In the meantime, her teammates built up a sizeable lead on the Patriots. Guards Molly Denis and Layla Pellerin had strong games driving the basket and hitting from outside, and McHenna Brown and Maddie Gagnier also provided key buckets.

Pellerin finished with 15 points, Brown added 10 and Denis had 8.

Although not having a great shooting night, Ducatte helped out with a variety of assists and stingy defense.

“The large crowd of students, many dressed in white togas with 1,000 emblazoned on their undershirts, and family wearing designer T-shirts for the moment, went wild.”

“I try to think of myself as an all-around athlete so it feels great... all of the hard work I put in throughout the year, all the hours in the gym paid off tonight,” she said.

Veteran Spartan Coach Tim Newell said Ducatte is one of the most dedicated and hard-working players he’s ever coached.

“I’ve had some great players here at Saranac, some quality players, but Brenna, I believe, truly is probably the most dedicated and puts in the most time of any players I’ve ever had,” he said.

“Like tonight, even though she struggled a little, she found her teammates,” Newell said.

“She’s here on Sundays, she lifts weights everyday, she loves basketball and is a very talented young lady.”

Newell said, like the Patriots did Wednesday night, teams Saranac are designing their game plans to stop Ducatte, but she rises above that.

“Theran, and Saranac head coach Tim Newell.

Ducatte, who is also a standout soccer player, is one of a handful in Section VII history that have hit 100 points in soccer and 1,000 points in basketball.

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“That’s a great quality. She’s our leader.”

The Patriots were led by Reese Shambo with 10 points and Raven Sessions and Layla Lincoln both had 8 points.

From here, the Spartans look to finish the season strong and get ready for sectional play in Class B.

Ducatte said they will take it game by game.

“There is great competition all through Section VII so we are just hoping to take in one game at a time, get each win, and hopefully do well in sectional play,” she said.

Saranac 57, AuSable Valley 36

AuSable Valley (36)
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Saranac (57)
Pellerin 7-1-15, Brown M 4-0-10, DeAngelo 0-0-0, Recore 1-0-3, Owen 1-0-2, Denis 3-0-8

Brenna Ducatte nets 1000th career point

JOE LOTEMPLIO/STAFF PHOTO
Saranac’s Brenna Ducatte hugs her father, Randy, after recording her 1,000th career point against AuSable Valley, Wednesday, in Saranac. Also pictured are Brenna’s brother, Theran, and Saranac head coach Tim Newell.

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**FORT COVINGTON** — It was a huge weekend for the Beekmantown boys’ hockey team.

The Eagles (16-3), following up on a 5-1 victory over the hosts on Feb. 9, skated to a 4-2 victory over state-ranked Clarence on Feb. 10 to win the Salmon River Tournament.

In the process, Beekmantown’s Louis Sweenor hit the 100-point milestone for his career, goaltender Jack Bell was chosen as the tournament’s Most Valuable Player and Zach LaPier accounted for three goals and two assists in the two games.

**FRIDAY**

**BEEKMANTOWN 5**

**SALMON RIVER 1**

Zach LaPier led the way with two goals, while Louis Sweenor (with career point 100), Edward Sweenor and Keegan Rodier each scored once. Edward Sweenor and Novak Jarus added two assists apiece.

Bell made 14 saves in the Beekmantown nets. The Eagles held a 4-0 lead before the Shamrocks (7-7-3) got on the board.

“It was a solid team performance by our boys,” Beekmantown coach Justin Frechette said. “Salmon River has a great program that is well coached and anytime you can get a win in their barn it’s a good win.”

“Congratulations as well to Louis Sweenor for achieving the 100-point milestone tonight as only a junior. He is not only a great hockey player, but an even better team leader and student in the classroom. Louis was able to achieve this milestone as a true defending- man.”

Beekmantown’s Louis Sweenor stands with his parents, Kyle Sweenor and Jen Bogey, to celebrate scoring his 100th career point, Feb. 9, in Fort Covington.

**SUBMITTED BY JUSTIN FRECHETTE**

**SATURDAY**

**BEKKMANTOWN 4**

**CLARANCE 2**

The game was tied at 2-all after two until Edward Sweenor’s goal put the Eagles ahead to stay. Sam Bingel then added a power-play goal to give Beekmantown a 4-2 lead against state-ranked Clarence (14-4-1).

Louis Sweenor scored in the first period for the Eagles and Zach LaPier in the second.

Bell faced 40 shots in the Beekmantown nets and made saves on 38 of them to earn MVP honors.

“I could not be more proud of a group of young men who laid it all out on the line and gave us everything they had in this game to earn a hard-fought win,” Frechette said. “Clarence is one of the top Division I teams in New York State and has 12 seniors on the team. This game felt like a state playoff game where there were momentum shifts back and forth all game.

“Our kids stayed focused on the game plan, were composed in crucial moments in the game and showed the heart and character as a team with their work rate and doing whatever it took to win this game. Our team leaders stepped up in key moments and were the difference in the game.

“Hats off to our freshman goalie Jack Bell, who made several key saves throughout the game for us and is playing great hockey at the right time of the year for us. And congratulations to Sam Bingel and Zach LaPier as well for being named to the all-tournament team.”

**NAC claims CVAC championship in wrestling**

**ELLENBURG** — The Northern Adirondack wrestling team wrapped up the Champlain Valley Athletic Conference championship on Tuesday with a 48-27 victory over AuSable Valley, Feb. 3.

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**NAC 48, AuSable Valley 27**

116-Bartlemus (NAC) won by forfeit.
124-R. Labarge (NAC) pinned Burgess, 5:49.
131-Smith (NAC) won by forfeit.
138-Yeager (AVCS) pinned Turner, 3:15.
145-D. Labarge (NAC) pinned Fitchett, 3:29.
152-Reif (NAC) pinned Rivera, 1:17.
160-LaPier (AVCS) dec. Manor, 12-7.
170-Swetson (AVCS) pinned Trombley, 1:07.
190-Pry (AVCS) pinned Schmookmaker, 45.
285-SantaMaria (AVCS) pinned Barnaby, :31.

**Saves**-Bell, 38; Mcgee, 2:25; Labarge, 3:29; Reif, 1:17; Yeager, 3:15; Pry, 45.

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Alex Clancy of Saranac helps the Spartans take down the Nighthawks of Peru in his match against Connor Lamoy. The Spartans were able to capture a 39-30 win on senior night in Saranac.
### The Highlights

**Boquet Valley’s Ella Lobdell eclipses 1,000 points**

**BY ALVIN REINER**

Press-Republican

**ELIZABETHTOWN** — After a couple of cancelled games, Ella Lobdell of the Boquet Valley Griffins basketball team was able to achieve the coveted 1,000 point milestone.

Ella, a triple threat, is also the goalie on the Griffins soccer team as well as pitcher on the softball team. If that is not enough, Ella’s singing talent has been featured in the Depot Theater’s production of “The Addams Family”, as well as “The Star Spangled Banner” at basketball games and Elizabethtown’s Memorial Day dedications.

Sportsmanship is with Ella. In a recent game during which Boquet was greatly outmatching its opponent, she stole the ball and broke down court with what could have been an easy lay-up. However, once over the center line she stopped and waited for the defense and her teammates to distribute a pass.

Ella expressed her feelings. “I am very excited about the 1,000 points. It is something I’ve been working towards since my freshman year and getting the share this experience with my friends and family is so special to me. I’ve loved basketball ever since I was little, and nothing else has compared to the feeling I get when I’m able to be on the court.”

Her proud mother, Jill Edde added, “Ella has been playing on the varsity team since she was in 9th grade. She played AAU basketball for three years with Rampage, and now with the Upstate Sparks AAU because she wants to better her skills and is determined to play in college.

“She passes the ball to her teammates and makes sure everyone has a chance to score. The smile that is on her face when that happens lightens up the court. When Ella came into the season, she needed to average the right way has been remarkable. They have been a great example to the 11 first-year players on our roster this season.

“Congratulations as well to NCCS senior Owen Ebersol for reaching the 100-point milestone in tonight’s game.”

Ebersol finished the game with a goal and two assists, and now has 55 points on the season and 102 in his career. He joins junior teammate Winnie Simpson, who reached the 100-point milestone earlier in the season.

“The coaching staff would like to congratulate Owen on his 100-point varsity career,” NCCS coach Scott Lafountain said. “His leadership and commitment is exceptional. He is not only a great hockey player, but also an even better person off the ice. We are very proud of Owen.”

Simpson scored two goals for the Cougars and Eddie Bulriss added a goal and assist.

**SUBMITTED BY SCOTT LAFOUNTAIN**

NCCS’ Owen Ebersol (middle) is surrounded by (from L-R) Ricky Garrand, Scott Lafountain, Justin Sample and Todd Lafountain.

**Ebersol recorded his 100th career point against Beekmantown, Friday.**

“Tonight we celebrated our seniors Caden Columbus, Keegin Rodier, Zach LaPier and Sam Bingel,” Beekmantown coach Justin Frechet says. “I want to thank all four of these boys and their families for all the memories and dedication on a daily basis.”

Their dedication and commitment is exceptional. He is not only a great hockey player, but also an even better person off the ice. We are very proud of Owen.”

Ella Lobdell is comforted by her grandmother, Irwin Borden, as she is honored during her senior night with her mother Jill Edde and her sister Malinda.
Boquet Valley’s Hooper hits 1,000

BY ALVIN REINER
Press-Republican

ELIZABETHTOWN — Jackson Hooper of Boquet Valley Central School surpassed the 1,000 point mark against the Crown Point Panthers, Feb. 14.

Hooper is also a high jumper on the Boquet/Moriah track team eclipsing the six foot mark numerous times. His leaping ability is evident as he is often the game’s leading rebounder.

Jackson’s Boquet basketball coach Colby Pulsifer commented, “Above everything else, Jackson has a big heart. He wants to see everyone do well. He is the first boys’ player in Boquet Valley history to score 1000. Scoring 1000 is a big deal but Jackson never really talked about it and is always focused on what it takes to win.”

Pulsifer continued, “Jackson does more than just score for us. He has been the team’s leading rebounder the previous two seasons and currently is the team leader this season. On the offensive side of the court, he is often looking to find a teammate for an open shot. He really has the mentality of pass first and shoot secondly.”

Jackson’s father, Justin, said, “Jackson has worked toward this since he was a boy. Practicing his shot in the driveway, playing at the Elizabethtown Social Center, and anywhere he could find a net. When we went on vacation, he was scouting out the playgrounds with a court. He lifted weights, played soccer and track, all to improve his athleticism on the hardwood. This achievement was his reward for all the work. It was fitting it happened in Crown Point. They’ve been vicious competition during his high school career. I’m so proud of him and have enjoyed every minute.

“I’m so proud of Jackson. His athletic ability and dedication has allowed us to enjoy his high school sports career so much more than I ever anticipated. His hours and hours of shooting in our driveway or practicing at the school during every free moment has culminated in an outstanding milestone.”

Jackson’s mother Jane is equally proud. “People may not know that Jackson is also kind, loyal, and overall a really nice person. Sometimes you get a glimpse of that on the court, when he helps an opponent up or shows genuine excitement or concern for the other players. I often tell him that he’s one of my favorite people, and I truly mean it.”

As for Jackson, he stated: “Personal milestones are really exciting. There’s no doubt that this is a great way to cap off my senior year. I am also glad that I was able to do this with this team, this coach, and at this school.

“The four of us; Ben, Bode, Maddox, and me, we’ve been on every team together since we were young. We’ve shared great times, horrible times and everything in-between. We enjoy the team’s victories along with our personal victories. Aside from this 1,000 point milestone, I’m even more thrilled that our team is having a great season. We’re looking forward to playoffs.”

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR FEATURES?

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SARANAC 39
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SARANAC — The Spartans finished out a 7-1 season in CVAC action with a win over the Nighthawks.

Alex Clancy (138 pounds), Landen Gadway (160), Chase Scovil (170) and Dylan Cogswell (285) recorded pins for Saranac.

Colby Roesler (101) won by decision for the Spartans, while Teegan Smith (108) and Owen Stiles (116) were forfeit winner.

Winning by fall for Peru were Spencer Davies (124), Mason Starke (145), Landen Goddeau (152) and Myles Cummings (190).

Jeremiah King (131) and R.J. Bishop (215) picked up victories by decision for the Nighthawks, who won six of the 13 matches.

Saranac 39, Peru 30

101 — Roesler (SCS) dec. Capen, 7-0.
108 — Smith (SCS) won by forfeit.
116 — Stiles (SCS) won by forfeit.
124 — Davies (PCS) pinned Morrow, 2:41.
131 — King (PCS) dec. LaMora, 9-4.
138 — Clancy (SCS) pinned Lamoy, 2:27.
145 — Starke (PCS) pinned Sault, 1:21.
152 — Goddeau (PCS) pinned Boulds, 3:42.
160 — Gadway (SCS) pinned Beattie, 1:04.
170 — Scovil (SCS) pinned Drollette, 1:36.
190 — Cummings (PCS) pinned Buroeau, 1:43.
215 — Bishop (PCS) dec. Bushey, 6-0.
285 — Cogswell (SCS) pinned Wiggins, 2:55.
Dubois sinks her 1,000th point

CHAMPLAIN — The numbers were on the wall and one-by-one they came off. A few came off by twos and one even by three. They were simply counting down the moment Northeastern Clinton’s Desiree Dubois would cross the 1,000 career point mark on Feb. 7.

“It was a nice touch,” Dubois said regarding the numbers. Dubois entered the night needing 12 points to reach the milestone, and wasted no time in whit- ting down the number.

After teammate Bailee Lafountain, who surpassed 1,000 points earlier this season, opened scoring with back-to-back baskets, Dubois started her march with two consecutive free-throws.

“I just came in and wanted to play my game,” Dubois said. “I can’t stress too much (about getting the points). I knew I’d get it eventually. I just wanted to play it like any other game.”

After a couple of layups and a three pointer, Dubois found herself at the free throw line at 999 career points.

With family members in attendance, she took a deep breath and hit nothing but the net. The crowd celebrated, her teammates gave her high fives and hugs and she was given the basketball by her coach Robb Garrand.

Before the ball was given to her, she walked down the length of the court and tore down the final number to celebrate.

“Desiree is a solid student as well as athlete,” Garrand said. “She has worked so hard for this well-deserved accomplishment. She’s a great young lady who has done a wonderful job representing her Cougar colors.”

After the pause in the game, Dubois had one more free throw to shoot. She swished it just like the one before.

Garrand had been keeping track of her point total along with Lafountain’s and had done his best to make sure they didn’t know how close they were both getting to 1,000 points.

Dubois admitted when she knew she got close, almost a week prior, it got in her head a bit. But, she didn’t let it affect her game.

“I think you just got to not be focused on it,” she said. “You just have to play your game. I think you just keep getting wins as a team and the points will take care of themselves.”

Garrand mentioned during the pause in the action how special of a person Dubois is and how much she and her fellow seniors will be missed.

“[Dubois] will be playing at St. Lawrence next year and we wish her much success,” Garrand said. “I also note that Desiree started school early and truly should only be a junior and is the youngest student in our senior class.”

While the Cougars defeated the Vikings, 67-28, the night belonged to Dubois.

She just soaked it in and was happy to relish in the moment with her family.

“It was great to have my family here,” she said. “They’ve always supported me and it’s an honor to be inducted into the 1,000 point club.

“I’m just honored to have the support of my family and fans that I like so much.”

NCCS 67, Moriah 28

Mascarat 0-0-0, Harrington 1-0-2, Eichen 8-5-11, Nephew 0-0-0, Cheney 1-0-2, Gaddor 6-0-13. TOTALS: 11-5-28

NCCS (67)

Dubois 7-11-28, Lafountain 6-3-15, Laci Roberts 0-0-0, Lexi Roberts 0-0-0, Racine 7-0-15, Hite 3-0-6, Guay 0-0-0, Francis 0-0-0. TOTALS: 25-15-67

Halftime- NCCS, 44-13

3 point goals- NCCS 4, Moriah 1

ERIK RHYNE/STAFF PHOTO

NCCS’ Desiree Dubois holds the ball she made her 1000th point with head coach Robb Garrand, Wednesday, in Champlain.
Morrelli makes 1,000 point milestone

BY ALVIN REINER
Press-Republican

KEENE VALLEY — Vann Morrelli of the Keene Beavers, as he has so often done during his three year varsity career, wove his way through several defenders and popped in a jumper to eclipse the 1,000 point mark, Feb. 5.

It was obvious at the beginning of the game Vann was nervous as he uncharacteristically missed several easy shots. But, rather than concentrate on himself, he shared the ball with his teammates.

As has become traditional, the game stopped and Vann was presented the ball by his coach, Paul Davis. He then raced up the bleacher steps to give the ball to his family on the top row. Returning to the court, he was congratulated by his teammates, and as a show of sportsmanship, by the Lake Placid Blue Bombers.

“We’re very proud of him,” said Vann’s father, Matt Morrelli. “He’s worked very hard for this during the past three years. He’s not a selfish player.”

Words can’t describe how I feel about Vann. “It’s a good team to play with and we are looking forward to the sectionals. It’s also a great crowd that supports us. Though it has been a goal of mine to score 1,000 I couldn’t do it without them.”

Standing nearby, Vann’s grandmother, Diane, playfully interjected, “He has all of my genes.”

Davis spoke highly of Vann. “He’s a favorite of any coach in the league. He goes after rebounds and passes the ball unselfishly. He constantly communicates with his teammates. Over the three years I have coached him I found him to be an easy-going kid with a positive attitude.”

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Lake Placid (30) 
Cecunjanin 5-0-13, Hayes 1-0-2, Mihill 0-1-1, Kissel 2-0-4, Jordan 5-0-10, Wylie 0-0-0, Kondrat 0-0-0, Colby 0-0-0, Lawrence 0-0-0, Ordway 0-0-0, TOTALS: 13-1-30

Keene (54) 
Sprague 4-0-10, Harmer 1-0-2, Hyman 1-0-3, Lopez 1-1-3, Robjent 4-1-11, Morrelli 8-0-16, Caito 1-0-3, Jacobson 3-0-6, Isham 0-0-0, Carter 0-0-0, TOTALS: 23-2-54

Halftime- Keene, 31-16

3 point goals- Lake Placid (3) Cecunjanin. Keene (6) Sprague 2, Robjent 2, Hyman, Caito

Vann Morrelli holds his sister, Tess, who in turn clutches the basketball commemorating his 1,000 point accomplishment. Beaming proudly (L-R) are sister Pia, mother Haley, Vann, father Matt, and brother Dane, Monday, in Keene Valley
The Highlights

Weekend of March 2 and 3, 2024

P-R Sports Photo Flashback

Beekmantown’s Kaedan Peryea, top, kept his perfect season intact at the NYSPHSAA wrestling championships at Times Union Center in Albany, Feb. 22, 2019.

Beekmantown’s Dale Gonyo (27) brings the puck around the net and fends off Plattsburgh High’s Hayden Colburn during a Section VII boys hockey semifinal on Feb. 24, 2022, at Stafford Ice Arena.

Plattsburgh High’s Sue Sivakumaran competes in the girls long jump, Feb. 17, 2018.
P-R SPORTS PHOTO FLASHBACK

Beekmantown's Brianna Knight dives on top of a loose puck in the third period of the Section VII girls hockey championship at Stafford Ice Arena, Feb. 3, 2018.

Ausable Valley's Kobe Parrow (right) and Joel Martineau hug after the team's Section VII Class C championship win over Northern Adirondack at the Plattsburgh State Field House, Feb. 27, 2016.

Saranac's Victoria Bruno (10) sails past a Plattsburgh High defender during a Section VII Class B girls' basketball quarterfinal, Feb. 16, 2016.
Members of the Plattsburgh State men’s hockey team mob goaltender Brady Rouleau following the Cardinals’ 5-2 win over the Geneseo Knights in a SUNYAC semifinal game at the Ronald B. Stafford Arena in Plattsburgh, Feb. 25, 2017.

Ticonderoga’s Colton Huestis [24] goes up for a shot against Seton Catholic’s Dawson Pellerin (11) and Alex Sharon [left], Feb. 27, 2028.

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