

SPORTS

THE HOCKEY ALL-STARS

Dom Bartnikowski/Attleboro

The Bombardiers' senior center came into his own in his second varsity season, leading in goals (13), assists (18) and points (31). "He really stepped up as a captain," said coach Mike Cripps of the driving force on the attack and with his length being a good checker. With a long stride, and a fluid skating motion, Bartnikowski was a presence in the middle of the ice, a sure-fire sniper for the Bombardiers, who reached the Division 3-South semifinals. "Dominic gave everything he had in every practice and every game," added Cripps. "He was also the vocal leader to get the team ready to play." He plays in the Rhode Island Stars program and will likely attend Westfield State.



Ben Chomyszak/Attleboro

"Ben was a strong, confident leader on the blue line," said coach Mike Cripps of the senior defenseman, a three-year starter. His presence enabled Attleboro to win 10 games, including one-goal decisions over D-R/Seekonk and Southeastern in the Division 3-South Tournament. Chomyszak had three goals and eight assists for AHS, which as the No. 23 (and last) seed advanced to the Final Four. "He was excellent at getting the puck out of our defensive zone," added Cripps. "Ben would hit anyone — he was one of the few players that could deliver a hip check." Also a three-year soccer starter, he plays with the Rhode Island Stars and will attend Wentworth Institute.



Luke Chomyszak/Attleboro

"Luke was the lead-by-example type of captain," Attleboro coach Mike Cripps said of the senior forward's work ethic, on and off the ice, paying attention to defensive detail and figuring prominently in the attack. Chomyszak finished as the Bombardiers' No. 3 scorer with 11 goals and 13 assists for 24 points. "He has worked extremely hard to improve his stick handling and shooting skills over his four years," added Cripps of the contributions he made toward Attleboro finishing with a 10-12-1 record overall, advancing to the semifinal round of the MIAA Division 3-South Tournament. Also a member of the AHS soccer team, he will attend Wentworth Institute.



Nick Soares/D-R/Seekonk

The Falcons' leading scorer (26 goals) influenced the play at both ends of the rink with his skating, his stickhandling and his determination to bring victories to his team. Coming off of a 30-goal, 25-assist season as a junior, Soares netted pairs of goals against Somerset Berkley, Wareham and New Bedford, setting up the game-winning goal against Cape Cod Tech, collecting four assists against Dufree, having a hat trick against Apponequet and against Southeastern (a one-goal win). "He's a force out there," said Cordeiro. "He's a lot stronger than everyone else and has a great shot. He's our go-to guy and has played really well throughout his career."



Jake Robitaille/D-R/Seekonk

The senior goalkeeper from Seekonk High has been nothing shy of spectacular during his four seasons, a major reason why the Falcons went 15-8 during the season and earned a No. 7 seed for the MIAA Division 3-South Tournament. Robitaille had one brilliant game after another, nearly stealing a tournament win for D-R/Seekonk with 42 saves against Attleboro; having 39 saves in a tough loss to Bourne; 35 saves in a one-goal win over Cape Cod Tech; blanking Apponequet during the first and third periods, finishing with 24 saves in a big win; allowing just one goal to Dufree; having 28 saves in a one-goal win over Southeastern. Robitaille will attend Rhode Island College.



Bob Trudeau/Norton

Trudeau, a forward, led Norton to its first-ever MIAA Tournament berth and leading the team in scoring with 15 goals and 10 assists, working on the top line. "A force out there, he carried the play for us — he was our go-to guy," said coach Kyle Heagney. The Lancer junior guided Norton to eight wins and four ties, a .500 record on the regular season and a spot in the Division 3-South Tournament field, working on the power play and penalty-killing units. Trudeau had two goals in a tie with Foxboro, two goals in wins over Wareham and Dufree, set up the tying goal against Stoughton. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and Norton High's lacrosse team.



Troy Parker/Norton

The durable and dependable Lancer senior was the steadying influence that enabled Norton to produce its best record (8-8-4) ever and its first appearance in the MIAA Division 3-South Tournament. A defenseman last season, Parker was moved up to left wing on the Lancers' first line. Parker was the Lancers' No. 2 leading scorer with 11 goals and 12 assists. Parker scored the game-winning goal for Norton in one-goal win at East Boston. "He's one of our catalysts, he makes everything go," said Norton coach Kyle Heagney. The rugged Parker is also a member of the cross country and spring track teams and the Boy Scouts. He will attend either UMass-Lowell or Daniel Webster.



Conor Harrington/Tri-County

Harrington, a senior, is extremely efficient on the ice, with the skills as a puck-carrier and scorer and as a tireless worker on the backcheck. "He plays in every situation, he's a very effective and productive player," said Tri-County coach Mark Spillane of the Cougars' leading scorer and captain. In propelling the Cougars to a single-season record for wins (14) and into the MIAA Division 3-South Tournament as the No. 2 seed, Harrington led Tri-County in goals (29) and points (37), in addition to having a plus-28 rating. Harrington netted four goals against Cape Cod Tech and had pairs of goals in big wins over Upper Cape and Blue Hills. He is also a member of the golf team.



Mike Goss/Tri-County

The Cougar junior defenseman hardly ever came off the ice, working the specialty teams as well. "He reads the plays so well," said Tri-County coach Mark Spillane of Goss' role in front of the net at clearing the puck and creating transition. On the season, Goss scored two goals and was credited with eight assists. Goss had a plus-22 rating as the Cougars won the Mayflower League title, delivering Tri-County's best-ever 14-4 record. A three-year varsity member, Goss is strong on his skates and rarely is out of position to make a play. Also a member of the Cougar lacrosse team and a captain-elect, he plays hockey in the offseason with the Canadian Club.



Will Kelleher/Mansfield

Kelleher has been a model of consistency on the blue line, playing at both the right and left points of the defense. Kelleher earned All-Hockomock League acclaim and the Hornets' "unsung hero" award while serving as team captain. "He's such a fierce competitor; there's nobody like him," said coach Rick Anastos of the durable and demanding defenseman, who also had two goals and five assists for the Hornets. "Just by his competitive nature he logs so many minutes." A three-time All-Sun Chronicle selection, he plays in the South Shore Kings hockey and RBI Kings baseball programs, is a member of the baseball team and is considering Merrimack, Maine and Stonehill.



Evan Kershaw/Mansfield

The Hornet senior defenseman and four-year starter hardly left the ice. Kershaw plays with poise and pride. "He logs an awful lot of minutes for us," said coach Rick Anastos. Kershaw was honored as the Mansfield Defensive Player of the Year, and an All-Hockomock League selection who was the Hornets' No. 3 scorer with four goals and nine assists. With a knack for offense, Kershaw is very adept at carrying the puck into the neutral zone and initiating an attack. "He's such a smart player," said Anastos. A two-time all-star, he plays in the South Shore Kings program, is a member of the baseball team and is considering Syracuse, Pitt and UMass-Amherst for college.



Jared Collins/Mansfield

There's no bad luck with No. 13 on the ice for the Hornets, as he has so efficiently and productively proved over the past four seasons. The senior wing and captain delivered 11 goals into the net and contributed seven assists. Effective at either the right or left wing spots, Collins earned the Hornets' MVP award on the season, helping MHS win 10 games and qualify for the MIAA Tournament. "He has good hands, a good shot (also hitting 11 crossbars) and he's so good in traffic," said MHS coach Rick Anastos. A two-time All Sun Chronicle selection, he plays in the South Shore Kings program, is a member of the baseball team and will likely attend Southern New Hampshire.



Billy Grant/Mansfield

True grit and toughness are written all over Grant's game on the ice in representing the Hornets, the junior right wing being a three-year starter, a force on the forecheck and a knack for creating offense in traffic. The 6-foot-1 Grant led the Hornets in scoring this season with 13 goals and four assists, a factor in the Hornets' 10 wins and push into the MIAA playoffs. Grant earned Mansfield's "Offensive Player of the Year," award, a relentless force in the attacking zone and rugged along the boards. "He's big, he's strong and he has a great shot," said Hornets' coach Rick Anastos. A two-time All-Sun Chronicle selection, Grant also plays with the Mansfield lacrosse team.



Tom Hanson/King Philip

The Warriors' senior captain, center and MVP has been a fixture on the ice for the past two seasons after transferring from Xaverian. His drive and determination nearly willed KP into the postseason, the Warriors finishing two points shy of their goal. Hanson led KP in scoring with 15 goals and 13 assists for 28 points, one of the top 10 most productive seasons by anyone in the Hockomock League. A terrific two-way player, Hanson is not hesitant to go into the corners for the puck. "He's got a great skill set," said KP coach Jim Lehan of the South Shore Kings product. "He's a shifty kid, he draws people to him." Hanson is considering UMass-Dartmouth or Florida Tech for college.



Brandon King/King Philip

The Warrior captain and defenseman has a commanding presence, standing 6-foot-5 with a dogged passion to play hard. A three-year starter on the backline for the Warriors, King helped his team to seven wins and three ties on the season. King had three goals and four assists, working on both the penalty killing and power play units. With a booming shot from the point, "he's an intimidating force out there," said KP coach Jim Lehan, "but he's also a gentle soul, such a nice kid." King was solid defensively, having very good skating skills. Also a member of the KP lacrosse team, he plays in the South Shore Kings program and will attend Clark University.



Katie Holmes/King Philip

One of the most prolific scorers in both Division 1 and Division 2 this season, Holmes was a leader as KP went unbeaten (15-0-3) through the regular season, won its conference title in the Southeastern Mass. Girls' League and earned the No. 1 seed for the MIAA Division 2-South Tournament. The 5-foot-4 Holmes skated at center or on left wing and finished her first varsity season with KP with 32 goals and 26 assists, ranking among the top five in Division 2. Holmes is a clever skater which endeared her to work on the specialty teams. "She has a great wrist shot, she's a natural goal scorer," said KP assistant coach Jack Unger. She also plays in the Spitfires youth program.



Casie Curtin/King Philip

An impact player since she stepped onto the ice as a freshman, the junior right and left wing, is a plugger up and down her lane who worked tirelessly. Her presence was a factor in KP taking the Southeastern Mass. Girls' League title, winning 15 games and tying three during an unbeaten regular season. "She has all of the skills for the game, offensively and defensively," said KP assistant coach Jack Unger of his three-year starter who scored a goal for KP in its tournament game against Winchester. Curtin finished with 17 goals and 18 assists. She is also a member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams, the National, French, History and Science honor societies.



Mike Geraghty/Bishop Feehan

A three-year starter, Geraghty netted double-figure goals in each of his varsity seasons, with 13 this year (along with 12 assists) to boost his career total to 38. Geraghty was a driving force for Feehan, which went 7-1-1 down the stretch and qualified for the MIAA Tournament. Geraghty worked the right wing and plays a power game, mucking it up in the corners and being physical on the backchecking and forechecking duties. "He's a crafty guy with the puck," said Feehan coach Phil Hulbig. He influenced the Shamrock power play, having a quick and accurate wrist shot. Also a member of the football team, Geraghty serves with the student council and campus ministry.



Jack Hanson/Bishop Feehan

Bishop Feehan's senior center and captain willed his team into postseason play with his drive and dogged determination. "He's such an inspirational leader; you couldn't find a better kid," said Bishop Feehan coach Phil Hulbig of Hanson's presence, on and off the ice. Hanson led Feehan in scoring with 13 goals and 19 assists, and was one of the top 10 scorers in the EAC as well, working on the Shamrock penalty kill and power play teams in helping his team qualify for the MIAA Tournament. A two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star selection, he captained the golf team and also plays baseball. He is considering Bryant, Endicott and St. Anselm's for college.



Sean Dunphy/Bishop Feehan

A two-year starter and just a sophomore, Dunphy has the tools of his trade as a defenseman, being steady on his skates, a good shot from the point and fearless in his pursuit of the puck. "He's a horse," said Bishop Feehan coach Phil Hulbig of Dunphy's work ethic. The 5-foot-10 Dunphy was the Shamrocks' No. 1 defenseman, "the most talented kid on the ice," added Hulbig of the All-EAC selection who totaled two goals and 12 assists for a team that won 11 games and tied two. "He knows the game, he has smart wheels (skates) and he makes the right plays," added Hulbig. A member of the Shamrock baseball team, he plays in the South Shore Kings hockey program.



Mark Ventola/North Attleboro

The Red Rocketeers' senior captain totaled 20 points as he notched five goals and 15 assists for North, which won 12 games and tied one, qualifying for the MIAA Division 2 Tournament. Ventola scored one of North's goal against Milford in postseason play, scored the game-winning goal against Taunton. "He always gave 100 percent and was a vital component of our success these past four years," said coach Steve Snizek. "He led our team by example." Also captain of the Rocketeers' baseball team, Venotla serves with the Leo Club and SADD, plays in the Walpole Express program and with the South Attleboro Post 312 baseball team. He will attend Virginia Tech.



Brady Grunewald/North Attleboro

Where would the Big Red have been without Grunewald using his 6-foot-2 frame and skill set in net? Through 19 games, the Rocketeer senior, in his first season as the varsity started, compiled an enviable 2.42 goals against mark and a .919 save percentage. Grunewald totaled four shutouts along the way as North fashioned a 12-8-1 record overall. "He was never off his angle and had the ability and skill to steal wins and keep our team alive," said coach Steve Snizek. "He will not be easy to replace." He plays in the Mass. Junior Lightning hockey program, serves as a YMCA camp counselor and is a member of the Science and Debate clubs. He will likely attend Boston University.



Sean Young/North Attleboro

The most prolific scorer in Red Rocketeer hockey history (140 points), the four-year starter on wing totaled 23 goals and 20 assists to lead the Big Red in points, ranking among the top five scorers in another All-Hockomock League season. "He was my go to player for the past four years," said North coach Steve Snizek. "His vision and play making ability is unmatched. It will be very hard to replace him as a player and leader." Young netted a hat trick against KP in the regular-season finale. Those scoring skills translate over to the lacrosse field, coming off of a 41-goal, 88-point season. He also plays lacrosse in the Walpole Express program and will attend UNH.



Ryan Ma/North Attleboro

The Brown University-bound defenseman even chipped in with one goal (the catalyst for a one-goal win over Mansfield) and five assists as North took third place in the Kelley-Rex Division of the Hockomock League and qualified for the MIAA Tournament. Ma's influence in the defensive zone resulted in North allowing fewer than three goals a game. "His positioning skills, patience, and decision making abilities are among the best in the league," said coach Steve Snizek. "He always gave it his all and was willing to help the team any way that he could." He also plays in the Mass. Junior Lightning program, serves with the Sturdy Hospital volunteer program and as class secretary.

