

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

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It is cold outside and the ground is covered with snow, but baseball and softball signups are just around the corner.

Andover Youth Baseball League (formerly known as Andover Little League) is open to boys and girls from ages 6 to 12, and the Andover Recreation Committee has a softball program for girls 8 to 15 years of age.

One of the Minor League baseball teams and one of the Junior Division softball teams from Andover won championships last year. Volunteers help coach, umpire, and run the concession stand.

Signups for Andover Recreation Committee's 2005 softball season for girls aged 8 to 15 were held on February 24 and will be held again on Saturday, March 5 from 9 AM until noon at the AE/MS gym lobby. For more information on softball, contact Steve Nelson at 735-5884.

Signups for the Andover Youth Baseball League's 2005 season for boys and girls aged 6 to 12 will be held on Saturday, March 5 and Saturday, March 12 from 9 AM until noon in the AE/MS gym lobby. For more information on baseball contact Dave Powers at 735-5361. There is plenty of fun for boys and girls alike!



Andover's Adam Ellis, Sooki Vercellotti, and Zac St. Jacques (in white, left to right) playing against Kearsarge.
Photo by David Brownell

Andover Basketball Teams Headed For March Tournament

Andover's A-1 basketball team for third and fourth grade girls is coached by Amy Levesque and Chance Smith. They played three home games. On February 5 they beat Sunapee-1 by 19-8. On February 12 they lost to Kearsarge-2 by 6-11. On February 19 they won against Kearsarge-1 by 19-10.

Our A-2 team for third and fourth grade boys is coached by Ed Dansereau, Carolyn Dansereau, and Dave Powers. They have played three home games and have won them all.

The A-3 team for fifth and sixth grade girls, coached by Melissa Thompson and Steve Nelson, defeated Kearsarge-9 by 48-18 and lost to Sunapee-4 33-35.

The A-4 team, or White Team, for fifth and sixth grade boys is coached by Mike Vercellotti. The team has lost three games to Kearsarge and Sunapee.

The A-5 team, or Blue Team, for fifth and sixth grade boys is coached by Tom Frantz. They beat Kearsarge 26-25 and lost to Sunapee 37-30.

All five teams head into a double-elimination tournament. Team A-1 plays at home March 12 and March 13. Teams A-2 and A-3 play at Kearsarge Regional Middle School March 10 and March 13. Teams A-4 and A-5 play at Sunapee March 3 and March 6. Good luck to all!



Nicholas Terwilliger warms up the pitcher as the 2004 Wildcats get ready for a game.
Photo by Heidi Terwilliger

Middle School Basketball

By Stephen Stebbins
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The Lady Eagles A-team pushed their record to 10-0 on January 24 with a 48-14 win over Belmont. Everyone on the team got plenty of playing time in this one, and worked really hard to reach individual goals that they were asked to set for themselves prior to the game. The Heart, Sportsmanship, and Hustle (HSH) award for the game went to Kellie St. Jacques for her great hustle on defense and strong work on the boards, and to Allegra Zimmerman for her all-around solid play and success at the free throw line.

The Lady Eagles A-team defended their home turf again on January 27, defeating Kearsarge B 47-17. Defense was once again the name of the game. The girls pressured the ball all over the court and turned several steals into fast break opportunities. The HSH awards went to Kellie St. Jacques and Becca McGovern, both of whom stepped up their game and played with confidence on offense and played tough on defense.

January 31 brought another impressive victory at home, this time beating Barnstead 52-18. HSH awards went to Krystin Corliss for continuing to grow as the true point-guard and to Jessica West for her solid work down on the block.

The Lady Eagles A-team put on a show for their fans on February 3, beating a very solid Plainfield team 50-24. Andover, who did not run the break well at all earlier this season in their overtime victory at Plainfield, came out of the gate running this time. This took Plainfield off guard, and they learned that when the lady Eagles get out and run, they are all but impossible to stay with.

HSH awards for the game went to Katie Smith, who played her best to date, and to Haley Levesque who, although not feeling her best, was able to dig in on defense and shoot very well.

The Lady Eagles A-team kept their undefeated record intact with a solid 47-31 victory at Newfound on February 9. For the second game in a row, Andover

was able to take it right to a team who earlier this season pushed them to the very end. HSH awards went to Katie Haley, who continues to shoot the ball very well and has even picked it up yet another notch on defense, and to Hannah Frantz who played a monster game on the boards, working hard to gain inside position and control the rebounding action.

Girls B-Team

The Girls B-team dominated Belmont on January 25 with a 23-4 win. The whole team played excellent defense, forcing Belmont to turn the ball over many times. HSH awards went to Tenzin Dickinson, who played in an unfamiliar position, played tough defense, and changed her game so she didn't foul out; and to Abigail Lance, who showed leadership on and off the court by being an excellent role model. She gave 100% on the court with her aggressive play and supported her teammates from the sideline with positive comments.

The Girls B-team won their game on February 1 against Laconia Christian 46-11. HSH awards went to Tenzin Dickinson for her team play and to Mariah Haley for showing some great offensive play.

The Girls-B team lost to Winnisquam 48-24 on February 8. The team played great defense the first quarter, but were unable to hold back a skilled Winnisquam team. HSH awards went to Stephanie Nelson for her beautiful 3 point shot and good defensive play and to Jenn Connor for playing with extra heart.

Boys A-Team

The Andover Boys A-team played its best game of the season January 24 and beat Belmont 52-47. The team had lost to Belmont earlier in the season. HSH awards went to Devon Levesque, David Sell, and Lucas McGovern.

The Boys A-team played an excellent second half on January 27, beating Kearsarge B 49-27. Lucas McGovern, David Sell, and Devon Levesque had good all-around games. Gregg Hewitt and Adam Smith also played well.

On January 31 the Boys A-team lost a tough game to Barnstead 39-40. Andover jumped out to a 12-point halftime lead, but could not hold on to it. HSH awards went to David Sell and Lucas McGovern.

The Boys A-team evened its record to 5 wins and 5 losses on February 3 with a 46-34 win over Plainfield. It was a solid performance from start to finish. Lucas McGovern and Curtis Blodgett earned HSH awards with excellent all-around games.

Boys B-Team

The Boys B-team, playing with only five players, lost 19-37 to Belmont on January 25. It was the B team's best effort of the year. HSH awards went to Adam Smith, Greg Hewitt, Mike Donovan, Josh Wagner, and Tyler Waine.

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