



Junior Olympian Nicholas Fairall soars during training in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Photo by Matt Cook

## Five Blackwater Skiers Compete In Buddy Werner

By Heidi Terwilliger  
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The Blackwater Ski Club had five skiers that qualified to compete in the Buddy Werner League State Championships for Alpine Racers at Gunstock on March 5 and 6. Eliza Henley finished in 27th position in the Girls J5 class. Competing in the Girls J4 class were Jennifer Connor, with a 37th place finish, and Jessica George, with an 85th place finish. Nathan Grevior finished 63rd in the Boys J5 class and Jonathan Kimball finished 98th in the Boys J4 class.

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tion pledged a match grant of \$750,000 to benefit music programs at Proctor. To date, more than \$500,000 has been pledged to match the foundation grant.

Proctor's trustees have also voted to proceed with preliminary plans for a new building dedicated to the school's many bands and music ensembles. A small, two-story structure designed to complement the residential look and feel of North Street is under consideration. Architects have consciously borrowed the traditional lines and white clapboard appearance of neighboring structures in the central village of Andover.

Inside, however, the facility will feature a state-of-the-art recording studio and control space. Currently, music programs (including recording) are offered in the small barn attached to the north side of Ives House dormitory.

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ting the Andover Boys in fourth place for the tournament.

David Sell and Lucas McGovern both received an All-Tournament selection for Andover. The boys fought their way through an up-and-down season with tremendous effort. Great job!

All the Andover teams worked very hard and had exceptional seasons. Congratulations!

A special thanks to Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Silverstein, Mrs. Hill, and Mr. Frantz for all your time with the teams this year. Your coaching is appreciated!

American) to Steamboat Springs to compete. First-time Junior Olympian Tara Geraghty-Moats earned the fifth place medal in the K68 special jumping event. Among the small but growing women's field, Tara, Ariel Picton of Connecticut, and Faye Stratford of New York skied to a silver medal in the women's event.

Reflecting on the three days of Junior Olympic competition, coach Matt Cook was pleased with the effort of all eleven East team athletes. In particular, he was pleased that both veteran team members and first-time Junior Olympians achieved medal-winning performances.



Andover's Jackson Bicknell, Caroline Pond, Meredith Cline, and Maddy Pfeifer competed at the 11th Annual New Hampshire Middle School State Championships in Center Sandwich, New Hampshire. Photo by Don Cline

## Andover Skiers Shine At State Championships

By Lorraine Cline  
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The snow was deep and the wind was brisk as four of Andover's top Nordic skiers competed in both individual and team relay events on February 23 at the 11th Annual New Hampshire Middle School State Championships.

The day began at the Center Sandwich Fairgrounds with the Girls' 4.3 kilometer individual skate race. With 32 girls competing in this event, eighth-grader Caroline Pond skied to a strong 16th place with a time of 21:47, while fifth-grader Maddy Pfeifer earned 15th place, just 4 seconds ahead of Pond. Sixth-grader Meredith Cline took an impressive 5th place, completing the course in just 18:45.

In the boys' 4.3 kilometer individual skate race, sixth-grader Jackson Bicknell skied his way to 15th place in 18:59 seconds, finishing ahead of 17 other

middle school boys.

In the afternoon, the Andover girls fielded a three-man team for the three kilometer "A Team" classical relay. Maddy Pfeifer skied an amazing first leg, beginning in the last row of the mass start and moving up several positions. After a successful tag, Caroline Pond gained even more ground on their opponents. Meredith Cline skied the anchor leg, moving the team to a third place finish, just seconds behind the second place team, Hopkinton Middle School.

Skiing in the "B Team" mixed classical relay, Jackson Bicknell and two skiers from Inter-Lakes skied to a stunning first place finish.

After all the points were tallied, the Andover girls' team finished with a 5th place overall and the boys' team with a 7th place overall for this state-wide competition, which attracted skiers from as far away as Gorham, Keene, Lancaster, and Monadnock.

## Junior Olympic Team Competes In Colorado

By Tom Dodds

Eastern Junior Olympic team leader

Competition in the Chevrolet 2005 Ski Jumping and Nordic combined Junior Olympics kicked off on March 3 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Athletes 15 years old and younger from five regions of the US and a guest team from Canada competed. The three-day competition began with the K68 special jumping team event and culminated with the individual special jumping and Nordic combined events on March 5.

Under sunny morning skies, Nicholas Fairall of Andover narrowly missed earning a spot on the winners' podium, placing fourth in the special jumping competition. Nicholas had previously qualified for the World Junior Championships to be held in Finland starting March 14.

Nicholas, Andrew Bliss of New York, Alex Madden of New York, and Cooper Dodds of Hanover went on to ski to the silver medal on East team #1. Zach Daniels of Loudon, Josh Flanders of Lebanon, Peter Frenette of New York, and Obi Greer-Carney of Concord, all skiing for East #2, landed in 10th place.

The team jumping event was followed by the Nordic Combined 2 X 3 kilometer Team Sprint. Cooper Dodds and Alex Madden skiing on East #1 were in 4th place after the jumping portion. Despite a strong performance, skiing the Howelson Hill course in 18:08, they were unable to move up in the standings. Tara Geraghty-Moats of West Fairlee, Vermont and Peter Frenette, skiing on a mixed Eastern team, finished ninth and Obi Greer-Carney and Zach Daniels skied to an 11th place finish.

With the temperature rising to 45 degrees and soft snow, the individual K68 Nordic combined 5K event was held in the afternoon. The Howelson Hill venue is notable for its challenging hills and 7,000-foot elevation. Eastern athletes Madden (8th) and Dodds (10th) skied to top-ten medals. Frenette and Greer-Carney placed 13th and 14th for the East, respectively.

Other East team results include Andrew Bliss, 6th; Alex Madden, 12th; Cooper Dodds, 20th; Peter Frenette, 24th; Josh Flanders, 30th; Obi Greer-Carney, 36th; and Zach Daniels, 37th.

Growing interest in women's Nordic skiing brought 11 women (seven of them

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