



North Country Aquatics at the Hogan Center is underway this year. (L-r) Assistant Coach Jamie Messier, JJ Rice from Proctor, Head Coach Signe Linville, and David Benjamin from Andover. For more information about the program, call 667-1737. Swimmers are always welcome!
Photo: Assistant Coach Dee Marshall-Benjamin



Andover Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Girls Soccer. Back (l-r) Assistant Coach Logan Donovan, Taylor Methven, Daisy Elwell, Emma Davis, Erin Hanscom, Kelsie Berry, Olivia Blodgett, Bailey Powers, Coach Nicole Donovan. Front: Shannon Haley, Alicia Barry, Kelsey Allen, Olivia Henriques, Mackenzie Donovan, Hannah Munson, Elizabeth Labrie. Photo: Todd Donovan

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Andover Recreation Soccer

By Nicole Donovan
Andover 5/6 Girls Soccer Coach

The soccer season of 2008 came to an official close on Saturday, October 6, and what a great season it was!

We began practicing in August with nine returning veterans, four moving up from the 3/4 level, and one player new to the game. After just three practices we were ready to go.

Our first two games were easy wins on the road, but we met our match in Bradford, where we tied 2-2. On September 13 we were excited to finally play a home game. We did not let our fans down, winning the game 4-1.

The rest of the season went by in a flash, and we went into our last game with our record at 5-2-2. Salisbury-Webster was the only team we were to play twice this year, and even though we had beaten them significantly at the beginning of the season, we did not go into this game underestimating them.

They quickly came out and scored two goals against us. Taylor Methven responded by putting one in the net for Andover, but they came right back and scored again.

Early into the second half, Taylor Methven and Mackenzie Donovan scored for Andover, tying the game 3-3. With about one minute left in the game, Taylor was able to get one more in the net, leading us to a 4-3 victory and the most exciting and rewarding game of our season for everyone.

Despite our best efforts, tournament day was a tough day on October 6. After five short, hard-played games, we tied for fifth place.

All season I told the girls that they were ladies first and then aggressive soccer players second. We left the tournament mildly disappointed in our standings, but when I received a compliment from a coach of an opposing team that my girls were the nicest team to play and that we had excellent sportsmanship,

I consider that a successful end to our year; they represented Andover well.

I want to thank the gentlemen who refereed our home games: Alan Hanscom, Ken Munson, and Leighton Terwilliger. Thank you so much for your participation. I also want to thank all the parents who made tournament day as easy as they could for the team, providing snacks, drinks, and warm blankets; helping to keep the girls organized; and moving them to the right field at the right time!

I am sad that the season is over; I was truly blessed to have had the opportunity to coach the fifth and sixth grade girls. I look forward to seeing the fifth graders again next year, and I want to wish the girls moving up to seventh grade good luck.

And Ladies, one more time, "One, Two, Three, Give It a Whirl!"

Andover 5/6 Boys Soccer
By Michael Bolte
Soccer Coach

This was another great soccer season for the fifth and sixth grade boys' team. The team finished the season with an 8 and 2 record. Congratulations!

Boys playing on this team are: Will Cox, Tyler Holman, Austin Hawks, Logan Marcus, Joel Beaman, Nicolas Terwilliger, Adrian Bolte, Thadeus Bicknell, Max Kolsaer, Josiah Wagner, Austin Marceau, Riley Anderson, Brendan Reid, and Keith Davis.

- Our winning results:
Warner: 5-4
Bradford-Newbury-Sutton: 3-2
Sunapee #2: 4-1
Sunapee #1: 3-2
Salisbury-Webster: 8-2
New London #2: 4-1
New London #2: 3-0
Henniker #1: 6-2
Our losses:
New London #1: 3-0

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