



Fifth and Sixth Grade Girls Basketball. Back (l-r): Coach Susan Munson, Olivia Blodgett, Jesika Heath, Taylor Duquette, Mackenzie Donovan. Front: Hannah Munson, Alicia Barry, Shannon Haley, Kelsey Allen.

Photo: Nicole Donovan

Andover Recreation Basketball

Fifth And Sixth Grade Girls

By Susan Munson
Coach

The Andover Recreation's 5th and 6th grade girls basketball team had a strong season, finishing with six wins and two losses. With most of the girls returning from last year, they were able to bring their experience into play at a couple of close games.

One game that stands out was a game we played in Franklin. Franklin always plays a tough game, and that night was no exception. They came out and took an early lead, but the Andover girls never gave up. With some well-timed free throws and tough defense played by all, the girls were able to rally their way back and beat Franklin. Way to go, girls.

Thanks to all the parents for their help this year. I could not have done it without you. Thanks to Mariah Haley for keeping the book and big thanks to all my "girls": Hannah Munson, Shannon Haley, Jesika Heath, Olivia Blodgett, Alicia Barry, Taylor Duquette, Kelsey Allen, and Mackenzie Donovan.

Third And Fourth Grade Girls

By Judi Casey
Coach

The Andover Recreation 3rd and 4th grade girls basketball season ended February 11 with a 12-4 win over Sanbornton. All members contributed to this defensive outing. The win allowed our team to finish the season undefeated. Our final record was 8-0.

At this level the fundamentals of basketball are taught: passing, dribbling, shooting, and defense. Good sportsmanship and team play are emphasized both on and off the court. The young ladies are taught to respect the referees and players of the opposing team.

Our priority is playing together as a team. On the court the girls ran plays, passed the ball, and played tenacious defense. Spectators commented on their level of skill and ability. Their positive behavior was well noted by opposing coaches and officials.

This year's team was comprised of fourth graders Kaitlyn French, Lauren Boisvert, Ainsley Goodwin, Jacqui
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Cameron Doucet (23) makes a two-pointer in heavy traffic in a game against Kearsarge.
Staff photo: Bob Bussey

Andover Baseball

A second round of Andover Recreation Baseball signups will be held at AE/MS from 6 to 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 5, and again from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, March 7.

T-ball through majors will be open to Andover residents ages 5 through 12. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact David Powers at 735-6045.

Andover Recreation Softball

There will be additional signups for Andover Recreation Softball from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at AE/MS on Tuesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 5, and from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, March 7. The softball program is open to girls 11 to 13 years of age in grades five through eight who are Andover residents. There is a \$20 fee. If you have any questions or would like more information, please

contact Joe Stearns at 491-9219.

Andover Girls Softball

Andover Girls Softball will have additional signups from 6 to 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 5. The softball program is open to girls ages 5 through 7 for t-ball, ages 8 through 10 for juniors, and ages 11 through 15 for seniors. Players do not have to be Andover residents, as long their town does not offer a program for them. There is an associated fee of \$20.

We are also in need of a t-ball coach, as well as help from any parents who are able to volunteer some time with the teams, help with fundraising, and give input to the board concerning the softball season.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Melissa Thompson at 455-4622.

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