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21 Sports ... 1 Team ... WE ARE HOBART!

Well sports fans, it was quite a week in H-town ...

#WELCOMEBACKKOTTER ... hopefully everyone enjoyed being back in the buildings ... #DOUBLEDIP ... no chips in the bowl, but Gymnastics and Boys Basketball each doubled-up with two competitions each ... #BrickRODETRIP ... Wrestlers followed the yellow BRICKS to East Chicago for the Semi-state looking to punch a ticket to Indy ... #HISTORYMADE ... sophomore swimmer Emma Wright (and her fan club) made the trek to Indy to compete in the IHSAA State Championships at the IUPUI Natatorium!

Enough hashtags already ... it's time for BricksCenter!

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STATE CHAMPION

In 1988, New Kids on the Block released a single called "You Got It (The Right Stuff)" ... 31 years later, the Hobart Brickies have it ... The WRIGHT Stuff!

This weekend at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, sophomore Emma Wright was competing at the IHSAA State Championships for the 2nd year in a row after #WINNING both the 50 and 100 Freestyle races at the Chesterton Sectional.

On Friday night in the preliminaries, Emma put in some WORK WORK WORK and qualified for Saturday's finals in BOTH events! She was seeded 10th in the 50 and 2nd in the 100 going into Saturday's finals ... whoa!

Saturday ... 1st up was the 50 yd Freestyle consolation race ... Emma was FANTASTIC! She WON the heat in a time of 23.46 to finish **9th in the STATE for the 50!** A HUGE improvement over last year's 21st place finish in a time of 24.10!

Next was the 100yd race ... and a week ago at the Chesterton Sectional, Emma swam a 50.00 to set new school, sectional, and pool records!

John Q Public: "Hey Emma, do you think you can swim faster than a 50.00? That's INSANE!"

Emma: "Hold my gatorade"

The 100 Free was INTENSE ... Emma and the #1 seed Elsa Fretz from Northridge HS were neck and neck - flip turn for flip turn - for probably 85-90 yds, but at the finish, Elsa looked a bit FROZEN as Emma SURGED ahead and touched the pad .17 seconds faster to **WIN the 100 FREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!** LET'S GO!!! It was an EXHAUSTING race to watch ... I can only imagine how Emma felt :) ... but SOOOO EXCITING!

Emma is the 1st female Hobart swimmer to win a STATE CHAMPIONSHIP in school history and we could not be more PROUD of her accomplishment!

Oh ... and about that whole 50.00 question? **Emma swam the length in 49.95 seconds!!!** INSANE!!! A new LIFETIME BEST and SCHOOL RECORD!

CONGRATULATIONS to EMMA WRIGHT for doing the INSANE ... swimming a sub-50 second 100 Free and becoming a STATE CHAMPION!!! The entire BRICKIE NATION is THRILLED that we get to watch you for 2 more years!!! ... and the new pool is supposed to be fast ... he he he

Congratulations also goes out to the entire coaching staff - Ken Cawthon, Katie Rinas, Alivia Pender & Sydney Curatolo for everything they did to help Emma prepare for this AMAZING MOMENT!!

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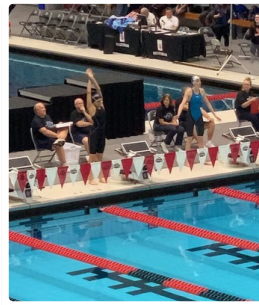
State Finals Preview article from the NWI Times



GIRLS SWIMMING: ...

www.nwitimes.com

When Hobart swimmer Emma Wright isn't in the pool working on her sprints, she's typically in front of a computer or has a piece of paper with pen in hand.



Follow the link to download Emma's 100 yd Freestyle race off the HHS website - recorded from the IHSAA Champions Network!

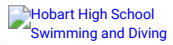
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Back to the pool!! Congratulations champion!





Post Tribune article about our STATE CHAMPION!



Time now for Wright:... www.chicagotribune.com

Boys Swimming & Diving

The boys swimmers and divers will put it all on the line this week at the Chesterton Sectional ... preliminary races take place Thursday night with the finals happening on Saturday!

GOOD LUCK BOYS!

#JUSTKEEPSWIMMING
#LICENSETODIVE

Boys Basketball

After almost an entire week off from practice thanks to Mother Nature, the Hobart cagers were eager to be back in the gym ... and with two games this week - it was GO TIME!

Tuesday at Hanover Central, Hobart came out swinging! Not literally of course, but during the 1st quarter, as the icy cold rain fell outside the Brickers HEATED things up and jumped out to a 19-12 lead after 8 min! The Wildcats are very protective of their home court and made a run in the 2nd quarter to cut the deficit to 27-29 going into the halftime break. The two teams traded baskets for most of the 3rd quarter, but Hanover was able to seize some momentum and led 42-40 going into the last session. The 4th quarter went back and forth ... Hanover would lead, then Hobart would tie it ... then Hobart would lead and Hanover would tie it ... it was a GREAT game for the fans - nerve wracking for the coaches. Unfortunately for the Bricks, Hanover Central made a game-changing run with about 2:30 to go and turned a 2-pt deficit into a 6-pt lead and they would go on to win 62-54. It was a HARD FOUGHT 32 minutes, but Hobart couldn't hold on against the more experienced Wildcats.

Friday, the #7 ranked Andean 59ers came to town for a Northwest Crossroads Conference tilt. This one was another "slugfest" as Hobart clamped down on D-D-D-DEFENSE and really shut down the high-powered Andean offense. The Brickers trailed 11-10 after 1 and 19-17 at the half. Against the



much taller 59ers, Hobart BATTLED ... scrapping, clawing, digging for everything they could to find a way to secure a win ... but on this night, it was not meant to be as Andrean left with a tough 47-41 win.

The young Brickies (often playing with 1 junior, 3 sophs and a freshman on the floor) took yet another top area ball club to the wire but came up a little short. Still, the lessons being learned will no doubt pay dividends down the road - these youngsters make us all VERY PROUD because of how HARD they play and will be fun to watch grow in the next few years!

#MAKETHEMBELIEVE



Wrestling

ABC's Wide World of Sports used to span the globe covering all sorts of events ... but regardless of where it was or what was being covered, only two outcomes were going to occur - the THRILL of VICTORY and the AGONY of DEFEAT - these are natural emotions that flow from ALL athletic contests that's what draws us to them time and time again ... because we want to see the drama unfold.

There are 16 individuals per weight class at the Semi-State competition and wrestlers need to place in the top 4 in order to advance to next weekend's STATE FINALS in Indianapolis. The Bricks advanced 11 competitors to Saturday after a GREAT showing at last week's Regional. Against the BEST wrestlers Hobart has seen all season, the "magnificent 11" BATTLED with everything they had! Four of

the 11 advanced to the "ticket round" ... where a win would send them to Indy ... but unfortunately that was as far as the Brickies would get. The sports drama that occurs in a 6-min match unfolded into AGONY when the dust finally settled over at East Chicago. After advancing 11 individuals to Saturday's meet on the doorstep of the State Finals, the Brickies were unable to punch a ticket to the final round of the State Tournament Series and the #BrickRODE ended a week early.

Here are the "magnificent 11" and how they fared on Saturday:

- 106 - Freshman Ruben Padilla - lost in the Quarterfinals (Round 2)
- 113 - Freshman Trevor Schammert - lost in Championship Round 1
- 120 - Sophomore Cristian Padilla - lost in Championship Round 1
- 126 - Junior Nathan Schammert - lost in Quarterfinals (Round 2)
- 152 - Sophomore Tyler Turley - lost in Championship Round 1
- 160 - Freshman Jacob Simpson - lost in Championship Round 1
- 170 - Senior Jacob Vode - lost in Championship Round 1
- 182 - Sophomore Cameron Smith - lost in Quarterfinals (Round 2)
- 195 - Sophomore Bobby Babcock - lost in Quarterfinals (Round 2)
- 220 - Junior Mark Mummey - lost in Championship Round 1
- 285 - Junior Chad Mclean - lost in Championship Round 1

These Bricks wrestled their hearts out ... it just wasn't meant to be on this day.

2018-2019 was as an AWESOME season that saw OUR BOYS SHINE placing 3rd at the Harvest Classic, 1st at Super Duals, 14th at Mishawaka, 3rd at Lake County, 1st at the NCC, 2nd at the Sectional, and 3rd at the Regional!

The EFFORT and ATTITUDE our guys showed all year was AMAZING - we are SO PROUD of what this team accomplished and how these kids represented the PURPLE & GOLD with PRIDE!! CONGRATULATIONS to Coach Jason Cook and staff for doing a GREAT JOB in year 1 of his tenure.

Like I said earlier, in sports there is always THRILL along with AGONY ... the THRILL on Saturday is that 10 of the 11 Brickies WILL BE BACK next year for another journey on the #BrickRODE ... fasten your chinstraps ... it's going to be fun!!

#THEJOURNEYENDS





Gymnastics

Just like boys basketball, gymnastics had **DOUBLE THE FUN** this week with meets at Lowell on Thursday and Merrillville on Saturday ... and just like they've done all year, they **DID NOT DISAPPOINT!**

If you recall, our girls **TEAM SCORE** was around **89 in meet #1**. It improved to about **92 for meet #2** ... and then again to roughly **94 in meet #3**. Is it possible that they could improve for a 4th consecutive meet after all the chaos of last week? **ABSOLUTELY!!!!** Our Lady Brickies were **TERRIFIC** on Thursday at Lowell scoring a whopping **96.800** as a **TEAM!!** For all the nerds like myself who enjoy mental math and are calculating in your head right now - that's over **2 FULL POINTS** of **IMPROVEMENT AGAIN!** **UNBELIEVABLE!!**

Here are our marks from Thursday at Lowell:

- Junior Neely Harpp - 2nd on Vault and 5th All-Around
- Junior Faith Scott - 5th on Vault and 6th All-Around
- Junior Iyanna Steele - 5th on Vault (tied with Faith) and 8th All-Around
- Senior Yesin Flores - 7th on Beam

In the JV portion, sophomore Nataly Ponce finished 2nd on Vault and 4th on Beam while junior Skye Lipke took 3rd on Bars and 5th on both the Vault and Beam

On Saturday, Skye Lipke and Nataly Ponce competed at the Merrillville JV invite. Junior Skye Lipke placed 14th on the beam, 15th on bars and 16th on vault. Sophomore Nataly Ponce placed 6th on vault and 13th on beam.

GREAT WORK LADIES!!

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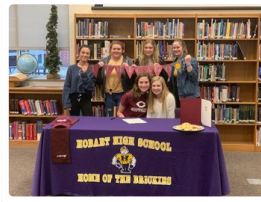
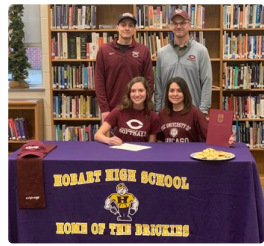
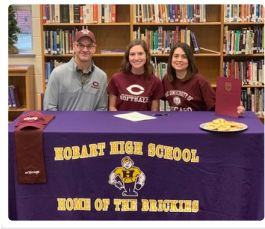
#College

This past Wednesday was a National Signing day for colleges across the country ... Hobart senior Jenna Uhles got in on the action as she signed her national letter of intent to not only attend but also to play softball at the University of Chicago! Chicago competes at the NCAA Division III level and is a member of the Midwest Conference. Jenna plans to study Biology/Chemistry while at Chicago with plans to pursue medical school after earning her undergraduate degree.

CONGRATULATIONS JENNA! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!

#NEXTLEVEL





Once a Brickie ...

2006 HHS Grad Richard "Stunner" Mitchell was in town on Friday to watch the Brickies take on Andean. "Stunner" was a stand-out football and basketball player for Hobart before attending Joliet Junior College and eventually enlisting in the military. Richard is currently serving his country at Fort Knox in Kentucky!

It was GREAT to catch up with him ... and Richard - THANK YOU for your SERVICE!

#ALLMYLIFE



Athletes of the Month - JANUARY

CONGRATULATIONS to the HHS **Athletes of Month** for January!
Thank you to all the coaches for your nominations ... we have so many terrific student-athletes here at HHS - HARD WORK WORK WORK is worth recognizing!!

- Junior Grace Nestich - girls basketball
- Junior Faith Scott - gymnastics
- Freshman - Ethan Ferba - diving
- Freshman Ruben Padilla - wrestling

#FORTHATDEAROLDSCHOOLWELOVESOWELL



Sports Schedule This Week

Monday

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday

Boys Basketball @ Calumet

Wednesday

Gymnastics @ Crown Point/Lowell

Thursday

Boys Swimming @ Chesterton Sectional (Prelims)

Friday

Boys Basketball @ Highland *

Saturday

Boys Swimming @ Chesterton Sectional (Fnals)

Boys Basketball @ Merrillville

* = NCC Opponent

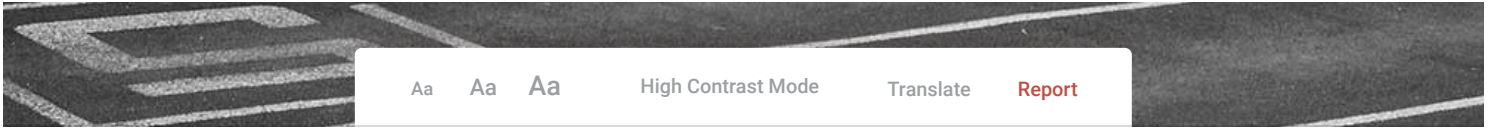


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