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When I was in college, my mom would send a care package of goodies EVERY SEMESTER before finals week and remind me to FINISH STRONG! Folks, with 1 classroom day left in the school year, we are there ... a time when our bodies are drained and motivation can be questionable at best. EVERYONE is feeling it, but we've got a little more WORK WORK WORK to do - both in the classroom and in athletics. Let me take a moment to encourage everyone to FINISH STRONG ... which is exactly what our Hobart Brickie student-athletes are trying to do. The post-season is wrapping up as well and it's time to BE AT OUR BEST because OUR BEST IS NEEDED!!

Right now ... the BEST thing to do would be to check out this week's edition of *BricksCenter!*



Unified Track & Field

On Saturday morning, the Brickies made the long trek to NorthWood High School for the IHSAA Regional! With only 3 regionals in Indiana, Hobart was one of just 27 teams still competing for a chance to advance to the state finals. A top 4 finish as a team would punch our ticket for a 2nd straight trip to STATE!!

Starting with the field events, junior **Bryce Kennard** got it going early with a 1st PLACE finish in his flight of the shot put! Sophomore **Odin Williams** placed 2nd in flight #4 and junior **Jayden Garrett** matched him in flight #5! ALL THREE of these Brickies launched a PERSONAL BEST THROW!! Sophomore **Clark Otero** also earned a top 5 performance in flight #1 after finishing in 4th place! In the mixed long jump, sophomore **Josie Gray** WON flight #2 and freshman **Aniveah Brown** finished 6th! Senior **Jackson Butler** placed 4th in flight #4 & classmate **Summer Luttrell** finished 7th in flight #1.

In the running events, seniors **Maya Guzman & Josh Ewing** ...along with sophomores **Trinity Garcia & Zayden Syler**, ran their hearts out in the 100m dash finals! Junior **Olivia McIntire** WON section #3 in the 400m dash!! Juniors **Delaney Williams & Colton Galliher** and sophomore **Ariella Windsor** all finished strong in their timed sections to help score team points for the Brickies! Our girls 4x100m relay team (**McIntire, Windsor, sophomore Brooke Hawkins & freshman Jordyn Shanks**) placed 4th and our boys (**Williams, Ewing, Syler & Garrett**) were 3rd against a STACKED field of competitors!!

On a B-E-A-UTIFUL day in Nappanee, our Brickies SHINED! In fact, our kids shined so bright that they FINISHED 4th as a team and ADVANCED TO THE STATE FINALS!!! Every single point counted

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The last 3 years for Unified Track have been UNBELIEVABLE!! Not only has Hobart High School earned the distinction of being a CHAMPIONS TOGETHER SCHOOL, but our kids have also done the following on the oval:

- 2023 IHSAA SECTIONAL CHAMPS
- 2024 IHSAA STATE FINALIST (10th place)
- 2025 IHSAA STATE FINALIST (?? place)

For the 2nd year in a row, Elkhart was the Regional Champion. Penn and FW Homestead completed the group of 4 advancing schools ... ALONG WITH THE BRICKIES!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Coach **Jackie Pickett**, Coach **Kriste Bell**, Coach **James Landrum** and to ALL of our Brickies for such an OUTSTANDING year!! The final stop for Unified Track in the 2025 season will be on Saturday, June 7th at North Central High School in Indianapolis. The State Finals are scheduled to start at 10am CT. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!!

#CHAMPIONSTOGETHER

THANK YOU Becky Williams for all the AWESOME photos!























2025 STATE FINALIST!!!



Track & Field

The IHSAA Regional for track & field is one of the most exciting events of the spring ... individuals who place in the top 3 automatically advance to the STATE FINALS next weekend. Individuals (or relays) placing outside the top 3 in an event may receive a "call back" to STATE if they surpass the "state standard" or have one of the top 3 marks to not receive an automatic bid. Make sense??? Well, it does to track people :)

Girls

Competing in 5 of the 16 events at the Regional, the Brickies tied for 15th place out of the 22 scoring teams represented on Tuesday night at Portage High School. The first competitor of the night was junior **Joanna Cantu** in the pole vault. Jo was FANTASTIC in tying her PERSONAL BEST after clearing 9'0", which was good enough for 5th place! Senior **Taylor Pope**, a 2-time IHSAA State Finalist and multiple time All-NCC performer, competed in both the discus & shot put events against one of the toughest fields of competitors in recent years. In 2024, Taylor threw the disc 118' to claim 2nd place ... in 2025, that same throw would've give her 5th overall as the top two throwers BOTH hit automatic state qualifying marks. Taylor qualified for the finals and 8th overall. Similarly in the shot put, Taylor did her best and ultimately finished 15th to close out her high school career. Junior **Aalliah Otero** ... competing at the Regional in BOTH the 100 & 400m dashes ... just missed the finals in the 100m and placed 11th overall. In the 400, she literally left it all on the track ... racing to a PERSONAL BEST time of 59.25 seconds in perhaps the closest race of the night! Places 2nd-



Boys

Competing in 7 of 16 events at the Regional, Hobart finished tied for 17th out of the 26 schools represented on Thursday night at Valparaiso High School! Against the best of the best in the "219", OUR BOYS SHINED! Senior **Kael Schlosser** leaped to a personal best in the long jump of 22'03" on his first jump of the finals and QUALIFIED FOR STATE!! The automatic qualifying standard was 21'11.25" and Kael GOT IT! In total, 5 competitors from the Valpo regional hit the standard and will be competing on Friday in Indianapolis - WOW! In the 3200m relay, the Brickies followed Kael's lead and ran a SEASON BEST TIME! The senior-dominated squad of **Kolin Gladney, Felix Lopez, Brett Davis & Dane Homoky** collectively raced around the oval in just 8:10.86 seconds ... a drop of 12 SECONDS from just a week ago at the sectional! UNBELIEVABLE!! Unfortunately it was only good enough for 7th as the top 3 qualifying teams were crazy fast, but WHAT A PERFORMANCER FROM OUR BOYS!! In the shot put, senior **Luke Juris** ALSO threw a SEASON BEST of 46'2.25" and finished 13th! Junior speedster **Adrian Stojkoski** ran BOTH the 100 & 200m dashes ...qualifying for the finals in the 100 and ultimately finished 8th (100m) and 10th (200m) respectably. In the high jump, senior **Deacon Caesar** - a first time regional participant - finished 15th. To close out the night, Hobart's 1600m relay team, consisting of seniors **Davis, Schlosser, Dillon Hatchett & Willy Shearer**, placed 14th overall.

Our boys represented us extremely well on Da Region's biggest stage and will now get to cheer on **Kael** as he competes in the long jump at the IHSAA STATE FINALS on Friday!

The Brickies will have 1 representative at the IHSAA STATE FINALS that will take place Friday, June 6th at North Central High School in Indianapolis. GOOD LUCK **KAEL!!** WE BELIEVE IN YOU!!!

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Softball

It was SECTIONAL WEEK, which meant "GO TIME" for the Brickies over at Chesterton High School, which served as host for IHSAA Class 4A Sectional 2. After winning the 2024 title a year ago, our girls were looking to once again make some noise in the BIG dance!

On Thursday night, the Brickies faced Portage in 1st round action. Back on April 12th, Hobart defeated the Indians 15-9 in a slugfest. Would the 2nd time around be a replay? YES!!! Early on, BOTH teams were literally *PUTTIN' ON THE HITS* and plated 6 runs in the first two innings! WOW!! In the 4th, Portage plated another to make the score 7-6, but the Brickies answered with two of their own in the bottom half of the frame and never looked back! Over the final 3 innings of play, our girls scored 7 MORE RUNS to run away with a 15-11 VICTORY!!! Sophomore **Aurora Ciesielski** had a MONSTER game going 3-for-5 at the plate with 4 RBI and 4 runs scored! Classmates **Nora Hornak & Addi Gaffin** combined for 5 hits and another 4 RBI and senior **Addisyn Johnson** added 3 hits of her own to help the Brickies advance to the championship game for the 2nd year in a row!

Friday night was championship time and the Brickies squared off with the host Trojans. WAAAAAYYYYY back on April 1st, Hobart defeated Chesterton 10-7 in the season opener for both

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the top half of the 5th and went on the win 16-6. Our girls were right there on the brink of history through 4 innings, but you have to tip your cap to Chesterton - they played well and earned the title. **Ciesielski** was AGAIN a monster on the diamond going 3-for-3 with a HOMERUN and 3 RBI! Her super sophomore classmates - **Hornak & Gaffin** - were just as sensational going a combined 3-for-5 with a triple, homerun and 3 RBI!! Senior **Taylor Lopez** was 2-for-3 with a run scored in the loss.

The last game is always tough and this one was especially difficult with 7 seniors wearing a Hobart uniform for the final time. THANK YOU to **Taylor Lopez, Ladan Wienman, Addisyn Johnson, Indy Parkerson, Hallie Pendleton, Elizabeth Crespo & Emili Knestrict** for their enormous contribution to Brickie softball over the last 4 years. Our girls played with heart and stayed together.

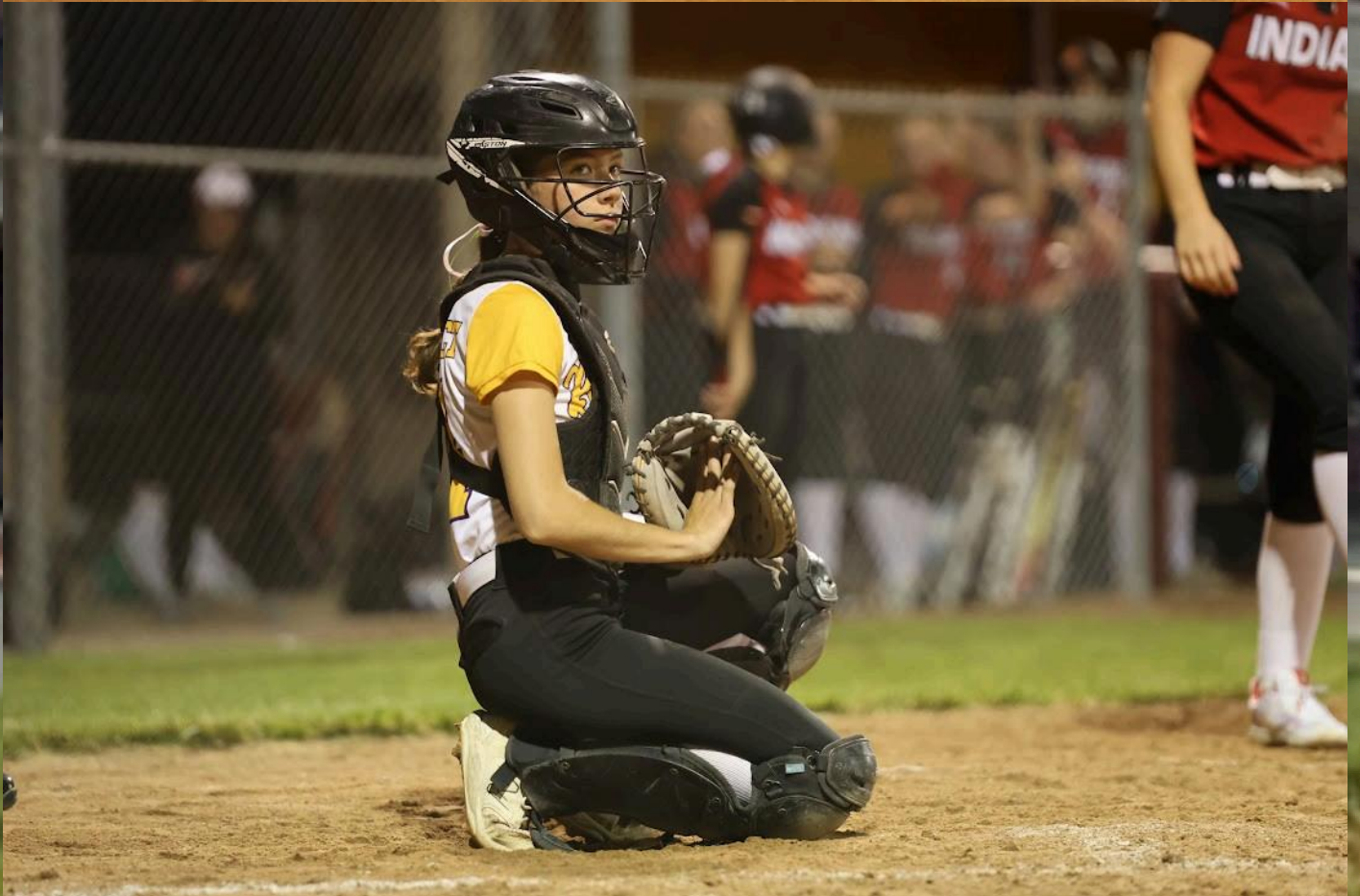
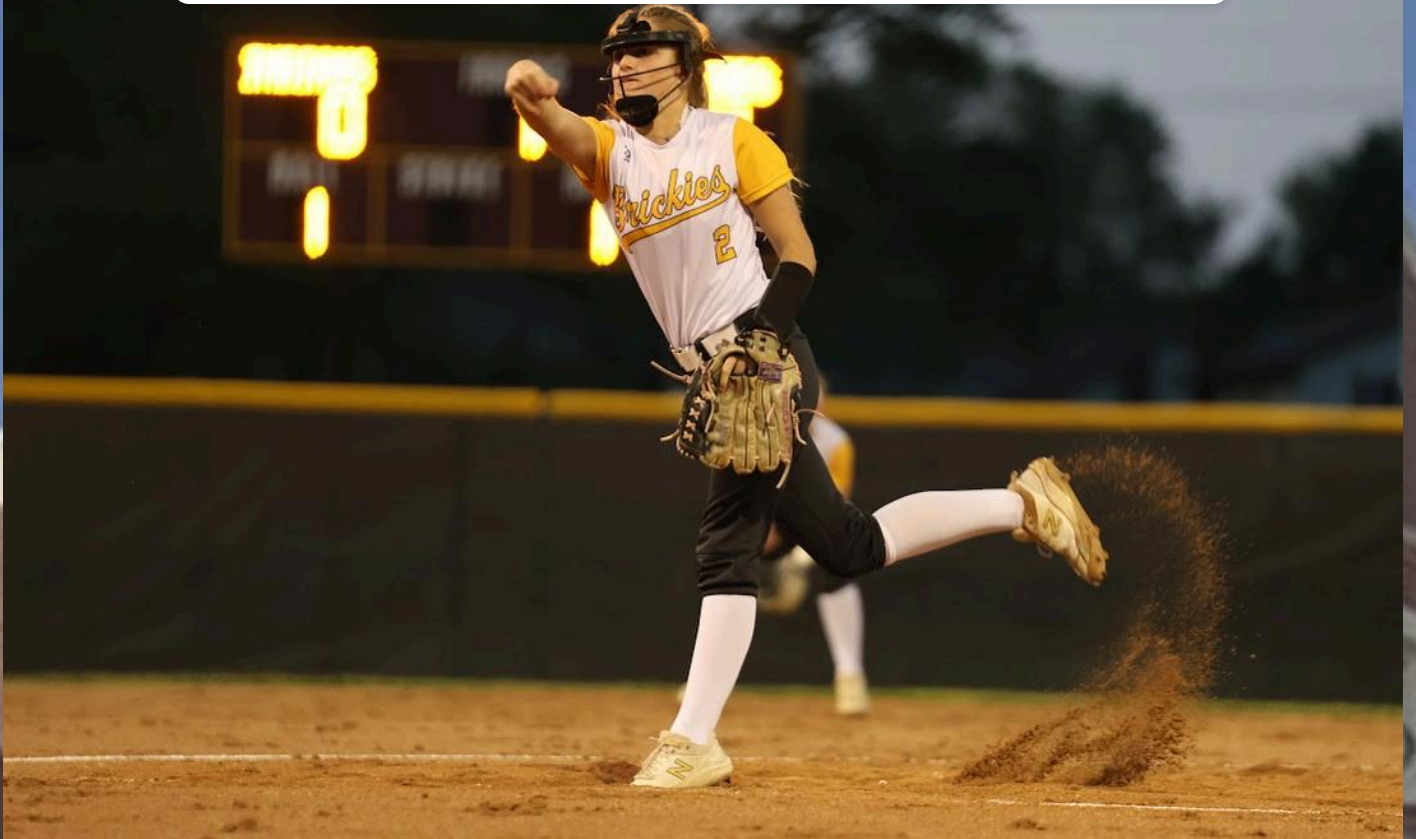
The sectional championship was Chesterton's 12th in school history and first since the 2018-2019 season. The Brickies close the book on the 24-25 season with an overall record of 13-15. THANK YOU to our coaching staff and all the girls for doing your very best for the SCOH and this blue-collar town!

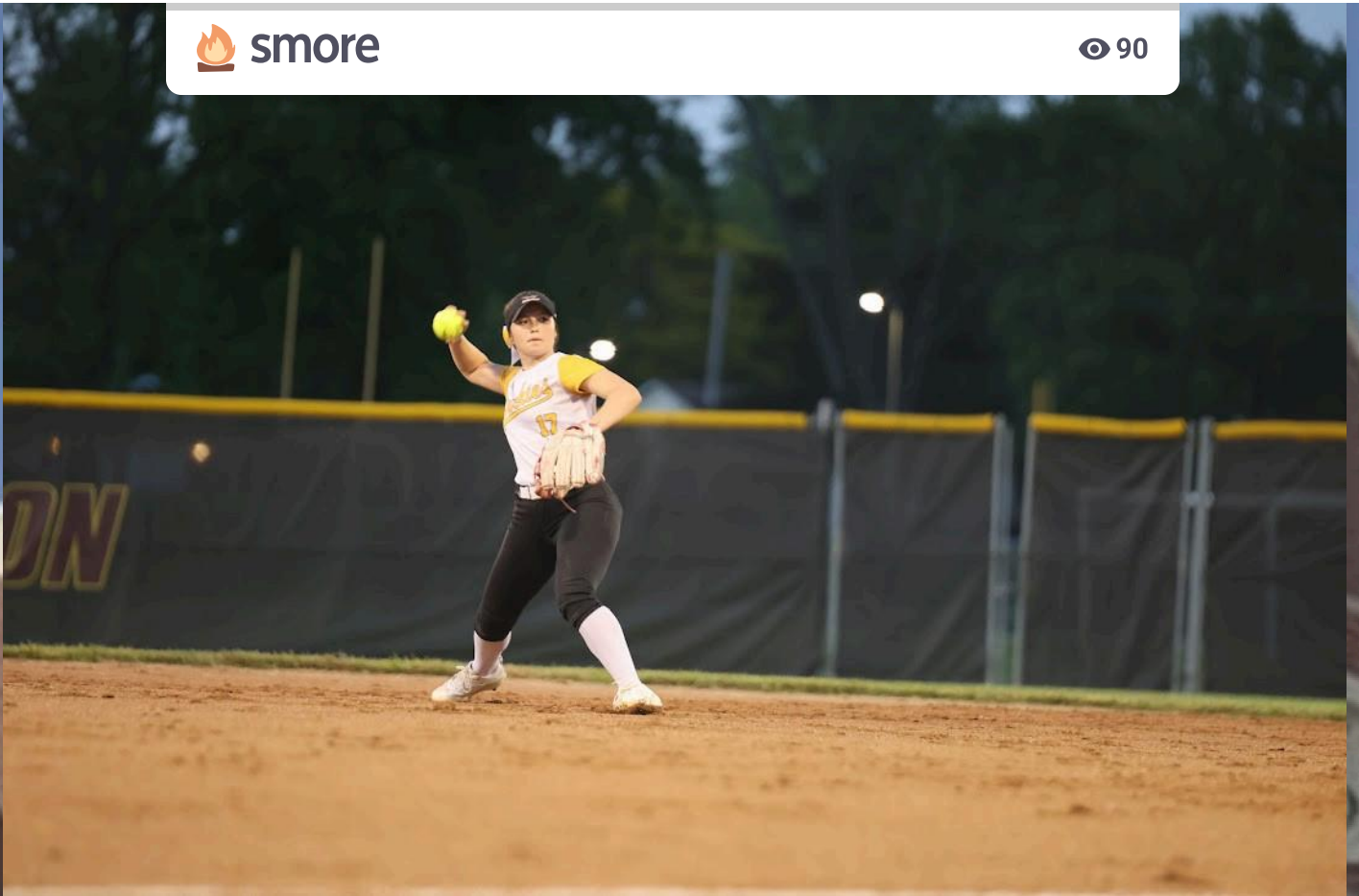
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THANK YOU Mackie Stankich for so many GREAT pics!











Baseball

The IHSA Post-Season for baseball kicked off play Friday night over at Valparaiso and our Brickies were facing the host Vikings in one of two semifinal matchups. Back on April 24th, Valpo played here in H-town and squeaked by the Bricks 4-2. Since that game, the Vikings had won 14-of-15 contests including 14 in a row and climbed the state rankings all the way to #14 in Class 4A.

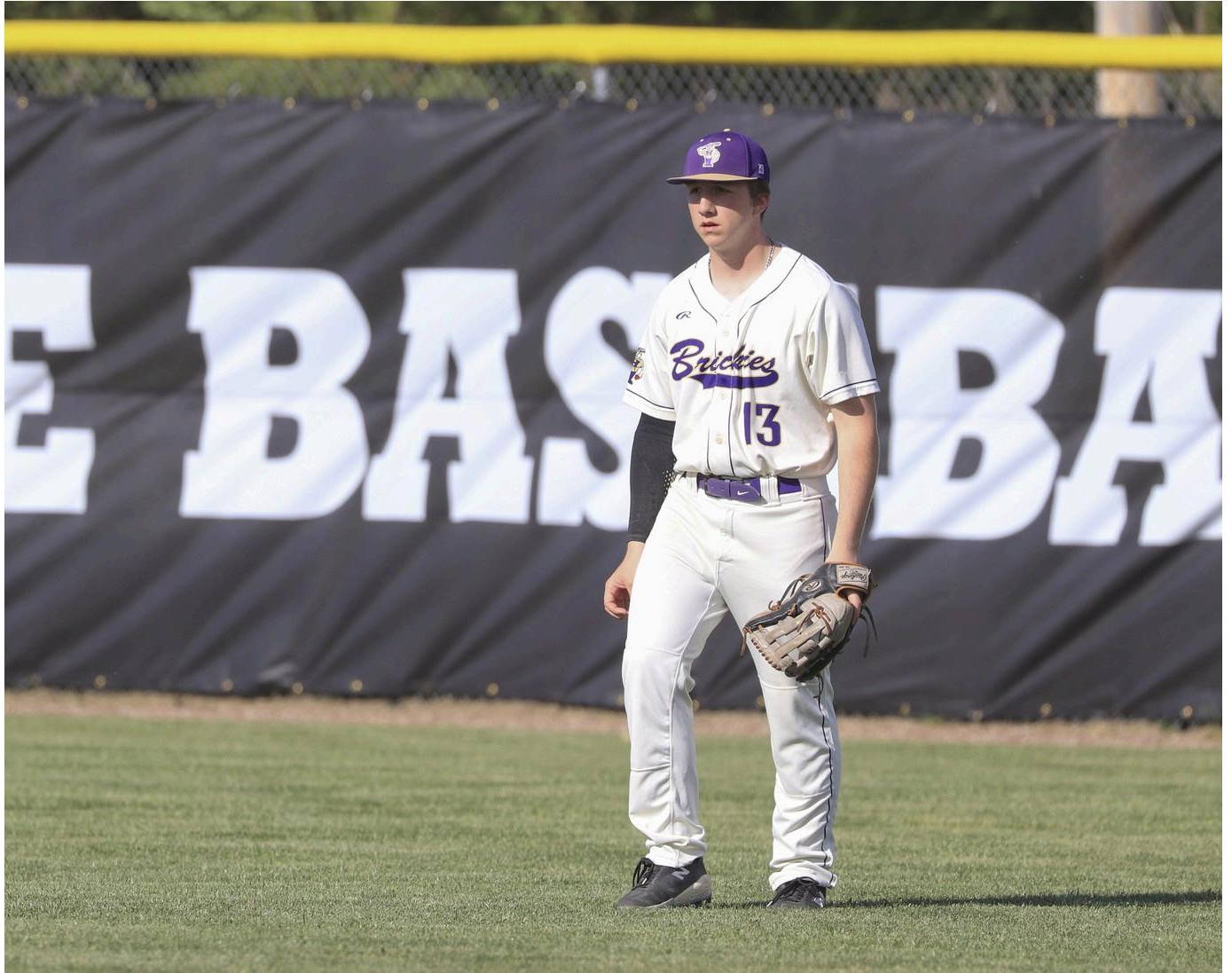
The hosts wasted little time showing why they'd won 14 in a row ...scoring 7 first inning runs to claim an early advantage. Things settled a bit in the 2nd inning with neither team able to plate any runs, but action picked up again in the 3rd with Valparaiso scoring 5 more runs to move in front 12-0. Hobart rallied for 4 runs in the bottom half of the frame to cut into the deficit and swing the momentum! Unfortunately, the Vikings tacked on two more in the 4th to make it 14-4 and then closed out the Brickies in the bottom of the 5th. Senior **Connor Stafford** and sophomore **Donio Pimentel** each collected 2 hits for the Bricks and freshman **Michael Klaich** recorded 2 RBI in the loss.

The Vikings are scheduled to face Portage for the sectional championship this afternoon.

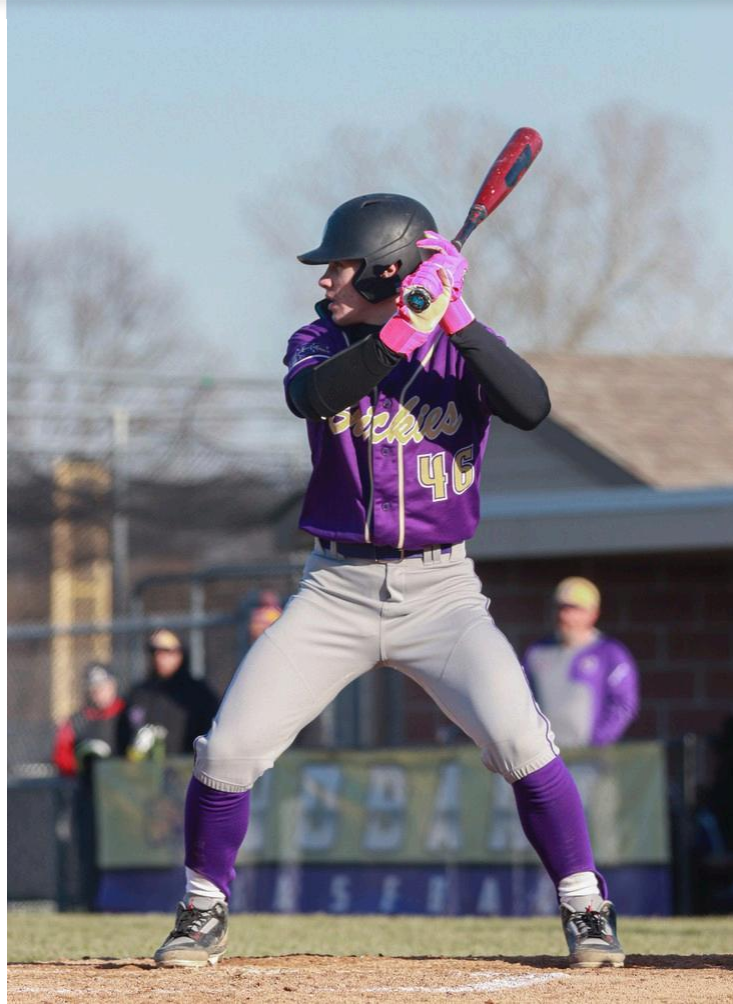
All good things must come to an end and this was a good year for our boys. Hobart finished with a record of 15-12 and played toe-to-toe with everyone in the area including earning victories over

THANK YOU to our coaching staff and ALL of our boys for a memorable season on the diamond. You represented us with class, character and brought a competitive fire every single day.

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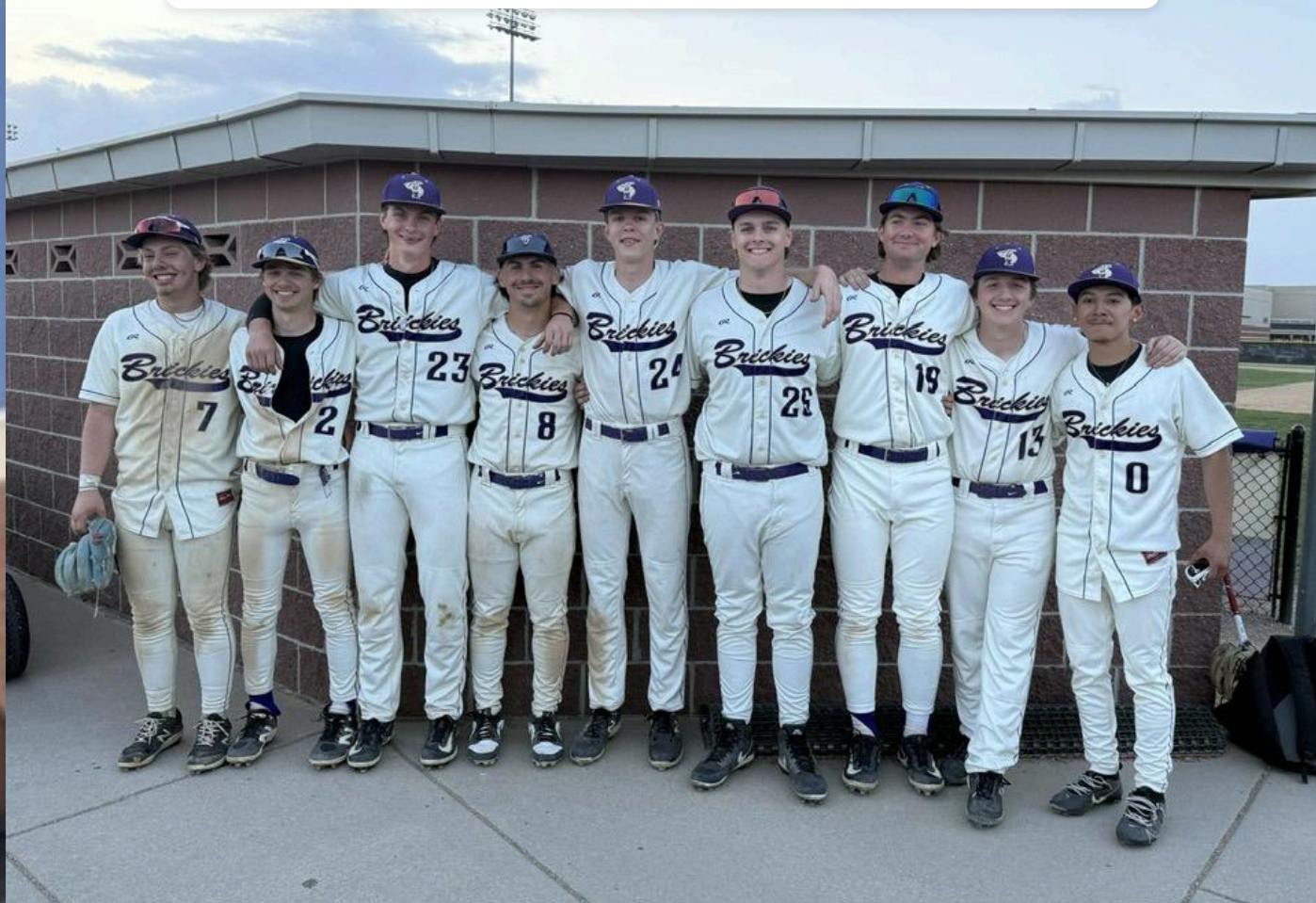








THANK YOU SENIORS!



Boys Golf

You would think that finally getting some nice weather in the "219" would help our scores drop ... and you'd be right! It was *CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK* for the Brickies as our boys took part in the Northwest Crossroads Conference championship meet.

Tuesday morning, Hobart traveled to Scherwood Golf Course in Schererville for the Northwest Crossroads Conference Championship meet. It was a beautiful morning for *swinging the wrenches* and the Brickies took full advantage of it! Sophomore **Chase Dukes** led the attack with a LIFETIME BEST score for 18 holes (93)!! Next into the clubhouse was classmate **Gavin Roper** with a 105 and the final two scoring players were freshman **MJ Scheldberg** (109) & another sophomore, **Trevor Paterson** (115). The team total of 422 was a SEASON BEST SCORE on 18 holes for the Brickies and earned 7th place!! YES!!!

Overall, Munster won the team title and the Bricks finished 7th.

Hobart now has a week of practice to WORK WORK WORK on their short game before IHSAA Sectional play begins Friday, June 6th, at Forest Park in Valparaiso. LET'S GO BRICKS!!

#BETHEBALL

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NEXT LEVEL

On average, only about 1 in 13 high school athletes get the chance to compete at the next level, which is about 7%. This covers all divisions of the NCAA (I, II & III), NAIA and the Junior College level. So, when our Brickies get that opportunity, we CELEBRATE ...and recently, we've been celebrating A LOT!!

Last week, senior **Hallie Pendleton** signed with Harper College to continue her education and athletic career! The Hawks are located in Palatine, IL, compete in the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) and are members of the North Central Conference (N4C) which includes schools from Illinois and Wisconsin. **Hallie** was an All-NCC performer on the hardwood for Hobart Brickie basketball and also earned multiple varsity letters in softball! She will compete for the Hawks in BOTH sports!! WOW!!

#COLLEGE

Hallie Pendleton signs with Harper College!









Sports Schedule This Week

Monday

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday

Physical Night - 2:45-5:30pm @ HHS (Enter Door 13)

Wednesday

No Events Scheduled

Thursday

No Events Scheduled

Friday

Kael Schlosser @ IHSAA Boys Track & Field STATE FINALS (Hosted by North Central High School)

Saturday

Unified Track & Field @ IHSAA STATE FINALS (Hosted by North Central High School)

When things don't go our way. When our team loses. When we fail.

Champions take those moments and **LEARN** from them.



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