## BricksCenter

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

This past week while "we were on a break!" (Ross Geller from 'Friends'), our wrestlers were trying to PIN down the perfect way to finish the calendar year, our lady hoopers wanted to make sure they left the gym on SENIOR NIGHT with a MAKE, and some divers DOVE down to Indy for some holiday fun! Unfortunately, two out of three of these year-end experiences were postponed due to COVID concerns through contact tracing from previous opponents. Therefore, our grapplers \& Lady Brickies had to

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We hope EVERYONE has a Happy and Safe New Year's Eve!
For now, take a seat ... preferably in the reclined position ... it's time for BricksCenter!


## Swimming \& Diving

On Monday, Coach Rinas packed 3 of our divers onto a minibus and made the trek south on I-65 to the IUPUI Natatorium. The trio of juniors - Sydney Arias, Ethan Ferba \& Hayden Maggio - have hopes of being there in February at the IHSAA State Finals, so ... this was a chance to get some uninterrupted practice in the venue where it all happens! WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!!

THANK YOU to Coach Rinas for putting this quick trip together so our kids could continue perfecting their license to dive on the biggest stage!

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Junior Ethan Ferba was recently featured in the NWI Times!


## Hobart diver improvi...

"We talked about only being able to control what you can control and trying not to let outside factors bring you down."

## Even More Accolades

Brickie senior Bobby Babcock ... voted Mr. Football for linebackers in Indiana by the IFCA and recent Illinois State University signee ... has now added another proverbial feather for his cap \& gown. On Saturday, the NWI Times selected Bobby as their DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR!! His stats for 2020 are RIDICULOUS - 68 tackles, 36 tackles for loss, nine sacks, seven forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two blocked punts!! In an area loaded with talent, Bobby stood out and was a cornerstone of the 2020 Brickie D-D-D-DEFENSE that surrendered only 10.1 ppg through the IHSAA semistate and posted 5 shutouts!

Bobby is the 10th Brickie to earn this distinction since they began awarding it in 1969 and the 1st since Mark Drobac back in 2004!

CONGRATULATIONS BOBBY! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!


## Check out the article on Bobby below!



## Hobart's Bobby Bab...

www.nwitimes.com
"He eventually became a captain his junior year, and since then he's put his all into everything not only for himself but for the team."

## Perspective

Last March when everything closed down due to the COVID pandemic, we tried to put some things into perspective using words of wisdom from legendary college basketball coach John Wooden. Coach Wooden ... one of the most widely respected and admired coaches in history ... was famous for his simple but inspiring messages, which had applications in both basketball and in life. So ... taking some advice from him seemed a logical step in exploring unknown territory.

Now that we have been drenched in this pandemic for 9 months, we thought it might be worth revisiting those same "Keys to Success"that have hopefully helped offer some perspective on handling adversity and preparing for success through that adversity.

Small steps, consistently over time, yield big results.
Perform the basics and strive to be a little bit better each day.

Focus on what you can control.
Don't dwell on future unknowns ... instead, focus on what you can control in the present.

## Be patient.

If excellence could be done quickly, more people would do it. It requires patience. Most of all, success requires patience.

By utilizing these Keys, our 2020 fall sports found a way to stay patient in an ever-changing environment, stay focused on what they could control, and perform the basics in all new ways under COVID protocols. Even though we don't define success by what the scoreboard says ... the fact that we made it through the fall season is a HUGE success in itself ... take a look at the success our coaches and kids found by trusting the process:

Girls Soccer = advanced in post-season play (sectional semifinalist)
Boys Soccer = most wins since 2002 and advanced in post-season play (sectional semifinalist) Boys Tennis = sectional finalists as a team
Girls Golf = 2 individual regional qualifiers for the 1st time since 2012
Girls \& Boys Cross Country $=6$ individual semi-state qualifiers
Football = STATE FINALISTS for the 1st time since 1996

In looking at the current situation our world is facing ... along with our winter sports coaches \& student athletes ... hopefully we can all continue to take some "coaching" on having the right perspective from one of the greatest of all time as we move forward into a new year with renewed hope. Let's continue to take this one day at a time ... focus on things we can control ... and be patient.

# "Make each day your masterpiece." 

- JOHN WOODEN



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## Tuesday

No Events Scheduled

## Wednesday

No Events Scheduled

## Thursday

No Events Scheduled

## Friday

Happy New Year!

## Saturday

Wrestling @ IHSWCA Class 3A Team State Finals (Franklin Community High School)

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