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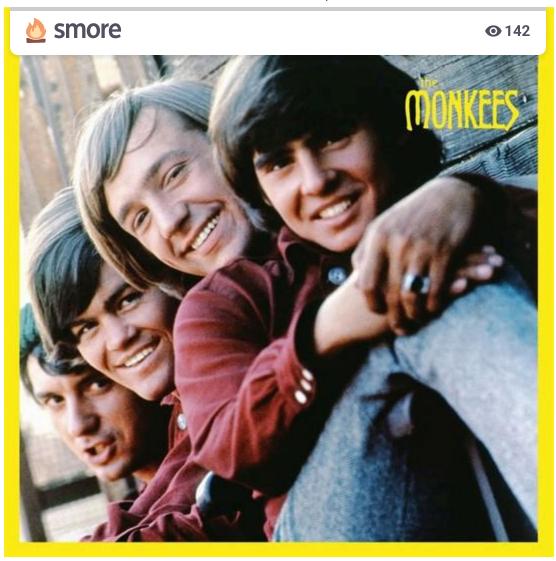


### #23sports1team

Well sports fans ... HERE COME THE BRICKS! What a week it was for sports in H-town!! Mother Nature tried her best to keep us from playing by keeping it COOOOLLLDD out there and throwing in some rain, but our kids would not be denied!! Softball played 4 games... Baseball played 3 ... Track moved outside for the first time this spring ... and both girls tennis & boys volleyball played their first contests!! Wow - the landscape of Brickie sports this 2nd week of April was literally all over the place, but the action was AWESOME!

It's fun to watch our spring student-athletes right now ... flashes of excellence stemming from hard WORK WORK mixed in with some old-fashioned, blue-collar TOUGHNESS! Our kids play HARD and COMPETE until the end! American rock & pop band **The Monkees** said it so eloquently, "I'M A BELIEVER"! When you get a chance, come on out and see for yourself!

Cheer Up Sleepy Jean... it's time for *BricksCenter!* 



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#### Track & Field

On a COLD Thursday night over at Wheeler, the Brickies opened the 2025 outdoor season against the Bearcats & Portage Indians!

For the ladies, Hobart had a TERRIFIC showing with 6th first-place finishers!! On the track, junior speedster **Aalliah Otero** won both the 100 & 400 ... classmate **Cassie Cohen** placed 1st in the mile and freshman newcomer **Rylee Christman** finished first in the 300 hurdles!! For the throws, junior **Bre Zon** WON the shot put with a launch of over 30' and senior **Taylor Pope** WON the disc after tossing the platter over 111'!! WOW!! In fact, our girls went 1-2-3 in the disc with **Zon** & sophomore **Kayla Komosa** finishing 2nd & 3rd!!

For the boys, sophomore **Bryce Tolliver** (110 & 300 hurdles) and senior **Willy "The Jet" Shearer** (100 & 400) WON two events each, and the boys 4x800 relay, consisting of seniors **Dane Homoky, Brett Davis, Alphonse Parker** & junior **Durgon Click**, also crossed the finish line first!! Senior distance runners **Felix Lopez** & **Kolin Gladney** each went 2-3 in both the mile and 800m runs!!

Overall, it was a GREAT night of competition for the Brickies!! In spite of the less than ideal temps, Hobart had some REALLY POSITIVE PERFORMANCES and got a chance to get some first-meet

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Here are some results from Thursday:

#### Girls

100m Hurdles - sophomore Love Jimenez - 3rd, freshman Rylee Christman - 4th

100m Dash - junior **Aalliah Otero** - 1st, freshman **Ella Lopez** - 7th

1600m Run - junior Cassie Cohen - 1st, freshman Lilliana Lopez - 7th

4x100m Relay - senior Olivia Alexander, sophomore Kurah Krucina and freshmen Rylee Christman

### & Ella Lopez - 2nd

400m Dash - Otero - 1st

300m Hurdles - Christman - 1st, Jimenez - 4th

800m Run - sophomore Natalie Vera - 4th, senior Roxy Dominguez - 12th

200m Dash - E. Lopez - 5th, sophomore Brianna Davis - 8th

Long Jump - Krucina - 4th

High Jump - freshman Ava Kowalisyn - 3rd, freshman Peyton Cotton - 4th

Shot Put - junior Breanna Zon - 1st, sophomore Kayla Komosa - 4th

Discus - senior Taylor Pope - 1st, Zon - 2nd, Komosa - 3rd

### **Boys**

4x800m Relay - seniors Brett Davis, Dane Homoky & Alphonse Parker and junior Durgon Click - 1st

110m Hurdles - sophomore Bryce Tolliver - 1st, senior Anthony Hnilo - 3rd

100m Dash - senior Willy "The Jet" Shearer - 1st., junior Adrian Stojkoski - 4th

1600m Run - senior Felix Lopez - 2nd, senior Kolin Gladney - 3rd

400m Dash - Shearer - 1st, senior Brett Davis - 2nd

300m Hurdles - Tolliver- 1st, senior Thomas Martin - 3rd

800m Run - Lopez - 2nd, Gladney - 3rd

Long Jump - freshman Caleb Fraley - 4th, freshman Mike Velez - 6th

High Jump - senior Deacon Caesar - 3rd, Fraley - 6th

Shot Put - senior Patrick O'Connor - 2nd, senior Luke Juris - 3rd

Discus - O'Connor - 2nd, senior Nathan Grabek - 4th

Next week, Hobart opens the conference season on Tuesday with a home meet against rival Andrean and then welcomes 7 other schools here on Saturday for the 84th running of the Hobart "Little 5" Invite!!! LET'S GOOOOOO!!!!

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The Lady Brickies were scheduled for 5 games this past week and managed to dodge enough rain & soak up just enough sunshine to play 4 of them!

Monday's contest @ Michigan City was postponed due to freezing temperatures. No reschedule date has been set yet.

On Tuesday, the Lady Bricks were on the road @ Hanover Central to open up Northwest Crossroads Conference action! Hobart got on the board first when junior **Riley Weber** hit an RBI double to score sophomore **Nora Hornak** and give our girls an early 1-0 lead!! Unfortunately, the undefeated Wildcats responded with 4 runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning and never looked back in the 13-1 win.

Thursday evening brought the undefeated Kankakee Valley Kougars to H-town for another NCC matchup! Once again, the Bricks opened the scoring in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead! After KV plated 2 in the top half of the 2nd, our girls RALLIED for two of our own to regain the lead 3-2!! The visitors took control over the next 3 innings ...outscoring the Brickies 8-1 to move in front 10-4 ...and then added an insurance run in the 6th to win 11-4. Senior **Taylor Lopez** registered 2 hits, a double and an RBI ...**Hornak** also doubled and senior **Ladan Weinman** had two steals & an RBI in the loss.

On Saturday, our Lady Bricks played a unique double-header ...that ended with a DOUBLE VICTORY! First up was an 11am game @ Portage. Through 2 innings, the scoreboard showed a 4-4 tie ballgame, which is when our girls WENT TO WORK WORK WORK!!! The Brickies plated 6 runs in the 3rd ...added 4 more in the 5th and 1 more for good measure in the 7th to claim a 15-9 WIN!! Senior Emili Knestrict was RIDICULOUS with 3 HOMERUNS and 5 RBI in the game!! WOW!! Weber also got in on the action with a HOMERUN of her own and 2 RBI!! In total, Hobart blasted 18 hits as Hornak & classmate Aurora Ciesielski had 3 hits each and Weinman & sophomore Alexis Turley each added 2!! Ciesielski pitched the entire game in the circle ...striking out 5 and earning the W! Game #2 was back in H-town as the Brickies raced home from Portage to face the LaPorte Slicers @ 3pm ... and this one was a NAILBITER that came down the final at bat! Through 3 innings, the Brickies led 2-0 ...then LaPorte tied it up. After 5 innings, the Brickies led 5-2 ...then LaPorte tied it up again in the top half of the 7th at 5-5. With 2 outs in the bottom of the last inning and Knestrict on 3rd, junior Samantha Stankich hit a groundball towards the left side of the infield and reached 1st safely ...which allowed Knestrict to SCORE THE GAME-WINNER and the Bricks WALKED IT OFF 6-5!!! UNBELIEVABLE!!!

Two games ... two W's ...not a bad Saturday if you ask me!!

Hobart is now 3-2 overall and 0-2 in NCC play. Another full week awaits as our girls will play 3 games over the next 4 days!! GOOD LUCK LADIES!!

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### Weinman!!



Ladan Weinman is determined to be 'uplifting' for Hobart. Keirys Click showed her the importance of that.

Senior outfielder Ladan Weinman brings a positive mindset and a seemingly endless reserve of energy to the field for Hobart.

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# THANK YOU Mackie Stankich for these AWESOME photos of our girls!



**Emili Knestrict with THREE HOMERUNS vs Portage!!** 











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### Baseball

Hobart was scheduled to play 3 games this past week ...and in spite of Mother Nature trying to throw a curveball or two at us, WE GOT EM IN and our boys WERE FANTASTIC!!!

On Monday, it was literally FREEZING, which meant that the originally scheduled contest against Munster would take place on Wednesday.

Tuesday night, the 'Stangs rolled in to H-town for the NCC opener for both squads. The visitors plated 7 runs in the top half of the first inning and never looked back en route to a 10-4 win. The Brickies tallied only 4 hits in the contest and sophomore **Connor Kenjic** was able to score twice in the loss.

On Wednesday, it was COLD AGAIN with a drizzling rain, which pushed Wednesday's rescheduled game vs Munster to Thursday ...and the game would be @ Munster on their brand new turf field. In the rematch from Tuesday, Hobart got the upper hand early and led 4-0 after 2+ innings of play!! Munster responded with 5 runs between the 3rd & 4th innings to move in front 5-4, but our boys RALLIED for 2 more in the 6th and HELD ON for a 1-run VICTORY by a 6-5 score!! WOW!! **Kenjic** & classmate **Brandon Stafford** each collected 2 hits and the Bricks got RBIs from 4 different players (**B. Stafford**, senior **Connor Stafford**, senior **Aidan Leonard** & sophomore **Donio Pimentel**) in the win!!

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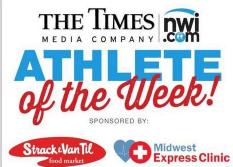
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Township was moved to Friday ...and it was a DOOZY!! In a contest that finished with the scoreboard looking more like a football game than baseball, Hobart pounded out 20 total hits as a team and scored just enough runs to edge the Cherokees 17-16!! That's right, the Brickies scored 17 runs (2 touchdowns & a field goal for you football fans out there)!! WHAT A GAME!! Every time it appeared that our boys were in control, the hosts battled back to keep the game close ...including scoring 3 in the bottom of the 7th to get within one run before the Brickie D-D-D-DEFENSE was finally able to close it out. Connor Stafford and classmate Drew Burris both went 4-for-4 at the plate and combined for 5 RBI ...fellow senior Alex Martin was 3-for-4 with 2 RBI & 2 runs scored ...and Pimentel also finished with 3 hits and 3 RBI in the win!!

Hobart is now 5-1 on the year and 1-1 in NCC play! Another busy week awaits with games against Hanover Central and 2-time defending IHSAA State Champion Illiana Christian! DON'T STOP NOW BOYS!!

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### **CONGRATULATIONS** to Brandon Stafford for being a NWI Times Athlete of the Week!







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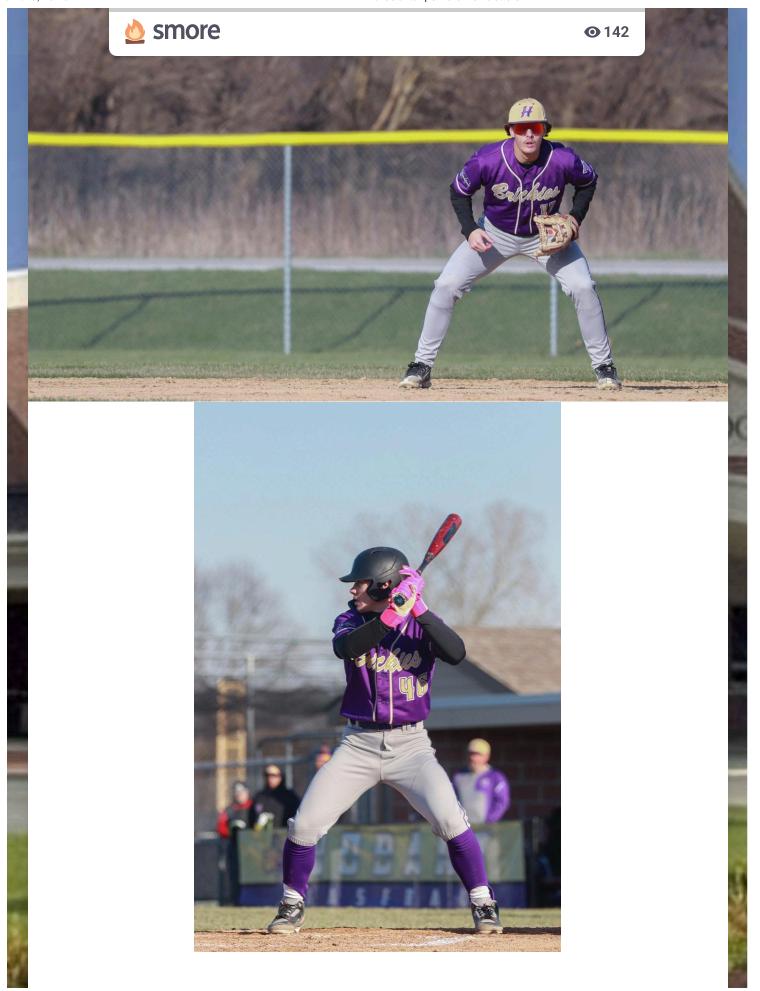
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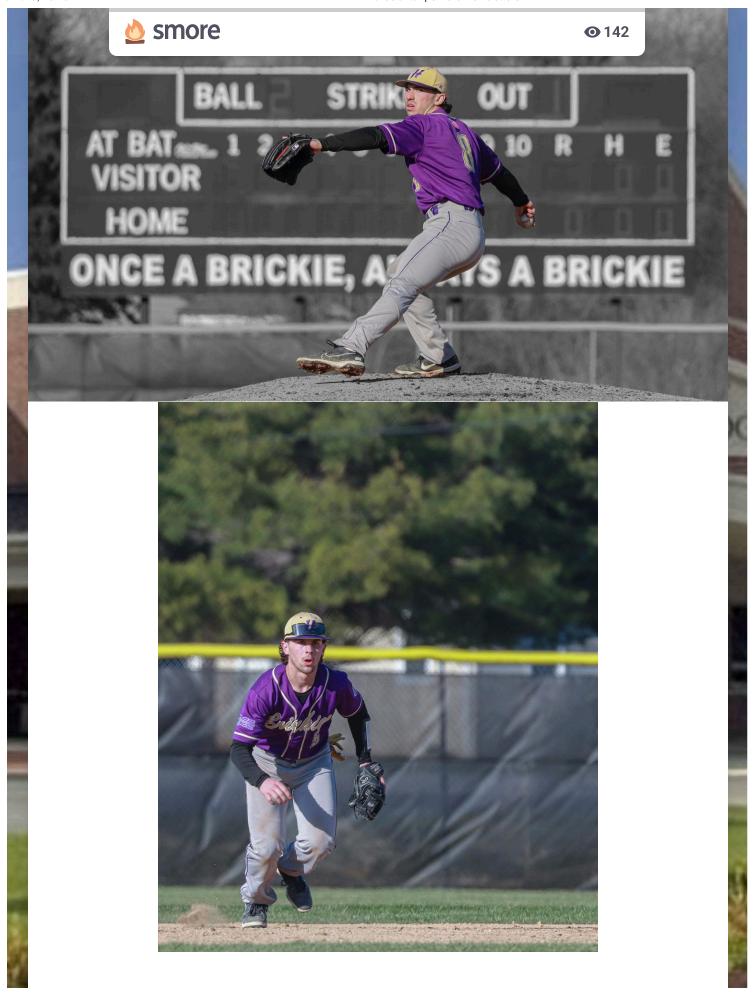


CHESTERTON **Nick Foust** BASEBALL

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finally got on the court against another school this past Thursday! On a chilly April afternoon, the Brickies squared off with the Boone Grove Wolves in the season opener for both teams ...and our girls SHINED!!

Senior **Natalie Crowley** and junior **Emily Cicillian** each CRUISED to straight set victories at #1 & #2 singles ...and junior **Leilani Venegas** won a 3rd set tiebreaker at #3 singles to give the Brickies a clean sweep in singles play!! At #1 doubles, the dynamic senior duo of **Addy Williams & Isis Fleming** picked up where they left off last spring and won 6-0, 7-5 to help Hobart earn the 4-1 VICTORY!!!

Each season is a journey and based on what we saw Thursday vs Boone, the Brickies have the pieces to make a postseason run ... now it's time to get back to WORK WORK WORK! Next up is Crown Point on Monday - GO GET 'EM GIRLS!!

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# THANK YOU Natalie Hostetler for so many AMAZING pictures of our Brickies!







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and then finished in Porter County at the Chesterton Invite.

On Tuesday, the Bricks hosted Merrillville in the season opener for our boys. The Pirates took the first two games to move in front 2-0. Hobart rallied to take an early lead in the 3rd game, but ultimately fell short and lost 3-0.

Thursday brought a short road trip over to 5959 Broadway to square off against the 59ers of Andrean. The '9ers entered the contest with a record of 7-0 and had only dropped 1 set all year. The Brickies BATTLED HARD, but unfortunately suffered a similar fate to the rest of the Andrean foes ...a 3-0 defeat.

On Saturday morning, the wheels on the bus went 'round & 'round to Chesterton for the Trojan Invite! In the first game of the tournament, Hobart played the hosts and lost 2-0. In the second game, the Bricks faced South Bend Riley. In a closely contested first set, the Wildcats won a thriller 27-25. Hobart rallied in the 2nd set and WON 25-17 to push the match to a 3rd-set TIEBREAKER!! In the deciding set, play went back-and-forth as each squad tried to gain control! Ultimately, it was OUR BRICKIES WHO GOT IT DONE AND WON 16-14!! WOW!! WHAT A MATCH!!

Hobart is currently 1-3 on the year and will be back at it 3 more times this upcoming week!! WE BELIEVE BOYS!! YOU CAN DO IT!!

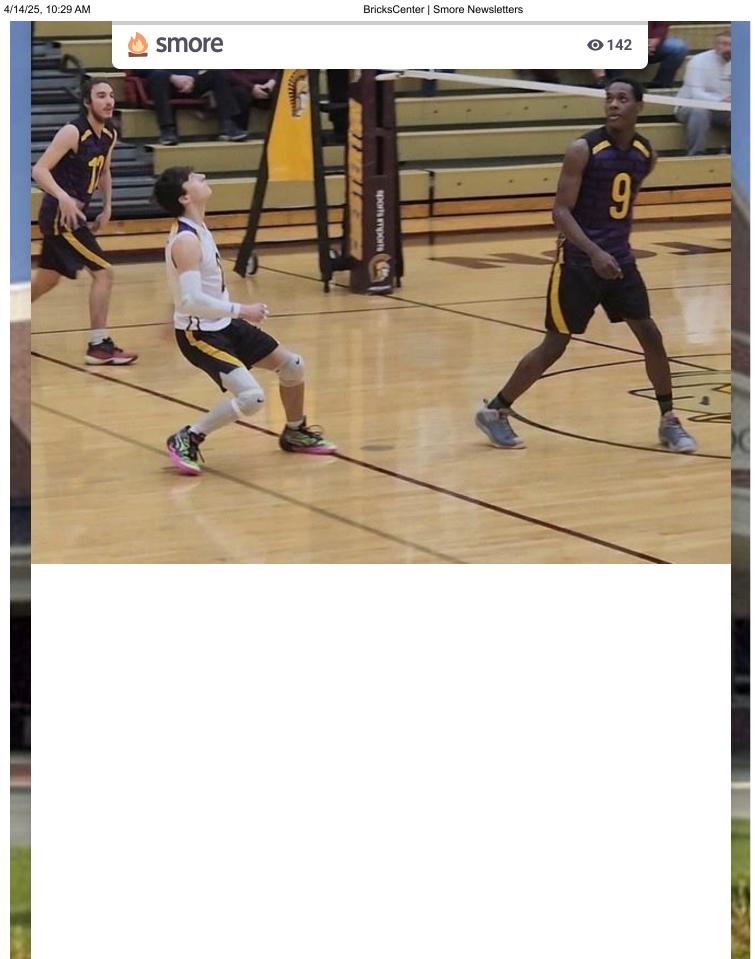
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**THANK YOU Coach Rogers for the FANTASTIC photos!** 



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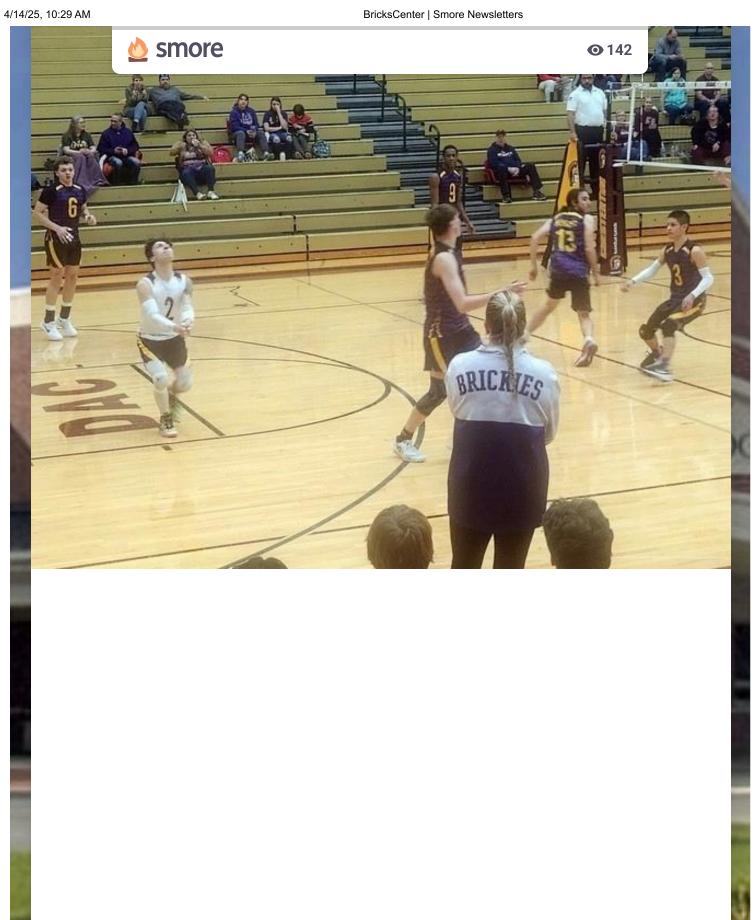






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### **NEXT LEVEL**

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!!

Monday evening, Brickie senior **Jaelen Williams** signed his letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career at Calumet College of St Joseph! **Jaelen**, a multi-sport athlete for the Brickies, will lace them up for the Crimson Wave next year in Sprint Football! Cal College is a member of the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) and competes in the MSFL (Midwest Sprint Football League).

**Jaelen** is a 2-year letterwinner in football for the Brickies and has competed in track & field during his time here at HHS!

Friday night, Brickie senior **Patrick O'Connor** signed his letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career at Olivet Nazarene University! **Patrick**, who played football and throws the disc & shot for the Brickies, will compete for the Tiger Track & Field team next year! ONU is a member of

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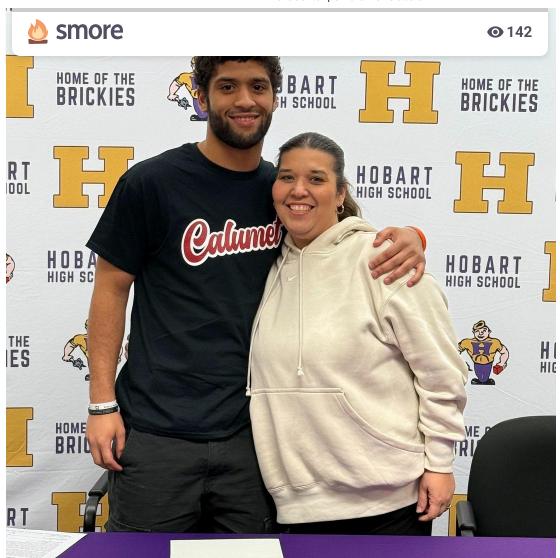
Patrick is a multi-year letterwinner for both Hobart football and track & field!

CONGRATULATIONS JAELEN & PATRICK!! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU BOTH AND EXTREMELY EXCITED TO SEE WHAT YOU DO AT THE NEXT LEVEL!!

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# **Jaelen Williams signs with Calumet College!**



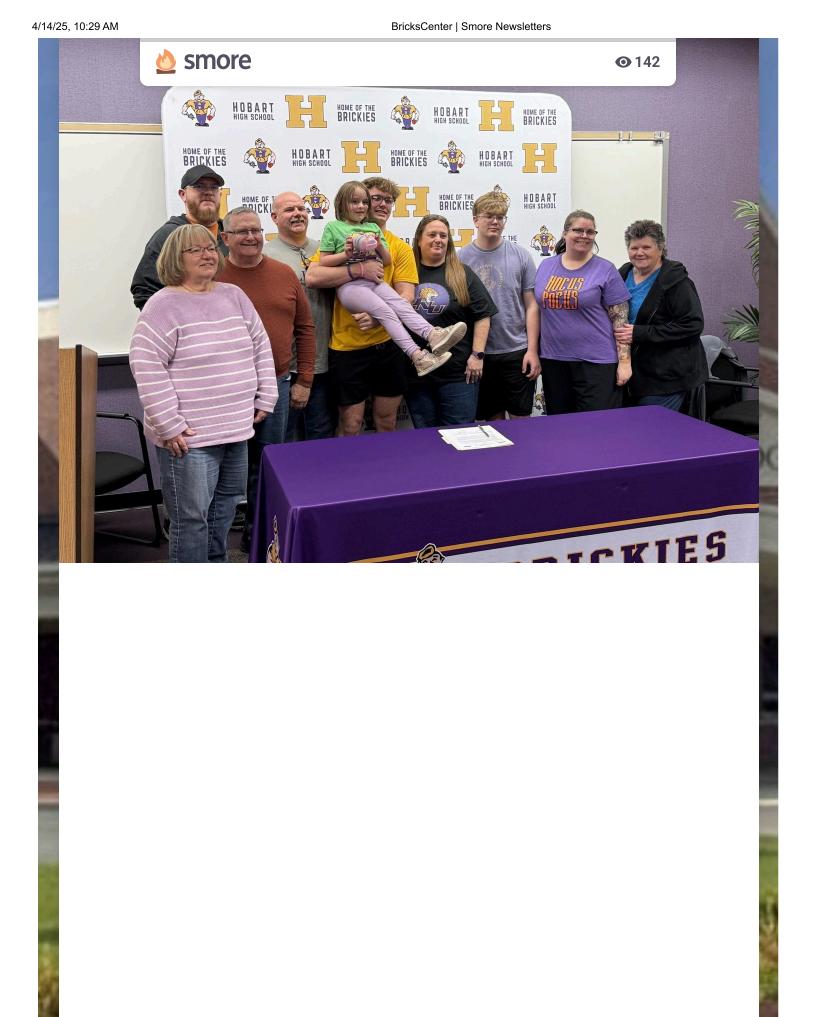






Patrick O'Connor signs with Olivet Nazarene!









### **Sports Schedule This Week**

### Monday

Baseball vs Hanover Central \*
Girls Tennis vs Crown Point
Softball @ Hebron
JV Baseball @ Hanover Central \*
JV Softball vs Merrillville

### Tuesday

Boys Golf @ Brickie Scramble Girls Track & Field vs Andrean \* Boys Track & Field vs Andrean \* Baseball @ Hanover Central \* JV Baseball vs Hanover Central \*

### Wednesday

Softball vs Highland \* (V+JV) Boys Volleyball @ Hammond Central Girls Tennis @ Lake Station



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Softball @ Andrean \*

Baseball @ Illiana Christian Girls Tennis @ Kankakee Valley \* Boys Volleyball @ Illiana Christian JV Baseball vs Morgan Township

JV Softball vs Andrean \*

### **Friday**

Boys Volleyball vs Kankakee Valley \*

### Saturday

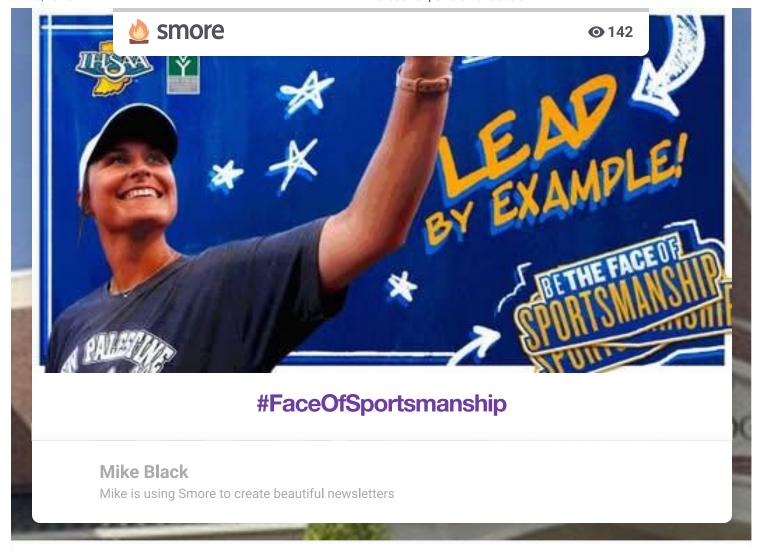
Girls Track & Field @ Hobart Little 5 Invite Boys Track & Field @ Hobart Little 5 Invite Girls Tennis @ Hobart Invite JV Baseball @ Munster \* (double-header)

\* = NCC Opponent

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