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

ROCKY is a 1976 American sports drama film starring Sylvester Stallone that tells the rags to riches American Dream story of Rocky Balboa, an Italian-American boxer who is the ultimate underdog. It reminds us that it really isn't about winning ... it's more about going the distance and putting up a fierce fight against all odds. Of course, in **ROCKY II**, his perseverance pays off and he **WINS** the **TITLE!** (I hope I didn't give too much away there). Still, *giving the total effort ... getting back up every time you*

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This past week showed our spring athletes GIVE THE TOTAL EFFORT ... GET BACK UP ... DO THEIR BEST ... and find VICTORY in all sorts of ways! BRICKIE PRIDE was in abundant supply and in the end, all of our kids deserved to hold the CHAMPIONSHIP BELT above their heads!!

YO ADRIAN ... it's time for *BricksCenter!*



Baseball

After a HOT start to the season, the Brickies were knocked down a bit last week with 3 straight losses against some of the area's best teams. Since our theme this week revolves around **ROCKY** ... any guesses to what you think our boys did this week after getting knocked down? *THEY GOT BACK UP!!* Not only did Hobart collectively get back up, but they **WON 4 IN A ROW** including wins at the RailCats stadium over Highland and at home over 2018 class 2A state champion Boone Grove and Duneland Conference team Chesterton!! *YO ADRIAN ... THEY DID IT!!*

On Monday night, it was SHOWTIME in Gary as Hobart participated in the 18th Annual RailCats High School Challenge! After a slight delay due to the 1st game of the night taking a little longer than expected, the game was on against NCC rival Highland! The Brickies scored 1 run in the 1st after senior **Ryan Ellis** drew a walk ... freshman **Jevan Andrews** doubled and senior **Jaden Deel** singled to score **Ellis**! In the top of the 4th, junior **Marc Enslen** stole 2nd & 3rd and SCORED on a double-steal to make it 2-0 Hobart! Highland battled back in the bottom half of the inning and scored 2 runs of their own to tie it up. In the 5th, **Deel** absolutely CRUSHED one toward South America and our boys were back on top 3-2!! With the final outcome still in doubt, sophomore **Cam Gonzalez** put the proverbial *nails in the coffin* with a bases-loaded, 2-out DOUBLE that scored 3 runs and gave the Brickies a 6-2 cushion that ended up being the final score!! **Enslen** was UNBELIEVABLE on the mound as he tossed 6 innings, struck out 11, and DID NOT SURRENDER A HIT! Junior **Ivan Balboa** came on in relief and retired the final 3 batters of the contest to help Hobart earn it's 3rd NO-HITTER of the season!! AMAZING!!!

Tuesday offered a rematch of the previous night ... only this time, the game was in Hobart ... and Michael Jackson would be proud because it was another *THRILLER*! Trailing 3-1 in the 5th, the Brickies manufactured 2 runs to tie it at 3! Two scoreless innings later, the stage was set for some more 7th-inning heroics. With the game tied at 3 in the bottom of the 7th, **Andrews** BELTED one that



in this edge-of-your-seat masterpiece!! INCREDIBLE!!

On Thursday, 2018 class 2A state champion Boone Grove was next on the list of unfortunate teams facing the Brickies this week. Hobart was AWESOME against the Wolves ... completely shutting them down with some outstanding D-D-D-DEFENSE and getting plenty of offense, scoring 9 runs in both the 1st and CRUISING to an easy 13-6 WIN!! Senior **Gavin Gallagher** picked up his 4th victory of the season on the mound as Hobart collected 10 hits and 10 walks at the plate against Boone.

FINALLY IT'S FRIDAY and the Brickies welcomed another Trojan mascot to the Friendly City ... this time from Chesterton. Similar to Thursday's game against Boone Grove, the visitors got on the board with a run in the top of the 1st inning, but the Brickie bats were ALIVE AND WELL again as our boys scored 6 in the 1st two innings and picked up 4 more in the bottom of the 6th to CLOBBER the Trojans from Chesterton 10-3! Once again showing poise at the plate, Hobart drew 11 walks and only needed 6 hits to score 10 runs and the D-D-D-DEFENSE was FANTASTIC! **Andrews** and **Balboa** each had two hits and **Balboa** went the distance for the 'W'.

Hobart is now 12-5 on the year and an even 3-3 in NCC play. The Brickies travel to face arch rival Andean on Monday and welcome the 59ers to Hobart on Tuesday - BE THERE!

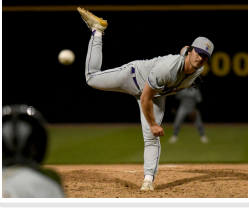
#DONTSTOPNOWBOYS

Thank you to Kyle J Photos for so many amazing shots from the home of the Railcats ... US Steel Yard!





VICTORY at US Steel Yard!



Hobart pitchers have... www.chicagotribune.com

Hobart junior right-hander Marc Enslin had struggled so far this season, failing to make it past two innings in his previous appearances. He found something Monday in a 6-2 victory against Highland.

In case you missed the Brickies play at US Steel Yard, RSN was there to capture all the action!



GAME DAY IN THE REGION: Highland vs. Hobart Baseball
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Softball

THE EYE OF THE TIGER ... Rocky used it to overcome Clubber Lang in ROCKY 3 and that's what the Lady Brickies needed this past week as they fought hard to overcome a WICKED road stretch. Playing 5 games in 6 days - ALL of them on the road. Whoa. Fortunately, it gave our girls plenty of time to build a little **T-N-T** ... **TOUGHNESS-N-TOGETHERNESS!**

Monday over at Merrillville, it was the Lady Brickies who made the Pirates *WALK THE PLANK!* Hobart put up 10 RUNS in the 1st inning ... then 5 more between the 3rd & 5th to earn the VICTORY by a *COLOSSAL* 15-4 margin! Our girls pounded out 13 hits in the contest - led by senior **Alyssa Peterson** (3-for-3 with a run and 4 RBI) and classmate **Hannah Camarena** (2-for-3 with 2 HOMERUNS, 2 runs scored & 3 RBI)! Junior **Sydney Belk** also notched 2 hits and sophomore **Kylee Watts** LAUNCHED ONE OVER THE FENCE in the win!! **Watts** and senior **Neely Fisk** worked 5 strong innings on the mound to keep the Lady Pirates offense out of sync all night.

On Wednesday, Hobart was scheduled to travel to KV to face the NCC-leading Lady Kougars, but a lightning alert and lots of rain caused the cancellation. This one is rescheduled for Tuesday, May 11th.

Thursday, Griffith was the destination for our *ROAD WARRIORS* and the Lady Panthers were poised to pounce. Unfortunately for them, *BRICKS DON'T FLINCH!* Similar to the Merrillville game on Monday, our girls EXPLODED for 12 runs in the top of the 1st and scored at least 1 run in EVERY INNING to



On Saturday, Hobart made it's final stop of the week over at LaPorte for the Lady Slicers tournament. In the opener, the Lady Brickies were matched up against South Bend St. Joe. St. Joe scored in the 1st to take an early lead, but our girls responded with 7 RUNS in the pivotal 4th inning ... sophomore **Alyssa Janik** and senior **Sarah Joswiak** each singled in runs before **Camarena** dialed long-distance with the bases loaded! YOU CAN PUT IT ON THE BOOOOAAAAAARD ... YEESSSSS!!! The GRAND SLAM by **Hannah** helped Hobart pull away for good and secure the hard fought 9-5 VICTORY!! **Ellenberger** pitched 7 innings and struck out 4 in the win! Unfortunately, after the dramatic win over St. Joe, the Lady Brickies would drop the final two games of the tournament ... a 4-3 nail-bitter against South Bend Adams in extra innings and a 2-0 pitcher's duel vs. Fort Wayne Carroll. Our girls placed 4th out of the 8-team field over at LaPorte.

Hobart is currently ranked #9 in the area, is 11-5 on the season, and 2-1 in the NCC. Our girls will face #1-ranked and undefeated Lake Central & #6-ranked Highland this week before returning home Thursday to battle Andrean. LET'S GO BRICKS!!

#GIRLPOWER

THANK YOU to our Softball Boosters for some GREAT pics of our girls in action!







Boys Golf

Golf is a tough sport that requires repetition, focus, and patience. Even though it didn't snow this past week, rain and wind provided an additional challenge out there. Still, our guys CONTINUED to stay the COURSE and improved yet again!

Tuesday against Portage, the Brickies were hoping to GO THE DISTANCE or score a KNOCK-OUT. The Indians had other plans and left town with a close 211-221 win. Senior **Chad Tomaga** was once again the medalist for Hobart with a team-best 51 over 9 holes. Junior **Ethan Cover**, senior **Logan Kingery**, and freshman **Parker Glass** rounded out the top 4.

On Wednesday, the Bricks were supposed to face Highland over at Wicker Park, but down came the rain and washed the match out.

Saturday, the Brickies headed South to DeMotte to play in the Kankakee Valley Invitational at Sandy Pines. Although the wind wreaked some havoc in the fairways, our boys PLAYED THROUGH and ended up placing 14th out of the 17 teams in attendance ... narrowly missing a top 10 finish by just 17 strokes (*17 might sound like a lot, but stretched out over 18 holes between multiple competitors ... and it's actually only a few strokes per golfer). **Glass** was Hobart's best on Saturday with a 107 ... **Cover & Kingery** each shot 111 ... and freshman **Tommy Snemis** was 4th for the Brickies with 113.

Hobart is close ... showing improvement a little each week. Pretty soon, they're *GONNA FLY NOW!!*

#BETHEBALL



Track & Field

The Brickies were over at Highland on Tuesday night ... which from a weather perspective was possibly the BEST (... I say the BEST) night of the spring season so far! With the sun shining, our student athletes were ready to *GO THE DISTANCE!*

For the ladies, it was business as usual! After DOMINATING Andean two weeks ago, our girls put on another show at Highland on Tuesday in SOUNDLY defeating the Lady Trojans 85-38!! The sprint crew SWEPT the top 3 places in both the 100 & 200 in the same order with senior **Anisha Lewis** placing 1st, sophomore **Asia Donald** finishing 2nd and junior **Dominique Clemons** right on their heels in 3rd! Hurdles were another area where the Lady Brickies SHINED ... sophomore **Haylie Skripac** and senior **Faith Kietzman** went 1-2 in the 100m hurdles and the combo of freshman **Cailey Weber & Skripac** followed suit in going 1-2 in the 300m race! Juniors **Shanena Knight** and **Anna Wood** placed 1st & 2nd in the shotput and discus throws and sophomore **Sarah Romeo** WON the 400m dash to help Hobart stay undefeated in NCC competition with a record of 2-0! AWESOME WORK LADIES!!

After their HUGE WIN over Andean two weeks ago, our boys unfortunately ran into a determined Highland squad on Tuesday and had to BATTLE for every point. In spite of some FANTASTIC individual performances, the Brickies couldn't get quite get over the hump and lost a close meet 71-60. Some key performances for Hobart included a SWEEP in the pole vault by brothers Riley & Cody Johnston ... a 1-2 finish in the 3200m run by juniors Joe Meagher & Jonah Wells ... and a victory in the high jump by sophomore Gavin Miller-Lane who set a new PR with his jump of 5'10"!

Here are some results from Tuesday @ Highland:

Girls
 100m Hurdles - sophomore **Haylie Skripac** - 1st, senior **Faith Kietzman** - 2nd, freshman **Cailey Weber** - 3rd
 100m Dash - senior **Anisha Lewis** - 1st, sophomore **Asia Donald** - 2nd, junior **Dominique Clemons** - 3rd
 1600m Run - freshman **Ella Hornak** - 2nd, junior **Mikayla Fuentes** - 3rd
 400m Dash - sophomore **Sarah Romeo** - 1st, freshman **Ella Freimuth** - 3rd
 300m Hurdles - **Weber** - 1st, **Skripac** - 2nd
 800m Run - **Hornak** - 2nd, sophomore **Gianna Rodriguez** - 3rd
 200m Dash - **Lewis** - 1st, **Donald** - 2nd, **Clemons** - 3rd
 3200m Run - **Fuentes** - 2nd, freshman **Addy Black** - 3rd
 1600m Relay - **Lewis, Clemons, Romeo, and Weber** - 1st
 Long Jump - **Donald** - 2nd
 High Jump - sophomore **Daeges Morgan** - 2nd
 Shot Put - junior **Shanena Knight** - 1st, junior **Anna Wood** - 2nd
 Discus - **Knight** - 1st, **Wood** - 2nd

Boys

100m Hurdles - junior **Jaden Camacho** - 2nd
 100m Dash - sophomore **Darrion White** - 2nd
 1600m Run - freshman **Ryan Mattel** - 2nd, junior **Joe Meagher** - 3rd
 400m Dash - senior **Bruce Leipart** - 2nd, freshman **Jacob Ramirez** - 3rd

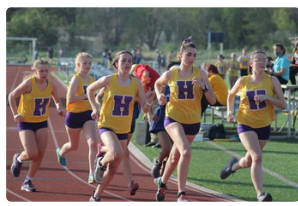
3200m Run - **Meagher** - 1st, junior **Jonah Wells** - 2nd
High Jump - **Miller-Lane** - 1st, junior **Ethan Ferba** - 3rd
Pole Vault - senior **Riley Johnston** - 1st, sophomore **Cody Johnston** - 2nd
Shot Put - sophomore **Diego Verduzco** - 2nd
Discus - **Verduzco** - 2nd, sophomore **Hunter Juris** - 3rd

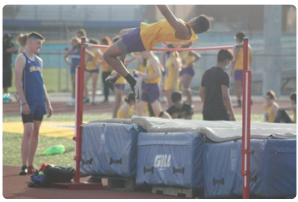
On Friday night, the Hobart boys traveled to Warsaw to compete in the prestigious Max Truex Invitational against some of the best competition in Northern Indiana. The Brickies finished 9th in the field and had some OUTSTANDING individual performances! The freshman tandem of **Ramirez & Mattel** both broke the 5-minute barrier in the mile to earn 6th place ... **Meagher** raced to a PR in the 2-mile with a time of 10:36 and partnered with classmate **Jonah Wells** for 7th place ... and **Cody Johnston** cleared 14'6" to WIN the pole vault!!

With the NCC Championship a little over a week away, the Lady Brickies are undefeated at 2-0 and the boys are an even 1-1 in conference action. HUGE meets against KV, Lowell & Munster this week will determine the final standings going into the championship meet. WE ... WE BELIEVE ... WE BELIEVE THAT ... you know the rest!!

#WERUNTHISTOWN

THANK YOU to Coach K for all the awesome pics!







Girls Tennis

Three scheduled matches and a tournament in one week. Don't you *LOVE* it when tennis is in full *SWING*? :)

Tuesday, the Lady Brickies were on the road in NCC action against the Highland Lady Trojans. Our girls have been playing better and better this spring, but were still looking for a *signature* win. Well ... they had the **EYE OF THE TIGER** against Highland and defeated the NCC foe by the final score of 3-2! Hobart secured wins at #2 singles (junior **Emma Novak**) and BOTH #1 (seniors **Lauren Cicillian & Katrina Hansen**) & #2 doubles (seniors **Emma Lewis & Hayley Borman**) in STRAIGHT SETS!!

On Wednesday, our girls were set to square off against East Chicago Central, but wet courts and a lightning alert caused the cancellation. This one has yet to be rescheduled.

Thursday, Hobart traveled to Munster to take on the 2019 defending NCC Champions and one of the area's best teams. In a tough contest, the Lady Brickies FOUGHT HARD and had the Lady Mustangs ON THE ROPES! Unfortunately, Munster had just enough firepower and Hobart lost a tough one 1-4. Despite the result, the Lady Brickies got a chance to see how they measured up to one of the very best Da Region has to offer. As much as no one likes to lose, it was probably a good test with IHSAA Sectional play beginning in 3 weeks.

On Saturday, the Lady Brickies traveled to New Prairie High School for an all-day tournament. I know ... I know, it was just a tad windy out there ... but our girls SHINED!!! As a team, Hobart was RUNNER-UP to South Bend Adams in the 8-team field and EVERY varsity player finished in the top 4!

Senior **Addison Kasch** - 3rd place @ #1 singles

Junior **Emma Novak** - 2nd place @ #2 singles

Junior **Aoife Combs** - 4th place @ #3 singles

Seniors **Lauren Cicillian & Katrina Hansen** - 2nd place @ #1 doubles

Seniors **Emma Lewis & Hayley Borman** - CHAMPIONS @ #2 doubles

WHAT A PERFORMANCE against some TOUGH competition and in some less-than-ideal conditions!!

#ACES

CHAMPIONS @ New Prairie on Saturday!





Unified Track & Field

The story of Rocky Balboa is one of the greatest ever told in sports movie magic. It'll make you "happy cry" and cheer at the top of your lungs over and over again. The same holds true for the Brickies' Unified Track team ... one of the greatest stories of overcoming adversity and finding JOY in opportunity, competition and teamwork! This week, our kids *GAVE THEIR TOTAL EFFORT* and performed BRILLIANTLY!!

On Thursday, the Brickies were at Kankakee Valley for a dual meet against the Kougars. No scores were kept, but EVERYONE got in on the action and showed BRICKIE PRIDE as they competed with everything they had!

Here are a few highlights from Thursday's meet @ KV:

100m Dash - Freshman **Mason Jackson** - 1st in Heat 1, freshman **Jack Guzman** - 2nd in Heat 1, senior **Jacob Yardley** - 4th in Heat 1, senior **Dominic Stengel** - 2nd in Heat 2, sophomore **Sarah Kessler** - 3rd in Heat 2, senior **Trevor Drapac** - 2nd in Heat 3, freshman **Andrew Renn** - 3rd in Heat 3, junior **Sydney Mock** - 4th in Heat 3

400m Dash - junior **Jacob Irizarry** - 1st in Heat 1, **Yardley** - 1st in Heat 2

Mixed Shot Put - senior **Serenity Smith** - 5th in Flight 2, **Kessler** - 6th in Flight 2, senior **Jazzy Damron** - 7th in Flight 2

Friday, Hobart visited neighborhood rival River Forest for some friendly competition! No scores were recorded, but the meet was a TON of FUN for our athletes, partners and coaches!!

The Brickies have 1 more regular season meet ... Thursday @ Valpo ... before IHSAA Sectional competition begins. LET'S GOOOOOOO!!!!!!

#WEAREHOBART

THANK YOU to Kriste Bell for sharing such FANTASTIC photos!





Sports Schedule This Week

Monday

Softball @ Lake Central (V & JV)

Baseball @ Andean *

JV Baseball vs. Andean *

Girls Tennis vs. Whiting

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Andean *

Girls Track & Field @ Lowell/KV *
Boys Track & Field @ Lowell/KV *
Softball @ Highland (V & JV) *

Wednesday

No Events Scheduled

Thursday

Girls Tennis vs. Andean (SENIOR NIGHT) *
Unified Track & Field @ Valparaiso
Softball vs. Andean *
JV Softball @ Andean *
Girls Track & Field vs. Munster *
Boys Track & Field vs. Munster *

Friday

Softball vs. Hanover Central
Boys Golf @ Griffith


Saturday

Baseball vs. Hanover Central
JV Baseball vs. Morgan Twp

* = NCC opponent

What do you do when the finish line is in sight? You push yourself ... work harder ... go faster ... give it all you've got ... and never give up. Let's never give up on following virus protocols and protecting our spring sports season too.



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