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HOMECOMING 2021 is officially in the books! What an AMAZING WEEK in The Friendly City ... THANK YOU to all those who played a role in making it memorable!!

The month of October is HERE! The IHSAA Tournament Series is either getting underway or rapidly approaching and our Brickie fall sports are **seeing the sunrise on a new day!** Ask anyone ... the post-season presents a NEW OPPORTUNITY for each school to do something special and is ALWAYS an exciting time to be a fan!! Let's get out there and CHEER for the Brickies to get a taste of THE DANCE that our coaches & student athletes have worked so hard to prepare for. This is without a doubt one of the best ... I SAY THE BEST ... times of the year!!

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## Sunrise @ The Brickyard



## Soccer

### Girls

In the final week of the regular season, the Lady Brickies had three more games to fine tune their product before the IHSAA Sectional begins.

On Tuesday, Hobart played the role of ROAD WARRIORS as our girls headed to Highland for an NCC match-up. In a VERY COMPETITIVE contest, the Lady Trojans were able to put 2 shots in the net during the 1st 40 minutes of play and added a 3rd in the 2nd stanza to send the Lady Bricks home with a 0-3 loss.

Thursday, our girls were once again on the road ... this time at Merrillville ... and like they've done all season long, the Lady Brickies showed their RESILIENCY!! First half action was back-and-forth, but Hobart was able to get on the board and take a slim 1-0 lead into the halftime break. Coming out of the break, our girls TORCHED the Lady Pirates for 5 MORE GOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAALLLS and coasted to an easy 6-0 VICTORY!! Senior **Dulce Rabadan** recorded 4 saves protecting the goal and Hobart got scores from 5 different players – 1 each from junior **Rylee Cotton**, freshman **Natalie Hostetler**, senior **Emma Hendricks**, & junior **Jayla Lacny** ... and 2 from freshman **Piper Ellenberger** who ran the field like a point guard and also dished out 3 assists!! WHAT A PERFORMANCE!!!

On Saturday, our girls played their final home game of the season ... a morning contest against the Portage Lady Indians. In a physical 1st half of competition, Hobart played the more experienced Indians to a standstill and the scoreboard showed a 0-0 tie at the break!! Despite a GREAT EFFORT from our girls, Portage eventually gained control and earned a hard fought win by a final score of 0-5.

## Boys

To bring the regular season to a close, the Brickie *futbol* team made final preparations for next week's IHSAA Sectional by playing 3 final contests ... including one for the history books!

Tuesday, neighborhood rival River Forest visited H-town and our boys made quick work of the Ingots. Sophomore **Luke Weinman** scored Hobart's first GOOOOOOOOOOAAAAALLL roughly 1 minute into the game and the Brickies cruised to a convincing 5-0 victory! Junior **Logan Perschau** had two GOOOOOOOOOOAAAAALLS (assisted by senior **Ian Freimuth** & sophomore **Jack Harris**) and senior **Angel Cuevas** (assisted by **Harris**) & sophomore **Thomas Martin** (assisted by **Weinman**) also scored as the Brickies earned their 10th win of the season!

On Wednesday, Hobart hosted NCC rival Highland in the final conference game of the season. The Brickies entered the contest at 4-0 in NCC play, which meant that a "W" would give our boys their 1st conference title since 2001 ... that's right ... 20 YEARS!! Back in '01, Hobart was a member of the Duneland Athletic Conference ... which also meant that this would be the 1st EVER Northwest Crossroads Conference title. Ok ... ok ... enough build up ... on to the game!! This one was a D-D-D-DEFENSIVE BATTLE as each team was LOCKED IN protecting the goal. In fact, they defenses were SO GOOD that after 80 minutes of play, the score was still knotted 0-0. You know what that means? WE GOT THE BONUS PLAN -- OVERTIME!! In the 1st 7-minute overtime session, sophomore **Jack Harris** took a pass from senior teammate **Ivan Garcia** and sent it into the back of the net for a GOOOOOOOOOOAAAAALL with just over a minute remaining to send the home crowd into HYSTERIA!!!!!!!!!! Clinging to a 1-0 lead, Hobart had to hold off the Trojans for 7 more minutes to secure the victory and NCC crown. The next 7 minutes were CRAZY INTENSE but our boys showed OUTSTANDING POISE, kept the ball moving away from the Highland offense, and when the clock struck ZERO - THE BRICKIES WERE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS!!!!!! A large student section showed up in FORCE to support the Brickies and they STORMED THE FIELD after the exciting conclusion and CELEBRATED a CHAMPIONSHIP!! WHAT A GAME!!! WHAT A NIGHT TO BE A BRICKIE!!!

3 days after earning their 1st conference title in two decades, Hobart still had one more regular season contest before sectional play ... a Saturday road trip to Merrillville. The Pirates jumped out to an early 3-0 1st half lead and never looked back. No doubt this Band of Brickies was still emotionally drained from Wednesday night's excitement ... unfortunately our boys never could quite get much going and lost a tough one 4-0.

Hobart finished the regular season with an IMPRESSIVE 11-2-3 record ... 5-0 in NCC play and CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS! The Brickies will open IHSAA Sectional play over at Chesterton TOMORROW NIGHT against those same Pirates that served up defeat yesterday. I encourage you to go if you can ... this one should be fun. Game time is scheduled for 6pm. GO BRICKIES!!!!

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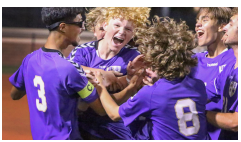








Check out what the NWI Times had to say about the 2021 NCC Boys Soccer CHAMPIONS!!



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Boys Tennis

For the 2nd consecutive year, the Hobart Sectional played host to just 4 teams ... Andean, Lake Station, Merrillville and our Brickies. The draw pitted the Eagles against the Pirates and the 59ers against Hobart on Wednesday night. This would be the 2nd time Hobart faced the '9ers this season ... the 1st resulting in a tough loss by a 2-3 score. Could our boys flip the script in round 2?

The Brickies CAME TO PLAY on Wednesday and pushed Andean to the edge of elimination! The #2 doubles team composed of sophomore **Kaden Miller-Lane** and freshman **Evan Fuller** WON in straight sets to give Hobart 1 of the 3 victories needed to advance! At #1 doubles, sophomores **Gavin Pettit** & **Connor Niemann** secured a win in the 1st set and all 3 singles competitors ... senior **Ethan Cover** @ #1, junior **Cameron Gonzalez** @ #2 and sophomore **Jacob Lewis** @ #3 ... were all COMPETING!! Things definitely seemed to be looking good for our boys!! Unfortunately, it was Andean who flipped the script back as the matches progressed and the 59ers ultimately won all 4 other contests to defeat the Bricks 1-4.

The 59ers went on to defeat Merrillville in come-from-behind fashion to win the title on Thursday in a match that was halted twice for medical issues due to cramping and featured 2 3rd-set tie-breakers.

For Hobart, it was a tough end to a long season, but what an effort our boys put forth! Senior Ethan Cover was absolutely FANTASTIC leading this crew of newbies and with ALL but 1 starter returning next fall, the future looks VERY BRIGHT for Coach Walsh! THANK YOU for representing the purple & gold with PRIDE boys! We are PROUD OF YOU!!

#ACES









## Cross Country

On Saturday, our girls & boys harriers competed in the Northwest Crossroads Conference CHAMPIONSHIP meet hosted by Lowell High School. Aside from a little pre-race downpour, it was a near perfect morning for racing!!

### Girls

In cross country, the days of weeknight dual meets with conference opponents are long gone ... teams mostly race in large invitationals on the weekends and train throughout the week. This means that the NCC CHAMPIONSHIP race is for ALL THE MARBLES! One day ... one race to crown a CHAMPION. Despite missing two of their normal top 5 runners, the Lady Brickies were fully aware of the stakes on Saturday and they ran their hearts out! SUPER sophomore **Ella Hornak** earned 1st team ALL-NCC honors for the 2nd straight year after placing 6th overall!! Senior **Mikayla Fuentes** was next to the cross the line in 20th, which was good enough to garner honorable mention status!! This was also **Mikayla's** 2nd time on the ALL-NCC squad!! Junior **Gianna Rodriguez**, sophomore **Addy Black** & junior **Haylie Skripac** rounded out the top 5 scoring spots for Hobart. Overall, the Lady Brickies finished 5th. 2020 IHSA State Individual Champion Karina James from Lowell was the overall NCC Champion and Highland, who put 5 runners in the top 12, won their 1st team title in 22 years.

the top 10 by sophomore teammate **Owen Stankich** - BOTH earning 1st Team ALL-NCC honors!! Hobart's next 3 finishers were all between 21st & 25th place ... sophomore **Ryan Mattel** (21st), freshman **Kolin Gladney** (23rd) and **Vinny Gutierrez** (25th)! Hobart's #6 on the day was sophomore **Thomas Martin**, who hustled back to Merrillville to play in the varsity soccer game, and senior **Jonah Wells** completed the varsity line-up for the Brickies. Still racing with #1 runner senior **Joe Meagher** due to injury, Hobart raced EXTREMELY WELL and placed 3rd as a team!!

For those of you counting at home ... the top 6 finishers for our boy harriers were 4 sophomores and 2 freshman ... and they got 3rd against a bunch of juniors & seniors from other schools!! INCREDIBLE!!

Both the boys & girls will begin the post-season next Saturday @ Hebron High School with the IHSAA Sectional. Brickies seem to run their BEST when their BEST is needed ... which means next weekend will be EXCITING! **Coach A** recently predicted that Hobart would be celebrating an **OCTOBERFAST** with these student athletes and the results are proving him right!! LET'S GOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

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Friday night was HOMECOMING for the Brickies! The tradition of Homecoming in H-town welcomes back former students, brings out community members, and celebrates BRICKIE PRIDE with some Friday night lights & a crowning of royalty!

Kankakee Valley was the opponent on Friday and it was clear that the upstart Kougars were looking to spoil the Hobart HOCO party. A fumble on Hobart's 1st possession resulted in an early KV touchdown and 7-0 lead. The Brickies responded quickly when junior tailback **Trey Gibson** broke free around the outside and **SPRINTED** 65 yards for a **TOUCHDOWN!!!** Senior **Miki Djankovich** nailed the point after and it was 7-7 barely 2 minutes into the contest. Each team added another TD before the 1st quarter expired ... Hobart's was a 30-yard strike from freshman QB **Noah Ehrlich** to senior receiver **Luke Abbott** ... and after 12 minutes of play, the score was tied at 14.

**Gibson** plowed into the endzone two more times in the 2nd quarter ... the 2nd one set up by senior **Marc Enslin**'s **FUMMMMBBBLEE** recovery ... and the Brickies jogged into the halftime locker room leading 28-17.

KV refused to go away -- still looking to play the spoiler role -- and cut the Hobart lead to just 4 points (28-24) with a touchdown early in the 3rd quarter. Just when it seemed the Kougars might have some momentum, our boys quickly closed the door with a flurry of **BIG PLAYS** to wrap up the **VICTORY!!** First it was **Gibson** scoring his 4th TD of the night ... this time from 11 yards out. Next, **Ehrlich** **AGAIN** found **Abbott** for another score. Junior **Gavin Miller-Lane** recovered another KV **FUMMMMBBLLLEE**. **Gibson** scored from 52 yards after some displaying some moves that would make ESPN's Chris Berman say "WHOOOP" ... and finally **Enslin** ran it in from 31 yards out!! After KV cut the lead to 4, our boys rattled off 28 unanswered points to **DELIVER** an impressive 56-24 Homecoming **WIN!!!**

The Brickies are currently 4-3 overall and 2-1 in NCC play! Hobart will travel to Highland this week to face the Trojans and then return back to Don Howell Field @ The Brickyard to celebrate **SENIOR NIGHT** against Munster on October 15th. **FINISH STRONG BOYS ... WE ARE HOBART!!**

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## Volleyball

The "home stretch" has been reached for the Lady Brickies ... only 1 more full week remains before the IHSAA Tournament Series begins. This past week, our girls were in action three times as they continue to WORK WORK WORK at peaking their play at just the right time!

On Monday night, Hobart played the role of hostess for Chesterton in a non-conference match-up. The Lady Brickies were competitive in each game, but the visitors from Porter County stayed a step ahead and left town with a 3-0 (15-25, 16-25, 15-25) victory.

Tuesday, the Lady Brickies were on the road @ former NCC foe Griffith to face the Lady Panthers on their senior night. Griffith came out FIRED UP and cruised to a 25-11 win in the first game. Hobart BATTLED BACK in the 2nd & 3rd games, but unfortunately couldn't quite get over the hump in losing both of them by a 25-21 score. After defeating Griffith a year ago to celebrate our own senior night, the Lady Panthers returned the favor.

On Thursday, Hobart traveled to Lowell for DIG PINK night! Back on September 7th, the Red Devils handed the Lady Brickies a 3-0 loss at home and our girls were looking for some payback this time around. After Lowell won the 1st two games, Hobart RALLIED to earn a hard fought VICTORY in the 3rd game and keep the match going!! Our girls continued to play well in the 4th game, but ultimately Lowell had too much firepower and secured the 3-1 win.

Hobart is 7-17 on the year and still has 4 games remaining in the regular season ... @ KV on Monday, vs. Munster on Tuesday ... a rescheduled contest against Bowman Academy on Wednesday when we will CELEBRATE SENIOR NIGHT ... and vs. Andean on Thursday. The Lady Brickies will host the IHSAA Sectional for the 2nd time in 4 years starting on Tuesday, October 12th. GOOD LUCK LADIES!!

*#BRICKIEPRIDE*



## Shout Outs

Special recognition is DESERVED for two groups at HHS that help play an integral role in our events ...  
**The Pride of Hobart Marching Band and our JROTC Raiders!**

CONGRATULATIONS to The Pride of Hobart Marching Band for their GOLD RATING at yesterday's ISSMA @ Crown Point!! This was the 2nd consecutive GOLD RATING for the Brickies!!

CONGRATULATIONS to our JROTC Raiders team for their 2nd place finish at yesterday's competition!! The Brickie Raiders traveled to Marion High School and performed WONDERFULLY against the defending National Champion Giants!

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## That's a Wrap

Homecoming 2021 has come and gone, but it was AWESOME!! THANK YOU to Mrs. Franco, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Cook, Mr. Horjus & Mrs. Basiaga ... along with EVERYONE else who played a role! Powder Puff, Staff vs. Students Basketball, Penny Wars & a RAGING Pep Rally ... not to mention an AMAZING parade through town and an EXCITING varsity football game on Friday night ... all added up to a memorable week!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2022 for their narrow (1-point) VICTORY to earn the Spirit Brick and to all of our Homecoming Royalty who were recognized at the game!!

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## Sports Schedule This Week

### Monday

Boys Soccer vs. Merrillville @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (Chesterton High School) 6pm  
Volleyball @ Kankakee Valley \*

### Tuesday

Girls Soccer vs. Portage @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (Thomas Jefferson Middle School) 5pm  
Volleyball vs. Munster \*



Volleyball vs. Bowman Academy + SENIOR NIGHT

**Thursday**

Girls Soccer @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (\*If win on Tuesday)

Volleyball vs. Andean \*

9th Football @ Highland \*

**Friday**

Football @ Highland \*

**Saturday**

Girls Cross Country @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (Hosted by Hebron High School)

Boys Cross Country @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (Hosted by Hebron High School)

Girls Soccer @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (\*If advance Thursday)

Boys Soccer @ IHSAA SECTIONAL (\*If advance Wednesday)

JV Football vs. Highland \*

\* = NCC Opponent



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