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Winter Sports Wrap Up

Girls Hockey

Boys Hockey

Wrestling



Photo Courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Corinne Woods '11

Livvy Konaxis '13
Staff Writer

The Beverly Co-op Girls Hockey Team ended their season with a winning record of 13-7-0.

The Lady Panthers qualified for the state tournament for the third year in a row. In the first round they played a nail-biter against Shrewsbury, but lost 4-3 in a sudden death shootout in overtime.

Captains Liz Doherty '11, Clare Leathersich '11, and Shannon McDonald '11, Livvy Konaxis '13, and Nicole Woods '14 had a tremendous year filling first, second, and third place for points. Also at the defensive end, captain Liz Doherty '11 and young Caitlin McBride '15 played very well together and controlled the play. Goalie Jenna LoVasco had a great year, ending with a GAA of 1.68 and qualified as a NEC All-Star.

The Girls Hockey Team named six All-Stars: Clare Leathersich '11, Liz Doherty '11, Nicole Woods '14, Jenna LoVasco '12, Caitlin McBride '14, and Livvy Konaxis '13 who also was acknowledged as All-Conference.

Girls Track

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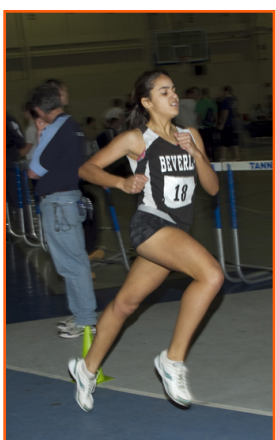


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Wendy Marciano '12

Although the Girls Indoor Track 4-year record was broken this season, the team still ended up with an impressive 6-1. Their only loss was to Peabody; the team earned many victories against strong teams, such as Swampscott, Marblehead, and Danvers.

Captains Hayley Carlotto and Taylor Manzi helped lead the team to these victories by winning first and second place in the hurdles. Freshman Nicole Demarrs was undefeated in the two mile and broke the freshman record. Jessie Gomes, Allison Collins, and Liane Patrazza also won numerous first places in their events.

Junior Wendi Marciano had many impressive performances in the 600m, qualifying her for nationals. She also was seeded first in the NEC and was 25th in the state, placing 4th at the Division 2 State Meet. In addition to running the 600m, Wendi was also a key member of the relay team. Other relay runners included Jessie Gomes, Taylor Manzi, and Allison Collins.

After such a successful season, next year's team will have a lot to live up to.

Hockey Cheering



Photo Courtesy Gainsboro Studios
KC Kelleher & Lucie Stanton '11

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The Hockey Cheerleaders were there throughout the season to cheer on their mighty Panthers. The cheerleaders placed fourth in the NEC and had a good year.

Emily Schultz '11
Staff Writer

The Boys Hockey Team had a great year, finishing the season with a 16-6-1 record. They were lead by senior captains Mitch Hamor, Tony Walsh, and Andy Brown.

The core of the Panthers' success was led by several underclassmen, including sophomore Andrew Irving and his younger cousin, freshman Connor Irving. The young Panther team played an incredible eight freshman throughout the season.

The Panthers were the first team on the North Shore to qualify for the playoffs, drawing the seven seed in the state tournament. They faced a strong team in Concord-Carlisle, the Panthers won the game 3-1 and moved on to play Winthrop, the second seed, whom they hadn't beaten all season.

The Stoneham Arena was filled with a sea of orange and black that cheered on the Panthers as they went goal-for-goal with the Vikings, but came out on top in the third period with a goal by sophomore Andrew Irving. Senior goalie Tony Walsh's performance was nothing less than extraordinary that night, helping the team stay on top for a close 5-4 win.

Unfortunately, the glory days for the Panthers came to an end against Tewksbury at the Chelmsford Ice Rink. In spite of lot of great playing by both the offensive and defensive positions, the Panthers lost 6-1; their unconditional effort was outstanding.



Photo Courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Mitch Hamor '11

Gymnastics

Courtney Hannable '12
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The Girls Gymnastics Team came a long way since last season, where they had finished the season with a 5-4 record. This season, the girls had other plans in mind. The team went undefeated throughout the regular season, earning the NEC/CAL title.



Photo Courtesy of Mark Layman
Undefeated Gymnastics Team

At Sectionals, the Panthers were seeded fourth out of twelve teams and needed to finish within the top four teams in order to qualify for states. Beverly was able to finish just behind Chelmsford at Sectionals, qualifying them for the State Finals for the first time in nine years.

The State Championships were held the following weekend at Shrewsbury High School, where the Panthers finished eighth.

There were five girls that qualified for State Individuals. Senior Megan Harty, juniors Courtney Hannable and Liz Layman all competed on individual events, while junior Taylor Metta and sophomore Adrianna Beatrice competed in the all-around competition.

Co-captains Cassie Clancy and Megan Harty provided leadership throughout the season.

Boys Track

George Louis '11
Staff Writer

The Boys Indoor Track Team had a rebuilding year. They had incredible athletes such as seniors Scott O'Neil, George Louis, and Dan Parsons.

The veterans, combined with new talent, Harry Brown, Andrew Poveromo, Owen Goetemann, and Kenny Pierce, provided a core group of athletes.

Even with the talent the track team had, they finished the year with a 1-6 record. With a lone win against rival Salem, Beverly will be out for vengeance in the future.

The future seems bright for the Beverly High School Boys Indoor Track Team.



Photo Courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Captain Scott O'Neil '11

Girls Basketball

Katie Ball '12
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Jen Ashton '11

The Girl's Basketball Team ended their season with a 12-12 record. With the difficulties of not having a field house, it was unfamiliar, and it was difficult to develop any "home court momentum."

All three teams, including J.V. and Freshman, practiced together, which enabled those teams to have successful seasons.

The Lady Panthers had their biggest win against their rivals, the Danvers Falcons, with a buzzer-beater made by senior Captain Jen Ashton.

Unfortunately, the girls suffered a "slump" in the second half of the season and didn't make the post-season tournament.

Emily Schultz '11
Staff Writer

Beverly Wrestling has kept to tradition and had a very successful season, taking the NEC title for a 4th straight year. The reigning NEC Champion Panthers didn't let their guard down and pushed forward with terrific drive.

Lead by strong senior captains Brian Foley, Steve Wilbur, Joe Wioncek, and Renaldo Cuko, the team competed hard and achieved great wins throughout the season.

Senior Conor Sullivan, back from a sidelining injury last season, helped largely, while sophomore Antuan Tran was also a contributing member all season.

Juniors Kris Stefani and Noah Convicer had a fantastic year. Senior Andrew Cannata also ensured wins and helped push the team to victory.

For post season, a strong group of wrestlers placed in the top four at Sectionals. Seniors Brian Foley, Renaldo Cuko, and Andrew Cannata took second place, while captain Joe Wioncek took third, senior Conor Sullivan took fourth, and junior Noah Convicer placed fifth.

At States, Renaldo Cuko and Andrew Cannata were the only two who made it on to All-States. Both wrestlers competed well, but only Cuko continued on to the second day, losing in the semi-finals.



Photo Courtesy of Gainsboro Studios
Renaldo Cuko '11

Swimming & Diving

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Staff Writer

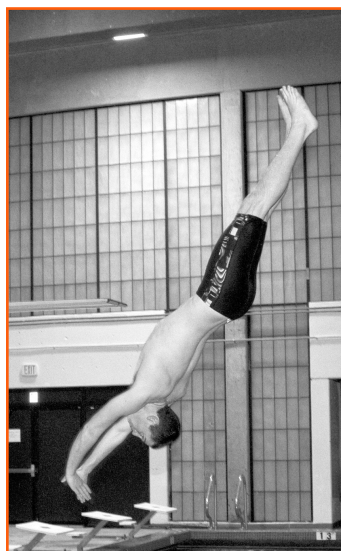


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Brad Surette '11

Beverly Swimming had an impressive season this year, ending with a 7-1 record for the regular season. The team was led by four captains: Carolyn Hall, Meghan Nardella, Ashley Sinclair, and Pat Wilson, all of whom showed great leadership in and out of the pool.

Although rival Marblehead was NEC Champs, the Panthers as a whole came out on top at the Conference Meet, winning the title of NEC Meet Champions.

Numerous swimmers moved past the conference with qualifying times, including freshmen Kristen O'Connor, Keely Higgins, Emily Walsh, and Jackie Peterson and upperclassmen Riley LeBlanc, India Boland, Kaitlyn O'Connor, and Captain Carolyn Hall, who moved on to sectionals and states.

The co-ed sport provided much competition for swimmers at all levels.

Beverly soundly defeated most of their opponents with outstanding effort from every swimmer. The meet against Marblehead, the most important meet of the season, did not end in favor of the Panthers, but many swam great personal times.

At the end of the season, Beverly had broken numerous high school and conference records. India Boland had an outstanding season and was voted NEC MVP, as well as our own Beverly MVP.

Boys Basketball

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This year the 9-11 Beverly Panthers fell just short of making it to the tournament.

Starting off with a strong 5-2 record the panthers ended the season with a 4-9 record. Being 7-10 needing a win to keep their hopes alive, Beverly had a spectacular performance making this the first time the head coach Scott Lewis beat Salem.

Unfortunately they lost in a hard fought game against Dorchester losing it in the last few minutes.

Standout players were Zach Zigelbaum making the NEC all-star team, and Aven Jones with a strong average of 10 points a game.

This young team is looking to do some damage next year with 7 juniors and 3 sophomores on this year's team.



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Ronnie Alford '11

Basketball Cheering

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The Basketball Cheerleaders finished their season last weekend at the State competition at Wachusett Regional High school.

Coming in 4th place at the NEC's, they were able to move on to Regionals and were honored to win a bid to the States competition, which was a huge improvement from last year.

They hope to come back next year better than ever.



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