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## Boys Cage Hawks

On Monday, the Waldorf Moraine Hawks flew into Braemar to take on the GUS boys' basketball team, and when the final buzzer sounded the Boars had a solid 41-21 victory over their Beverly based counterparts. The Boars were in control of this match from start to finish as their 2-3 zone defense effectively caged the Hawks preventing them from getting their offense off the ground. On offense the Boars were a bit sloppy at times but did enough good things to secure a 23-8 lead by halftime. With ten players in uniform, GUS held a pair of 8<sup>th</sup> graders out for the game for competitive reasons, Coach Emerson basically rotated through two groups of five on the court. Each group played unselfishly, willing to make the extra pass. Guards Will Brown, Max Clarke, Sammy Parisi, and Cade Furse each did well leading the offense. Carl Meyer played some guard but was also a force inside. Will Fogelgren, Henry Nelson, Carter Long, Gavin Doyle, and Marshall Aptt played mostly in the paint or on the wings and were effective with the ball. Defensively GUS was stingy. The guards made it tough for the Hawks to penetrate and the back line was tough on the glass.



*Marshall goes up for a block against Waldorf Moraine on Monday.*

Entering the second half with a substantial lead the Boars sat back in their zone content to let Waldorf settle for outside shots. Offensively, the Boars were deliberate and worked the ball around for the best shot. The result was eight different players reaching the scoring column. Meyer led GUS with 9 points and at least that many rebounds. Long had 8 points, Brown had 6, Parisi, Fogelgren, Doyle, and Furse each had 4, and Clarke added 2.

## Late Surge Helps 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Ground Hawks

With a strong second half showing, especially the final 6 minutes, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls defeated the Waldorf Moraine Hawks 27-17 in Braemar to run their record to 9-0 on the season. For the first time this season, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Boars went into the halftime break trailing. After the first 14 minutes of play, the visiting Hawks had claimed a 9-8 lead. The host Lady Boars seemed to be a bit out of sync playing without their coach Leo DesBois, who was out with an illness. During the half the GUS defense was strong as they switched between a zone and man-to-man defense. It was on offense where the girls in green had some trouble. The Hawks played a 1-2-2 zone, which caused a bit of confusion for the Young Boars. Couple that with some shooting woes and that will find you trailing at the half.

The second half began with GUS taking the court with a much more aggressive attitude on both ends. At the defensive end, the girls went man-to-man and made it very tough for the Hawks to get into their offense. With about 6 minutes to go and GUS clinging to a 2 point lead, their strong, aggressive defense changed the game. This tight defense led to several steals, which led to fast break baskets. Lila Graves spearheaded the defensive uprising and poured in 11 of her game high 15 points with several coming after making a steal. Graves scored mostly on drives to the basket and offensive put backs of offensive rebounds. Anna Leavitt played a strong second half and knocked down a pair of foul line jump shots. Catherine Carroll had a few very effective drives to the basket. Lucy Grant was a strong presence in the paint along with Ani Stephan, and Zoe Moriarty. Thea Glass, Mikaila Bennett, and Eliza Loring made their presence felt on both ends of the court with their play. The game proved to be a good test for the girls who had deal with a close game late in the second half for the first time, and they passed their exam!



*Eliza Loring played tough defense all game.*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Run Past Bulldogs

On Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys hosted the Berwick Bulldogs JV team and cruised to a 51-15 victory over an overmatched Bulldog squad. The game started slow for GUS falling behind 6-0 early on. GUS was struggling to make any shots on the offensive end and defensively was allowing their guests to control the boards. Slowly though the tide turned and the Young Boars found



*Will Fogelgren (#5) penetrates the Berwick defense on Wednesday.*

their stride on both ends of the court on their way to a 20-6 halftime lead. Carter Long had a good first half scoring 8 of his 10 points. Many came on put backs of offensive rebounds. Max Clarke played very well on both ends, and teamed well with Cade Furse as the two lead guards. Defensively they were a force on the top of the zone and offensively they did a great job running the offense.

After the break, the boys in green played very well while fatigue seemed to set in with their visitors. Will Fogelgren poured in 12 points after the break, mostly in the paint. Marshall Aptt also tossed in 6 points on a trio of short jumpers. Henry Nelson played very well especially on the defensive end where he seemed to get his hands on every pass. He also made several nice passes on offense. In the end the host Boars were just too much for the Bulldogs. GUS placed 3 players in double figures, led by Furse with 16 points. Fogelgren had 12, Long 10, and Clarke and Aptt 6 each. Nelson added a foul shot.

The whole team of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will play their final game of the season next Thursday when they host the Tower Tigers at 3:30 p.m.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Roll On

The seventh grade girls continued their winning ways on Wednesday when they traveled two states to the north to take on the Berwick Academy Bulldogs in South Berwick, Maine. In a total team effort the girls defeated the host Bulldogs 27-11. It was clear from the start, that GUS was the better team and the Boars jumped ahead 13-5 by halftime. Lila Graves led the way dropping 11 of her game high 13 points by halftime. She also had several steals and was tough on the glass. Mikaila Bennett also scored in the half. On the defensive end, Lucy Grant was tough in the paint and was supported well by Anna Leavitt, Eliza Loring, and Ani Stephan. Catherine Carroll, Zoe Moriarty, and Bennett were very tough on the Bulldogs guards, keeping them on a short leash as they came up the court.

In the second half, GUS focused on spreading the ball around and they were quite successful with seven different girls scoring in the half. On defense, they sat back in a zone and controlled the paint forcing Berwick to connect from the outside. With one game remaining on the schedule the girls will put their 10-0 record on the line when they travel to Marblehead next Thursday for a 3:30 p.m. tip-off against the Tower Tigers.



*Anna Leavitt.*

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Harness Bulldogs

On Wednesday, the eighth grade girls earned their second victory of the season with a 20-12 victory of the Berwick Academy Bulldogs. It was well worth the trip north through New Hampshire into southern Maine for the Lady Boars who combined a stingy defense with an unselfish offense to capture the victory. Coach Maureen Twombly was able to mix and match her players seamlessly on the court and it all worked well on this day. Playing in the Berwick Fieldhouse, it sports three full basketball courts, the girls played as team and the result spoke for itself. Soryn Bornhorst again led the way on offense tallying 8 points on the day and doing a nice job from her guard spot to engage her teammates. Emery Weber-Provost also had one of her better games tossing in 6 points and being a defensive presence in the paint. Sadie MacKilligan, Ryan Delay and Maia Monahan each scored two points to round out the GUS scoring.

The GUS defense was the story though, as they dominated in the paint with Weber-Provost, Monahan, MacKilligan, Morgan Brown, Anna Mayer and Sasha Milendorf really making things tough for the Bulldogs. At guard Grace Romanelli, Q Kelley, Lily Westermann, and Chloe Stevens were making things equally as difficult for the Berwick playmakers. Coach Twombly was happy for the girls who earned this win through hard work

and good teamwork. The girls will finish out their season next Thursday when they travel to Marblehead to play the Tower Tigers in a 4:30 p.m. game.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Fall At Brookwood 28-17

Yesterday the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys took to the hardwood for the first time when they went to Manchester to play Brookwood. It was a slow start for the Young Boars who found themselves down 8-0 early on. Once they got

those first game jitters out of their system they began to settle down and played pretty well. Coach Emerson had ten eager boys in uniform and rotated them in two groups throughout the game. Cairan Mohan, Walter Nelson, Luke Kotwicki, Nathaniel Flynn, and Ben O'Connor comprised one group. The other group had Freddy Kniker, Sammy Kniker, Mo Amin, Johnny Sheridan, and Ethan Watts. All of the players gave it their all and played well, showing improvement from



*Ben O'Connor took the opening jump for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys.*

start to finish in this game alone.

For many of the GUS boys, it was their first basketball game action.

After the slow start, the boys picked it up and by halftime it was 13-8 Brookwood. For GUS, O'Connor put the Boars on the board with a layup and then added a 3 pointer. Amin also drained a long 3 pointer to account for the first half scoring. In the second half Amin nailed another 3 pointer,



*Freddy Kniker brings the ball up the court.*

Nelson scored on a nice drive to the hoop, Watts hit a baseline jumper, and Sheridan scored on a perfectly executed out of bounds play. For their first game the boys played well. Freddy Kniker, Amin, Nelson, and O'Connor did a good job controlling the ball, and Flynn, Watts, Mohan, and Sammy Kniker were tough on defense. Kotwicki showed some good instincts especially on the defensive end of the court and Sheridan had a trio of blocked shots. The boys will take on this same Brookwood squad next Wednesday in Braemar. Tip off will be 4:30 p.m.

## Brookwood Runs Past 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

The sixth grade girls ran into a very talented and experienced Brookwood team yesterday in Manchester. When the final horn sounded, host Brookwood had secured a 25-11 victory, but it wasn't easy as the GUS girls put up a good fight. GUS came out a bit slow to begin the game when it came to scoring. The young girls in green were getting some good shots but just couldn't get them to fall. Meanwhile, Brookwood was able to connect early on and open up a good lead. The GUS girls were finally able to take the lid off the basket when Anna Klee sank a foul shot to break the ice. Maggie Delay then hit a layup but Brookwood had an 11-3 lead at halftime. It could have been a bit larger, but the GUS girls were playing solid defense led by Delay, Klee, Aisling Twombly, and Luka Bornhorst in the paint, and Adeline Kontos, Caitlyn Miller, Elsa Reulet, and Ava Meyer on the perimeter. Piper Shepherd, Parker Leavitt and Kryn Fortune played hard at both the top and bottom of the defensive zone.

Coach Emerson rotated through the eleven girls in basically two groups. One group consisted of Delay, Twombly, Shepherd, Fortune, Miller, and Leavitt, with the other made up of Kontos, Bornhorst, Reulet, Klee, and Meyer. In the second half the Young Boars were a little more successful offensively with Klee and Delay each hitting a bucket and Twombly putting in 4 points. The girls will host this same Brookwood team next Wednesday. Braemar tip-off will be 3:30 p.m.

## Next Week

Mon. February 18	President's Day – No School
Tues. February 19	Professional Day – No School
Wed. February 20	Girls 6 Basketball home vs. Brookwood 3:30 Boys 6 Basketball home vs. Brookwood 4:30
Thurs. February 21	Girls 7 Basketball @Tower 3:30, return to GUS 6:00 Girls 8 Basketball @Tower 4:30, return to GUS 6:00 Boys 7/8 Basketball home vs. Tower 3:30

**GSP Notes:** Thank you to former GUS coach **Kevin Carey** for coming in to run the scoreboard for Monday's basketball games. Also, thanks to **Mr. Bartsch** for keeping the scorebook... Thanks also go out to **Annie Barton** who came in last week to help out at the scorer's table. Thanks to **Maren Graves**, who is out with a broken wrist from 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball action, for keeping the scorebook whenever available.... **Shea Furse '18** had a great performance last weekend in the



*Isaiah Ruffen*

pool. The freshman at Manchester-Essex was the top local performer at the North Sectional swim meet held at MIT in Cambridge. Shea won the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.47. She also finished fifth and qualified for states in the 200 freestyle. Best of luck to Shea in the State meet this weekend... With 1.7 seconds remaining last night in front of a packed and raucous Stephen A. Rowell gymnasium at Rockport High School **Kellen Furse '16** calmly sank a pair of foul shots to ice a Manchester-Essex Hornets boy's basketball victory over the host Rockport Vikings. With the victory, the Hornets clinched the Baker Division title of the Cape Ann League. Furse is junior and team captain.... **Lexi Sutyak '13**, a sophomore runner at the University of Vermont recently ran a solid 5:16.79 mile at the Dace Hemery meet at Boston University. Former GUS coach John Barbour, who was a meet official, caught up with Lexi and reports she says hello to all of her former coaches and teachers at GUS.... **Isaiah Ruffen '10** is a senior captain for the Emmanuel College Saints Men's Basketball team. After a few down years for the Saints, Isaiah has helped lead them to the top of the Greater Northeast Athletic Conference this season. A 6'2" guard, Isaiah is scoring 10 points per game and is a leading rebounder on the team... When Berwick came to GUS for the boys basketball game on Wednesday they came with a familiar face. **Alex Levin '03** was coaching the Bulldogs on this day. Alex was a standout goalie on the 2002 undefeated GUS boy's soccer team. After GUS, Alex went to Pingree where he teamed with **Ware Cady '03 and Jesse Rose '03** to win a New England Soccer title for the Highlanders. Alex is now teaching at Berwick.



*Alex Levin.*