Preview the 2014-2015 winter sports season for our Northern Franklin County Schools.
John Gokey
The Telegram

The Franklin Academy hockey team succeeded in obtaining one of its team goals last season, hosting a Section 10 Division II playoff game. They did, and they won. But the team suffered graduation losses up front as well as on defense, leaving the Malone coaching staff of Kevin St. Hilaire, brother Craig, Matt Jones, Jay Perras and goalie coach Al Montroy to count on its returning members to provide another run to the playoffs.

Missing from the Huskies’ lineup this season is 2013-14 team MVP Tucker “Sharpie” Brown. “Johan comes to us as an exchange student,” explained St. Hilaire. “It it all movement this season. The Huskies will be led by seniors Jacob Scharf, who will move from defense to forward, and defenseman Josh Trombley, who backstopped the Chateaugay boys soccer team in goal this past fall. Eksing is the only senior on the squad, while junior forward Bailey Conklin has the percent of the league’s best in the form of sophomore goalie Joey Brown.

Brown was pressed into the starting goaltender’s role four years ago — as a seventh-grader — and has not been replaced yet. He may only be a sophomore in the classroom but has displayed the maturity of a high school senior, or beyond, while tending the crease.

“Joey Brown will be a key for us in net. When he is on his game, which is most games, there is nobody better in the league,” said St. Hilaire.

Brown will be backed up by the fourth Franklin Academy junior, Dylan Tavernia. “Dylan has been gracious enough to come and help us out as a backup goalie,” St. Hilaire said.

Until Tavernia gets enough practices in to qualify for league competition, Jake Marlow will serve as the backup keeper.

The Huskies have jumped out of the gate in the right direction, opening up the season with an impressive 3-2, nonleague win against Section 7’s Plattsburgh High School, then followed that up with a seldom-seen victory, 2-1, against the Salmon River Shamrocks — at SRC’s Tom Cavanagh Arena.

Franklin Academy defensemen Josh Trombley (22) clears the puck away before Salmon River’s Tyren Boots (11) can take a shot on the open net after goalie Joey Brown (far right) made the initial stop during the NAC opener against Salmon River on Dec. 3. Skating in on the play for the Huskies are Bailey Conklin (9) and Kyler Head (20).

Juniors

Neil Bailey, Jeb Bartenslager, Bailey Conklin, Michael Cox, Nathan Giroux, Derek Mainville, Dylan O’Connor.

Sophomores

Nick Boyea, Joey Brown, Ethan Dumas, Kyler Head, Blake Pritchard, Jordan Scharf, Zach Taylor.

Freshmen

Joseph Benware, Lane Fountain, Perry Hungerford, Evan Keegan, Matt Marlow.

Eighth-graders

Nick Reville, Jacob Reville.

Schedule

(Subject to change)

Friday, Dec. 19
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Franklin Academy (nonleague), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Massena at Franklin Academy, 6:30 p.m.

See HOCKEY 4
The Franklin Academy boys varsity basketball team was a senior-laden squad for the 2013-14 season. But the loss of six major players, five of whom were starters, leaves Franklin Academy coach Tim Lamay molding a young and talented group of Huskies into a Northern Athletic Conference Central Division contender.

Gone from the FA lineup are First Team All-Northern Alex Johnson and Second Team member Austin Lamay, along with key contributors Jordan “Noodle” Yando, Kody Mulverhill, Chris Poupore and Isai “Memo” Paredones from a squad that posted a 14-5 overall record (10-4 league).

With only four seniors on this year’s squad, three of whom – Taylor LaPage and the Revette twins, Nick and Nate – have varsity experience, one would surmise that Lamay would be in a rebuilding mode.

Not entirely true, as a pair of juniors – Camron Gallagher and Zach Raymond – were both on the squad last season. Add into the mix a group of juniors up from a successful JV team gives Lamay a surplus of quality players, both guards and forwards, to select a lineup from.

Stepping up to the varsity ranks will be guards Jayson Spaulding, Jacob Poupore and Patrick Bilow, while the addition of forwards Charles O’Connor, Jared Moody and Ben Wally along with newcomers Brad LaGrave and Scott Benware gives Lamay a deep group to select a lineup from. Many of the players have the capability of playing the blocks down low or spotting up for a jumper from the wing or nailing a 3-pointer from the outside, which will add to the Huskies’ overall versatility.

“We are young with only a few seniors on the team and have very little varsity experience returning, but we are planning on competing with the best teams in the conference,” said Lamay, who noted that the regular season begins with road games in Gouverneur and against Central Division newcomer Brushton-Moira at the North Country Tip-off Tournament in Saranac Lake.

Then things get dicey for the Huskies as they will face Massena, OFA, Potsdam and Salmon River prior to the holiday break and the Section 7/10 Challenge versus Peru (at SUNY Plattsburgh) and Beekmantown (at SUNY Potsdam). “We are home against Massena, at Ogdensburg, home for Potsdam and at Salmon River,” said the veteran coach. “It’s a tough way to start, but I think by the second half of the season, we’ll be a tough game on anyone’s schedule.”

FA will close out the first round of the NAC slate at home against Canton in early January, then begin their second-half stretch run toward the playoffs.

The Huskies have already begun their drive to an NAC Central Division title with league road wins against the Wildcats (70-44) and BMC (65-54) and will be in the heavy part of their first-round schedule by the time this special section is printed.

Franklin Academy 65, Brushton-Moira 54
Franklin Academy 70, Gouverneur 44
Franklin Academy 85, OFA 51
Franklin Academy 65, Salmon River 43
Franklin Academy 62, Canton 33

Roster (positions)
Seniors
Taylor LaPage (F), Nick Revette (F), Nate Revette (F), Scott Benware (G).
Juniors
Jayson Spaulding (G), Patrick Bilow (G), Zach Raymond (G), Brad LaGrave (F), Jacob Poupore (G), Charles O’Connor (G/F), Jared Moody (G/F), Camron Gallagher (G/F), Ben Walley (F).

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Numbers down on Huskie swim team

JOHN GOKEY
The Telegram

The number of student-athletes participating on the Franklin Academy boys swim team has dropped dramatically from a year ago.

Last year, FA coach Jennifer Kilcoyne had 13 upperclassmen, two sophomores, a pair of freshmen and five modified swimmers to form a lineup around. This year, the numbers that the coach has to figure out a lineup from is just 13, which includes the modified swimmers that have moved up to the varsity ranks as freshmen.

“We started the season with a very small team,” she said. “We have many swimmers who will be very competitive this season and we hope to bring a relay team to the state meet at the end of the season.”

And it’s not just the numbers of the FA swimming program that are done, but the number of teams that the Huskies will face is too.

Franklin Academy and Gouverneur are the only two boys swimming programs remaining in Section 10. But due to such a great distance of travel between the two Section 10 schools (at least 1¼ hour drive time - one way), the Wildcats will compete against the Section 3 Frontier League teams, such as Carthage, Lowville, Beaver River, etc., while the Huskies will vie for a top spot against Section 7 programs from Plattsburgh and Ausable Valley High Schools.

Gouverneur will open the season in Malone on Dec. 10, then the Huskies will travel to Gouverneur on Jan. 6.

As far as the state meet that Kilcoyne referred to, any FA swimmer or team must finish first at the sectional meet against PHS and AV in order to qualify for the state meet, or equal or eclipse a state-qualifying time at the sectional event. In other words, a first-place finish or a new sectional time in nearly any event during the regular season would allow one, or more, of the FA swimmers to travel to the state meet on Feb. 27-28 at Ithaca College.

The total number of swimmers may be down at Franklin Academy, but the experience level is still high as the Huskies return five key members from last year’s team who will be in their final year of competition at FA.

Back for their senior season are top point-getters Will Bronner, Joe Tracy and Ryan Tober, along with juniors Josh Bordeaux and Alex Garland. Christian Benware and Shawn Gobin will also be competing in their final winter campaigns for the green & white of Franklin Academy.

Bronner will seek a top-finishing performance in the 100 breaststroke and has already begun his charge toward a state berth with his first-place finish in that event at the preseason invitational held on Dec. 5. He will also be a key member on the 200 medley relay team with Tracy, Tober and Bordeaux, as well as on the 400 freestyle relay squad.

Tober looks to make an individual mark in the freestyle sprint races, a.k.a. the 50 and 100 free, along with the 100 backstroke and will be pushed to the limit in the backstroke by the Garland boys, Josh and Freddie.

Alex Garland appears to be the distance specialist, posting a solid time in the 500 freestyle at the 500 freestyle at the pre-season invitational, with Bronner having the capability of picking up a point or two for the Huskies in the 500.

Sophomores Josh Godbout and Hunter Reynolds can swim in multiple events, while freshmen Bradley Bruso and Matthew Thompson are set to improve upon their times and help the Huskies earn valuable points during the dual meets against Gouverneur, PHS and Ausable Valley.

Roster
Seniors
Christian Benware, Will Bronner, Shawn Gobin, Ryan Tober, Joe Tracy.
Juniors
Josh Bordeaux, Alex Garland.
Sophomores
Josh Godbout, Hunter Reynolds.
Freshmen
Bradley Bruso, Freddy Garland, Josh Garland, Matthew Thompson.

Schedule
(Subject to change)
Dec. 12
Franklin Academy 48, Ausable Valley 46
Tuesday, Dec. 16
Franklin Academy at Plattsburgh (Relay Carnival), 5 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jan. 6
Salmon River at Franklin Academy, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
St. Lawrence at Franklin Academy, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Franklin Academy at Norwood-Norfolk, 7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 19
Franklin Academy at Thousand Islands, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21
Franklin Academy at OFA, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23
Franklin Academy Tournament
Tupper Lake vs. Franklin Academy, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24
Franklin Academy Tournament
Immaculate Heart Central vs. Franklin Academy, 3 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Franklin Academy at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Thousand Islands at Franklin Academy, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Franklin Academy at St. Lawrence, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6
Potsdam at Franklin Academy, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
Franklin Academy at Northeastern Clinton (nonleague), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14
Franklin Academy at Saranac Central (nonleague), 7 p.m.

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FA girls seek Central hoop title, state bid

JOHN GOKEY
The Telegram

It’s awfully hard to improve upon a 14-0 Northern Athletic Conference Central Division record, especially when the Franklin Academy girls varsity basketball team lost the services of five veterans from that squad, four of which were starters, including co-MVPs Morgan Fountain and Rachel Lamica. The other two starters gone from the FA squad are Janelle Heden and Emily Marshall, along with Jordyn Bilot, who was a nonstarter that provided a breath of several different spots in the lineup.

Also gone from a season ago is Alissa McCauley, a forward who opted for indoor track.

Returning to the Huskies’ hardwood squad will be seniors Taylor Poirier, Meghan O’Connor, Erin McDonald, Jayme Lavoie, Lillian Gishey and Alexa Prue. Add into the mix foreign exchange student Jenna Rippens, a Dutch product, who is a senior this year at Franklin Academy, along with seniors Rinn Schanck, and the Collins twins, Abigail and Gabrielle, who move up from a successful JV program.

Also new to the varsity ranks are sophomore Danelle Sauve, a hard-nosed player who can hold her own down low or step outside for a jumper, and freshman Veronica “V” Monette, who has a shooter’s touch from beyond the arc.

“Now this year’s team will have to fill the void left by the four talented starters we lost to graduation,” said head coach Shelley Skelly, who will, once again, be assisted by Dave Farden and volunteer assistant coach Mark Flick. The coaching trio could almost take their own show on the road, as they seemingly, read another one another’s minds and make appropriate adjustments and/or substitutions without uttering a word to each other.

“Team captains Meghan O’Connor and Erin McDonald will have big rolls in motivating their teammates to work hard and gel as a team,” explained Skelly. “With the return of six player and the addition of five players from the JV team, the team is comprised of depth and speed. But with the loss of four starters, players will need to step it up by working hard in practice and looking to improve one game at a time.”

Skelly has a solid group that can mix and match several different combinations on the court at any given time, with McDonald, Poirier or one of the Collins twins running the offensive show from the point.

She has several players who can step outside for a jumper, or move into the low post area to help O’Connor and Prue out with the rebounding chores.

Gishey is expected to be one of the key contributors for the lady Huskies. She has already stepped up her play from a year ago and has been a force inside and out, which has already helped the FA girls to a fast start, with a 2-0 Central Division mark.

O’Connor has worked hard during the off season to improve her rebounding skills, her post moves and her foul shooting, which troubled her at times last season, while Lavoie has already tossed a couple of key buckets from the wing to help the FA girls start the season at 2-0.

Defensively, the lady Huskies will show several different looks to opponents. Depending upon the five on the floor, the team has played tough half-court man-to-man, used full-court pressure and has shown a zone look in both victories, giving the team versatility on both ends of the floor. The full-court pressure led to several quick, break-away layups for McDonald, Gishey, Poirier and the Collins twins.

“We have the luxury of several players who can play both inside and outside, which will make our inside game stronger,” stated Skelly. “We opened up the year with two quality scrimmages against strong teams from Section 7, and started our league season off with a pair of victories.”

The Huskies will face traditional Central Division foes in OFA, Gouverneur, Massena, Salmon River, Potsdam, Gouverneur and Canton, while Brushton-Moira has moved into the league for the winter season.

Skelly projected that “the toughest competition should come from OFA and Canton, while Potsdam will try to knock off teams as they have a couple of talented players returning.”

The FA girls are off to a good start with victories against Gouverneur and OFA. They traveled to Potsdam on Tuesday and will go to Massena for a 7:15 p.m. start today and entertain the Salmon River Shamrocks on Friday.

Roster
Seniors
Taylor Poirier, Jenna Rippens, Meghan O’Connor, Erin McDonald, Jayme Lavoie, Lillian Gishey, Alexa Prue.

Juniors
Rinn Schanck, Gabrielle Collins, Abigail Collins.

Sophomore
Danelle Sauve.

Freshman
Veronica Monette.

Franklin Academy senior Erin McDonald goes up for two points during the NAC Central Division game against Gouverneur during the league opener on Dec. 5. McDonald will be called upon to run the point for the Huskies offensively.

Schedule
(Subject to change)
Dec. 5
Franklin Academy 51, Gouverneur 28
Dec. 12
Franklin Academy 52, OFA 51

Tuesday, Dec. 16
Franklin Academy at Potsdam, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18
Franklin Academy at Massena, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
Salmon River at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 22
Ausable Valley at Franklin Academy (nonleague), 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 26
Franklin Academy vs. Northeastern Clinton at Plattsburgh High School (nonleague), 1:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 27
Franklin Academy vs. Plattsburgh at Plattsburgh High School (nonleague), 5:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Franklin Academy at Canton, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12
Brushton-Moira at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
Franklin Academy at Gouverneur, 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20
Franklin Academy at Ausable Valley (nonleague), 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23
Massena at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
Franklin Academy at OFA, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 2
Potsdam at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
Franklin Academy at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
Canton at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 12
Franklin Academy at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
JOHN GOKEY
The Telegram

Over the past several seasons, fewer than normal turnouts on the Franklin Academy varsity wrestling team has put the Huskies behind on the scoresheet even before matches had even started. This season, the 2014-15 version of the FA wrestling team has a full squad, although young and inexperienced. Couple the youth factor with a new varsity head coach and the outcome of the winter season will be a question that will not be answered until the winter campaign has been completed.

The Huskies suffered key losses – Austin Learned, at 126 pounds, and Jamiel Stapleton, at 145 – to graduation and return just three members of the squad with varsity experience to this year’s lineup. FA will be led by the team’s lone senior – Dakota Connell – and first-year varsity head coach Mike Botto, who was a prominent wrestler when he wore the green & white colors of Franklin Academy.

“After sending two qualifiers (Stapleton and Cameron Searles at 113 pounds) to the New York State Wrestling championships, a young Huskies wrestling team looks to add to last year’s accomplishments. Low numbers and a lot of injuries have hurt the Huskies in recent seasons, but the large influx of talented freshmen will provide the team with a full lineup, which is charged and ready to go,” explained Botto. “This squad has trained hard, exceeding my expectations from the start, and I look forward to a very exciting season.”

Joining Connell, the team’s captain, in providing varsity leadership for the Huskies will be Searles, a junior who advanced to the state tournament last year.

“This year’s juniors and lone senior will use their experience to make their mark in the 2014-15 season,” said Botto. “Dakota has pushed his competitors on a daily basis, getting them ready for a grueling schedule with three matches and three tournaments in three weeks."

Connell, at 145 pounds, will seek redemption for a Section 10 championship setback that saw an otherwise successful junior campaign end abruptly without a state bid, while getting the younger team members ready for their varsity careers.

“Returning to the lineup along with Dakota will be Cameron Searles, at 113 pounds. Cameron is the only returning Section 10 champion for last year’s roster,” said Botto, who added that “Zach Simmons (138) will head the sophomore contingent.”

Botto also pointed out that key newcomers to the varsity ranks will be ninth-graders Dylan Ghostlaw (126) and Tyler Tambini (132), who was undefeated on the modified team, and eighth-grader Thomas Trombley (99), who has already made a mark at the varsity level with a second-place finish at the Saranac Central Tournament on Dec. 6.

Also returning to the varsity lineup are juniors Travis Beach, Blake Davis, James Hubbard and Robert Dupra, while sophomores Hannah Garneau, Chris Recore and Kenneth Spinner look to make solid impressions.

Freshmen are the largest class among the FA lineup and include Tambini, Ghostlaw, Damion Burke, John Cayea, David Harning, Jeremiah King, Alyssa Lane, Luke Mitchell, Jon Mulverhill, Allezandar Robideau, Noah Searles, Kyle Wood and Sonny Johnson, while Trombley is the lone eighth-grader to make the transition to the varsity ranks.

The FA grapplers lost their season-opening league meet against OFA and had a solid showing for such an overall young group of wrestlers at the Saranac Tournament. Their match against Canton last week was postponed by the snow storm that dumped more than a foot of snow around the area and had the their home opener yesterday (Wednesday, Dec. 16) against Gouverneur.

Roster
Senior
Dakota Connell
Junior
Travis Beach, Blake Davis, Robert Dupra, James Hubbard, Cameron Searles.
Sophomores
Hannah Garneau, Chris Recore, Zach Simmons, Kenneth Spinner.
Freshmen

Winter Sports Preview

More numbers could mean less forfeits for Franklin Academy wrestling team

Schedule
Dec. 3
OFA 54, Franklin Academy 30

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Franklin Academy at Canton – PPD, snow.
Saturday, Dec. 12
Franklin Academy at Ausable Valley Tournament, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16
Gouverneur at Franklin Academy, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
Franklin Academy at Indian River Tournament, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20
Franklin Academy at Indian River Tournament, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Franklin Academy at Canton, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
Franklin Academy at Massena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Franklin Academy at Northern Adirondack Central Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Franklin Academy at Peru Tournament, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Franklin Academy at Peru Tournament, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 21
OFA at Franklin Academy, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
Canton at Franklin Academy, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Franklin Academy at Gouverneur, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Massena at Franklin Academy, 6 p.m.
CCS girls reload for East Division run

JOHN GOKEY
The Telegram

CHAUTEAUGAY – It won’t be the same look at Chateaugay this season!

Two long-time team members will be missing from the CCS girls varsity basketball lineup for the first time in past four years.

Gone from the lady Bulldogs are Hannah Cook, a five-year player and four-year starter, and Abby Barnes, a three-year starter and four-year player, who have both graduated from CCS.

“Not only did we lose great players in two key positions but they were tremendous leaders on, and off, the court. I cannot say enough about how much these two young ladies will be missed but as in so many sports motto’s it is next man (women) up and we fully expect our players to step up to the challenge,” stated Chateaugay coach Chris Reynolds.

Reynolds summarized.

“Rachael is an all-around player who can do anything on the court that you ask of her and has a good head for the game,” he said.

Moving up from the junior varsity ranks will be juniors Sam Lobdell and Maddy Breen along with sophomores Alicia Cook, Emily Dwyer and Danielle Cook.

“Alicia, who is referred to as ‘LC’, has proved that she can be a great point guard and defender and has the tenacity to go with those skills sets, while Sam and Maddy are both strong workers and have great attitudes both on and off the court. Both Sam and Maddy will be great additions to the team,” he continued.

“Danielle is going to be an asset on both ends of the floor and we (Reynolds and assistant coach Joe McComb) think she will provide relief in the scoring column this season,” added Reynolds, who finished rounding up the team stating “Emily is an outstanding inside player, who possesses an ability to slip in and grab rebounds and plays excellent defense on the interior.

“We are hoping, as always, that our defense will be our first line of defense and we hope to generate points from playing good disciplined defense. The coaching staff is excited because of the depth of this team and it should be a fun season,” Reynolds summarized.

The CCS girls got another late start to the winter season due to the state playoff run that the soccer team experiences – for the fifth consecutive year. Couple that with the winter weather that dumped more than a foot of snow in the North Country last week, which left the CCS hoop squad opening up their season in Tupper Lake this past Tuesday.

The lady Bulldogs will have their NAC East Division home opener – weather permitting – on Friday as CCS hosts divisional rival Madrid-Waddington. The varsity game is slated to tip at 7:15 p.m.

Roster
Seniors
Katie Beach, Caitlin Miller, Taylor Winch, Brandie Cook.
Juniors
Danielle Charland, Brianna Cook, Sam Lobdell, Maddy Breen.
Sophomores
Rachel Young, Alicia Cook, Emily Dwyer, Danielle Cook.

Schedule
Tuesday, Dec. 16
Chateaugay at Tupper Lake, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
Madrid-Waddington at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 22
Colton-Pierrepont at Chateaugay, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6
St. Lawrence at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Chateaugay at Norwood-Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Chateaugay at Parishville-Hopkins, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
St. Regis Falls at Chateaugay, 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20
Brushton-Moira at Chateaugay (nonleague), 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 22
Chateaugay at St. Lawrence, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24
Chateaugay vs. Heuvelton at SUNY Canton, 4 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 26
Chateaugay at St. Regis Falls, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Chateaugay at Colton-Pierrepont, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 3
Tupper Lake at Chateaugay, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
Chateaugay at Madrid-Waddington, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
Norwood-Norfolk at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
Parishville-Hopkins at Chateaugay, 5:30 p.m.

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The Telegram

BRUSHTON – It’s not that the school size has doubled at Brushton-Moira that has forced the lady Panthers to participate in the Northern Athletic Conference’s Central Division this season, it was to make the three divisions (Central, East and West) even as far as the number of games played.

“We will be taking on some tough teams this year with our Central Division schedule,” said Brushton-Moira coach Sam Dumont, who returns to the Panthers’ sideline after taking a year off for personal reasons.

“I’m glad to be back,” Dumont added, who will count on returning seniors Jenna Dufrane, Arielle Gary and Micaela McCarthy to lead the BMC charge on the court.

The lady Panthers did not lose any players to graduation, but had several players who played key roles last year not return to the squad for various reasons, which leaves Dumont with a total of nine players.

Also returning to the BMC lineup will be junior forward Kirstin Barrett and sophomores Madison Rowe and Felicity Bilow.

New to the squad this season are junior Carly Taylor, sophomore Amanda Burnett and freshman Alexis Poirier.

Dufrane, Gary and McCarthy have already shown the ability to handle the ball and run the Panthers’ offensive sets from the top of the key, while Barrett and Taylor, along with Burnett and Poirier, will be called upon to control the caroms coming off the backboard.

Rowe and Bilow can also help out in the backcourt, but Bilow seems to establish herself down low and battle with the big girls for rebounds and loose balls.

“The team is working hard on the details of the game,” pointed out Dumont. “We will need to become comfortable with our game quickly, as we are competing in the Central this season.”

True coach, but that’s not to say that the East Division was a pushover and could be considered just as tough as the Central Division.

Brushton-Moira, listed as a Class C team, will face Malone, Salmon River, Massena, OFA, Potsdam, Canton and Gouverneur twice during the regular season, then take on traditional rivals Norwood-Norfolk and Tupper Lake, along with Potsdam, come sectional time at the end of the season.

The BMC girls opened up their 2014-15 Northern Athletic Conference winter campaign with a nonleague victory against St. Regis Falls, then got an early taste of Central Division play in Potsdam, falling to the lady Sandstoners by 11 points.

“There is always a lot of work to do and we can’t afford to take nights off. The girls have to be ready to give it their all each time we take the court,” pointed out Dumont.

Schedule
(Subject to change)

Dec. 2
Brushton-Moira 55, St. Regis Falls 18
Friday, Dec. 5
Potsdam 43, Brushton-Moira 32
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Gouverneur at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 16
Massena at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
Brushton-Moira at Canton, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 22
Brushton-Moira at St. Regis Falls (nonleague), 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7
Brushton-Moira at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
OFA at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12
Brushton-Moira at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Potsdam at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Brushton-Moira at St. Lawrence (Tournament), 4 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 22
Brushton-Moira at Gouverneur, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
Salmon River at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 2
Brushton-Moira at Massena, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
Canton at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
Brushton-Moira at OFA, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 12
Franklin Academy at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.

Good Luck
Teams!

John Gokey, The Telegram

Brushton-Moira senior Micaela McCarthy drives into the paint during the season opener against St. Regis Falls on Dec. 2. McCarthy will play an important role in helping the Panthers bring the ball up the court, running the half-court offensive sets and will also look to score and rebound if the BMC squad is to contend in the always tough NAC Central Division this season.
SRF boys hit hard by graduation, regroup

JOHN GOKEY
The Telegram

ST. REGIS FALLS – After two stellar seasons at the top of the Northern Athletic Conference East Division standings, St. Regis Falls coach Justin Todd will have to regroup with a limited number of varsity-experienced players.

Gone from the 2013-14 team that finished with a 19-1 record, and went 38-2 over the past two seasons, are Brandon Votra – the Section 10 co-Jukowski recipient – Corey LaBounty, Louis Goodrow, Tyler Daggett and Mike Smith, while 2012-13 First-Team All-Northern – and East Division Most Valuable Player – Caleb Green graduated two years ago. That leaves the SRF coach to regroup behind returning seniors Ryan Duquette, Tyler Fraser and Evan Atkinson, while senior Matt Cummings returns to the Saints lineup after taking a year off from basketball.

The number of players on the SRF roster were small over the past several season, prompting Todd to state, “this is the first year ever in my tenure at St. Regis Falls that I will have over 10 players on my (varsity) squad.”

The reason for the larger-than-normal varsity roster size is due to St. Regis Falls dropping its junior varsity program – because there just weren’t enough players eligible to field both varsity and junior varsity teams.

“It is absolutely disheartening that we had to drop the JV team, as I feel it is such a vital component to success at the varsity level,” explained Todd. “With the numbers being high on varsity, I am expecting everyone to ‘bring it’ each day at practice, as they are now competing for minutes.

“We lost a whole lot of talent and experience from last year’s team,” he continued. “And Ryan (Duquette) and Tyler (Fraser) are going to be really expected to be great leaders this season and step up.”

Duquette, who is in his fourth season on the varsity team, will run the Saints’ show at the point, while Fraser, who showed signs of the future last season behind Votra, will look to dominate down low and can even step outside for a long-ranged deuce or step back even further and drain a triple from beyond the arc.

Cummings can handle the rock outside, drive the lane for a hard-earned deuce or toss in a 3-pointer or two during any given outing. Atkinson can also handle the ball on the perimeter and fire up a jumper to two to help take the pressure off the inside play of Fraser and varsity newcomers Jesse Goodrow, Sage Allen and Spencer Reuss.

Jesse Goodrow doesn’t have the rebounding instincts – yet – like older brother Louis had, but can drive to the bucket and pick off a rebound or two, while sophomores Allen and Reuss are just getting started in their varsity careers and have shown great promise at the modified and JV levels – when there was a JV level.

Allen has a nose for the ball coming off the rim or backboard and will help take the rebounding pressure off Fraser, while Reuss can mix it up down low, step outside the arc for a trey and drive to the bucket.

Senior Kris Snyder, juniors Todd Clark and Hieu Tran, sophomore Zach White and freshmen Chris Goodrow and Conner Labar all have the ability to give the Saints quality minutes during the regular season and need to learn the varsity game quickly if the SRF team is to battle for another top-notch finish in the always tough NAC East Division.

“There are many competitive teams in the East this season, and we can’t take any nights off. I am expecting us to improve as the season wears on,” summarized Todd.

The Saints jumped out the starting gate with a pair of wins to, once again, claim the top spot in the annual Brady Frazier Classic, but fell two-points short against Madrid-Waddington in their first road outing of the season.

Roster
Seniors
Ryan Duquette, Tyler Fraser, Evan Atkinson, Matt Cummings, Kris Snyder.

Juniors
Jesse Goodrow, Todd Clark, Hieu Tran.

Sophomores
Sage Allen, Spencer Reuss, Zach White.

Freshmen
Chris Goodrow, Conner Labar.

Schedule
(Subject to change)

Nov. 28
Brady Fraser Classic
St. Regis Falls 45, Clifton-Fine 25

Nov. 29
Brady Fraser Classic
St. Regis Falls 42, Colton-Pierrepont 36

Dec. 8
Madrid-Waddington 52, St. Regis Falls 50

Dec. 10
Norwood-Norfolk at St. Regis Falls - PPD, snow.

Monday, Dec. 15
St. Regis Falls at Parishville-Hopkinton, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18
St. Regis Falls vs. Tupper Lake, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20
St. Regis Falls vs. Gouverneur (nonleague) at Heuvelton Tournament, 3:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22
St. Regis Falls vs. TBA (nonleague) at Heuvelton Tournament, 6 p.m. or 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8
St. Regis Falls at St. Lawrence, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Colton-Pierrepont at St. Regis Falls, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16
St. Regis Falls at Chateaugay, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23
Madrid-Waddington at St. Regis Falls, 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 26
Chateaugay at St. Regis Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30
St. Regis Falls at Norwood-Norfolk, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
Parishville-Hopkinton at St. Regis Falls, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
Tupper Lake at St. Regis Falls, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
St. Lawrence at St. Regis Falls, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13
St. Regis Falls at Colton-Pierrepont, 7:15 p.m.
CCS boys seek another sectional shot

CHATEAUGAY – The Chateaugay boys varsity basketball team came up just a few points shy of winning another Section 10 Class D basketball title last season. That loss left a sour taste in the collective mouths of Chateaugay coaches, players, alumni and the sideline faithful.

The Bulldogs not only lost the Class D title game but wound up losing several key performers from a squad the posted a 15-7 record and seemingly peaked at the right time of the year. Gone from the 2013-14 team are Noah Bowes, his mask and knee brace, Seth Young, Chad Stalter, Owen Henderson and Zach Seymour.

So what do you suppose coaches Mike Martin and Jason LaPlante will do this season?

“We are going to work hard, day in and day out, game in and game out, in order to get back to where we ended last season, the Class D championship game,” said Martin.

But with the loss of five quality players and only two seniors on this year’s team, that task may be tougher than it sounds – or does it?

“Although we have only two seniors on this year’s roster, this team does have varsity experience with many of the juniors having seen significant time a year ago,” explained assistant coach LaPlante.

Joining seniors Dylan LaVoie and Nick Ashline will be juniors Jordan Martin, Zach Cowan, Tyler Jones and Austin Green, all of whom saw considerable minutes last season as juniors and sophomores, respectively.

Jordan Martin began his CCS varsity basketball career as a freshman, while Ashline, LaVoie, Cowan, Jones and Green are in their second full season as a varsity player.

Adding more numbers to the CCS lineup will be juniors Patrick Boyea, and the Labare twins, Darek and Dylan, who did get a bit of varsity hardwood time after the JV season was over, while Tyler McCann and Ryan Poupore are newcomers to the CCS hoop squad.

The younger Martin will be called upon to run the offense from the point-guard spot, a position that allowed him to lead the team in assists the past two seasons. He will also provide an outside shooting touch from either inside or outside the 3-point arc, while showing the ability to drive the lane and grab a rebound or two.

Flanking Martin at the guard spots could be Green, LaVoie, Boyea or one, or both, of the Labare twins. Ashline has also shown the ability to handle the rock, while Cowan, Jones, LaVoie and Ashline will combine their efforts down low on the blocks, on the boards or even step outside to knock down a triple or long-range deuce.

Defensively, there is only one way that the Bulldogs will play – and that’s man-to-man. Sometimes the CCS squad will pick up at half-court or three-quarter court, use a trapping press or go all out with their full-court man pressure. But don’t expect the CCS boys to use a zone of any sort while on the defensive end of the floor.

“We tried using a zone during a pre-season scrimmage when I first started, and I almost got run out of town,” joked the elder Martin.

All joking aside, the CCS basketball program has only known one type of defense and that’s man-to-man, which dates back to well before the days of Kevin O’Neill in the 1970s, which is long before any of the present CCS team members – coaches or players – knew what a basketball was.

The Chateaugay boys are off to a good start to the 2014-15 Section 10 hoop season, posting nonleague wins against Saranac Lake and Franklin Academy. The Bulldogs followed those two victories up with the first NAC East Division win of the season, an 84-33 thumping of the St. Lawrence Central Larries.

The divisional home opener for the CCS boys will be on Monday, Dec. 22, when the Bulldogs host the Colton-Pierrepont Colts in a 7:30 p.m. tip.

Roster

Seniors

Nick Ashline, Dylan LaVoie.

Juniors

Jordan Martin, Zach Cowan, Austin Green, Tyler Jones, Patrick Boyea, Darek Labare, Dylan Labare, Tyler McCann, Ryan Poupore.

Schedule

(Subject to change)

Dec. 5

Chateaugay 68, Saranac Lake 29

Dec. 6

Chateaugay 61, Franklin Academy 51

Dec. 8

Chateaugay 84, St. Lawrence 33

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Chateaugay at Tupper Lake, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18

Chateaugay at Madrid-Waddington, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22

Colton-Pierrepont at Chateaugay, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Norwood-Norfolk at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Chateaugay at Parishville-Hopkinton, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16

St. Regis Falls at Chateaugay, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

St. Lawrence at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Chateaugay vs. Heuvelton (nonleague) at SUNY Canton, 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 26

Chateaugay at St. Regis Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30

Chateaugay at Colton-Pierrepont, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Chateaugay at Tupper Lake, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6

Madrid-Waddington at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Chateaugay at Norwood-Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Parishville-Hopkinton at Chateaugay, 7:15 p.m.
**SRC grad takes over girls hockey reigns**

**JOHN GOKEY**  
The Telegram

FORT COVINGTON – For the third time in three seasons, the Salmon River girls varsity hockey team will have a new head coach behind the bench.

This season, Salmon River graduate Olivia Cook will take over the program from assistant coach Mike Tremblay, who guided the lady Shamrocks last season.

Cook is a 2010 SRC graduate, who played four years of varsity hockey for the Shamrocks with four state titles under her belt. She played three years for Division I Cornell University and brings her knowledge and experience back home.

“I am very excited to be part of the lady Shamrocks once again,” said Cook, who expects to turn a young and inexperienced group of girls back into state title contenders.

To do so, she must bring one senior, one junior, six sophomores, four freshmen and two eighth-graders together and mold them into the type of team that will be competitive this season and make a run at a Section 10 crown, before moving on to a state-level matchup.

The coach will do so without the services of Taylor Armstrong, Breann Bigtree, Becca Leroux, Carrie Shennandoah, Wraven Sun

day, Jenna Thompson, Celeste Phillips, Isabella DeArmayero and Abigail Grant, who were all members of the squad for the 2013-14 campaign.

Of the eight returning players, junior Mallory Johnson brings the most varsity-level experience back to the club. The team will be captained by senior Victoria Thompson and backstopped by sophomore goalie Jenny Dejung, who has not strapped on the goalie pads for several years.

“We came into the season without a goalie and Jenny volunteered her services,” said Cook prior to the team’s first game of the year against the defending state co-champion Potsdam Sandstoners.

“So far this year, we have lost our first three games. However, the improvements that we have made on the ice, both by players individually and as a team, have been incredible,” continued the first-year coach. “We are very young team with just the one senior, Victoria Thompson, who is our captain. She shows great leadership on and off the ice.

“Our other leader this year is Jennifer Dejung, a new goalie who, in our first three games, has already made over 110 saves,” recalled Cook.

Back for another skating season for the Shamrocks are sophomores Nidia DeArmayero, Tekarita George, Aliana Hart, Kawi Lazore, Kamryn Ransom and freshman Marcella Thomas.

New to the ice this season are freshmen Trysten Burns, Tori Gray and Geena Terrance along with eighth-graders Jadie Burns and Mikaylee Henhawk.

“I also have to mention that although this is a younger, inexperienced team compared to some, the way they connect off the ice, the energy they bring to the rink and the love they have for the game is very uplifting and makes me very proud to be this year’s coach,” added Cook.

**Roster**

**Senior**  
Victoria Thompson.

**Junior**  
Mallory Johnson.

**Sophomores**  
Nidia DeArmayero, Jenny Dejung, Tekarita George, Aliana Hart, Kawi Lazore, Kamryn Ransom.

**Freshmen**  
Trysten Burns, Tori Gray, Geena Terrance, Marcella Thomas.

**Eighth-graders**  
Jadie Burns, Mikaylee Henhawk.

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Salmon River captain Victoria Thompson rushes up the ice during a girls hockey contest earlier this season. Thompson is the lone senior on the SRC team this season.
FA bowlers seek another sectional crown

Winter Sports Preview

The Telegram

Both the boys and girls bowling teams defeated the Chateaugay Bulldogs last season for the Section 10 title, and the only guarantee that can be given is – one of the two schools will win the title this season.

Franklin Academy and Chateaugay are the only two teams in Section 10 that vie for a berth at the state event each season.

Last season, the Huskies represented the section quite well as Jon Brown was the 2014 New York State Gold Medal winner for his 298 single. But Brown will not be available this season as he vacated the halls of Franklin Academy and moved his game to Hudson Valley Community College. Joining Brown at HVCC is Jarrett Lamica, while the boys’ squad also had Michael McDonald graduate from FA in June of 2014. He is attending North Country Community College.

The boys are better equipped to take on the challenge of the Bulldogs for the sectional title, returning nine members of last year’s team for the 2014-15 season. The squad will be led by senior Hannah Soulier and eighth-grader Emily Brooks.

Senior Cameron Osburn and juniors Michael Boyer, Darren Taylor, Kyle Scott and Tyler Charette, along with sophomores Avery Landry and Branden Griffin. Malone eighth-grader Blake Pecore is back for his second season for the Huskies.

New to the lineup this year for FA coach Jason Black will be junior Shane Boyea and sophomores Chase Robinson and Michael Dishman.

The FA girls also got hit by graduation, losing team captains Brooke Peck and Aimee Fleury, as well as Whitney Legacy and Allison Taylor.

The lady Huskies only return three players from a season ago and will be led by senior Rachel Haas, junior Alexis LaPage and freshman Jessica Brooks.

Coach Black has five new members on board the FA girls’ lineup; three seniors, a junior and an eighth-grader.

Mykayla Brand, Tarika Lyons and Cassie Florio are the three seniors making their debut on the alleys. They will be joined by junior Alexis Avery and eighth-grader Haley Fisher.

“Both teams are looking to repeat as Section 10 champions,” stated Black. “But the boys must be aware of the Bulldogs, while the girls will have to persevere to overtake the Chateaugay girls, who have proven time and again, that they are key adversaries.”

The first match of the season between the two Section 10 rivals was snowed out and will square off in the first of four head-to-head meetings at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22, at Lucky Strike Lanes in Malone.

The Huskies will also take on Section 7 opponents PHS, Northeastern Clinton, Saranac Central, Peru, Ausable Valley and Beekmantown in nonleague matches.

The Section 10 championship match pitting the two local rivals will be held at Lucky Strike Lanes on Saturday, Feb. 7. The sectional match is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Rosters

Franklin Academy

Boys

Senior

Cameron Osburn

Juniors

Michael Boyer, Darren Taylor, Kyle Scott, Tyler Charette, Matthew Hall, Shane Boyea.

Sophomores

Avery Landry, Branden Griffin, Chase Robinson, Michael Dishman.

Girls

Senior

Rachel Haas, Mykayla Brand, Tarika Lyons, Cassie Florio.

Juniors

Alexis LaPage, Alexis Avery, Freshman

Jessica Brooks.

Eighth-grader

Haley Fisher.

Schedule

(Subject to change)

Thursday, Dec. 18

Franklin Academy vs. Saranac Central (nonleague) at North Bowl Lanes in Plattsburgh, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22

Chateaugay at Franklin Academy (league) at Lucky Strike Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 5

Franklin Academy at Chateaugay at Community Bowling Center, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Franklin Academy vs. Peru (nonleague) at North Bowl in Plattsburgh, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12

Saranac Central at Franklin Academy, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Chateaugay at Franklin Academy, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Franklin Academy at Chateaugay, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

Franklin Academy at Beekmantown (nonleague), 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Section 10 Championship

Chateaugay vs. Franklin Academy at Lucky Strike Lanes, 9 a.m.

Chateaugay outlook

The Chateaugay boys should give the defending champion FA Huskies a solid run for their money this season, as CCS graduated just one bowler–Wayne Cowan–from last year’s team.

Back in the attempt to unseat the FA squad will be seniors Cody Smith and Devin Labarc; juniors Nicholas Blair, Michael Sandvig and Zachariah McComsey; sophomore Blayne Nichols and freshman Codie Warriner, who is the only returning member that attended the state championships last season.

New to the team for the 2014-15 season will be Austin Gholson (senior), Dalton Russell (sophomore) and freshmen Wade Willis and Collin Dunn.

“This year will be a rebuilding year for our girls team,” said coach Carrie Blair-Wilcox. “We lost four of our girls to graduation and we look forward to Courtney Ledger and Abby Cowan to lead our ladies to a sectional title.”

Also returning to the ladies’ lineup will be senior Hannah Soulier and eighth-grader Emily King, while sophomores Sierra Shoemaker and Kiersten Monahan and eighth-grader Hannah Cook are new to the squad.

Along with the Huskies, the Bulldogs will have nonleague matches against Section 7’s PHS, Northeastern Clinton, Saranac Central, Peru, Ausable Valley and Beekmantown.

The Bulldogs will have their home matches at the Chateaugay Community Bowling Center, which are all slated to begin at 3:30 p.m.
BMC boys move into Central Division

JOHN GOKEY
The Telegram

BRUSHTON – The Brushton-Moira boys varsity basketball team is coming off a 10-10 season a year ago and lost four players – Adam Martin, Zach Burnett, Jason Leblanc and Jacob Jaques – to graduation. Normally when a team loses a small number of players such as BMC did, one would expect the next season to be a senior-laden team. Such is not the case with the Panthers.

There is not a senior to be found on the BMC roster for the 2014-15 winter campaign, leaving coach Randy Todd II with a squad full of juniors to go with one sophomore.

“As I have said, we do not have a senior on the team,” Todd said. “I’m hoping the leadership can come from some of the returning players who have been around the program a long time.”

Back for another go-around on the varsity team will be Alex Burnett, Taylor Tallman, Bryan Aubrey, Trent Gary and Roland Burke, who is currently out of the Panthers’ rotation while recovering from an ankle injury suffered during the soccer season.

Alex Burnett looks to be the team leader, directing the squad with his play on the court. He has already displayed the scoring ability that coach Todd needs to be competitive in the always-tough NAC Central Division, where the Panthers will play this season.

Tallman and Gary have the hands and quickness to run the BMC show from the point. Tallman has an elusiveness that allows him to get free on the inside with the tall timber, while Gary can pop in a shot or two from the outside. Burke, when healthy, brings a fast-break potential to the court with his speed.

Aubrey has already shown that he can battle on the boards with the best the East Division has to offer, now he will get to showcase his rebounding skills against Central Division teams; OFA, Franklin Academy, Massena. Canton, Salmon River, Potsdam and Gouverneur.

New to the varsity squad this season are juniors Austin Tavernia, Ricky Collette, Connor Trudeau, Jon Kennedy and Matt Deon.

Aubrey is one of a dozen juniors on the Panthers’ varsity hoop roster this season. BMC will play its regular season games in the Central Division.

Coach Todd and his Panthers will be able to take on one traditional rival when the BMC boys travel to Brasher Falls on Jan. 17 for the annual Coaches vs. Cancer event held at St. Lawrence Central School.

Brushton-Moira will also take part in the Section 7/10 Challenge, which is traditionally held during the Christmas holiday. At press time, it was unclear exactly when the Panthers would take on the Section 7 squads, but we do know that they will go against Seton Catholic and Saranac Central.

“We hope to see as many people at the games as humanly possible,” summarized Todd. “Our athletes need the support.”

The BMC boys have already opened up their winter slate and earned their first Central Division victory, on the road against Gouverneur. But they found out just how tough the Central Division can be, falling on the road to Potsdam and to rival Franklin Academy in a contest held in at Saranac Lake. BMC’s first win of the season came at the expense of the host Red Storm in the North Country Tip-off Tournament.

Roster
Juniors
Alex Burnett, Taylor Tallman, Trent Gary, Roland Burke, Bryan Aubrey, Austin Tavernia, Ricky Collette, Connor Trudeau, Darren Leblanc, Josh Baldwin, Jon Kennedy, Matt Deon.

Sophomore
Chase Bassett.

Schedule
Dec. 3
Potsdam 52, Brushton-Moira 25

Dec. 5
Franklin Academy 65, Brushton-Moira 54

Dec. 6
Brushton-Moira 73, Saranac Lake 46

Dec. 8
Brushton-Moira 63, Gouverneur 32

Friday, Dec. 12
Salmon River at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15
Brushton-Moira at Massena, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18
Canton at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.

Section 7/10 Challenge TBD.

Thursday, Jan. 8
Brushton-Moira at OFA, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16
Brushton-Moira at Potsdam, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17
Brushton-Moira at St. Lawrence (nonleague), 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23
Gouverneur at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30
Brushton-Moira at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
Massena at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6
Brushton-Moira at Canton, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
OFA at Brushton-Moira, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13
Brushton-Moira at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.
**Winter Sports Preview**

### SRC boys seek improvement on 8-9 mark

*JOHN GOKEY  
The Telegram*

**FORT COVINGTON** – Is this the year that the Salmon River boys basketball team makes a statement in the Northern Athletic Conference’s Central Division? It’s entirely possible, as the Shamrocks return a talented group of juniors and seniors for their hardwood battles.

Back for another shot at a divisional title will be seniors Tyler Brooks, Brandon Burdash, Chance Monette, Russ Oakes, John Harvey and Jordan Wood and will be joined returning juniors Antoine Domino and Zach Smith.

New to the Shamrock lineup will be senior Joseph Herne and juniors Jordan Bigness, Cole Lage and Waylon Square.

The Shamrocks finished last season with an 8-9 overall record and posted six league wins as coach R. Shawn Martin enters his fifth season at the helm of the SRC boys varsity squad.

The coach will have to mix and match his charges in order to replace the talented players that graduated – Justin Bigness, Kason Tarbell, Austin Leduc, Alex Paulino and Josh Hynes – and continue to increase the team’s win total since his tenure began.

“The team is shaping up for a solid and successful season,” said Martin. “With the drastic improvement and commitment from a solid core of players, the boys have crept up the ladder from zero wins just a few seasons ago to two wins two years ago and six wins last year.

“We will recover from our graduation losses. We lost a lot of athletic skill and quality shooting, but that will be replaced with youthfulness with a talented pool of players,” continued the coach.

“Through commitment and hard work, this team will compete, and may just have a target on their backs for a change.

“With the addition of a few JV players from last year, Salmon River has some size to go with its athleticism,” added Martin.

Domino, Oakes and Wood should be the main ball-handlers this season for SRC, while Smith, Burdash, Brooks, Harvey and big Chance Monette could be as dominant a team in the paint as any in the division. Throw in the talents of Jordan Bigness, Lage and Square, along with the addition of senior newcomer Herne, and the Shamrocks could be able to match up with most teams in the league.

Most of the SRC players took part in the summer basketball league held at the Franklin Academy gym, as Salmon River wrestled the crown away from the Huskies. If that carries over to the winter season, the Shamrocks could well have that bullseye on their collective backs that coach Martin referred to.

But the season’s opening contest didn’t go the way Martin and his charges would have liked, as the Potsdam Sandstoners derailed the up-and-coming Shamrocks 45-23, but then the team rebounded with a 56-31 road win against the Brushton-Moira Panthers, who are also playing in the Central Division this season.

**Roster**

**Seniors**  

**Juniors**  
Antoine Domino, Zach Smith, Jordan Bigness, Cole Lage, Waylon Square.

**Schedule**  
(subject to change)

- **Dec. 8**
  - Potsdam 45, Salmon River 23

- **Dec. 12**
  - Salmon River 56, Brushton-Moira 31

- **Monday, Dec. 15**
  - Canton at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Thursday, Dec. 18**
  - Franklin Academy at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Friday, Jan. 2**
  - Northern Adirondack at Salmon River (nonleague), 6 p.m.

- **Monday, Jan. 5**
  - OFA at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Thursday, Jan. 8**
  - Salmon River at Gouverneur, 7:15 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 13**
  - Massena at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Friday, Jan. 16**
  - Salmon River at OFA, 7:15 p.m.

- **Friday, Jan. 23**
  - Potsdam at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 27**
  - Salmon River vs. Canton (league) at Lisbon Tournament, 5:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, Jan. 28**
  - Salmon River vs. Lisbon (nonleague) at Lisbon Tournament, 5:30 p.m.

- **Friday, Jan. 30**
  - Brushton-Moira at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Friday, Feb. 6**
  - Salmon River at Franklin Academy, 7:15 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 10**
  - Gouverneur at Salmon River, 7:15 p.m.

- **Friday, Feb. 13**
  - Salmon River at Massena, 7:15 p.m.

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**Photo courtesy of Robert Green**

Salmon River’s Zach Smith (right) gets the better of the exchange against Chateaugay’s Tyler Jones (in white) during a preseason scrimmage held at Chateaugay Central School. Smith will be counted on to help control the boards for the Shamrocks.

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**Photo courtesy of Robert Green**

Salmon River’s Zach Smith (right) gets the better of the exchange against Chateaugay’s Tyler Jones (in white) during a preseason scrimmage held at Chateaugay Central School. Smith will be counted on to help control the boards for the Shamrocks.
A year ago, Franklin Academy coach Matt Tessier thought that the Franklin Academy boys indoor track team was in a rebuilding mode due to heavy graduation losses. But several performers stepped to the forefront and helped deliver FA’s sixth straight indoor track & field crown.

This season may be a tad different as, once again, graduation losses of key performers may force the Huskies to look up at the top of the standings, rather than down at the rest of the field, as in the past.

Departed from the team for this season are team MVP Abe Gravel, top thrower Tehatakena Boots and multi-year veterans Tom and Cody Garland, Tayler Malark and one-year runner Blayke Lewis.

“We have multiple teams competing for the title this year,” said Tessier, who will be joined on the coaching sideline by volunteer assistants Jim Heden (second season) and Chris Kemp (first season), a recorder holder at FA.

The coaching staff will have some familiar faces in the form of seniors Bailey Fellion, Garrett Duval and Mike Campbell; juniors Mitchell Marlow and Brian Swan; along with sophomores Curtis Landry, RJ Pearsall, Guthrie Schumacher and Joe Soucia.

New on the squad this season are speedster Tyler Martin and hurdle specialist Marco Pirazzini, who the Huskies have on a merger agreement with Brushton-Moira. Pirazzini is a foreign exchange student who hails from northern Italy.

Also new to the FA boys squad this season are sophomores Dakota Hall and Josh Oshiro and freshmen David Mitchell, Josh Paquin, Tom Shafer and Dylan Skelton.

“We will be competitive in the distances and relays and hope to find some diamonds in the rough coming through to score points,” added Tessier.

“With lots of teams in the hunt, we’ll have to have good event placement and use some distance depth to have a chance,” projected the coach. “We will attempt to win a couple of the relays and score in the top three in shot, all middle and long distances and the hurdles.”

The FA boys began their indoor season on Dec. 12 at St. Lawrence University and finished second in the nine-team field.

Dora, who is no stranger to the shot put event, finished first at his initial indoor meet, while Fellion had Malone’s other first-place finish in the 300 meters as the FA boys were runner-up to meet winner OFA.

“The FA boys surprised me with 107 points and a second-place finish in our opener,” said Tessier. “I was truly expecting anywhere from second to fifth place if all the teams were there.”

There were two teams missing, according to Tessier.

So, if the team surprised its own coach, then maybe looking up at the rest of the field may not be an option as he originally projected.

**Lady Huskies**

The Franklin Academy girls were also hit by the annual graduation departures, losing key performers Rebekkah Bond, Morgan Brommer, Katelyn Fouse, Angela Grimshaw, Kennedy Jarvis, Macayla Perry, Marissa Perez, Carrie Po mainville, Annie Sharlow and Alyssa Tatro, who provided a huge portion of the scoring for the lady Huskies.

“We are coming off a second-place finish at last year’s Section 10 championship. The 2014-15 team will have a lot of work to do to finish in the top of the section this season,” stated coach Mike Wescott, who will be assisted this season by Jason LaFlesh. “With 81 percent of our points scored at the championship meet lost to graduation, or athletes not returning, we will have to rely on many new team members.

Adriana Perez (5th at sectional meet) and Elizabeth “Liz” Kelly (7th) return after earning points in the 600 meters at sectionals, while Emily Pomainville earned points in the 3000-meter run (3rd) and added points to the FA effort as a member of both the 4x400- and 4x800-meter relay teams, both of which were second at the season-ending championship meet.

Madeleine Champagne provided points in the 3000-meter race with a sixth-place finish a year ago, while Hannah Perry garnered points in both the long jump (4th) and as a member of the third-place finishing sprint relay (4x200). Perry is also very capable of producing high-quality points in the shot put event as well.

Adriana Perez also earned points in the triple jump with an eighth-place finish.

Other ladies returning to collect points this season are Jamel Clark, Samantha Fehee, Kamry Herne and Martha Ibarra, while the coaching staff is expecting team newcomers Jordyn Dora, Kaila Feiman, Alexis Herne, Martha Ibarra, Liz Kelly, Kimberlee Malark, Alissa McCauley, Brooke Monette and Rachel Oshiro to provide points in the vacated spots throughout the lineup.

The FA boys, and girls, are right back at SLU on Friday, Dec. 19. Meets are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., but are subject to change with the winter weather.

**Rosters**

**Boys**

Seniors

Bailey Fellion, Garrett Duval, Mike Campbell, Tyler Martin, Marco Pirazzini.

Juniors

Mitchell Marlow, Brian Swan, Josh Dora, Zach Davis, Matt Gadway, Nate Davis.

Sophomores

Curtis Landry, RJ Pearsall, Guthrie Schumacher, Joe Soucia, Dakota Hall, Josh Oshiro.

Freshmen

David Mitchell, Josh Paquin, Tom Shafer, Dylan Skelton.

**Girls**

(Alphabetically)

Madeleine Champagne, Jamel Clark, Jordon Dora, Samantha Fehee, Kaila Feiman, Alexis Herne, Kamry Herne, Martha Ibarra, Liz Kelly, Kimberlee Malark, Alissa McCauley, Brooke Monette, Rachel Oshiro, Adriana Perez, Hannah Perry, Emily Pomainville, Alexis Snyder.

**Schedule**

(Subject to change)

Friday, Dec. 19
Meet 2 at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Meet 3 at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 23
Meet 4 at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Meet 5 at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Invitational at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 14
Meet 6 at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 27
Sectional championship at St. Lawrence University, 6 p.m.
SLC girls hockey team low on numbers

The Telegram

BRASHER FALLS – The St. Lawrence Central girls hockey team has a very small squad size to open up the 2014-15 season.

Head coach Dan Rondeau and assistant Jeff Reville have seen a roster size of 12 skaters and three goalies get reduced down to 10 skaters with just two goalies as the season opened up in early December.

Since the beginning of the season, the lady Larries have lost captain Paige DeBeer for four to six weeks with a broken arm and starting goalie Holly Zeldenrust to ACL and MCL issues in her good knee. Zeldenrust missed one full season rehabbing a right leg injury, which saw her miss, not only the hockey season, but softball and summer soccer, as well. Both injured girls are seniors.

Summoned to replace the veteran Zeldenrust between the pipes is freshman Eliza Sullivan, who promptly made over 40 saves in her debut.

"A lack of competitive experience for most of the squad shows in many games. Starting two seventh-grader everyday makes it tough to compete against seniors in any sport. The girls have a good attitude and are working extremely to get back into the playoff picture that eluded them last year," continued the second-year head coach.

"They are skating and working as hard as they possibly can," added Rondeau recently.

Roster
(school)

Seniors
Holly Zeldenrust (Chateaugay), Paige DeBeer (Brushston-Moira); Ashley DeBeer (Brushston-Moira); Krista Phippen (St. Lawrence).
Junior
Abby Lyon (St. Lawrence).
Sophomores
Madee Derouchie (St. Lawrence), Riley Barton (St. Lawrence), Brooke Reville (Franklin Academy).
Freshmen
Kerigan Rondeau (St. Regis Falls), Sydney Collins (St. Lawrence), Eliza Sullivan (St. Lawrence), Taylor Zagrobelny (Franklin Academy).

SLC’s Courtney Boyea (8), a Franklin Academy seventh-grader, brings the puck out the defensive zone during a game against Salmon River at the Tom Cavanaugh Arena. Boyea is one of two seventh-graders on the team that looks to overcome an injury-depleted lineup and post wins for the Larries.

Schedule
(Subject to change)

Friday, Dec. 19
St. Lawrence at Oswego, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Alexandria Bay at St. Lawrence (Tri-Town Arena), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
St. Lawrence at Massena, 11 a.m.
Massena vs. St. Lawrence at Malone Civic Center, 4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 5
Canton at St. Lawrence (Tri-Town), 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8
St. Lawrence at Saranac Lake, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9
St. Lawrence at Saranac Lake, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Salmon River vs. St. Lawrence at Malone Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16
St. Lawrence at Albany Academy, 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17
St. Lawrence at Plattsburgh H.S., 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20
Saranac Lake vs. St. Lawrence at Malone Civic Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22
PHS at St. Lawrence (Tri-Town), 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23
St. Lawrence at Beekmantown, 6:15 p.m.

Good Luck to All Teams! Team Discounts!