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HW General's State Tournament Update (6/19/23)

HW Girls Tennis (CAL Champs, 22-1) defeated Manchester-Essex Regional High School in the State Finals of the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 4-1 at Endicott College to secure their second consecutive State Championship. While the Generals took First and Second Singles in short order (each wining 6-0, 6-0), nothing else would come easy the rest of the evening as the Hornets from Manchester-Essex threw everything at the HW they could handle. With Manchester looking strong in both doubles matches, Third Singles was shaping up to be a critical match. After falling behind 2-1 early in the first set, The Generals rallied and secured the win, 6-2. As the rain began to descend on Endicott, HW puled away in the second set, 6-0 for the title clinching victory.

Manchester-Essex took Second Doubles and, with the match decided, the Generals won First Doubles in a third set Super Tie Breaker that wrapped up the day.

It was an incredible season for the Generals. Their only loss came against Newburyport, who win the Division III State Championship (A loss the Generals later avenged). The Generals ran through an incredibly difficult schedule. The Cape Ann League had four teams reach the State Final Four (HW went 5-1 in those matches) and only league foe Manchester-Essex challenged them in the tournament. Congratulations to HW Girl's Tennis on an incredible season. It was one for the ages.

HW General's State Tournament Update (6/16/23)

HW Girls Tennis (CAL Champs, 21-1) defeated Lenox Memorial in the Final Four yesterday of the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0. The Generals have advanced and will face familiar CAL foe, Manchester-Essex Regional High School in the State Championship match on Sunday, June 18th at 9:00 AM at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's duPont Tennis Courts (120 Mass Ave, Cambridge) where the Generals will look to defend their State Title**.**

This will be an MIAA e-Ticketed event and fans can **pre-purchase tickets here.** Parking can be tricky. There is metered street parking available. There is also parking (for $11) in the Westgate Lot and Albany Garage near the courts.

HW Athletics Earns Cape Ann League Hyland Award (6/15/23)

The Cape Ann League has presented its highest honor, the Hyland Award, to Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School's Athletic Department for the third time in the last four years it has been presented. The Generals also won the award in 2019 and 2020 (No award was presented in 2021 due to the hybrid nature of athletics that year). The distinction is presented to the school that demonstrates overall excellence in athletics in the areas of academic success, community service, participation, sportsmanship, and on-field success.

The Generals scored at or near the top of almost all categories that factor into the award. Most notable, Hamilton-Wenham led the league in participation rates once again with 71% of the school's student population involved in at least one sport. Additionally, each of the 23 Varsity Sports hosted by the Regional earned the league's academic distinction.

The Generals have excelled on the fields of competition this year as well. Over 80% of teams have qualified for the MIAA State Tournament with Boys Soccer and Volleyball reaching the Sweet Sixteen, Girls Soccer, Baseball, and Girls Lacrosse advancing to the Elite Eight, and Boys Tennis reaching their second consecutive Final Four. Girl's Tennis has reached the State Final and will attempt to earn back-to-back State Titles when they face Manchester-Essex later this weekend. Factoring into the Hyland Award presentation were league titles for Boys Cross Country, Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis and Girls Tennis.

HW General's State Tournament Update (6/14/23)

HW Girls Tennis (CAL Champs, 20-1) defeated Bromfield School in the Elite Eight last week in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0 and will face Lenox Memorial in the Final Four on Thursday, June 15th at 4:30 PM at St. John's High School (378 Main Street, Shrewsbury) where the Generals will look to continue their march toward their second straight State Championship.
HW Boys Tennis (CAL Champs, 16-6) fell to undefeated powerhouse, (and eventual runaway State Champion) Weston High School in the Final Four in th**e Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0. The Generals battled for every point through the day, pushing the Wildcats to the brink in 2nd Doubles and 2nd Singles. The 1st Singles match was also back and forth for the majority of the match.

The loss ends the General's season that saw them win their 5th straight Cape Ann League Title as well as advance to the Final Four for the second year in a row. With many players returning, look for HW to be back in the mix for a State Championship in 2024.

HW General's State Tournament Update (6/12/23)

HW Baseball (13-10) fell to undefeated Boston English High School in a game for the ages in the Elite Eight on the road this past weekend in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 3-2.

The Generals battled the Eagles back and forth all night in an electric atmosphere that included a 66-minute rain delay. HW put runners on base throughout the game and continued to stave off the explosive English lineup throughout the evening. The loss wraps the spectacular season for the local nine that culminated in a deep tournament run, one run short of a berth in the Final Four.

HW Girls Lacrosse (13-8) dropped a heartbreaker to Weston High School this past weekend in the Elite Eight Round of the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament,** 15-13.

The Generals and Wildcats went back and forth all evening and, only in the end, did the home team breakthrough for the final, razor thin margin of victory. The Generals tied the game and then led by a pair of goals with less than ten minutes remaining in regulation, but the Weston onslaught was too much to overcome. An incredible season for the Girls Lacrosse program comes to an end but not without making some real noise in the State Tournament.

HW General's State Tournament Update (6/9/23) **UPDATE: 11:08 AM

HW Boys Tennis (CAL Champs, 15-5) defeated Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion in the Sweet Sixteen this week in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0. The Generals advance to the Elite Eight and will take on Sutton High School on Friday, June 9th at 3:00 PM at Manchester Athletic Club in Manchester (8 Atwater Avenue, Manchester).

HW Girls Tennis (CAL Champs, 19-1) defeated Quabog High School in the Sweet Sixteen this week in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0 and will face Bromfield School in the Elite Eight on Friday, June 9th at 3:00 PM at Manchester Athletic Club in Manchester (8 Atwater Avenue, Manchester).

HW Baseball (13-9) defeated Monument Mountain Regional High School in the Sweet Sixteen yesterday in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 9-1. The Generals advance to the Elite Eight and will take on undefeated Boston English High School on Saturday, June 10th at 6:30 PM at Boston English High School (144 McBride Street - Boston, MA). This is an MIAA e-ticketed event through GoFan. You can **purchase e-Tickets here.**

HW Girls Lacrosse (13-7) defeated Nipmuc Regional High School in the Sweet Sixteen in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 16-8. The Generals advance and will face Weston High School in the Elite Eight on Friday, June 9th at 5:00 at Weston High School. The address is 444 Wellesley Street in Weston. This is an MIAA e-ticketed event through GoFan. You can **purchase e-Tickets here.**

HW General's State Tournament Update (6/6/23)

HW Boys Tennis (CAL Champs, 14-5) defeated Joseph Case High School in the Round of 32 last week in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0. The Generals advance to the Sweet Sixteen and will take on Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion on Tuesday, June 6th at 4:00 PM at Pingree School in Hamilton. The best parking spots are in the Turf and Upper Turf Lots.

HW Girls Tennis (CAL Champs, 18-1) defeated Clinton High School in the Round of 32 last week in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 5-0 and will face Quabog High School in the Sweet Sixteen on Tuesday, June 6th at 4:00 PM at Pingree School in Hamilton. The best parking spots are in the Turf and Upper Turf Lots.

HW Baseball (12-9) defeated Ipswich in the Round of 32 yesterday in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament, 15-1.** The Generals advance to the Sweet Sixteen and will take on Monument Mountain Regional High School on Wednesday, June 7th (Time TBD but in the afternoon) at MMRHS. The address is 600 Stockbridge Road - Great Barrington, MA. This will be an MIAA e-ticketed event through GoFan and purchase of e-Tickets will be required for admission. Details on that to follow.

HW Girls Lacrosse (12-7) defeated Bourne High School in the Round of 32 yesterday in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament,** 20-5. The Generals advance and will face Nipmuc Regional in the Sweet Sixteen on Wednesday, June 7th at 3:00 at HWRHS. This will be an MIAA e-ticketed event through GoFan and purchase of e-Tickets will be required for admission. Details on that to follow.

HW Boys Lacrosse (4-15) fell to Lynnfield High School in the Round of 32 yesterday in the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**, 17-2. The loss concludes the season for the Generals who battled through injuries and adversities all season. A special thanks to this year's seniors, who qualified for the tournament all three years it was available during their high school careers. Despite the final outcome, they stuck together and ensured a fighting spirit to the end, paving the way for the future.

MIAA Announces Tennis State Tournament Pairings (5/31/23)

HW Boys Tennis (CAL Champs, 13-5) has earned the #4 seed in the upcoming **Division IV MIAA State Tournament**. The Generals will take on Joseph Case High School in the Round of 32 on Thursday, June 1st at 4:00 PM at Pingree School in Hamilton. The best parking spots are in the **Turf and Upper Turf Lots**.

HW Girls Tennis (CAL Champs, 17-1) has earned the #1 seed in the upcoming the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament** and will face the winner of Mount Everett and Clinton High School in the Round of 32 on Friday, June 2nd at 4:00 PM at Pingree School in Hamilton. The best parking spots are in the **Turf and Upper Turf Lots**.

HW Girls Lacrosse (11-7) has earned the #7 seed in the upcoming the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament** and will face #26 Bourne in the Round of 32 on Friday, June 2nd at 5:00 PM at Gordon College in Wenham.

HW Boys Lacrosse (4-14) has earned the #26 seed in the upcoming the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament** and will travel to Lynnfield High School to face the #7 Pioneers in the Round of 32 on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 PM.

HW Baseball (11-9) has earned the #10 seed in the upcoming the **Division IV MIAA State Tournament** and will face #23 Ipswich in the Round of 32 on Monday, June 5th at 4:00 PM at Patton Park in Hamilton.

MIAA Spring State Tournaments on the Horizon (5/26/23)

Next week, the MIAA will announce State Tournament pairings. It is anticipated that **Baseball, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Tennis, and Girls Tennis** will all qualify for their respective State Tournaments. Depending on the sport, tournament pairings will be announced over the course of the week, and we anticipate games beginning toward the end of next week. Here are the **current statewide rankings**. Each of HW's teams are found in Division IV.

Please continue to check **MaScores**, the **HW Athletic Web Site**, and **Twitter** for updates to our schedules.

*** There is no admission to any of HW's First Round games.

Before signing off this week, here are some notable accomplishments to mention. Congratulations to the following:

- **Boys & Girls Tennis** who won the Cape Ann League, each for the second year in a row. Each are poised to make deep runs in this year's State Tournament. The Girls Tennis team is defending their State Title and Boys Tennis is looking to again get back to the Final Four and beyond.

- **Baseball** and **Girls Lacrosse** for qualifying for the State Tournament. Baseball has qualified for the ninth year in a row and Girls Lacrosse, an anticipated top ten seed, has qualified for the third year in a row.

- **Boys Lacrosse** is predicted to make the State Tournament with a team rating that will get them in the dance. Lacrosse pairings will be announced next week. Softball has concluded its season and likely will not qualify. However, the turnaround this year under first year Coach Mary Flynn is incredible. The Generals earned five wins and were in a number of other games. This year's wins were the first for the program since 2018.

Finally. Sophomore **Georgia Wilson** won the Division 6 Individual State Championship yesterday at Westfield State University in the Girls Triple Jump with a leap of 36' 5". She has advanced to All-States next week.