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5 weeks to go!

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School News

Agriscience Happenings

By Eve McCorkle

Recently, the class of agriscience has been hard at work. They have been learning so many new things.

Last week they were learning how to incubate eggs to possibly raise their own chicks! So exciting. They learned how the incubator works and what the settings need to be at so the eggs will be okay. Once they learned how to do



that they were told that they could check up on it to make sure that the settings are in the correct spots so that the eggs will still be okay!

The next thing they did was get back to planting. Instead of planting lettuce or flowers, they were planting tomatoes. They were all given a tray of tomatoes with six-inch pots to be transferred to four-inch pots. They will be starting their poultry unit soon. Overall, the students are working extremely hard and getting work done. Keep up the great work, class!

Senior Assassin

By Gavin Snyder

As most of you know, Senior Assassin is up and running. This started after school last Thursday. With each person with their hopes high of earning the \$220 cash prize, many have

fallen short, with Cooper Roy being the first to get out by Drew Baker at a restaurant, which shocked the seniors with a strong first out. With many to follow after, Gavin Rutledge was stalked by Chloe LaFrance at his own house. Owen soon followed, getting out by Vivi, and Dom M was out by Katelyn.

With three of the most feared people to come after you, there was a sense of ease that came over the rest of the seniors. Sunday came about without a person eliminated, till Katelyn let her guard down as Rhiannon shot her with her water gun. Early bird gets the worm, as they say. With a 6:45 am purge, I can easily say the bird was unable to get the worm, as no one was able to get out in the hour that was available. But rumors around the school started to spread that morning, as this was not the last purge, which was true.

The purge was an hour and a half long, from 9:00 pm-10:30 pm that Monday night. The town of Hamilton was in chaos, from people losing their shoes in the downpour to others barricading each other's cars in. From that chaotic night, three people were eliminated, Lauren getting out by Adrianna, Fatemah getting out by Lexie, and the last one was Brianna, opting out of the game.

Tuesday rolled around, and only AJ was able to get out by Teddy. But for the rest of the game, no one was able to get out by gun, but only by the game rules, which were Gavin, Dom D, Bryce, and Adrianna.

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6th Grading Happenings

By Maren Ettrich

The 6th grade class has been up to many activities this week. Some classes in which these activities happen in our STEAM and math. STEAM is a class where 6th graders work with kids younger than them on fun activities. This helps 6th graders learn how to work with people of all ages and teaches them patience. It also benefits the younger kids because it gives them a fun activity to do, not just in school but also at home. In this article, I will discuss 2 activities that the 6th graders have been up to.



There were kittens in the AG on Tuesday, May 6! This was for a class in the Ag in the Ag room that handles vet care. The 6th graders went down to play with them. There were 4 kittens in total, so they each had to share the kittens. The math student also took over the FACS kitchen and made hamburgers on the grill. They also researched different statistics about beef to help the students better understand the industry.



Spring Art Show

By Silas Campbell

This week I'm writing an article about the spring district art show. The art show is here at Hamilton Central School. The date of the art show is May 8th, 2025. The show will include students' artwork from grades Pre-K through 8th Grade. There are also students' artwork included from 9th through 12th grade that are in any current art classes.

Mrs. Kowalski the high school art teacher and Mrs. Whalen the elementary art teacher both work really hard together and hang up the art

pieces for the spring art show. They spend a lot of hours making sure that the students' artwork is showcased in the best possible way. Without their dedication and hard work, our students' work wouldn't be appreciated nearly as much.

Students highlighted in the art show will include Senior Spotlights. These spotlights include their artwork and all of the art classes they've taken over their high school career. Students are eligible to receive awards during the



show, given by the Superintendent, Principals, and the Board of Education. The students are very proud of their artwork as well. Mrs. Kowalski said, "I would like to add that this is my favorite time of year! Seeing all the work on display together always amazes me. We have so many incredibly talented students at HCS!"

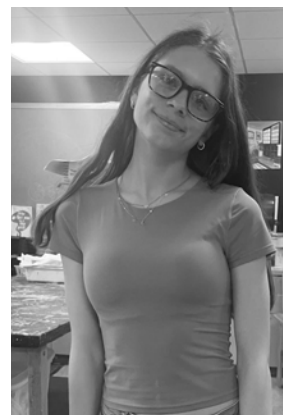
The art show is a great way to celebrate our students' artistic accomplishments. The art show is very fun to look at when it's on display for everyone to see.

Photo credit Silas Campbell

School Spotlights

Senior Spotlight

By: Rihana Dye



Happy Friday! This week we have Ingrida Morkevicius and Fatemah Rosbrook!

Ingrida has attended HCS since Kindergarten but 6 months during 6th grade, 3 months during 7th grade and her entire 8th grade year her family traveled to Lithuania. In her free time

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she likes to watch Tik Tok and hangout with her friends and her favorite thing to do is go to Stewarts! "Right now I get Boston Creme Dream but I always switch it up." She also enjoys doing arts and crafts! Ingrida's favorite class during highschool was sociology and psychology with Snyder her sophomore year because "the people in the class made it fun", and her favorite memory was "going to New York this year for the art trip or Montreal for Model UN." After high school Indrida plans on attending the University of Rochester with a double major in history and Russian.

Advice to underclassmen:

"Branch out! With friends and classes! Everything!"

Fatemah has also attended HCS since Kindergarten! In her free time she likes to hangout with friends, while her favorite thing to do is tan and travel! Fatamah also enjoys doing her own nails! Along with Ingrida and other seniors already done, her favorite classes have been sociology and psychology with Snyder, her sophomore because "the people in the class made it fun and the conversations were always interesting!" Her favorite high school memory has been senior assassin this year, and after high school she is attending Hobart and Williams Smith with an undecided major but "...maybe something with business."



Advice to underclassmen:

"Try everything, and branch out to new people because everyone is nicer than what you think in your head."

Local News

Weekly Weather Preview

By Cheyanne Bennett

Next week looks to be mostly cloudy with some rain and thunderstorms at times throughout the week. Summer will be here soon!!!!

Monday, May 12th, 2025: Mostly sunny with a high of 76 degrees and a low of 55 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.



Tuesday, May 13th, 2025: Mostly cloudy with a high of 76 degrees and a low of 58 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday, May 14th, 2025: Cloudy with showers with a high of 69 degrees and a low of 59 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday, May 15th, 2025: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms in the afternoon with a high of 79 degrees and a low of 61 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday, May 16th, 2025: Partly cloudy with a high of 79 degrees and a low of 61 degrees with winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday, May 17th, 2025: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 76 degrees and a low of 58 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday, May 18th, 2025: Rain at times with a high of 70 degrees and a low of 55 degrees with winds at 10 to 15 mph.

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US News

Trump Threatens Film Tariffs

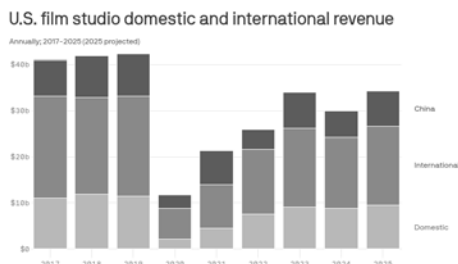
By Michael Hayden

On Monday, May 5, President Donald Trump announced that he intends to impose a 100% tariff on all movies produced outside of the US. He did not give any indication as to when the tariff would take effect. Trump had previously had a meeting with his Hollywood ambassador Jon Voight, special advisor Steven Paul, and media executive Scott Karol to discuss ways to boost America's domestic film industry. They reportedly considered implementing federal tax incentives as well as the tariff, though no official announcement has been made about such incentives.

While this tariff has not yet been implemented, it has the potential to have such a catastrophic impact on the film industry that the effects of it are already being seen. Netflix stock dropped 2% within a day of the announcement, and other media companies saw similar losses.

Many big-budget films are produced across multiple countries and continents; for example, different parts of *Captain America: Civil War* were filmed in four different countries and one US territory. Additionally, even movies filmed in the US by American companies are often edited at facilities in different countries. Because of this, Hollywood is concerned that the tariff that Trump proposed would apply to some American films, driving up production costs and impacting studios' profits.

There is also a possibility that other countries may respond with



retaliatory tariffs that could impact international box office sales. *Captain America: Civil War* made nearly twice as much money in international theaters as it did in domestic theaters, with \$181 million of its profits from Chinese theaters. Comparatively, this was a heavily American audience for the time. Film studios rely on international sales for the majority of their profits. If it becomes unprofitable to sell movies in other countries, it will have a massive impact on the film industry as a whole.

Data: Gower Street, Comscore; Chart: Sara Wise/Axios

Things You May Have Missed This Week

By Dorothy Disha

This week felt like a whirlwind! Between the Met Gala turning heads, and political shakeups brewing, here's what YOU may have missed this week.

- The 2025 Met Gala served high fashion and even higher pressure. This year's theme was "Tailored for You," spotlighted Black menswear and thick velvet. Celebrities like Zendaya and Sabrina Carpenter came in classic suits with nice twists.
- Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers are also pushing back on environmental funding, threatening to cut climate research grants in next year's budget. Some are calling it a "war on science." People have criticized this decision as "anti-earth" and "dystopian" causing tons of discourse.
- In a more shocking twist, Vice President Kamala Harris made headlines after calling out Trump's immigration policies as "morally broken" in a surprise speech at an L.A. university.



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- In sports, Caitlin Clark's debut with the Indiana Fever is setting records already. Her jersey sold out in less than 24 hours, and her first WNBA game is expected to be the highest-streamed opener ever.
- Elijah Badger, who went undrafted, is making noise in training camp with the Kansas City Chiefs. Insiders say he could be the breakout rookie of the year.
- And Tre Harris is becoming a name to watch with the L.A. Chargers, already turning heads at early practices.

Sources- NPR, CNN, Politico, AP News, Variety.

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Trump's Tariffs

By Maren Ettrich

Trump's tariffs have been starting to take effect. When Trump became president in January 2025, his main goal was to lower prices. But this goal has been very hard to do because of pushback from people. Trump proposed the idea of tariffs to help get more money from trade. But getting these tariffs in effect has also been hard because many people are against these tariffs. One reason there has been a pushback is that many people believe that it will raise the prices instead of lowering them. It has also been pushed back by many countries because it will raise their prices. In the article, I will be discussing what is happening now with them and what will continue to happen.

Tariffs can be a very difficult thing to understand. But the simplest way I can define it is when a country taxes a good from another country. Donald Trump has done a lot of work to get these in place, like going and promoting this idea to many people and showing them how this will help the country bring prices down. Donald Trump's main focus has been on taxing big countries like China. Right, Trump has been



trying to get his plan into effect and is taking longer than he thought.

The question that remains is what will happen when the tariffs go into place? Well, the truth is no one knows. Many people have guessed that prices will rise but that is just based on a guess. It all depends on whether the countries are going to let them get taxed or will they fight it, because if they fight it, then it could turn into a tariff war, which would not be good for either country.

Source: CNN

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The Met Gala

By: Pyper McEwan

The 2025 Met Gala was on Monday, May 5, 2025. There were a lot of amazing outfits, and some may even say breathtaking, but there were fifteen outfits that really stood out. The top 15 outfits were given a name and presented in the top fifteen outfits from The Met Gala. I'm going to rate my top 5 favorite outfits from the top 15 outfits.

The first outfit was named "Most Sweeping!" worn by Diana Ross, and I rate this outfit an 8/10 because the silver dress is very pretty, but the long cape takes some points off.



The second outfit was worn by Colman Domingo, and his outfit was named "Most Checkmate!" I rate this outfit a 9/10 because this is a nice basic suit, but the design of it gives it points.

The next outfit was worn by Zendaya, and her outfit was named "Most White Wedding!" Her outfits were one of my favorites. I rate this outfit a 10/10.



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The next outfit was worn by Jennie, and her outfit was named "Most Mary Poppins!" This is also one of my favorite looks from the Met Gala. I rate this look a 10/10. I like the basic black dress with the pearls hanging down off the dress, and the flower on the top of the dress.



The last outfit was worn by Bad Bunny, and his outfit was named "Most Night at the Museum." I like this outfit because I like the gloves with the yellow gems on them and the bag to match the outfit.

Deadly Storms Across Many States

By Cheyanne Bennett

On Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, another day of heavy storms started to unfold in the United States after many other states got hit with heavy storms on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025. These storms turned out to be deadly, and these storms caused many tornadoes, hurricane-strength wind gusts, and brought lots of hail. On the morning of Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, Texas and Oklahoma had many severe thunderstorm warnings and many flash flood warnings from southeast of Lubbock, Texas, all the way to southeast of Oklahoma City. Nyhart said, "The water is no joke, even little water can end up being serious."

This severe weather killed approximately 4 people in Pennsylvania and killed approximately 2 people in Oklahoma on Wednesday. A long storm with damaging high



winds went through the Midwest with gusts of wind that went up to 90 mph. This storm ripped trees out of the soaked soil and ripped many roofs off of buildings. Kevin Stitt, the governor of Oklahoma, declared a state of emergency late Wednesday in Cleveland, Comanche, and other counties, as another round of storms hit the plains throughout Wednesday and continued to get worse from an already very serious flood threat.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration in Dallas, many departures that were to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were delayed, caused by all the extreme weather. According to flightaware.com approximately more than 900 flights that were within, into, or out of the United States on Wednesday were canceled. The levels of the floodwater continued to rise on Wednesday afternoon, and approximately 3 neighborhoods were under voluntary evacuation notices. First responders put up barricades to prepare for the severe flooding by a local creek that could potentially split Lawton into two, according to a city news release.

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Global News

Habemus Papam

By Michael Hayden

At noon on Thursday, May 8, white smoke billowed from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, indicating that the papal conclave had ended. After two days and three rounds of voting, the 133 cardinal electors had chosen the next head of the Catholic Church. Robert Prevost, a



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Chicago native, is now the first American Pope in history, taking the papal name of Leo XIV.

Pope Leo XIV, 69, was made a cardinal by the late Pope Francis two years ago. He has past experience serving as Archbishop of Chiclayo, Peru, as Prior General of the Augustinian Order for two terms, and as President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

The decision to elect an American pope is a controversial one, since religious leaders have long maintained that the US has enough power in the secular world that it is not a good idea to grant an American religious power, as well. Additionally, Leo XIV is relatively young for a pope, 7 years younger than Francis was at the time of his election. As such, Leo XIV may remain in power for much longer than other popes. It is a mark of the cardinals' confidence in Leo XIV and his abilities that they were willing to look past his birthplace and commit to his long reign.

Image via Vatican Media

Hospital Becomes Battle Ground

By Pyper McEwan

There have been many wars, and lots of damage has been done, but a hospital in Gaza has been used as a battleground. There had been bombing, power outages, shortages, and that has left nearly all of the hospitals in Gaza powerless and out of service. There have been several attacks outside and inside the hospital vicinity. Many doctors and civilians are trapped inside the hospital. At least 20 out of 22 hospitals in Gaza have been damaged from this war within the first two months. Many different video footage and pictures show the damage to the hospitals.



There have been at least 1,200 people killed in this war, and more than 240 people who were taken hostage. The people are taken hostage and stuck inside the hospital; the people who have taken and killed these people are running it all from the hospital. They are hiding and storing their weapons in the basement. There had also been video evidence of this released before losing power in the building.

Info: CNN

Photo cred: CNN

“Gaza Is Gone,” Says Israeli Minister in THIS Shocking Statement

By Dorothy Disha

This week, Israel's Minister Amihai Eliyahu sparked global backlash after openly stating that “Gaza is entirely destroyed” and called for Palestinians to be “resettled in other countries.” Human rights groups are calling the comments dangerous and racist, while Israeli officials claimed that he was “speaking personally,” not on behalf of the government, AFTER he received the hate.

Meanwhile, reports from “The Guardian” show the crisis inside Gaza getting severely out of hand, with experts now calling it a “hunger war.” With access to food, water and medical aid severely restricted, nearly half the population is facing starvation. According to international



watchdogs. UN workers say Israel has delayed or blocked multiple aid trucks, leaving civilians, especially children, at severe risk.

Activists across the world are demanding accountability, saying this is no longer just a war, it's “a humanitarian collapse in real time.”

Sources:- Fox News, The Guardian

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Opinion

High School Concert Review

By Gavin Rutledge

On Monday, May 5th, Dominick Mensche, Dominic Daddio, and I attended the high school concert. Overall the concert was very enjoyable and all of the students performing in the concert did a great job.

First up was the **Senior High Chorus**, directed by Mrs. Hoople, accompanied by Mrs. Fischer. They performed:

*Ain't Gonna Let Nobody (Turn Me Around) -
African American Spiritual*

Both Sides Now - Words and music by Joni Mitchell

Big Yellow Taxi - Words and music by Joni Mitchell

*Irish Blessing - Words from traditional Irish
blessings*

Next was the **Senior High Band**, conducted by Mr. Coldren.

Angry Beavers - Brian Beck

"Spring" from "The Four Seasons" - Antonio Vivaldi

Ayo - Katahji Copley

Allied Honor - Karl King

Next was the **Senior High Orchestra**, conducted by Mrs. Giddings.

*Themes from "How to Train Your Dragon" -
Michael John Mallo and John James Powell*

Concerto in D - Antonio Vivaldi

Into the Shadows - Brian Balmages

Motown Forever - Arranged by Larry Moore

And last but not least, the **Jazz Ensemble** performed, directed by Mr. Coldren.

Libertango - Astor Piazzolla

Superstition - Stevie Wonder

The concert overall was a great experience, and the seniors and Mr. Coldren all finished their music careers on a good note.

Movie Review

By Gavin Rutledge

This week I will be reviewing *The Simpsons Movie*, released in 2007 and directed by David Silverman.

The Simpsons Movie is an animated comedy film based on the comedy show "The Simpsons". The



movie is about the pollution in Springfield and a dome is placed over the town and the residents try to find a way to escape. The movie has an 87% on Rotten Tomatoes and a 7.3/10 on IMDB.

Overall I rate this movie an 8.5/10, the plot is great, it's funny, and I always watched the show growing up so it was great watching the movie as well. I recommend this movie to anyone who is a fan of comedy, or cartoons. There hasn't been a second one yet but I would watch it if there was one to be released.

Photo Credit: Disney Plus

Food Review

By Dylan George

This past weekend, Ezra, Gavin, Brody, and I traveled to New Hartford early Saturday morning to take the SAT. The test was described in Ezra Stahlberg's one-word statement, "Dreadful."

We were all starving after being mentally destroyed by the College Board and needed some

food to get our minds off the impossible battle we just fought. After very little talk we quickly decided to go to Chipotle, which was the highlight of our day. After eight minutes, we arrived at Chipotle, where they were opening for the day. We were the only people there, so we had to order immediately. Here is what each of us ordered and our thoughts on the meal and the SAT:

Ezra Stahlberg: "I ordered a bowl with brown rice, pinto beans, honey chipotle chicken, pico de gallo salsa, corn salsa, hot sauce, and vinaigrette. The bowl was good, but it was very pricey. The SAT went bad. I do not want to talk about it." **Overall: 5/10 (It was terrible)**

Dylan George: "I ordered a bowl with white rice, honey chipotle chicken, pico de gallo salsa, corn salsa, pico de gallo salsa, and queso. The bowl was pretty good, but I was so mentally drained from the test that I did not enjoy it as much as I would have liked." **Overall: 6.6/10**

Gavin Hames: "I ordered a bowl of brown rice, steak, lettuce, cheese, pico de gallo salsa, and guacamole. The bowl was pretty good, but the test almost killed me. The math was so easy, which is not good." **Overall: 3.2/10**

Brody Houck: "I ordered a burrito with white rice, double steak, cheese, queso, pico de gallo, and lettuce. The food was delicious, but the test was the worst thing ever." **Overall: 7/10**



The overall trip was awful. We had to wake up exceptionally early because of a long and draining exam, but Chipotle did help. I recommend that the

College Board take their exams later in the day for the June exam.

Photo Credit: College Board

Sports

HCS Track Meet

By Ezra Stahlberg

On Tuesday, the HCS track and field team traveled to Cooperstown for their fifth meet of the year. So far, this team has had an awe-inspiring season, with a large portion of their squad qualifying for sectional play. They went to Cooperstown to compete in the league meet between a few local schools from the area. I've decided to interview some HCS track team members to understand their opinions on the meeting.

How was the meet?

Tyler: "The team did well, and many people got PRs and qualified for their sectional events, which was great. A lot of people tried out new events, and that was interesting. Thankfully, the weather held out."

Liliana: "The meet went well, with many pros and sectional qualifiers, but the weather wasn't great until the end. Overall, it was a good meet."

Owen: "Terrible. I had my AP lit test that day and did not want to run. With the weather, I thought it would've been canceled, but I was sadly disappointed."

How did you do in your events?

Tyler: "I had my best meet so far. I was first in the 200-meter and 400-meter events and qualified for sectionals in the long jump. It was an excellent meet from Go, and I was happy the 4x400 got canceled."

Liliana: "I placed second in the 400 and qualified for sectionals, and I'm not sure how I did in the 200 and triple jump."

Owen: "I did alright, putting up some okay and pretty standard times, but I also got dusted by Tyler in the 200, so I'm waiting for the next meet to get my get back."

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Best moment from the meet?

Tyler: "Diane is being Diane and somehow making it home despite the weather, and Mr. West, helping her wipe the window."

Liliana: When the sun came out, it was beautiful again and turned spirits around."

Owen: "Getting home and finally being able to lock in for AP Lih was relieving, and I'm pretty happy with my performance."

Photo Credit: Liliana Hagos



Varsity Boys Baseball

By: Gavin Snyder

The Boys' team played against West Canada last Friday at Hamilton School. In the first inning, both teams were able to score, but West Canada had the edge over the Emerald Knights as the score was 1-2. But coming through the fourth inning, Hamilton was able to score another run, tying the game 2-2 going into the end of the fourth inning.

But in the fifth inning, West Canada took the lead, scoring 5 runs while Hamilton only scored 2. Through the seventh inning, West Canada scored 6 more runs and took the win 13-5. Cooper Roy, Jordan Mullenax, Jack Penoyer, and Luke Langel all had one hit, with Trent Murray adding on one RBI.

Photo Credit: Emily Evans



Varsity Softball

By Eve McCorkle

Recently, the girls' varsity softball team has been busy at work playing games and practicing non-stop, then the rain wouldn't stop. Recently, the girls have played Cooperstown, Sauquoit Valley, and West Canada Valley. Here is how everything went.



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To begin the game, Cooperstown got on the board in the first inning after Bella Reich singled, scoring one run. Soon after, Ellie Olsen doubled down the left field line, which helped Hamilton Emerald Knights tie the game at one in the bottom of the third. Cooperstown took the lead, 5-1, in the top of the fifth thanks to singles by Sperrt, Lippitt, and Emma Green.

Elli Freeth led things off in the circle for Hamilton Emerald Knights. The pitcher surrendered 9 hits and nine runs (eight earned) over five and two-thirds innings, striking out seven and walking four. Lippitt stepped into the circle first for Cooperstown. The hurler allowed six hits in two runs over seven Innings, striking out seven and walking 3. Catania and Olson each drove in one run for the Hamilton Emerald Knights.

Cooperstown piled up 10 hits in the game. Emmerson Lippitt and Britton Hill collected two hits for Cooperstown. Emma Green, Bella Reich, and Grace Sperry each drove in runs for Cooperstown. Cooperstown had patience at the plate, collecting five walks. Cooperstown also turned one double play in the game.

Overall, the girls had a bit of a rough game but tried their best. Next, we will recap the Sauquoit Valley Game and the West Canada Valley Game.

Photo Creds: True Sport Care: the Evolution of Pitching in Softball

NHL Playoffs Round One

By Ezra Stahlberg

The NHL playoffs are in full swing, with round one ending this past Sunday. So far, this postseason has been exciting, with many close series and a few blowouts. After watching these games and these series, here are my thoughts on the first round.



Top Three Matchups so far:

1. **Winnipeg vs St Louis:** This matchup had every aspect of great hockey, particularly in my book—a great close series, piled with high-action-packed games. I loved this series because it included two of the top goaltenders in the NHL. I also liked watching Binnington and Hellebuyck. Despite these games being incredibly high scoring, these two played excellent hockey, battling it out game after game. Another reason this series was unbelievable was the game seven outcome for the Jets to score with seconds left in the third period to take it into overtime and come out with the win was probably the tournament's comeback, and one of the most fantastic finishes in playoff hockey.
2. **Dallas vs Colorado:** This matchup was great because it featured two inspiring teams with great superstar talent. Despite the actual games not being quite as close as Winnipeg vs St. Louis, watching the two teams battle back and forth, as well as watching Dallas move on to hopefully collect their second Stanley Cup in franchise history and beating the dominant postseason force the Avalanche was a storybook ending for this franchise and one I loved to see.

3. **Ottawa vs Toronto:** This series was incredibly fun to watch, and despite my hatred for the Leafs, one can't argue how well they played this series. With two overtime finishes and three high-scoring games, this series posed two very different teams against each other, with a deep, defensive, and gritty Ottawa vs a star-filled Leafs led by a fantastic performance from young star Auston Matthews.

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