# THEIR TIME IS NOW: Falling short last year helped drive Beverly, Hamilton-Wenham baseball teams to championships[By Matt Williams Staff writer](https://www.salemnews.com/users/profile/Matt%20Williams), *Salem News*

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About six weeks ago, Beverly senior **Spencer Brown** was asked if his Panthers were already thinking about the state baseball tournament.

While he paid respect to the regular season games that laid ahead, and the importance of the Northeastern Conference North title, Brown admitted that this year he’d hoped the playoffs would be special.

“I think for our group, winning in the state tournament would be more special because we haven’t done it,” said Brown, whose squad was upset in the first round in both 2016 and 2017.3

The hunger that comes from last year’s setbacks is a common thread between the North baseball champions from Beverly High (Division 2) and Hamilton-Wenham (D4) that hoisted their respective trophies on Saturday.

“A lot of our guys had some tough luck in the playoffs, whether it be in baseball, football, basketball or soccer. I think that gave them a better understanding of what it takes to win big games,” said Hamilton-Wenham coach Reggie Maidment.

The Generals were a couple of outs away from a semifinal appearance in D3 12 months ago but saw their lead slip away. The school endured last second losses in the football playoffs and on Thanksgiving against Ipswich that also lit a fire for talented multi-sport standouts like Jake Lanciani, Hunter Wilichoski and Phil Durgin.

“We definitely didn’t want to lose in the North finals twice, already knowing what that felt like in football. It wasn’t fun,” said Wilichoski. “That definitely drove us to play better in those close games.”

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Athletes that play more than one sport are another thing the champion Panthers and Generals have in common. Plenty of players on both sides play travel baseball and focus offseason energy on the diamond game, but the way they also find time to play other sports helps grow a competitive spirit that leads to thriving in pressure packed environments.

For Beverly, captains Matt Collins (soccer) and Tim McCarthy (hockey) are multi-sport leaders. Senior Nick Berry was a quarterback in football and junior Clayton McAlpine will be a captain on the gridiron next year. Outfielders Conor Hanlon and Ryan Munzing are also hockey players and veteran Panther coach Dave Wilbur makes no bones about how much his team benefits from having so many players that been captains of one team or another at various times.

“It’s the best group I can ever remember as far as leadership goes,” Wilbur said. “I’m following their lead a lot of time, trying not to get in the way and mess things up.”

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Beverly and Hamilton-Wenham also had common beginnings on their respective baseball journeys. Back in 2014, Hamilton-Wenham beat Beverly for the District 15 Little League championship while reaching the state’s Final Four.

A year prior in 2013, Beverly topped H-W to win the District flag.+3

A half-decade later, both high school varsity squads are littered with players that were on both of those squads. Among the former Little League standouts from those two summers for H-W are Phil Durgin, Paul Horgan, Will Jones (missed the season with injury), Adam Parady, Mark Roselli, Ian Coffey and Conor Evers.

For Beverly, Matt Collins, Clayton McAlpine, Tim McCarthy, Ryan Munzing, Colton Petrosino and Bryaden Clark were on the ‘13 District 15 champs.

As for the Generals (18-6), they’ll face Division 4 South champion Archbishop Williams in the state semifinal on Wednesday at Campanelli Stadium in Brockton (4 p.m.).

The Archies (16-9) are swinging hot bats and have scored at least six runs in all five of their playoff games. They’ve won twice in the playoffs in extra innings, including a come-from-behind eight inning affair against Seekonk in the South final (9-8).

The winner of the Hamilton-Wenham/Archbishop Williams game faces the winner of the Oxford/Hopkins game on Saturday at Holy Cross in Worcester.

This season marked the 14th straight in which a team from the Cape Ann League reached a North sectional final in baseball. Maidment felt that playing in a league with that caliber of quality opponents was a factor in his team’s win over defending champion Lowell Catholic in Saturday’s D4 North final.

 “(Lowell Catholic) is a really good team, but it’s also the type of team we’ve seen a lot,” Maidment said. “So I think it was tied late, we didn’t blink because we’ve been in close with teams similar to them before, and we won them, so we knew we could again.”

The North final was H-W’s eighth game of the season decided by three or fewer runs, and they faced tournament qualifiers from higher divisions that included Super 8 qualifier St. John’s Prep, North finalists Masconomet and Lynnfield, plus Triton, North Reading and Newburyport.

Overall this year, the Generals are 11-4 against playoff teams.

# Hamilton-Wenham scores late, captures Division 4 North title[By Matt Williams Staff writer](https://www.salemnews.com/users/profile/Matt%20Williams), *Salem News*Jun 16, 2018

LOWELL — Leading off what could've been their last inning of baseball this season, there was no one Hamilton-Wenham would have rather had at bat than senior Adam Parady.

With the Division 4 North title hanging in the balance in a tie game against Lowell Catholic, Parady slapped the first pitch he saw to the wall in left for a triple. Junior Quinlan Kelly's sacrifice fly scored him with the tiebreaking run and the Generals went on to win the sectional championship, 3-1, Saturday at LeLacheur Park.

"I saw my parents in the stands before I went up. My dad gave me the 'let's go' nod and I knew it was on from there," said Parady, who slid across the dish with a first pump after Kelly's fly ball to center. "Quinlan put that piece on the ball and I knew it was deep enough to score. I knew we had it."

Having won its first North championship since 1991, Hamilton-Wenham (18-6) will now face Division 4 South champ Archbishop Williams in the state semifinals  Tuesday (time and field TBA).

Junior ace Paul Horgan went the distance for the winners and closed the door with a clean seventh, one that was surprisingly his first 1-2-3 inning of the afternoon.

"To start the seventh, all I was thinking was throw strikes," said Horgan, who scattered three hits, walked four and fanned four. "I walked too many guys and I wanted to get away from that after my team got the runs for me."

Defending North champion Lowell Catholic (19-4) scratched across an unearned run to tie the game in the fifth. At that point, H-W had left the bases loaded three times and had stranded a dozen runners, so momentum easily could've flipped in favor of the Crusaders.

Instead, Horgan escaped a bases loaded jam to leave the go-ahead run at third.

"That's what Paul has given us all year," said Hamilton-Wenham head coach Reggie Maidment. "He loves to compete. He's gritty. He works at it every day. There's nobody I'm more proud of than Paul; that's an unearned run and his ERA on the year is under 1.00. He's a championship pitcher."

Clutching the North championship trophy that had so far eluded him both as a player and coach, H-W alum Maidment was grinning from ear-to-ear: "I think I'm going to sleep with this. It's going to be tough for anyone to get it away from me."

Hunter Wilochoski, who drove in the game's only other run in the top of the first, hit a 2-out triple in the sixth as H-W nearly regained the lead immediately. But Lowell Catholic's Alex Graves, who threw 6 1/3 innings and scattered seven hits, stranded him there.

"Between innings, we talked about how we were close but weren't getting that hit to break it open," said Maidment, whose team left the bags full in the first, third and fifth frames. "We said 'Keep working, keep doing what we do and we'll get a run.'"

That approach paid off in the seventh. After Parady's triple and the sacrifice fly by Kelly (a reserve most of the year who was pressed into action by a late injury to regular second baseman Conor Evers), No. 9 hitter Cam Vatour roped a double by the first base bag for an RBI and the all-important two-run lead.

Horgan held the Crusaders off the board for the first four innings, but a walk and two infield errors sandwiched around a base hit by Andrius Kulbis-Marino knocked in the tying run. After a looking strikeout to end the inning without giving up the lead, Horgan knew the H-W bats would find a way.

"We never hang our heads," the pitcher said. "If someone on this team makes a mistake, we make sure we do something to take it away and pick that guy up."

Jake Lanciani opened the first with a double and scored and Wilochoski's single.

Lanciani reached three times; Wilochoski was the lone H-W player with two hits; and Kelly and Horgan also singled. Catcher Phil Durgin also singled and reached three times while also making three outstanding catches in foul ground.

"This feels good, but we're not satisfied," said Parady. "We want to win the state championship and that means we need two more wins."

It was the first North title in two tries as coach for Maidment, whose team fell in the Division 3 title game in 2014.

In their first year in Division 4, the Generals have thus far delivered on their big expectations.

"This group has been in so many big games in other sports and in the youth leagues, and they haven't gotten that last win," said Maidment. "They want it. They've wanted it all year and I'm really happy for them."

# Hamilton-Wenham aims to dethrone Lowell Catholic in D4 final[By Matt Williams Staff writer](https://www.salemnews.com/users/profile/Matt%20Williams), *Salem News*Jun 16, 2018The Hamilton-Wenham baseball team heads to Saturday's Division 4 North championship game looking to stage a coup.That's because to win the crown, the Generals will have to take down the king.Top-seed Lowell Catholic is the defending North champion and has won the sectional in three of the previous four seasons. They're be the Generals' opponent when the first pitch is thrown at LeLacheur Park at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon."They have a couple of solid pitchers, they're very good defensively and they're well coached," Hamilton-Wenham coach Reggie Maidment said of Lowell Catholic, which enters the bout 19-4.Hamilton-Wenham is 17-6 and has yet to allow a run in the state playoffs. The Generals are outscoring their opponents 36-0 so far with combined pitching efforts of freshman Luke McClintock, junior Paul Horgan and Mark Rosselli holding their foes scoreless.Horgan, who went 5-1 with a pair of no-hitters over the course of the season, projects as the staring pitcher in the championship since he last threw in Monday's quarterfinal win over Mystic Valley. Pitching is a big strength of H-W since senior Jake Lanciani and youngster Everett Wonson haven't even had to warm up this postseason."It's always going to be all hands on deck for a championship game," said Maidment, coaching in the North final for a second time after the Generals were last at LeLacheur as Division 3 runners-up in 2014. "Obviously we feel really good coming in having Horgan ready to go, but knowing Jake and Everett are fresh and rested in the bullpen helps. We feel like we're ready to go."With their first Cape Ann League Baker division title in 15 years already in hand, the Generals would love nothing more than to win their first North title since 1991. It's the team's first season in Division 4 and it's already been a successful one.All season, Lanciani has been the catalyst at the top of batting order. His 26 steals are the most of any local play and he leads the Generals in both hits (31) and runs (24). Power hitters Adam Parady (22 hits) and Hunter Wilichoski (16 RBI) have been heating up of late and Horgan has been excellent with a team-best 20 RBI.Lowell Catholic, the Catholic Central League Small champs, has experienced pitching. Alex Graves, also a state champ in ice hockey, struck out 11 in a quarterfinal win four days ago and looks like a formidable foe on the hill.Maidment also lauded the contributions of some of his lesser known Generals. Senior catcher Phil Durgin, a two-year captain, has been outstanding defensively and adds some power to the bottom third of the lineup. With a preseason injury to ace Will Jones, the Generals have relied on a top of pitchers that were inexperienced at the high school level, from ninth grader McClintock to juniors that didn't pitch much last year in Wonson and Horgan."A lot of the credit for that goes to Durgin," Maidment said. "He's been on the same page with those guys all year, in games and in the bullpens. When you have young talent you need veteran leadership to show them the way and he's done that."Cam Vatour has been "a rock" at third base, Maidment pointed out, and his production in the No. 9 spot has consistently given Lanciani the chance to hit with a man on base.Another unsung hero for the Generals? Infielder Quinlan Kelly, who was thrust into a starting role just as the playoffs got underway. Kelly had some experience playing shortstop when Lanciani pitched but became the regular season baseman when a deep cut to the leg from a freak non-baseball accident felled Conor Evers for the year.

**McClintock, Generals roll past Excel and into sectional finals**
**By Nick Giannino Staff Writer, *Salem News***

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HAVERHILL — Hamilton-Wenham freshman pitcher Luke McClintock entered Wednesday's Division 4 North semifinal having allowed zero earned runs on the mound this season.

Seven superb innings later, the streak was still in tact.

McClintock spun a three-hit, seven-strikeout, two-walk complete game and got plenty of help behind him as the Generals rolled into the sectional finals with an 8-0 win over Excel Academy at Haverhill's Trinity Stadium. Having yet to allow a run as a team this postseason (outscoring opponents 36-0 in three wins) Hamilton-Wenham will now face top seeded Lowell Catholic in the North title game on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Lowell's LeLacheur Park.

"I mean he's got 32 innings with a 0 ERA. As a freshman that's pretty impressive," Hamilton-Wenham head coach Reggie Maidment said of his 14-year-old ace.

"He came to us as a freshman having already played in big tournaments with AAU teams, so he knows how to handle pressure. He didn't have his best stuff; he's coming off three days rest so not a normal week. But as a freshman to have a performance like that and have a season the way he is ... I have no one better that I'd rather give the ball to right there."

While he wouldn't admit it, McClintock got off to a strong start and never looked back in the sectional finals clinching victory.

The cool, calm and collected starter retired nine of the first 11 batters he faced, not giving up his first hit (a single to left) until the top of the fourth inning. The biggest trouble he faced all afternoon came in the fifth when a double by Hidalgo Villar nearly advanced a runner to third, but with two outs, the throw was in time and the tag was there to end the inning.

"I didn't start too well. I was kind of having trouble with the mound but I started to work through it and started to groove," said McClintock, who closed out the contest with a 1-2-3 seventh including a pair of strikeouts.

"It feels pretty good. I mean, I'm only a freshman so I haven't been in this situation before, but it's a good feeling."

Asked if he'll remain perfect for the remainder of the year, McClintock laughed and responded with a modest answer.

"I don't know. If I go another game the competition only gets better. So we'll have to see," he said.

Offensively, Hamilton-Wenham did most of their damage in the bottom of the sixth inning. Consecutive triples from Adam Parady and catcher Phil Durgin (RBI) in the fourth got the Generals on the board for a 2-0 lead, and it remained that way until the bats exploded two frames later.

Another RBI triple down the right field line for the senior captain Durgin got things started in the sixth, before fellow captain Jake Lanciani mashed one to deep center that took off on the turf and wound up being a 3-run, inside-the-park homerun to open things up. The Generals tacked on two more against reliever Alex Troncoso, behind an RBI ground rule double from Everett Wonson and an ensuing error at the plate following a fly-out by Parady.

The big inning was more than enough insurance for McClintock to go back in and seal the deal, which he did beautifully and was subsequently mobbed by his teammates in the middle of the diamond.

"That kid (Carlos Vazquez) is a good pitcher; he's really good," Maidment said of Excel's hard throwing starter. "He's got a good change up and throws three pitches. 2-0 is a ballgame and we haven't even been in one yet, so for us to be able to not squeeze it too hard or try to do too much is good. Stringing hits together when it counts was the important thing and I thought we did that really, really well."

Paul Horgan (two walks), Hunter Wilichoski (single and a triple) and Cam Vautour (three walks) also contributed at the dish in the win.

**CLAWED: Tigers exact their revenge on H-W, upset top seed to advance to North final for 4th straight season**
**By Phil Stacey Executive Sports Editor, *Salem News*Jun 11, 2018**HAMILTON — Over and over he watched it, painful as it was.

For the last month-and-a-half, Pat Gillis reviewed the video of his Ipswich lacrosse team's first meeting with arch rival Hamilton-Wenham. Not only was the score lopsided against the Tigers on that day, but Generals' defenseman Henry Schibli got the better of Gillis in their 1-on-1 matchup.

"I must've watched me try to dodge him 50 times or more. I was so (upset) he got the better of me that day," said Gillis, the senior attackman and Ipswich tri-captain. "I didn't want that happening again."

When given a chance at revenge in Monday's Division 3 North playoff semifinals, the Tigers pounced — and in doing so sent the top-seeded Generals home for the season.

Gillis scored three goals, giving him 60 for the season, and the Tigers got a terrific defensive effort from fellow goalie Aidan McAdams on out in toppling host Hamilton-Wenham, 9-6, Monday afternoon.

"After losing to them during the regular season (11-4 on April 24), today was the equivalent of Thanksgiving Day against these guys. We were not losing again," said the team's third senior captain, attackman Kevin Swenson (goal, assist).

This feels great," he added. "Any time you beat the Generals, it's like my birthday.

The No. 4 seed in the sectional, Ipswich (13-6) now advances to the North title game for the fourth straight season, having won the previous three. They'll take on No. 2 Austin Prep, which romped over Pentucket, 16-5, in Monday's other semifinal, Friday in Woburn (5 p.m.) for the crown. The Tigers defeated the Cougars in double overtime, 11-10, to close out the regular season.

Playing with confidence from the get-go, Ipswich never trailed after Gillis' second goal of the day gave his team a 3-2 lead late in the first quarter. From that point on, the Tigers scored six of the game's next seven goals to take a 7-3 lead as Hamilton-Wenham never got any closer than two down the rest of the way.

"We talked about it on the bus ride over that these guys have been through every scenario this year," said head coach Glenn Foster. "We've been behind going into the fourth, we've been ahead going into the fourth, we've been in a 4-OT game ... so what else is left? What scenario could they see they haven't already dealt with?

"(As far as) mental toughness, they've been that way all year.

After playing in eight 1-goal games ... it makes them mentally strong and a little more focused."

Hamilton-Wenham, which beat out Ipswich for the Cape Ann League Baker title, saw its terrific season come to an end at 15-3. Senior attack Andrew Riccio, the program's all-time leading scorer, led the offense with three goals and two assists — with his final high school point, a goal coming with 2:21 to play, being the 300th point of his career. He is the sixth player ever from The Salem News area to reach the 300-point mark.

Still, the Generals hurt themselves with penalties (8, including five in the second half), inability to match Ipswich's intensity and chasing sticks defensively as opposed to playing the body.

"It seems like every time we play these guys, they out-tough us a little bit usually," said Hamilton-Wenham head coach Josh Wedge, whose team also got outstanding play from senior captain Zane Clark on defense. "They're getting after balls hard, they draw penalties by how hard they get after balls, and they're relentless attacking the goal. If you're not matching that intensity, it can get away from you pretty quickly."

Riccio and Callen Strong gave the Generals an early 2-1 lead before Ipswich made its move offensively. Using a patient attack but striking when the opportunities presented themselves, they were able to get clean shots on H-W goalie Mayo Amorello (8 saves) when they beat the Generals' defenders to their slides.

In addition to Gillis' three scores and one from Swenson, junior Ben Yanakakis had two goals and an assist, sophomore attack Lucas Kubaska also had a pair of goals, and sophomore Ethan Jean-Charles had a man up goal and an assist. Blake Emerson also had a helper.

In front of Aidan McAdams (10 saves) in net, defensive middies and defenders Matt Rugo, Tommy Herron, Kieran McCormack, Alex Bruhm, Clay Manolian and freshmen Cade McAdams, Jayden Halecki and Justin Bruhm all rose to the occasion in the biggest game of the season.

"Not to take away form their win (earlier in the season), because they crushed us, but we made so many mental mistakes in that one," said Aidan McAdams, who made his best save by robbing an all-alone Bryson Cala of Hamilton-Wenham out front in the third quarter. "This time, I made sure we didn't lose any cutters the whole game. Whenever Riccio tried to dodge, we made sure we had a slide ready."

"Their goalie does a nice job, especially low and especially stick side," Wedge said of McAdams. "We didn't execute in our shot placement the way we wanted to."

Amorello added his third goal of the season for Hamilton-Wenham, with senior attackman Kit Shaw also scoring.

"I'm proud of the way our kids battled after having a 3-minute locked in penalty (in the fourth quarter)," said Wedge, whose team will say goodbye to 10 seniors, including its top six scorers as well as Amorello in net. "I thought we made a pretty good defensive stand. They scored a goal (to go up 9-5), but our kids really battled in that position to try and give us a chance that last six minutes.

"We were just tight today — and I don't know   why."

**Monday's area roundup: Swampscott, Hamilton-Wenham roll into playoff semi's
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**BASEBALL**

**Hamilton-Wenham 12, Mystic Valley 0:** Junior Paul Horgan struck out six over five 1-hit, shutout innings to drive the No. 2 seed Generals (16-6) into the Division 4 North semi’s. Senior Jake Lanciani had two hits, two runs, two steals and two RBI and Adam Parady came alive with a 3-for-4, two RBI effort. Hunter Wilichoski collected three RBI for the CAL Baker champs and Ian Coffey and Cam Vatour had two hits each. Mark Roselli threw two shutout innings in his postseason debut.Up next for the Generals is Excel on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Haverhill’s Trinity Stadium.

**Hamilton-Wenham's Riccio, Newburyport's Cote named Moynihan Student-Athletes of the Month for May**

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For their accomplishments both in the classroom and in their respective athletic endeavors, Hamilton-Wenham lacrosse star Andrew Riccio and Newburyport lacrosse ace Margaret Cote have been chosen as the May recipients of the Moynihan Lumber Student-Athlete Award.

Andrew is closing in on 300 points for his career and holds the all-time scoring record at Hamilton-Wenham by more than 100 points. He also has more career assists than anyone else in school history has points. The attackman leads his team in scoring with 40 goals, 45 assists and 85 points heading into Monday's Division 3 North semifinal playoff game against arch rival Ipswich. The Generals, who won the Cape Ann League crown for the first time in a dozen seasons, are 15-2 as a team and the No. 1 seed in the bracket.

In the month of May, Andrew had 23 goals and 23 assists for 46 points in just nine games, an average of over five points a contest. In many of these, he sat out large portions of the second half as his team had already built up a big lead. The Generals went 8-1 in May as Andrew recorded a career-high eight assists (plus 2 goals) in a victory over Lynnfield, then added five goals in a win over Melrose. He also scored in double overtime to defeat Division 1 Chelmsford, the second straight year he had tallied in an extra session to defeat the Lions (having done so in a 4-OT game in 2017).

Academically, Andrew has had academic honors in every marking period at Hamilton-Wenham Regional since his freshman year. He holds an overall grade point average of 3.92, including a senior course load of three Advanced Placement classes (Calculus, Stats and Psychology) and four Honors courses (English, History, Contemporary History and Spanish 5).

# Hamilton-Wenham cruises by Lynn Tech to begin playoff journey[By Matt Williams Staff writer](https://www.salemnews.com/users/profile/Matt%20Williams), *Salem News*Jun 8, 2018HAMILTON — From the first day of tryouts a few months ago, Hamilton-Wenham baseball coach Reggie Maidment has loved his mix of young talent and senior leadership.So with the Division 4 North playoffs getting underway Friday afternoon at Patton Park, using that mix of a young pup and a grizzled veteran in the pitching battery was an easy call.Freshman Luke McClintock got his first playoff start and was in sync with senior catcher Phil Durgin all afternoon as the Generals cruised by Lynn Tech 16-0. It was the most runs in a playoff game by Hamilton-Wenham in eight years and sent the No. 2 seed Generals (15-5) to Monday's quarterfinals back at Patton against Mystic Valley (4 p.m.)."It's good to get the win and we were solid all around," said Durgin, a captain who had two of his team's 12 hits and a pair of RBI. "In the playoffs, you want to have a quick start and be aggressive — and we were."The visiting Tigers (9-10) managed only two hits over six innings against McClintock, who struck out six and didn't issue a walk. The complete game effort (the MIAA's 15-run rule ended the bout in the sixth) delivered his team-leading fifth win of the year."The thing about Luke is he's played in big games before high school. It's a little different playing for your town in high school, but I know he has experience in big spots against good teams," said Maidment, who opted to hold ace Paul Horgan for potential second and fourth round matchups, "And the numbers bore that out. He was our clear number two and I had no problem sending him out there."Offensively, the Cape Ann League Baker champs got production up-and-down the lineup. H-W scored five runs in the second to jump ahead, added one in the fourth and piled on five in the fifth and five in the sixth.Horgan's three hits led the charge and he had a team-best five RBI, driving in two to help break the game open in the second. Durgin had a sacrifice fly in that frame and H-W got runs on bases loaded walks to Jake Lanciani (two hits, three runs) and Everett Wonson as well."We had good intensity to start," Maidment said. "It was a work week and we put in the time to come out and play well. We wanted to put out a statement to begin the tournament."Lynn Tech reliever Kenny Moore relied on a looping curveball that almost resembled and eephus and had H-W flummoxed for a couple of innings. The Generals adjusted their approach the second time through the lineup, though with knocks by Durgin, Lanciani, Horgan and Hunter Wilichoski leading to the five run fifth and a commanding 11-0 edge.In the sixth, Ian Coffey, Durgin, Horgan, Wonson and Adam Parady drove in runs to extend the lead to 15 and end the bout early. Dan Tobin's pinch-hit infield single help spark that five-run rally.H-W also took advantage of its speed, swiping a total of seven bases. Lanciani and Durgin stole two while Horgan, Parady and Tobin also had swipes.It was a solid way to begin their first season as a Division 4 North tournament team (down from Division 3) but after winning their first league title in 15 years, the Generals admittedly have bigger goals. All focus is now on playing good baseball to advance next week."Mystic Valley plays a tougher schedule than most and we'll have to come to play. When we do that, and put pressure on like we can, we're tough to beat," Maidment said.

**Wednesday's area roundup Generals boys tennis advances to semi's**
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BOYS TENNIS**

**Hamilton-Wenham 3, Manchester Essex 2:** The Generals moved on to the Division 3 North semis with a big win over their conference rivals. Senior captain Jack Greenwald was the lone singles winner, grabbing a 6-1, 6-2 triumph, while both doubles teams of John Farnham/Thor Messer (6-0, 6-3) and Will Curtis/Nick Ong (6-0, 6-2). Nick Greco came close at second singles, winning in a tie breaker in the first set, dropping the second, and losing in a super tiebreaker (14-12) with the match already decided. Hamilton-Wenham will face the winner of Thursday’s match between Lynnfield and Swampscott in the next round.

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# Hamilton-Wenham boys tennis team ready for postseason

**By Dom Nicastro Correspondent**

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The Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School boys tennis team drew Cape Ann League Baker rival Manchester Essex in the quarterfinal round of the Division 3 North state tourney scheduled for Tuesday, June 5.

The match took place after the Chronicle’s deadline, but regardless of the outcome, it’s hard to deny the success of Hamilton-Wenham this season. The team won the Cape Ann League Baker division title, coach Joe Maher won his 250th victory and the league named Maher Coach of the Year.

The Generals didn’t have any all-stars in the Cape Ann League, but this was a team beyond individuals. Collectively the Generals proved to be the top team in their league, finishing 8-1 in the league and 13-3 overall. The team won its final seven matches, including a crucial one against Manchester Essex, which finished second at 7-2.

“We had our first practice in over a week on Friday after getting our seeding information,” Maher said a couple of days before his state tourney opener. “We worked on some things that had gotten a little lackluster over the past few weeks, our net game and closing points particularly. My message to the team was that we shouldn’t be doing anything different than what we had done during the regular season. Each team/player has their strengths, and I encouraged them to continue to play to their strengths to maximize their games.”

Junior Billy Whelan finished 8-7 at No. 1 singles.

“This is the time of year when Billy really hits his stride,” Maher said. “He is such a smart player that if he is matched up against someone of similar talent, I trust he will win. He will have a tough match in the first round with ME’s Peter Bierker.”

Sophomore Nick Greco at No. 2 had his biggest win of the season this past week with a three-hour thriller to secure the CAL title for the Generals.

“Nick frustrates his opponents with his consistency, but also has the ability to sneak up to the net and hit effective passing shots when needed,” Maher said.

Jack Greenwald, at No. 3 singles, is a senior captain.

“Jack has been a rock all year,” Maher said. “Since making the move to singles he has only lost two matches. He is 12-4 on the year.”

Junior Thor Messer and senior John Farnham at No. 1 doubles and seniors Nick Ong/Will Curtis at No. 2 doubles have shown tremendous improvement.

“We had a lot of uncertainty in doubles early in the year trying to find the right pairings,” Maher said. “Midway through the season it become clear that these two teams gave us the best chance to win. John with his height is a big presence at net, and Thor can rip forehands and surprise teams with his quickness. Will and Nick vary in style. Will likes to hit groundstrokes from the back court, while Nick can be aggressive around the net to close points. Both of their serves can be a weapon when on.”

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# Hamilton-Wenham boys lacrosse earns top seed in state tourney

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It’s tourney season. It’s Hamilton-Wenham boys lacrosse’s season. The Generals are back in the tourney and are the Division 3 North’s top seed, where they were a year ago.

Last year, the team fell to the eventual Division 3 state champions, Ipswich, in the North finals. And the Generals won the North title in 2014.

They’ve been there. Done that. For sure.

Leading the way for the Generals this season have been Andrew Riccio (39 goals, 42 assists, 81 points), Griffin Barlow (38-16-54), Callen Strong (14-18-32), Kit Shaw (24-12-36), Cole Dwyer (18-2-20) and Tommy Lattanzi (16-4-20).

The Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle recently caught up with coach Josh Wedge as he prepared his team for the opening round, which was scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, against Manchester Essex (after press deadline).

**What do you like about the way they team has played down the stretch?**

I love the health of our team right now. A couple guys have bumps and bruises, but we are entering playoffs with a full roster. We have really started to do well in the face-off game. Junior Sam Webber always seems to get hot this time of year and he has been playing his best lacrosse ever at the face-off dot. I also think we have a pretty good mindset headed to playoffs. We got the No. 1 seed and ended up with what seems like the toughest path and our kids were pumped about it. They want to earn it.

**Where would you like to see improvements?**

Still looking for that four-quarter game at every level. We’ve had great defensive games, great offensive games, great special teams games, great clearing games, great face-off and goaltending games, but we have yet to play a game where it was all clicking. That is a little troubling 16 games in, but I feel like we are so close. We see it in practice, and we’ve seen it in spurts during the year. I think we’ve had some great games lately but our best lacrosse is still out there and we are working hard to find it.

**What is the message to the kids about the tourney and their approach?**

The message is simple. Nothing is going to be given to us. We earned the No. 1 seed by going undefeated in the regular season against D3 teams. We know we are the hunted. We know we are going to get teams’ best shots. Our guys love big games and they are looking forward to the challenges ahead. Leave nothing to chance and earn everything.

**Versatile standout Whelan led three different Hamilton-Wenham squads to league titles this school year
By Nick Giannino Staff Writer, *Sale News***

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What do football, basketball and tennis all have in common? Admittedly, not much.

But for Hamilton-Wenham's Billy Whelan, each of those sports have a rightful place in their respective high school seasons. And by the way, the athletic junior is really, really good at all of them — and thanks to his presence, so are his teams.

Whelan serves as the Generals' shifty southpaw quarterback during the fall, throwing for over 1,600 yards and 18 touchdowns last fall en route to a Cape Ann League title for his team and league all-star recognition for himself.

In the colder months, he shines on the hardwood as head coach Mike DiMarino's starting point guard. This past season, he returned to the lineup from an early injury and wound up with per game averages of over 12 points, four rebounds and four assists — including one unfathomable quadruple-double against Manchester Essex. Again, he was selected as a league all-star.

But perhaps Whelan's most unlikely success occurs on the tennis court. Not only does he compete at first singles against the area's top competition, but he wins matches with regularity. Not bad for a kid who only picks up a racquet three months out of the year.

"Tennis is definitely Bill's third sport, but he's one of the best athletes on the North Shore and it's just exceptional to watch him compete against all these tennis-first kids," said long-time Generals' varsity tennis coach Joe Maher.

"No matter what he's always competing; he never stops trying to chase balls down. He's just got this tenacity and the younger guys see that. Bill's a very important leader for us."

Whelan wrapped up the regular season by winning his final two matches to finish with a 9-7 record out of the No. 1 spot for Hamilton-Wenham. He used his speed, agility, intelligence and overall athleticism to wear down and frustrate his opponents. Some bouts were certainly more challenging than others, but Whelan approached each and every one with the same mindset: give it his all.

"Honestly, I'm more focused on the other two sports. I don't play much tennis outside of the spring season," admitted Whelan. "But I love it. I love going out there and competing against really good players — and it's actually a humbling experience when you get crushed 6-0, 6-0."

Whelan's prowess as top dog helped Hamilton-Wenham (13-3) to another Cape Ann League Baker division title this spring. That gave Whelan a perfect three-peat for the 2017-18 high school year: the Generals won the CAL in both football and basketball as well.

As if the aforementioned accomplishments weren't enough for one's high school career, Whelan still has another full calendar year of throwing, shooting and serving it up for his hometown school.

But first and foremost, he'll look to help the fourth seeded Generals string together a memorable run in the upcoming Division 3 North boys tennis tournament. Hamilton-Wenham will begin their quest for a sectional title against CAL rival Manchester Essex Tuesday at Gordon College in Wenham (3:30 p.m.).

"I love this group. We've been playing together for a couple of years now and everyone's really stepped up this season," Whelan said of his singles teammates Jack Greenwald and Nick Greco, as well as doubles tandems of Thor Messer and John Farnham, as well as Will Curtis and Nick Ong.

"We definitely want to see if we can make some noise in the playoffs," he added. "We just have to play our game and take it one match at a time."

**Salem News: Wednesday's area roundup: St. John's Prep, Hamilton-Wenham tennis squads earn championships**
**5/31/18**

**BOYS TENNIS**

**Hamilton-Wenham 3, Masconomet 2:** It took more than three hours, but Nick Greco finally outlasted Marshall Lastas at second singles, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 to deliver the Cape Ann League Baker title to his squad. Billy Whelan won at No. 1 singles, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, and Jack Greenwald won at third, 6-1, 6-1.Masco got a pair of doubles wins from Kaylan Rivers/Jack Wogan (6-4, 6-3) and Jon Murphy/Gabe Gordbegli (4-6, 6-2, 6-1).

 **Hamilton-Wenham boys lacrosse captures first outright CAL title since 2006
By Mac Cerullo Staff Writer, *Salem News*
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WEST NEWBURY — The stakes were clear for the Hamilton-Wenham boys lacrosse team going into Wednesday’s regular season finale against Pentucket. A win, and the Generals would have the Cape Ann League Baker Division championship all to themselves. A loss, and they would have to share the title with archrival Ipswich.

From the opening whistle, it was obvious that the Generals were in no mood for sharing.

Hamilton-Wenham dominated Pentucket from start to finish, winning 14-6 to claim the program’s first league championship since 2006. Though the score remained close through most of the first half, the Generals consistently won the 50/50 battles for possession and eventually started to pull away.

“They battled really hard, they’re a real good team, but we prepared well in practice, we were ready for them shutting [Andrew Riccio] off at the beginning of the game,” said goalie Mayo Amonello, who had 13 saves in the win. “I think we just wanted the CAL, so we came out and we got it.”

The Generals took an early lead off goals by Cole Dwyer and Tom Lattanzi, though the Sachems were able to answer with a goal by freshman Hazen Pike to make it 2-1 at the end of the first.

The second quarter started much the same, as Lattanzi and Griffin Barlow scored to start the quarter and then Pentucket answered with goals by Adam Greenbaum and longpole defenseman Pat Dillon to make it 4-3. This time, however, the Generals hit back, and this time the Sachems didn’t have an answer.

Hamilton-Wenham scored three goals to end the half, making it 7-3 at the break, and steadily added to that lead in the second half afterwards. Barlow led the way with a team-high four goals, and Dwyer, Lattanzi, Riccio and Callen Strong each finished with two goals.

“We came out and played well from the get-go,” said Hamilton-Wenham assistant Dan Hayden, who took over after head coach Josh Wedge had to leave after halftime to attend to a family matter. “We went after ground balls, we moved the ball well offensively. Defensively we were a little slow but we got after it in the second half and it feels good. We knew Pentucket would be tough, they have a good record and we played like we know how to play.”

With the win, Hamilton-Wenham finishes the year at 14-2. The Generals should earn one of the top seeds in the Division 3 North bracket when pairings are announced this Friday.

**Eagles survive Generals upset bid in ALS Awareness game**[**By Matt Williams Staff writer**](https://www.salemnews.com/users/profile/Matt%20Williams)***, Salem News***

**May 29, 2018**DANVERS — Hamilton-Wenham coach Reggie Maidment's team had just come perilously close to upsetting the No. 1 baseball team in Massachusetts and the best way he could describe how his Generals played was on the back of both team's jerseys.

Playing in the annual ALS Awareness Game, every player for host St. John's Prep and H-W wore the No. 3 and the name Frates Tuesday in honor of the former Eagle that has championed the fight to raise funding to develop treatments for Lou Gehrig's Disease.

The Eagles held on to win, 6-5, on the aptly named Pete Frates Diamond and it was far from a comfortable victory. Hamilton-Wenham outhit the hosts, led by two going into the fifth and loaded the bases with no outs while trying to gain new life in the seventh.

"It fits because the way we played today is how Pete played the game," said Maidment, his squad 14-6. "Our kids were grinding. We squeezed, we hit-and-run, we battled and that's the way Pete played baseball — the right way. I think he'd be proud of how we played even if he wouldn't have been proud if we won."

Gathering for a picture together afterwards, both these state tournament bound teams knew they were better off having played a close, clean game this late in the year. There was a kinship in seeing more than 30 No. 3's all around the diamond.

"It's awesome to be a part of this game," said St. John's junior Alex Lane. "Pete's done so much for St. John's and for ALS, and he's such a huge figure here. It's an honor to play with his name on our backs. It means a lot."

A solo homer by Max Freedman sparked St. John's (15-4) in the sixth. After a walk, pinch-hitter Jack Cairns doubled to tie the game at 4-4. The Eagles then took the lead when pinch-runner Richie Williams scored on an error and tacked on what wound up being the winning run on Mike Yarin's RBI single.

"H-W came out swinging and we were fortunate we had the one big inning," said Letarte. "There's no one else I'd rather have on our field for the ALS game because they always play with passion. It was a great battle."

The sixth wound up being a four run inning for the Eagles after H-W starting pitcher Jake Lanciani held the Prep to two over five frames. The Generals bullpen struggled, but a lot of that is a credit to St. John's sensing it was time to wake up and score some runs.

"They got us at the end but you look at how competitive we were and it shows how good we can be in our division," said Maidment. "I loved the way we came back in the seventh. All year, when we get down we seem to get guys on base and get a spark."

Adam Parady reached on an error and after a walk, Conor Evers singled as H-W loaded the bags with no outs trailing by two. Prep closer Jake Sanderson induced a foul pop-out and struck out the final two to end with, with Parady scoring on a wild pitch to make it a one-run game.

Hunter Wilichoski had a huge outing for the Generals, hitting an RBI triple to give his team the lead in the fifth. That came after Paul Horgan's suicide squeeze tied the bout at 2-2 and H-W added another on Luke McClintock's fielder's choice to lead 4-2. Wilichoski also had an RBI single in the third.

Lanciani added two hits for H-W, which had 10 total compared to six for St. John's. Evers had a pair, Horgan and Parady had one each and Cam Vatour had a bunt single that sparked a run scoring inning in the third.

"From what I've seen that's the top team in the state and for us to be leading after five is humongous for our program," Maidment said.

Lane hit a solo homer for the Eagles in the first and also doubled later in the game. He was the only multi-hit man for the Prep, which also got a single from Josh Cerretani and an RBI from Andrew Dembowski. Garrett Siegel also pitched well, striking out three in three one-run innings. Matt Relihan earned the win.

**Generals top Marblehead in battle of North Shore powers
By Nick Giannino Staff Writer, *Salem News*May 29, 2018**

MARBLEHEAD — Hamilton-Wenham has enjoyed another fantastic spring on the Cape Ann League boys tennis circuit, battling through the ever competitive conference en route to an 11-3 record.

Some days it's first singles player Billy Whelan who records the decisive win, others it might be Nick Greco at No. 2, Jack Greenwald at No. 3 or one of the two talented doubles tandems. But Tuesday afternoon at Marblehead's Seaside Park, it was a textbook collective effort, as the Generals topped a worthy Magician opponent, 4-1, in an out-of-league bout.

Two of the three matches went the distance, while the remaining three were back and forth two-set battles.

"The CAL has been very competitive this season and we've had a lot of close matches up and down the board," said Generals' head coach Joe Maher. "Us, Pentucket, Manchester Essex, North Reading, Masco, Ipswich ... all of us could probably beat each other any given day. And I think Marblehead would fit right in. That's a tough team."

It was the first time in years that the two North Shore foes squared off on the hard court, and the match certainly lived up to the anticipation.

At first singles, Whelan bounced back after dropping the second set to come out on top, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 against Marblehead's top dog, Billy Ackerman. The pure athleticism, endurance and determination was on full display in what was a battle of pure athletes.

At No. 2 singles, Greco managed a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Eduardo Fernandes, while Greenwald won at No. 3 by the same score over Eric Stammnitz.

It was more of the same in doubles action, as John Farnham and Thor Messer survived in straight sets over Adam Sherf and Tony Gluskin, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Marblehead got its lone win at No. 2 dubs, as Harry Dolan and Mason Freeman bested Will Curtis and Nick Ong in a marathon match, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), to get on their team on the board.

"There was a lot of good matches today. I think it was great for us to play them and good for them to play us, especially heading into the tournament," said Maher.

The match served as a perfect tester for both squads as they await the upcoming MIAA tournament pairings on Friday. The unbeaten in the Northeastern Conference Magicians and the top tier CAL performer Generals should both expect a high seed in their respective brackets.

**Lax Lowdown: A look at the North Shore's all-time single season and career scoring leaders
By Phil Stacey Executive Sports Editor, *Salem News*
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Andrew Riccio**has held the all-time school scoring record at Hamilton-Wenham Regional for more than a year now.

One more goal will give him 122, making him the Generals’ all-time leader in that category. Also, if he can pick up six assists between Wednesday’s regular season finale vs. Pentucket and any tournament teams his team will play, he’ll have more helpers than anyone else in school history has points (**Elliott Burr**scored 174 points in his own stellar career).

Riccio is also closing in on even more rarefied air, something that’s happened on five times previously in North Shore boys lacrosse history. With 290 career points, the senior attackman is oh-so-close to hitting the magic 300 mark for his career.

Salem News records indicate that only five players have previously accomplished this feat: Beverly’s **Craig Boaman**, the area’s all-time leader with 381 points. He’s followed by **Garrett Campbell**of St. John’s Prep (374), **Matt Nelligan**of Pingree (316), Bishop Fenwick’s **Chris Napolitano**(315) and another former Beverly High star, **Jeff Kaylor**(308).

Before we go any further, a caveat: the lacrosse records kept here (please see accompanying boxes) are not as thorough as they are for, say, football or boys hockey. Before the arrival for former sports scribe **Matt Jenkins**in 1998, individual and career statistics for boys lax were kept sporadically. Since that time, we’ve tried to piece together the leading scorers, both by season and for their careers, for the sport.

In other words, the accompanying lists of Salem News-area players who have either scored 175 or more points in a career or netted 100 or more points in a season may not be complete. (We did something similar this past winter for anyone who had scored 100 or more career points in boys hockey, and from feedback we received were able to add a few names we were missing from our master list). We’re hoping to be able to do the same with our boys lacrosse list.

For instance, we know that former Beverly High great **Nick Pinciaro**had between 130-140 points as a junior, which would place second best all-time on our list, but we don’t have an exact total. In that same vein, Pinciaro far exceeded 200 career points and was likely closer to 300, but again we don’t have the exact numbers. the same holds true for ex-Pingree School ace Jack Williamson, who we’ve chronicled as scoring more than 200 career points — we just don’t have an exact number.

So we’re still searching as we strive to get the exact numbers so that our list is accurate.

Unofficially, 32 players from the area have hit at least 175 points for their careers, including a trio of marksmen who are still in the midst of their senior seasons: Riccio, Masconomet’s **Garrett Young**(180 points through the regular season), and Marblehead’s **Sam Cioffi**(177 with one regular season game to go before the playoffs start).

We’ve also tabulated 20 players who have hit 100 points in a season — but again, there’s likely to be others we’ve missed. For instance, we don’t have the year-by-year breakdown of Campbell’s goals and assists, but with 374 career points you have to figure there was at least one 100-point season in there (if not more). The same holds true for Pingree’s Nelligan.

What we do know is that Masconomet’s Young (61 goals, 31 assists) is eight points shy of joining that list; if he can get hot in the Division 2 North playoffs, it’s certainly a possibility. Riccio (37-42) sits 21 points away from accomplishing that feat; difficult but not impossible. The same holds true for Ipswich’s own senior attackman and captain, **Pat Gillis**, who’ll take 78 points (50 goals, 28 assists) into the postseason.

Boaman, who graduated in 2002, is also the single-season points leader in the area with 145 points (59 goals, 86 assists). Four others have hit at least 120 points: fellow Panthers **Nick Albano**(124) and current BHS hockey coach **Justin Shairs**(121), as well as former Ipswich star **Dustin Zabelski** (128) and Peabody’s all-time scoring leader, **Keifer Heckman**(126).

Nelligan’s 244 goals are the best locally in a career; the same goes for Boaman and his 184 assists. In one season, the leaders are Salem’s **Mark Maitland**, who had 94 goals in 2000, and Boaman’s 86 assists during his record breaking 2002 campaign.

If we’ve forgotten anyone from our coverage area who should be on either the 100-point season or 175-or-more career points lists, please contact us with their totals so that can update accordingly.

**Weekend area roundup: Hamilton-Wenham's McClintock fires no-hitter
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BASEBALL

Hamilton-Wenham 5, Essex Tech 0**: Freshman Luke McClintock threw his first career no-hitter, facing only two more than the minimum with eight strikeouts and needing only 82 pitches to finish the job. Hamilton-Wenham (14-5) cruised in the consolation of the Rockport Tournament and Essex Tech dipped to 7-10.

Offensively for the Generals, senior Jake Lanciani went 3-for-4 while Paul Horgan, Adam Parady (RBI), Conor Evers (RBI), Ian Coffey (RBI) and McClintock all had hits.

# Friday's area roundup: Cooke's no-hitter, Seaward's 7 RBI power H-W softball in rout of Notre DameSOFTBALLHamilton-Wenham 24, Notre Dame Christo Rey 1: Junior Sammy Cooke fired a no-hitter while striking out 11 and also scored four runs as the Generals (4-15) won in a mercy rule 5-inning contest. Julia Seaward powered the Hamilton-Wenham offense with a grand slam and a bases-clearing triple, accounting for seven RBI. Sarah Cooke added five RBI, including a bases loaded double, while senior Grace MacCurrach scored three runs. Hamilton-Wenham concludes its season at home May 30 against Masconomet.