**Hamilton-Wenham hockey skates to a 1-1 draw with Rockport  
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GLOUCESTER — There was nothing separating the Rockport and Hamilton-Wenham hockey teams on the ice Monday night at the Talbot Rink.  
  
Literally.  
  
Not only did the two squads skate to a 1-1 draw, but both teams put 21 shots on goal and each controlled one period of play.  
  
"It's always good to come out and get a point on the road," Generals head coach Rob Ryan said after his team improved to 3-4-3. "We just needed to be more consistent through three periods.  
  
"I have to tip my cap to the team for the way they played in the third period — but we needed to get more pucks to the net and get into the greasy areas more in the first two."  
  
The Generals came flying and put pressure on the hosts from the opening faceoff. Rockport, however, settled in as the first period went on and started to tilt the ice in its favor in the middle frame.  
  
After a stalemate of more than 29 minutes, the Vikings finally got on the board with 21 seconds remaining in the frame. Freshman Phillip Parker scored his team-leading seventh goal of the season when he chipped a puck into the net from a bad angle to H-W keeper Finn Brophy's left after a Jackson Rice shot went wide and ricocheted off the end boards. Parker's goal made it 1-0 after two.  
  
"We came out in the first four minutes and really stuck to our game plan," Ryan said. "But after that we got away from it. We stopped forechecking and didn't keep the puck in their zone. We had to play from behind because of it, but it was nice to see them wake up in the third and prove they could play from behind."  
  
It didn't take long for the Generals to notch the tying score. Just 2:09 into the final frame, freshman defenseman Luke McClintock snapped a wrist shot that found its way through a heavy screen in front of Vikings goalie Cal Twombly and into the top right corner of the goal. It was the blue liner's third goal this winter.  
  
  
  
  
From there, the teams were stout defensively and both goalies came up with some timely stops to salvage a point.   
  
"(Brophy) is a tough goalie and he was good tonight," Rockport head coach Pat McIntosh said. "We've seen over the last two years that he doesn't give you much; you have to beat him on a second or third opportunity — and he doesn't give you many of those either."  
  
With the tie, Hamilton-Wenham now needs 11 points in its final 10 regular season games to get into the state tournament.  
  
"We would have loved to come to the halfway point with 10 points in 10 games, but we'll have to find a way to get that extra point in the second half," Ryan said of his team. "They'd love to have the experience of making a state tournament (and are) almost halfway there — but they've got a lot of work to do."

**Generals defense too much for Amesbury in big win  
By Nick Giannino Staff Writer, *Salem News*  
Jan 19, 2018**HAMILTON — Eight minutes into Friday evening's Cape Ann League clash between Amesbury and Hamilton-Wenham, it appeared we were headed for another battle.   
  
The Generals topped Amesbury in a four-point thriller to open the season, and led by just two in an entertaining first quarter the second time around.   
  
But a relentless full court press and committed trap quickly got the hosts out and running, turning a tight contest into a blowout 73-42 win. Hamilton-Wenham recorded 23 steals on the night, including three straight swipe-to-layup conversions in the second frame, effectively putting the game out of reach midway through the third.   
  
"We know that (Amesbury) wants to score on the fast break and they got loose on the fast break in the first quarter," said Generals head coach Mike DiMarino. "We gave up 15 points in that first ... 60 for the game is too much at that pace. So we made it a point to jam their outlets and really take control of the pace of the game."  
  
Take control they did, as the hosts played four men up in an attempt to close the passing lanes and force rash decisions by the Indians. Cam Grinnell led the push on both ends, recording four steals to go with a game-high 17 points, 17 rebounds and three assists in what was his biggest game of the season.   
  
"Cam is fantastic," said DiMarino. "He's probably the smartest kid on the team and when you combine that with Billy (Whelan) and Jake (Lanciani) in the front court we have a lot of agility and a lot of speed. This is the team I thought I was going to get at the beginning of the year; it's taken us a little while but the kids are starting to hit their stride a little bit."  
  
The win marked the second 30-plus point win in as many tries for H-W, as the Generals move to 6-2 on the season.   
  
Having a healthy Whelan has certainly played a role in the visible improvements for H-W. The junior point guard turned in perhaps his strongest all-around effort of the year, with 12 points (two 3-pointers), three assists and a game-high seven steals. As lead facilitator, he did a great job getting his team the best available shot offensively, moving the ball with crisp passes en route to uncontested jumpers and layups.   
  
"Jake (Lanciani) was scoring big numbers for us the first few games and teams started collapsing on him, so we had to make it a point to make that extra pass and move the ball," said DiMarino. "We have five guys out there that can score so we have to move the ball."  
  
James Lustig was his usual force down low, contributing 16 points to go with two rebounds, two assists, three steals and a pair of blocks, while Lanciani added 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals.   
  
For Amesbury, guard Ryan Patterson was the lone Indian to reach double figures in scoring with 13 points, adding five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Scoring threat twins Billy and John Sydlowski were held to nine and six points, respectively.

# Hamilton-Wenham swim team stops North Reading

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The Generals made a splash against North Reading.

Hamilton-Wenham boys swimming team topped North Reading, 71-69, on Jan. 9.

Trailing in the meet, the Generals were able to tie it up before the last event, when the 400 free relay squad led by Ben Gingrich, Sebastian Murray-Brown, Max Martin and Austin Halstead, took over winning the meet.

Also contributing to the win were Sam Peterson, Chris Sheppard and Jake Maier.

Meanwhile, the Hamilton-Wenham girls also pulled out the victory, 91-74.

The girls were guided by Camille Martin, Jorden Reader, Erica Luo, Christine Koenig, Maggie Perrotta and Ginger Hubbard.

**Hamilton-Wenham dominant defensively in rivalry victory  
By Nick Giannino Staff Writer, *Salem News*  
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HAMILTON — For the Hamilton-Wenham boys basketball team, it all starts on the defensive end.

When the Generals are able to pressure the ball and force opponents out of their comfort zone — something their speed and length allows them to do on any given night —  it leads to timely turnovers and easy transition buckets. Monday night at home, that defense they pride themselves on so much was in full effect, helping H-W to a significant lead at half and ultimately an utterly dominant 73-33 win over Ipswich.

It was the perfect bounce back game for head coach Mike DiMarino and Co., whose 18-point comeback attempt fell just short in a loss against Manchester Essex last time out.

"We talked a lot about trying to turn their guards over, get on the fast break and get some easy baskets," said DiMarino, whose squad utilized a committed full court press in the opening half en route to a 23-point lead at the break.

"One thing we learned from the Manchester game is we didn't get any easy baskets. Our defense has to create our offense and if it doesn't we usually struggle. So it was nice to see it all come together tonight; this is the best we've looked all year."

Cole Dwyer got things started for the hosts, scoring all four of his points in the first quarter as his team jumped out by double-digits early while holding Ipswich to just four points.

From there, the Tigers continued to struggle breaking the press, frantically turning the ball over and surrendering fast break scores. When they were able to settle into an offense, shots felt rushed as they tried to climb out of the early hole.

On the contrary, H-W was patient with its half court sets, moving the ball and being rewarded with a slew of open looks (49 percent shooting on the night). The Generals hit six triples on the evening while also penetrating and drawing the foul in the lane (11-of-15 from the line).

"The ball definitely did move better tonight," said DiMarino. "I think early on this season we were relying too much on Jake (Lanciani) and that's why he was putting up those 25-30 point games, which is fantastic ... he's a great player. But tonight he got his point in the flow of the offense which really says something."

Lanciani finished with 15 points, five assists and two steals, Max Vredenbergh added nine points and seven rebounds, and the Generals saw 12 players get in the box score in what was their most balanced effort of the season. Six-foot-8 senior Adrian Florczyk also enjoyed some productive minutes, scoring four points to go with five rebounds and five blocks in the second half.

Zach Long was a bright spot for Ipswich in the loss, netting seven of his team-high nine points in the second quarter to close the gap to 11 (22-11) with just over three minutes to play. But that was the closest Ipswich would get for the remainder of the night.

# Hamilton-Wenham girls swim team tops Lynnfield

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Camille Martin led the way as the Hamilton-Wenham girls swim team defeated Lynnfield, 88-78, Jan. 8

Martin took first in both the 500 and 100 backstroke, to set the pace for the team.

Erica Luo also came up big winning both the 200 IM and 100 fly. Jordan Reader took first in the 200 free, and second in the 500 free.

Also contributing for the girls were Christina Koenig, Alexandra Padellaro and Taylor Massimi.

Meanwhile, the boys swim team fell to Lynnfield 56-75.

Max Martin took first in the 50 free, while placing second in the 100 breaststroke. Austin Halstead also rode the wave winning the 200IM and second in the 100 backstoke.

# Hamilton-Wenham boys hockey team hitting stride

**By Dom Nicastro / Correspondent**

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They are competitive. They are hungry. They are legitimate postseason contenders.

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School boys hockey team has the belief that come March it will be competing in the state tourney. This after last year’s return to varsity status and a winless season.

That’s what a couple of wins and a tie will do: Hamilton-Wenham beat O’Bryant, 10-0, and Nashoba Valley Tech, 4-3, and picked up a 2-2 tie with Amesbury.

“Every game has been a close one so far except Lynnfield which was only 2-0 through two periods,” Hamilton-Wenham senior forward Cam Vautour said. “I think the keys in the last couple of games have been teamwork and our forecheck because that generates so many opportunities. I think we need to look ahead and realize we have a shot to make the playoffs this year.”

The team is confident, Vautour said. It helps that it beat a legitimate team in Nashoba Valley Tech at home Dec. 27.

“I think our win over Nashoba Tech was a big confidence booster for the boys because, no offense to O’Bryant, but they were not the toughest opponent,” Vautour said. “I think after that win the team realized that 10 wins is in our sights, and it’s not a stretch.”

What made the Hamilton-Wenham win over Nashoba even better was it was a come-from-behind effort.

The Generals fell behind 2-0 middle way through the second. The lead was cut to one with a goal by Matt Dearborn assisted by Aidan Daly and Mark Roselli.

Daly would contribute again by tying the game with eight seconds left in the second.

HW never looked back at that point and would score two more to go up 4-2.

Nashoba made it close with a power play goal with 1:07 to go, but the Generals held on to win their second game of the season.

“Daly did a great job moving the puck,” Hamilton-Wenham coach Robert Ryan said. He had and a goal and two helpers.

Matt Dearborn had two goals, and Vautour had the game-winner assisted by Jack Greenwald.

“Clint Gourdeau was a force on the ice,” Ryan said. “He played a strong defensive game and was flying.”

Finn Brophy had 17 stops on the day in net for Hamilton-Wenham.

The Generals tied Amesbury, 2-2, Dec. 30 at home. Hamilton-Wenham battled back from deficits of 1-0 and 2-1 and eventually came out with a point.

Gourdeau had a goal and an assist in the tie for the Generals.

“We have known what we are capable of since the beginning of the season,” Brophy said. “It was tough last year without having any seniors. This year we have a great senior class, and I think that gives our team the confidence we need. I think our win against Nashoba was a good confidence booster. We came back from a two-goal deficit that game, and it really proved what we are capable of doing.”

Hamilton-Wenham is even finding positives in losses. The team lost, 6-0, to Lynnfield but knows it can only get better playing solid teams – especially teams in higher divisions. Lynnfield is Division 2. Hamilton-Wenham is Division 3.

“I think the competition this year has been great,” Brophy said. “We’ve played in a lot of great games this year. I was most impressed by Lynnfield. They are a very strong Division 2 team, and we put up a good battle with them. We kept it close for most of the game, but they scored a few third-period goals. I really liked our team’s effort in that game.”

Even when the wins don’t come, Hamilton-Wenham pays close attention to its goals. Coach Ryan, after a 3-2 loss to Minuteman Dec. 20, said the team scored first, scored on a power play, took 30 shots and took less penalties than its opponent – all goals.

“We have been moving the puck and our break-out has been helping us get into the offensive zone,” Brophy said. “We aren’t satisfied with our record, though, and we are hoping to improve as a team as the season continues.”

Hamilton-Wenham faces O’Bryant Saturday, Jan. 13 (7 p.m., Johnson Rink) and Swampscott at noon Monday, Jan. 15, also at Johnson Rink.