

Last Week in Pinkerton Academy Athletics

Alpine Skiing:

Thursday, March 2

The Meet is over and with it, the skiing part for another season! Cannon lived up to its reputation with gusting winds, snow squalls, and a frozen, boiler plate, hard-as-a-rock, no-carve surface that all the racers said..... oh, no problem! Truly accomplished athletes!! When all was said and done, well.... It wasn't our day. Nicole Gonya went down hard on the first run of the GS and the same for the SL but what a great season for her!! Mikka Hyvonen was sitting 10th after the first run in the SL but skied out in the second. He also skied out in the second run of the GS. Hannah Peterson went down in the second run of the SL and the same for the GS.

But all was not lost!! Danielle Martineau finished both runs of the GS to place 14th and with two great times (46.25 and 47.37) in the SL placed 7th! Way to go Danielle. But wait, there's more. Danielle was selected to the Eastern Regional High School NH team. A terrific accomplishment!!! Best of luck to you Danni!

Boys Basketball:

Tuesday, February 28

Varsity: PA 54 – Concord 52

Pinkerton Boys Varsity Basketball pulled out a close one vs Concord for their 7th win. Jay Reynolds scored 17 and Matt Anzivino had 13.

JV: PA 54 – Concord 47

A solid performance on both offense and defense produced the JV hoops team's 9th win. Ryan Auger had 12 and Sam Goy had 11.

Friday, March 3

Varsity: Exeter 69 – PA 64

The Astros Boys Varsity basketball team lost a tough one to Exeter, ending the regular season at 7 wins and 11 losses.

JV: PA 87 – Exeter 80

The Astros JV basketball team finished their regular season with a big win knocking of a team with only one previous loss.

Saturday, March 4

JV Tournament

The Astros JV basketball team took a tough loss in the tournament 55-53 to Nashua South in the first round.

Freshmen Tournament

The Boys Freshman team entered the state tournament held at Bishop Guertin as the 11 seed. Saturday they took on the #5 seed Winnacunnet. The game was close for the first 3 quarters with both teams going on runs of 6-8 points. Pinkerton carried a 3 point lead into the 4th quarter, which has been their best quarter this season. This game was no different. Pinkerton was able to put 15 points on the board while holding Winnacunnet to only 2 points in the quarter. The win sent Pinkerton into the Quarterfinals to play the host team BG on Sunday. Sunday was not as kind to the Freshman boys. BG got out to a very fast lead hitting 5 of 6 three pointers to begin the game. By half time Pinkerton was down 20 points. The boys really showed what they were made of in the second half. Although they could not pull close they never gave up, and they never got discouraged. While the season did not end as we had hoped, the boys really showed drastic improvement over the course of the season. This should pay dividends in the next 2-3 years as they look to help the program at the JV and Varsity levels.

Girls Basketball:

Tuesday, February 28

JV: Girls JV Tournament

The Astros Girls Basketball team took 1st in the Girls JV Basketball tournament this weekend. The team came in with a 3rd seed in tournament, behind Bishop Guertin and Bedford. On Saturday the JV Astros took on Spaulding beating them 48-18. Everyone on the team contributed to the win. The following day the Astros played Winnacunnet and won 49-27 by playing great defense. Going into the semifinal round the Astros took on Memorial. The Astros were behind until the last six minutes of the game, when Jesse Ames made 4 free thows in a row (2 from being fouled on a shot and 2 more from a technical) to take the lead. Pinkerton Academy won 61 – 54. Jesses Ames, Mackenzie Dolan and Alyssa DiMauro also played excellent. In the final’s Pinkerton Academy played Bishop Guertin. The score was 10-10 at the end of the first and then 22-21 at the end of the second quarter. Going in to the third Pinkerton came out with fire and built up a ten point lead and kept it. It was a hard fought win for the team. Reagan Kolinski, Brooke Cusick and Megan King all stepped up in the game. Pinkerton won 45-36 over Bishop Guertin. The JV Girls Basketball team finished 18-3 for the season.

Saturday, March 4

Varsity: PA 46 – Merrimack 40

The Astros beat Merrimack, 46-40 to advance to the Semi-Finals on Thursday. Madison Mahoney led all scoring with 17 and Brooke Kane had 10.

Ice Hockey:

Saturday, March 4

Varsity: Salem 6 – PA 3

The Astros' season ended Saturday night in a 6-3 loss to Salem in the Quarterfinals.

Salem scored first in the contest on a power play goal early in the first period. The Astros responded with a goal by Patrick Hare, assisted by Nick Trask. The first period ended with Salem up 2-1.

Both teams scored in the second period - Pinkerton's goal coming on a power play from captain Eddie Welch, assisted by Colin Leighton and Gennaro Marra.

The Astros tied the game once more in the third with a goal by Nathan Laliberte, assisted by Brendon Banks. However, Salem regained the lead and never relinquished, finishing with an open net goal after Pinkerton had pulled goalie Dakota Robinson who totaled 28 saves on the night.

The Pinkerton Astros finished the season with plenty to be proud of. Thank you to all the players for a fantastic season.

Athletes of the Week:

Jacie Harlow: Spirit

Jacie Harlow delivered an almost unmatched performance yesterday at prelims. She is self-less in her pursuit of excellence throughout our 3 minute routine. Jacie endlessly cheers on her teammates despite her own demanding routine, reminding them of moments and mindset required in each section. She is a back spot, high level tumbler, elite jumper and carries a lot of the performance for PAVC. She helped to earn us the #1 seed yesterday going into the stage tournament this week!

Sterling McLaughlin: Wrestling

Freshmen Sterling McLaughlin finished 3-2 at New Englands.