



As we close out the first half of the 2022-2023 Athletic Season, the MIAA would like to reflect on some great events and extraordinary performances over the Fall and early Winter Seasons. Here's hoping that 2023 can match the energy, excitement, and enthusiasm we saw in the first half of the year.

From the MIAA memory of the last 4 months-

Basketball- Coaching legend **Bob Foley, St. John's of Shrewsbury** enters his 61st season at the high school level and remains the winningest coach in New England Basketball history. Great story of the female athletes at **St. Mary's of Lynn**. <https://www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/st-marys-lynn-high-school-letters-of-intent-tiffany-chan/>

Field Hockey – **Ann Simons**, coaching in her 42nd and final season at **Longmeadow High School**, wins the state title over **Nashoba**. The reign at **Watertown High School** continues as **Coach Eileen Donahue's Raiders** won the 52nd consecutive game and another state title over **Sandwich**. Congratulations to **Malden High School** on their registration of first boys field hockey team. Thank you to **USA Field Hockey** for running a clinic for us this Fall.

Football- This year MIAA football teams were treated to an exciting state finals for the 15th year at Gillette Stadium. Kraft Sports and Entertainment and **Mr. Robert Kraft** have been great partners in arranging state final football at a fantastic venue. Over the 15 years at Gillette Stadium 100 games have been played allowing 200 teams a professional experience in one of the greatest sporting venues in New England.

Golf - **Ryan Downes** of **Longmeadow High School** won Division 1 States shooting a -3 (69). Ryan is one of the top golfers in the state and is headed to Vanderbilt next Fall. **Molly Smith** of **Westford Academy** finished second in the D1 States, shooting an even par 72. Molly went on to win New England's shooting a -5 (64) and is one of the top golfers in the state. **Patrick Ginnity** of **St. Bernard's** won D2 States while shooting a -4 (68). **Zach Pelzar** of **Weston High School** won D3 States while shooting a -4 (68). **BC High** (D1), **Old Rochester High School** (D2) and **Weston High School** (D3) won the team championship in their respective divisions.

Ski- 2022-2023 **MIAA Nordic** Tournament Information Date: February 14, 2023 Location: Prospect Mountain, Vermont

2022-2023 **MIAA Alpine** Tournament Information Date: February 28, 2023 Location: Berkshire East Mountain Resort

Soccer- With over 200 teams qualifying for the Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament, the championship run saw **The Bromfield School Boys Soccer** compete in the record-tying 16th state final (**Ludlow High School** has also been in 16 state finals) and win their overall record 13th state championship. Championship Saturday also saw the **Sutton High School Boys and Girls** teams competing for a state title, the girls were victorious over **Monson High School** and the boys fell to **The Bromfield School**. Division 3 also saw the same school represented in the boys and girls finals as **Dedham High School** put both teams forth vying for a state title. Unfortunately, both Dedham teams fell by 1-0 scores; the boys to **Newburyport High School** and the girls to **Hanover High School**.

Also, the goal heard around the commonwealth can be seen on this link <https://www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/leominster-high-soccer-player-leo-giglio-scores-last-minute-goal-from-68-yards/> as **Leo Giglio** from **Leominster High School** scored from 70 yards out in the final 2 minutes as Leominster upended **Framingham High School**.

Cross Country- The 2022 MIAA Cross Country Championships witnessed over 360 teams and 4,000 student athletes compete this year at the state championship meet, as the meet was held for the first time at historic **Fort Devens**. The **Brookline High School** boys and girls took home the Division 1 State championship, while **Wakefield High School** (D2 Boys)/**Holliston High School** (D2 Girls) and **Lenox High School** (D3 Boys)/**Weston High School** (D3 Girls) claimed state titles in their respective divisions.

Westford Academy junior, Paul Bergeron posted the fastest boys time at the state championship with a mark of 15:02.58, while **Cambridge Rindge & Latin sophomore Aoife Shovlin** notched the fastest girls time with a time of 18:12.97.

Another notable at the Division 1A State qualifying meet held at the **Wrentham Development Center** was **Framingham High School senior Sam Burgess**, who posted a course record of 14:38.9.

Unified Basketball - 124 MIAA member schools participated in Unified Basketball during the fall season. This number is the largest to date for interscholastic Unified Basketball in Massachusetts. As a result of this expansion, 15 postseason jamborees, also the largest number to date, were hosted across the state during the month of November. These jamborees provided a special opportunity for students, coaches and fans from neighboring communities to participate in a postseason event with over 100 Unified Basketball games played.

Wrestling- <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/12/16/sports/emass-wrestling-with-60-0-finish-freshman-shawsheens-syd-tildsley-headlines-athletes-watch/>

Other Tidbits - The **MIAA Sportsmanship Summit** took place at Gillette Stadium in November. The program included workshop sessions for student and adult leaders, a keynote presentation by Omari Pearson, and the

presentation of awards. Honors presented at the event included the **MIAA District Sportsmanship Awards, William N. Gaine, Jr. Sportsmanship Award**, as well as the first place and runner-up entries in the MIAA Student Sportsmanship Essay/Multimedia Contest. To learn more about these awards, please visit the Sportsmanship page on the MIAA website.

The **MIAA Educational Athletics Summit** was hosted at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough in October. This event provided an opportunity for MIAA Student Ambassadors and student leaders from across the state to participate in a training that covered a variety of leadership related topics. Professional magician and motivational speaker **Jason Michaels** presented the keynote entitled, “#DoTheImpossible: Resilience.”



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