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7th Grade Girls Defeat Pike

On Monday, the GUS 7th grade grade girls pushed their season record to 6-1 with a convincing 26-14 home victory over Pike. The girls used their tried and true recipe, combining a tough defense with good passing on the offensive end for victory, to earn the win. The Boars never trailed in the game after opening a 4-0 lead early on, and by halftime they had stretched their lead to 16-10. Maggie Delay once again led the scoring, dropping in 10 first half points which included a pair of 3 point shots. Aisling Twomby, Luka Bornhorst and Elsa Reulet each added a bucket in the first half to account for the scoring. Piper Shepherd and Ava Meyer were facilitating the play from their guard position, and Kryn Fortune was making good passes from her position on the wing. Defensively, the girls were stingy, especially in the second half. Sparked by the incredible hustle from Reulet, the girls limited the visiting Pike Quills to just 4 second half points. On the offensive end of the court, the girls continued to share the ball. Shepherd hit a shot from the baseline, Twombly and Reulet each added another basket and Delay added two more hoops to give her a game high 14.



The seventh grade girls are now 6-1 on the season!

The 7th grade girls will be back in action on Monday when they host the Waldorf Moraine Hawks in a 4:30 game in Braemar. They will also be home on Thursday, when North Shore Christian comes to Beverly Farms for a 3:30 contest.

Pike Gets By 8th Grade Girls

On Monday, a tough Pike School team came to Braemar and defeated the host 8th grade girls 31-18. The GUS girls began the game slowly and found themselves trailing 9-0 early on and 15-4 at halftime. Pike used an uptempo game that led to several fast break baskets and a tough person to person defense which stymied the Boars. Lila Graves, nursing a sore ankle, notched the GUS points in the half on a pair of drives to the basket. Thea Glass, Mikaila Bennett and Catherine Carroll worked hard against the tough Pike defense to lead the offense but found it tough going. Zoe Moriarty, Anna Levitt, and Eliza Loring played on the wings defensively and did well, as did Carroll, Bennett and Glass. In the paint, Lucy Grant, Ani Stephan and Claire Lewis battled against the Pike frontcourt and held their own.



Ani Stephan (L) and Mikaila Bennett combined on a steal and Bennett led the break up the court.

After the break the GUS girls gained some footing and outscored their guests 18-16 for the half. Carroll tossed in 6 points while Graves, Grant and Bennett each had 4 in the half. In the end though it just wasn't enough against the talented Pike squad, but coach Jamie Tafoya was proud of her team for the effort they displayed until the final horn sounded.

Boys Teams Fall At Pike

On Monday, both the 7th and 8th grade boy's basketball teams headed to Andover to take on the always tough Pike School Quills. The 8th graders took the court first and had a tough task ahead of them in a talented Pike squad. The Boars were a bit shorthanded with two regulars out of action but they played hard from start to finish despite absorbing a lopsided 60-21 loss. By halftime, Pike had raced out to a 33-12 lead with hoops coming in the paint, behind the arc and everywhere in between. The second half was much the same with Pike continuing to shoot well and the visiting Boars as cold as a winter morning. Cade Furse led the Boars with 11 points and several rebounds. Sammy Parisi drained a pair of three pointers in the second half, and Henry Nelson and Marshall Aptt each added a pair. Cal White, Will Fogelgren, Morgan Proops and Elliott Thompson each showed good hustle throughout the game.

The seventh grade boys took the court after the 8th grade boys game, and like their older schoolmates struggled dropping a 38-14 decision. The host Pike Quills began the game with some hot shooting and by halftime had a 27-4 lead. The Jr. Boars were playing hard but the more experienced hosts just had too much talent and size for the GUS boys to overcome. The second half saw some improvement for the Boars, but it was a case of having too much of a

deficit to climb all the way back from. Waler Nelson was a bright spot for the boys on offense throwing in 10 points and he also grabbed several rebounds. Freddy Kniker added 4 points for the Boars. Luke Kotwicki, Ben O'Connor, and Johnny Sheridan battled tough all day under the boards against their tall counterparts. Nathaniel Flynn, Ethan Watts and Sammy Kniker, and Max Crafton had their work cut out for them against the talented guards and wing players of Pike and never let up. Coach Carson Connor was upbeat with the boys effort despite the tough loss.

8th Grade Girls Run Past Tigers

On Tuesday, the GUS 8th grade girls hosted the Tower Tigers and cruised to a 23-11 victory in Braemar. The Boars were in control of this one right from the opening jump ball. After jumping out to a 4-0 lead, the Boars never trailed in the game. Lucy Grant and Lila Graves each put in 4 first half points and Zoe Moriarty added two, helping push the Boars ahead 10-4 when the halftime horn sounded. Ani Stephan joined Grant and Graves in controlling the rebounding. Thea Glass, Eliza Loring, Mikaila Bennett, and CatherineCarroll rotated through at guard and did nice work on both ends of the court. Glass also contributed several good assists throughout the game. Anna Leavitt and Claire Lewis contributed as forwards, and also logged some time at guard.

The second half saw the girls extend their lead behind 9 more points from Graves who had a game high 13 points overall. Grant and Stephan each added a hoop to make the final score. Defense is where the girls really shined, as they limited the Tigers opportunities with a tough, ballhawking defense. This was a total team victory with all the girls making solid contributions to the win.

The girls will play twice next week. On Monday they will travel to Landmark for a 3:45 game, and on Tuesday they will host Brookwood at 3:30.

7th Grade Boys Tame Tigers

Tuesday the 7th grade boys basketball team went to Marblehead to play the host Tower Tigers and bounced back well after losing at Pike the day before. Both teams began the game slowly but in the end the Boars earned a solid 24-11 victory. Luke Kotwicki had a very strong game for the Young Boars scoring a game high 8 points and grabbing at least that many rebounds. He had a bucket in the first half as did Sammy Kniker on a nice drive to the basket, and Freddy Kniker drained a 3 pointer as the Boars led 7-2 at halftime.



Nathaniel Flynn goes up for a shot at Tower.

After the halftime break, the Boars began to heat up offensively. Good ball movement, spearheaded by Nathaniel Flynn, led to good shots highlighted by 6 second half points for Kotwicki. This good ball movement also led to six different players scoring in the half. Ben O'Connor hit a deep 3 pointer and Johnny Sheridan, Max Crafton, Freddy Kniker and Sammy Kniker each added 2 points. Sheridan joined Kotwicki in controlling the boards, limiting Tower to one shot

each possession. Ethan Watts and Flynn used their speed and quickness to make things tough for the Tower guards, which really affected their offensive flow.

With the win, the 7th grade boys swept the season series with Tower. They will next play on Monday when they host Waldorf Moraine at 3:30 in Braemar. On Thursday they will host North Shore Christain at 4:30.

6th Grade Girls Make Debut

On Tuesday, the GUS 6th grade girls made their debut on the basketball court when they hosted the Tower Tigers in Braemar. The Tigers have been playing as a team all winter so they entered the game with a bit more game experience than the Young Boars and that showed with Tower claiming a 34-4 victory. Despite the lopsided score, the girls in the white GUS uniforms played hard, had fun, and showed improvement within the playing of the game.

Coach Shepherd rotated through the 12 girls in uniform and all the girls, most of which had never played in a game before, gave it all they had when on the court. Maddy Frere and Maggie Hauck each scored two points for GUS. Also playing for GUS, were Cambria Barry, Ainslie Gorton, Minna Brace, Raynie Holland, Bella Kristensen, Annie Loring, Sydney Taylor, Taylor Aptt, Lucy Lutton and Miya Yen.

The experience of playing in this game will come in very handy for the girls when they take the court next on Tuesday at Brookwood. Game time will be 3:30.

Epic Comeback Leads Boys To Victory

A short-handed boy's 8th grade basketball team made the trip to Marblehead on Tuesday to play a Tower Tiger squad that nipped the Boars earlier this season. After a first half that saw the visiting Boars struggle to score, they staged an amazing second half comeback, led by Cade Furse, to claim a 41-27 victory. The host Tigers showed good ball movement throughout the first half and led 27-6 at halftime. The Boars came alive after the break and paced by 28 second half points from Furse, the Boars came roaring back to snatch victory from what seemed like certain defeat. With 1:15 left in the game, the Boars pulled even with the Tigers at 37 on a Furse 3 pointer. After a Tower miss and rebound by Morgan Proops, GUS headed back down the court looking to take their first lead of the game. Henry Nelson made a nice pass to Furse who was fouled going up for a shot. He promptly knocked down a pair of foul shots to put GUS on top 39-37. On the ensuing Tower possession, GUS applied the defensive pressure, which led to a steal started by Elliott Thompson. Tower immediately fouled Furse with 5.9 seconds remaining, and he calmly knocked down the two foul shots to give the Boars a 4 point lead at 41-37 and essentially decided the game when Tower could not convert at the buzzer.



Sammy Parisi sets up the offense at Tower on Tuesday.

Henry Nelson played possibly his best game of the season. He went the entire game playing very well on the defensive and offensive end. Not only did he grab several rebounds, notching a few steals, dishing off numerous assists, he also knocked down two huge 3 point shots in the pivotal second half comeback. Marshall Aptt was a force on the backboards and tossed in 4 points. Cal White showed great hustle and desire throughout the game and Sammy Parisi exhibited true leadership and hustle during the first half to go along with 2 points.

It was an impressive performance by the Boars paced by the talented Furse and the hustle of all his teammates. The boys will get back on the court next Monday when they make the short trip to Landmark on Monday for a 4:45 game.

6th Graders At Brookwood on Tuesday

The 6th grade boys and girls will travel to Manchester on Tuesday to play Brookwood in a pair of basketball games. There are two gyms at Brookwood and both games will begin at 3:30. The schedule for the day will have the 6th grade having their normal 3:00 class during the usual sports period. They will then come over to Braemar where coaches DesBois and Shepherd will help them to prepare for the game and board a bus to make the short trip to Brookwood. For the game each student will need to have a pair of shorts and their sneakers. We will provide them with a game shirt, which they will return at the conclusion of the game to their coach. Parents are more than welcome to attend the games. If a parent wants to take their child home directly from Brookwood they may, but the parent must sign their child out with the coach. If you have any questions please contact Bruce Emerson.

Next Week

Monday,	**February 10**	**Boys 7 Basketball home vs. Waldorf Moraine 3:30** **Girls 7 Basketball home vs. Waldorf Moraine 4:30** **Girls 8 Basketball @Landmark 3:45, return to GUS 6:00** **Boys 8 Basketball @Landmark 4:45, return to GUS 6:00**
Tuesday,	**February 11**	**Boys 6 Basketball @Brookwood 3:30, return to GUS 4:45** **Girls 6 Basketball @Brookwood 3:30, return to GUS 4:45** **Girls 8 Basketball home vs. Brookwood 3:30**
Wednesday, February 12		**Regular practice day**
Thursday,	**February 13**	**Girls 7 Basketball home vs. North Shore Christian 3:30** **Boys 7 Basketball home vs. North Shore Christian 4:30**

GSP Notes: Many thanks to Cori Russo who ran the scoreboard for the girls games with Tower on Tuesday, and also thanks go out to Annie Barton for her help on the scorebook both Monday and Tuesday… The 8th grade games vs. Landmark will be played at Landmark's Elementary/Middle School located in Manchester…