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SPORTS IN A MINUTE

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

It was a big day for former Salem High star Mitch McGinn, left, on Saturday.

MCGINN SHINES

Former Eagle-Tribune hockey Player of the Year **Mitch McGinn** of Salem tallied two goals for Governor's Academy on Saturday in a 2-2 tie with Brooks.

McGinn is in his second season at Governor's after playing two seasons (2015-17) at Salem High for his father, longtime Blue Devils head coach **Mark McGinn**. Mitch was Eagle-Tribune MVP in 2017 (19 goals).

BOES TO STONEHILL

Eagle-Tribune All-Star Central Catholic tight end/linebacker **Cam Boes** will play football at Stonehill College, Raiders coach **Chuck Adamopoulos** has confirmed.



Cam Boes

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Boes made 57 tackles, seven for loss, and four sacks this past fall for MVC Division 1 champion Central. That included eight tackles in the Division 1 North semifinal upset of Everett. He also caught three touchdowns.

"Cam did the things that aren't on a stat sheet to make us better," said Adamopoulos during the season.

VLAD NO. 1

Ex-New Hampshire Fisher Cats star **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.** has been named the unanimous No. 1 overall prospect in minor league baseball by Baseball America.



Vladimir Guerrero Jr.

Amazingly, Guerrero is the first-ever player from the Dominican Republic to earn top prospect honors from Baseball America. He is also the first player born in Canada to earn the honor. He was born in Montreal during his Hall of Fame father's time with the Expos. The award was established in 1981.

Vlad Jr. - who hit .402 with 14 homers in 61 games with the Fisher Cats last winter - is also the first unanimous Boston Baseball pick since Chicago Cubs star **Kris Bryant** in 2014.

IN THE HUNT

Despite a tough loss to powerhouse Pope Francis on Saturday, Andover boys hockey (6-3-2) was one of 19 teams named to the Mass. State Hockey Coaches Association Super 8 "Watch List," which was released on Sunday.

Also named to the watch list was Billerica (8-2-3), who the Golden Warriors will face on Wednesday at the Haltenborg Memorial Pavilion in Billerica (7 p.m.)

The Super 8 field will be announced on Feb. 23. Ten teams are selected, with the final four seeds taking part in play-in games to earn the final two spots.

DA COSTA AN ALL-STAR

Former Merrimack College hockey record-setter **Stephane Da Costa** has been named an All-Star in the international Kontinental Hockey League (KHL), as first reported by Eagle-Tribune college hockey guru **Mike McMahon**.



Stephane Da Costa

Da Costa has scored 21 goals and added 21 assists in 51 games this season for Russia's Yekaterinburg Automobilist. It is his fifth KHL season after his time with Merrimack (2009-11) and a few stints with the NHL's Ottawa Senators (2010-14).

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ON THE WEB AT EagleTribune.com

Djokovic rolls to Australian Open title over Nadal.



Courtesy photo

Pinkerton sophomore Isabella Scarpetti, a Level 9 gymnast, is focused while airborne.

LEAPING INTO THE LIMELIGHT

Home-schooled Astros star Scarpetti should be well known soon

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HIGH SCORES

She's probably one of the most talented gymnasts in all of New England.



Isabella Scarpetti

As a Pinkerton sophomore, she's a Level 9 gymnast well on her way to being classified Level 10.

She's talented in every routine, but particularly on the beam. With a 9.775 score, she's the No. 2-ranked Level 9 performer in the nation.

She's the leading scorer on a powerhouse 15-0 squad who led the Astros to a record-breaking 145.00 performance against Bishop Guertin, which was nearly three points higher than any score posted in the last 10 years.

She has won countless individual events and was the all-around champ in

Following are Isabella Scarpetti's top scores as a Level 9 gymnast. In beam, she is No. 2 in the nation.

Event	Score
Vault	9.225
Bars	9.125
Beam	9.775
Floor	9.300
All-Around	35.875

three of four meets, falling to second in one meet when she slipped on the beam.

Her name is Isabella Scarpetti.

Haven't heard of her? That's not surprising because, outside of the gymnastics community, few people have, for a couple of reasons.

Scarpetti's relative anonymity, even within the hallways of Pinkerton, is understandable. The Hooksett resident has been home schooled by her mother her entire life, and this is the first year she's competed for the Astros.

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MILLENNIAL vs. PERENNIAL



Associated Press photo

Los Angeles Rams head coach Sean McVay represents a new, young group of NFL coaches. He will face a true veteran in Patriots coach Bill Belichick.



Associated Press photo

Patriots coach Bill Belichick long ago became an NFL legend. In the Super Bowl, he will face a coach half his age..

How Belichick vs. McVay is Super Bowl's most fascinating matchup

Mac Cerullo



Navy before making his own name as the defensive mastermind behind a Bill Parcells-coached New York Giants team

Bill Belichick is perhaps the greatest coach in NFL history.

He has spent his entire life around football, growing up learning from his father at

that captured two Super Bowls.

In two decades with New England, Belichick has won five more Super Bowl titles, thanks largely to his ability to craft the perfect game plan to fit any situation.

Yet this Sunday, Belichick will meet a rival unlike any he's seen before.

Despite all of their differences, Belichick and McVay have one important thing in common. They're both football geniuses.

Los Angeles Rams coach Sean McVay is, in many respects, Belichick's opposite.

McVay is a prodigy, becoming the youngest head coach in NFL history in 2017 when he was hired at age 30. In two seasons, he has turned around a moribund Rams organization, thanks largely to his brilliance on the

offensive side of the ball.

The two offer a striking contrast in style. Where Belichick is stern and standoffish, McVay is energetic and enthusiastic. One is known for his ill-fitting game-day sweatshirts, while the other was recently gifted a bottle of hair gel during a press conference on his birthday.

Belichick is old school. He isn't friends with his players, most of whom are now younger than his children.

McVay is their peer. He is only

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