**Swampscott golfers qualify for Division 3 state championship
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**BOXFORD —** If you asked any of the 100-plus high school golfers competing in Monday's Division 3 North Sectional at Far Corner Golf Course how the playing conditions were, they'd likely only need one word to sum it up: brutal.

"We played here (Sunday) for a practice round; it was brutal conditions then and pretty much the same today," said St. Mary's senior Christian Emmerich, a Swampscott native who wound up winning the tournament with a low-score of 77 (5-over par). His brother Aiden shot an 81 to finish in fourth place.

For Emmerich and the rest of Monday's playing field, it wasn't so much the conditions of the course itself; those were actually quite pristine for this deep into the season. But the steady winds, brisk temperatures and speedy greens coupled with challenging pin placements made making par very difficult on any given hole.

The result was abnormally high scores across the board.

Out of the 17 schools and 104 golfers that finished their rounds, just two broke 80: Emmerich and Weston's Jacob Finard (79). Only 22 linksmen managed a sub-90 round while a whopping 46 competitors turned in scores of 100 or more.

Regardless, the three teams with the lowest cumulative scores would move on — and a local group happened to make the cut.

Led by freshman Louis Spellios' fifth place score of 83, it was Swampscott High who punched its ticket to next Monday's Division 3 state championship at Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown. The Big Blue finished in third place with a team score of 354, edging out Bishop Fenwick (358).

St. Mary's was first overall once again with 333, while Weston was close behind at 334.

At first look it had appeared Bishop Fenwick would sneak into the top 3 just ahead of Swampscott. But senior Ryan Graciale's score of 95 was wrongly tallied as a 99, and the extra four strokes propelled the Big Blue ahead of their North Shore counterpart.

Teammates Aidan Graciale and Jacob Goldman each carded 88s to also contribute to Swampscott's qualification.

"These guys worked extremely hard throughout the entire season," said Swampscott head coach Jason Knowles. "They put together a good, cohesive unit really from No. 1-through-No. 8. It's especially good for our seniors, because they've been with me for four years and for them to move on to the next round is just really gratifying.

In regards to Spellios' superb round of 83 — let's just say Knowles is glad to have him on the team.

"Lou almost played soccer before deciding on golf just before the season. So I think it was a very good decision," Knowles said with a laugh. "He played great. He's only a freshman, which is great for our program as well. I'm really happy for him.

While no other local teams made the overall cut to advance to the finals, a pair of North Shore standouts will go on to represent their teams as individuals.

From Bishop Fenwick, Angelo McCullough fired an 85 to make the individual cut of 87 (just 15 players shot 87 or better). With McCullough's squad just missing the team cut line, it's very fitting that at least one of their players will get a chance to don their school colors in the state title match.

In addition, three-time defending Cape Ann League Golfer of the Year Aidan Daly also qualified individually from Hamilton-Wenham. The senior star shot a more-than-respectable 82 to finish alone in fourth place overall.

"It feels great," said Daly. "Being a senior, I've played all four years and it's been a lot of fun. So I'm really glad I get to play at least one more round for the team."

Daly finished the day with a pair of pars and a birdie — something he felt significantly helped his chances at moving on.

"It was definitely hard with the false fronts (on the greens) because if you missed a putt you likely had a longer one coming back," said Daly. "But I finished with those two pars and a birdie which was good. I didn't want to give up any more strokes late."

Hamilton-Wenham (375) finished in eighth place while Essex Tech was 15th (414). In the fourth place finish for Fenwick, Jake Murphy fired an 88, Gavin Belt a 91 and Thomas Estella 94.

**Moving the Chains: Career retrospective; Delving into the all-time numbers of the area's current crop
By Phil Stacey Executive Sports Editor, Salem News**

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We like to think we have the North Shore high school football scene blanketed pretty well.

Each week we throw out facts and figures, numbers and nuances, profiles and prognostications. We stop by practices, cover the games, and give hardcore gridiron fans everything they want to know about their favorite squads.

But that’s on a week-by-week, season-by-season basis. What about a the numbers that span over one’s high school career?

We keep those meticulously in other sports — I’m looking at you, hockey, baseball, soccer, lacrosse and softball, to name a few — but don’t often add up the individual player statistics over various football seasons unless someone is coming up on a milestone, such as 4,000 yards rushing or a quarterback about to break his team’s all-time passing mark.

So let’s remedy that this week.

We sifted through our team-by-team archives over the last three seasons to see the numbers that this area’s skill players have put up prior to this fall, added those to what they’ve done through a half-dozen games this fall, and presto! This is what we came up with.

Let’s start with the quarterbacks, where Hamilton-Wenham’s **Billy Whelan**has shown both prowess and precision as the Generals’ three-year starter under center. Heading into this Saturday’s home game against Lynnfield, Whelan has completed 257 of his 442 career passes for 3,825 yards, with 39 touchdowns and just 15 interceptions. He is his school’s all-time leader in passing yards and touchdown passes. When it’s time for him to tuck it and run, Whelan has also been proficient with 312 rushing yards and nine scores.

Another junior, Hamilton-Wenham’s **Ian Coffey**, hit the mark earlier this month and carries 1,106 yards and 15 career TDs into this weekend. Having done so on just 155 career touches, he’s averaging an impressive 7.13 yards per carry. Coffey has also made his mark for the Generals throwing the football (14 for 35, 316 yards, 6 TDs) and catching it (16 grabs for 234 yards and 2 TDs).

**In playoff atmosphere, Tigers flex championship mettle, hold off H-W
By Austin Woolman  Staff Writer – Salem News
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SOUTH HAMILTON — Every championship team has a turning point during their season — a moment where they realize how much can be accomplished despite facing adversity.

There's plenty of volleyball left, but if Ipswich's volleyball program is gearing up for another run at the D2 North sectional title, then their story started Monday night against one of their league rivals.

The Tigers took the Generals to five sets and prevailed 3-2 at Hamilton-Wenham Regional High. Senior middle hitter Lauren Kennedy led Ipswich (10-5) with terrific serving and a number of punishing kills — a craft she's apparently been honing in on.

"She has so much power," said Ipswich head coach Kerri O'Connor. "We've been working on how to control it and she did an excellent job of that tonight ... it's not often you have someone who can play pretty much anywhere; her energy and passion really fuels us."

"There was some outstanding volleyball played," said Generals' head coach Jenn Flynn, her team now 10-6 overall. "We want to win, but I'd rather lose a phenomenal match then lose in three straight ... I'm really proud of how they played."

The Generals' effort didn't lack valiance by any means, specifically that of senior libero Tori Belise. The Hamilton-Wenham captain did everything she could to combat Ipswich's rocketing shots and give her squad a chance.

"She has done a fantastic job leading the younger girls and she's really stepped it up this year," said Flynn. "She's getting balls that you think are hitting the ground, but then you see that red shirt fly out of nowhere ... great team player."

Last season, Ipswich fell just short of earning a D2 North championship by losing to Notre Dame Academy in the finals. While the Tigers graduated the main core of last year's squad they are back in the conversation as a contender, and O'Connor believes a match like this can go a long way.

"As a coach I love to see wins like this," said the third-year coach. "No matter how much you are down, there's always hope in volleyball even if it's a mentally challenging sport. You need to be able to keep your energy high when you are down and hopefully this will be good experience with the playoffs around the corner."

Kennedy's spikes down the stretch of the first set gave her squad the early advantage. However, Hamilton-Wenham ripped off two straight victories and were on the verge of beating Ipswich for the second time this year. What was different this time around, according to O'Connor, was the willingness of her squad to attack.

"We knew coming in Hamilton-Wenham was a strong team," she said. "We felt like we were evenly matched with them skill set wise, but we knew we couldn't allow to let up. Tonight we found a way to put the ball home and really attack (Hamilton-Wenham) much more efficiently."

The Tigers also found themselves in a 9-3 hole during the deciding set, but were bolstered by Abby Stanicek and Emily Davidson's strong effort as they clogged up the front of the net — making life easier for libero Louisa Roesler who played a pivotal role in Ipswich's furious comeback.

**Gridiron Gems for Week 6 of the North Shore high school football season
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**Oct 15, 2018**

**HENRY SMITH \* HAMILTON-WENHAM
Offensive/Defensive Tackle**
The Generals bounced back and remained undefeated against Cape Ann League opponents by holding the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball last Friday against Manchester Essex. The player with the tightest grip on that line of scrimmage was two-way tackle and captain Henry Smith.

Defensively, the 5-foot-11, 230 pound Smith was in on nine tackles with two of them coming behind the line for a loss of yards. On offense, he helped pave the way for Hamilton to rush for 230 yards and average more than 6.7 yards per carry while also helping protect QB Billy Whelan as he tossed for 134 more yards.

As a three-year starter on the line, Smith is often the group's elder statesman and motivator. His connection with line coach Eddie Melanson helps the Generals set the tone for success physically and in the film room.

**Friday's area roundup: Daly, Generals' golfers remain unbeaten (Salem News)
Oct 13, 2018
GOLF**

**Hamilton-Wenham 127, Lynn Classical 73:** Generals’ senior captain Aidan Daly finished his round eagle-birdie to go 3-under par on the day for a remarkable 42 points at Myopia Hunt Club. The performance comes on the heels of Daly’s Cape Ann League Open round of 76 at Far Corner on Thursday, as the senior was named the league’s Player of the Year for the third consecutive season. Mark Rosselli, who shot an 83 at the CAL Open and was named a league all-star, also played well in Friday’s win, scoring 24 points, while Jake Harrison had 22 and Will Hogan added 21. CAL coach of the year Bill Corley and his squad enter next week’s final week of play sporting a 12-0 record.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Hamilton-Wenham 3, Newburyport 1: After dropping the first set, the Generals (10-6) battled back for a marathon 23-25, 25-23, 25-14, 25-23 triumph. Evelyn Easdon had six aces and nine kills, freshman Mia Flynn had eight kills and 26 digs, Remi Manning had three kills and 16 assists, Rose Wosepka had three kills and a pair of blocks, Vanessa brown had 11 digs and served perfectly, and Tori Belise 28 digs in the win.

**Wednesday's area roundup: Masconomet outlasts H-W in marathon match (Salem News)
Oct 10, 2018

VOLLEYBALL**

**Masconomet 3, Hamilton-Wenham 2:** The Chieftains (12-1) remained unbeaten in Cape Ann League play by rallying to win the fourth set (25-11) and the tiebreaking fifth (15-6) to hold off the Generals. Senior Emiliana Olafsdottir served 15 points with three aces while totaling 13 kills and nine digs and junior Sarah Buckley had 10 assists, nine digs 11 kills and a block. Senior middle hitter Brianna Kelly blocked five while totaling 11 digs and 12 kills.For the Generals, now 9-5, senior Tori Belisle had an incredible 37 digs while Remi Manning handed out 18 assists, Evelyn Easdon had 15 digs and five aces and Rose Wosepka came up with 10 kills and a handful of blocks.

**GOLF

Hamilton-Wenham 135, North Reading 127:** Jake Harrison led the Generals (11-0) with 26 points to help them remain unbeaten. Aidan Daly (26), Mark Roselli (24) and Andrew Winch (22) all shot great rounds as well. Hamilton-Wenham is back in action Friday at Myopia against Lynn Classical.

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Manchester Essex 22, Hamilton-Wenham 36:** Harrison Panjwani’s third place finish wasn’t enough to get the Generals their first win of the year. Other notable runners from Hamilton-Wenham included Jake Sturim (5th), Matt Botelho (6th) and Charlie Butler (10th).

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Hamilton Wenham 22, Manchester 39**: Ava Cote finished in second to push the Generals (5-2) to the win. Bennett Nostrand came in third place, Jemma Shea finished fourth, Gaylan Ryuss took sixth, Alexis Donovan snagged seventh, Elisa Voss was eighth and Maddie Katz finished ninth.

**Monday's area roundup: Hamilton-Wenham volleyball outlasts Peabody in five sets (Salem News)
Oct 8, 2018

VOLLEYBALL

Hamilton-Wenham 3, Peabody 2:** The Generals earned a hard fought victory, going the distance for a 19-25, 25-17, 22-25, 25-18, 16-14 decision. Senior libero Tori Belisle had what head coach Jenn Flynn termed a “sensational” performance with 50 digs. Junior outside hitter Evelyn Eadson added 13 kills, 20 digs and four aces for Hamilton-Wenham, while freshman outside hitter Mia Flynn added 18 digs and nine kills. In addition, sophomore setter Emma Day had 16 assists as well as a 100 percent success rate serving.

The Tanners got strong play in the setback from Tatiana Correia (31 digs), Rachel Coleman (30 assists), Ava LaVelle (12 kills), Alexa Flewelling (12 kills) and Jonalyn Carpenter (4 kills, 2 blocks).

**Thursday's area roundup: Hamilton-Wenham, Beverly volleyball squads prevail (Salem News)**
**Oct 4, 2018

VOLLEYBALL

Hamilton-Wenham 3, Georgetown 0:** The Generals (7-4) cruised to a 25-15, 25-18, 25-19 triumph behind some strong all-around performances. Remi Manning had six aces, Evelyn Easdon had eight aces and nine kills, Mia Flynn had 12 kills, Rachel Lee played terrific at the net and Tori Belisle had 15 digs

**CORNER KICKS: A look at where our local teams stand heading down the stretch (Salem News)
Oct 3, 2018**

We're a month into the high school soccer season, and that means a number of things: the days are getting shorter, the weather's getting colder and our local teams are fast approaching crunch time before the playoffs start.

In just over three weeks' time, squads across the state will either enter one-and-done state tournament play or hang up the cleats until next fall. With that said, let's take a quick look at each of the boys teams throughout The Salem News coverage area and where they stand heading down the stretch.

**Hamilton-Wenham (3-2-1)**

The Generals have beaten the teams they're expected to beat and lost to the teams they're expected to lose to. There's nothing wrong with that, and it will likely land them back in the postseason. Take away an uncharacteristic 5-0 setback to Masconomet, and head coach **Matt Gauron**and Co. have been competitive each time out on the pitch.

**Tuesday's area roundup: Daly leads unbeaten Generals by Hornets (Salem News)**

**Oct 2, 2018

GOLF

Hamilton Wenham 122, Manchester Essex 113:** Aidan Daly led the Generals (9-0) with 32 points to help the squad remain undefeated. Will Hogan and Justin Tremblay also had solid performances with 22 and 20 points, respectively.