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Darien Players in Greens Farms Academy Sports Dispatches as Regular Season Ends

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The regular season rolled to a close with all of Greens Farms Academy's fall sports teams clinching postseason spots.

The GFA cross country squads, meanwhile, entered the postseason with the under-manned boys team notching a third-place finish in the FAA championships race.

— *an announcement from Greens Farms Academy*

Here's a rundown of how the week went for the Dragons:

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The GFA boys cross country team placed third at Monday's FAA championship meet, despite missing its No. 2 runner.

The Dragons amassed 103 points to finish behind Hopkins (50) and Brunswick (52), which battled it out for the top spot.

The team's top six varsity runners were once again under 20-minutes to spearhead the third-place showing.

Larson Palmgren (Fairfield) was 13th (18:36.2) with **Owen Minson (Darien)** coming in 16th (18:57.8). Both earned All-FAA Honorable Mention honors.

Conor Minson (Darien) was 23rd (19:28.5), Sam MacDonald (Stamford) was 25th (19:47.8) and **Jonty Hammer (Darien)** was 26th (19:59.3) for the Dragons. Brady Melnick (Westport) went sub-20 (19:59.6) for the second straight race to place 27th. Senior **Charlie Bohnsack (Darien)** was 36th to round out the GFA field. (20:37.2).

In the girls meet, the Dragons—missing two of their top five runners—placed fifth out of eight teams.

Caroline McCall (Westport) was third overall (20:14.9) and Georgia Palmgren (Fairfield) was 10th (21:40.5). Both earned All-FAA First Team honors.

Grace Horton (Fairfield) took 11th (21:44.6) to earn All-FAA Honorable Mention.

Katie Gabriele (Westport) finished 31st (24:30.8) and Kaitlin Reed (Southport) was 4th (27:19.4).

BOYS SOCCER

Tied at 1-1 at the half, the Dragons exploded for four second-half goals while rolling to a 5-1 win over The Gunnery on Senior Night.

Five different players found the back of the net for GFA, including **Aidan Murphy (Darien)**, and seniors Henry McDonald (Westport), **Charlie Benson (Darien)**, **Jack Ramsay (Darien)** and Liam Murphy (Westport). Benson's goal came via a PK while Aidan Murphy's tied the game and allowed the Dragons to take that 1-1 tie into the break.

He also had an assist as did Will Whelan (Fairfield), who had two and Ethan Lior (Fairfield).

Max Yates (Fairfield) had three saves in goal for GFA, which improved to 11-5.

GIRLS SOCCER

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GFA raced out to a three-goal lead just 13 minutes into the game en route to a 4-0 road win over The Gunnery on Wednesday.

Clare Foley (Southport) scored two goals for GFA while Ryan Boyle (Southport) and Marygrace Dellisanti (Wilton) also scored. Lauren Lior (Fairfield) had two assists for the Dragons.

Lane Murphy (Darien) made four saves while Dellisanti took over in goal and added four saves, as well.

Sofia Segalla (Stamford) and Lior scored goals to lead GFA to a 2-0 win over Hamden Hall on Senior Day on Saturday.

Elyse Kimball (Westport) had an assist on Lior's goal while Murphy made 11 saves.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Dragons fell on the road to Hamden Hall last week.

Keely O'Shea (Darien) scored twice and Autumn Bartush (Norwalk) added a goal for the Dragons while Laila Pina (Weston), Rari Bellingeri (Stamford) and Faithe Murphy (Westport) each recorded assists.

Nikki Farber (Westport) had three saves for GFA, which outshot the Hornets 15-7.

The Dragons battled fiercely through 60 minutes of regulation and part of an overtime before falling by a 1-0 score in the extra session to Kingswood-Oxford.

Farber had five saves for GFA, which outshot KO by a 6-5 advantage. The Dragons also had an 8-4 advantage in corners.

VOLLEYBALL

The Greens Farms Academy volleyball team recorded a team total of 22 kills while rolling past Harvey 3-0 on Senior Night Monday at the Coyle Gym.

GFA won the match 25-6, 25-11, 25-8.

Meg Nesi (Fairfield) had 18 assists to help set up the kills of Sammy Freeman (Shelton, 7), Cayla Bernstein (Norwalk, 5), Ava Ewing (Darien, 4), Madison Gordon (Stratford, 4) and Lily Lind (Fairfield, 2).

Tess McCormick (Westport) had nine aces while Kelley Mooney (Southport) had four. Jessica Cramer (Wilton) contributed four digs and an ace, as well.

In a match to remember, the GFA Dragons bested Holy Child with a 3-0 win on Tuesday.

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The reason the match will be remembered? GFA's 33-31 win in the middle game as the Dragons bested the Gryphons by a 25-18, 33-31, 25-20 score.

The Dragons sent out 49 kills in the game, led by Ewing's 15 and Freeman's 12. Bernstein added eight more while Lilly Lind had seven.

Nesi had 31 assists in the match while Cramer led the defense with seven digs.