

Sports

Pioneers set to get regular season underway

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Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Since they joined USL League Two in 2019, the Western Mass. Pioneers have finished first in the Northeast Division standings twice. They've also finished in second place twice.

The members of this year's squad will be looking to make their fifth appearance in the USL League Two playoffs. The 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

"We're going to try our best to put together another winning season," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari following his team's 9-0 friendly win against 3rd Eye FC at Lusitano Stadium last Friday night. "We do have nine returning players and a bunch of new players. The older players will need to show the new guys how we do things here. Every game that we play is very important because it's very difficult to make up points in

this league."

The Pioneers finished the 2023 regular season with a 10-1-3 record (33 points). They finished in second place, one point behind the Seacoast United Phantoms, who finished in first place. The Pioneers lost to North Carolina Fusion U23 in the conference quarterfinals by the final score of 2-1.

The Pioneers were scheduled to kick off the 2024 campaign on Tuesday night with a road match against the Boston Bolts. They'll be facing Pathfinder FC in the home opener at 7pm on Saturday night.

It'll be the second game of a doubleheader at Lusitano Stadium. The New England Mutiny will be hosting Maine Footy at 4pm in their season opener.

Saturday will be a very busy day for Molinari. He was named as the Mutiny head coach by Joe Ferrera, who's the General Managers for both soccer teams, during the offseason.

"I told Joe if he wasn't able to find a head coach for the women's soccer team, I would help him out this year," said Molinari, who has been coaching the Pioneers since 2012. "Tomas Duben will be helping me out as an assistant coach."

Molinari is also the Director of Coaching for the Western United Pioneers.

Dennis Gomes and Jay Willis are returning as the Pioneers assistant coaches.

Duben, who played in about 30 matches for the Pioneers during the past several seasons, is also the Pioneers new Scouting & Tactical Analyst.

"Tomas knows a lot about soccer," Molinari said. "He can also relate to the players very well. It's a very good connection between the players and the coaching staff."

Ciro Viviano has replaced John Voight as the Pioneers Goalkeeper coach.

The Pioneers' other six regular season home matches will

be against Black Rock FC (May 31), Seacoast United Phantoms (June 7), AC Connecticut (June 11), Boston City FC (June 21), Albany Rush (June 28), and Vermont Green FC (July 13).

"Every year is a new season, and you have to start from the beginning," Molinari said. "It's a lot of fun watching your players improve in every game."

One of the Pioneers veteran players is Connor Hicks, who helped the Monson boys' soccer team win back-to-back Division 4 state titles. As a senior in 2016, Hicks scored an incredible overtime goal to beat Cohasset High School in the state finals.

Hicks played college soccer at AIC and has been a member of the Pioneers since 2019.

"I'm getting a little bit older, but it's nice to be back playing for the Pioneers again," said Hicks, who's one of the defenders. "We've made the playoffs every year that I've played for this soccer team. I really enjoy the atmosphere here. It's a lot of

fun signing autographs and taking pictures with the kids."

This will be Hicks final season playing for the Pioneers, as he's planning to move to Florida this summer.

Midfielder Khalid Rose, who's another fan favorite, is also returning.

Alec Hughes, who was one of the Pioneers leading goal scorers a year ago, is back again this year. He was a senior on the UMass men's soccer team last fall.

One of the Pioneers newcomers is striker Scott Testori, who was the leading goal scorer on the 2023 UConn men's soccer team.

The Pioneer's captain is Nicholas Oberrauch, who's a defender.

Gianluca Cersosimo was the Pioneers' starting goalie in the friendly match.

The tickets prices for all the Pioneers regular season home matches are \$10.

Children 6 years old and younger are free.



Zach Sauer looks to pass.
Turley photos by David Henry
www.sweetdogphotos.com

Thompson Speedway holds 50th Icebreaker event

THOMPSON, CT – A much nicer day awaited fans on day two of the 50th Icebreaker at Thompson Speedway held last month. Six star-studded features took to the 0.625-mile oval on Sunday, as did the peaks of sunshine to greet the fans in the stands. While the Street Stocks were able to start their 2024 track championship season on Saturday, the rest of the track championship line-up got their year started with plenty of action on Sunday along with the roar of the mighty NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour with their return to Icebreaker weekend.

Following strong qualifying efforts in time trials, Justin Bonsignore and Jake Johnson led the NASCAR Whelen Modifieds to a short start after

Bobby Santos III lost a right rear tire in mid-pack, dragging Dave Sapienza, Andrew Krause and Eric Goodale into the turn one wall. Back under the green flag, Johnson slid back to third on the restart and gave second to a hard-charging Craig Lutz with Bonsignore still at the helm. Lutz grabbed his chance to take over the lead on a lap 25 restart following a grenaded motor in the Tim Connolly machine.

A second motor expired in the first 33 laps for Trevor Catalono but Lutz again retained control ahead of Bonsignore and Ron Silk. Silk methodically made his way to Lutz's back bumper, pulling up alongside the #46 on lap 59 and using the slide job in turn one to come back and lead lap 60. The field would slow once

more on lap 89 for the spinning Matt Swanson in turn four, leading to a frenzy of teams jumping down pit road for their respective tire changes. Patrick Emerling stunned the competition by winning the race off pit road followed by Silk, Johnson, Bonsignore and Austin Beers.

Silk moved up way high as they motored through turns one and two, forcing Emerling to pull back on the outside and giving him the lead. The final laps saw Emerling and Bonsignore battle for third as Silk continued to grow his lead more and more. Ron Silk took the dominant Icebreaker 150 win followed by a consistently fast Jake Johnson and a hard-charging Patrick Emerling, whose radiator sat steaming in victory lane.

Academy names new hockey coach

WILBRAHAM – Wilbraham & Monson Academy is pleased to announce Lawrence Biondo has been named Head Coach of the Boys Varsity Hockey program beginning with the 2024-25 season.

Coach Biondo will take the helm with a strong foundation of current and new student-athletes and support from the entire WMA community. The Titans compete as a full varsity member of the New England Prep School Athletic Council.

"Coach Lawrence Biondo is a prep school person, through and through," Head of School Brian P. Easler said. "He played at prep school, has coached at prep schools, sent all of his kids to prep schools, and now he chose to return to prep school teaching and coaching after retiring from the New York City Police Department. He is fully committed to WMA and the development of our hockey program for

the long term, and I can't wait to see how it grows under his leadership."

Biondo's hockey resume includes both playing and coaching experience at the prep school and collegiate level. As a coach, count Avon Old Farms, St. Benedict's Prep and The Harvey School in his prep school experience.

Joining Biondo will be Steven McGeary as Assistant Coach. Formerly the Boys Ice Hockey Head Coach at Wyoming Seminary, McGeary played at Bethel University (MN). Assistant Coach and Goalie Coach Brian Musa '92 will round out a stellar coaching staff. Musa has over two decades of coaching experience, played goalie at Elmira College and is USA Bronze Goalie certified.

As a player, Biondo was a three-year member of a Deerfield Academy team that won the 1983-84 Prep School Championship,

and he lettered all four years at Tufts University. He played on the Olympic Development U16 summer program at Lake Placid, N.Y., and the Springfield Pioneers AA Bantam championship team that included WMA alumnus Rick Bennett '86.

Already a current English faculty member at WMA, Biondo retired as a lieutenant in 2023 after 20 years of service with the NYPD. Two of his five children are recent alumni of WMA, both Class of 2021, and they are currently matriculated at United States Military Academy West Point and Florida Atlantic University.

"I look forward to building upon the hockey program here at WMA and appreciate the full support I'm receiving from the school," Biondo said. "We have a solid schedule, we're expanding our off-and-on-ice program and we're eager to begin the season this November."

Public Notices

Town of Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals

The Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular business meeting on **Thursday, June 6, 2024** in Memorial Hall, (Oakham Town Hall), 2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA. There will be a public hearing scheduled on the following items starting at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

VARIANCE – Owner/Applicant: Sean and Kristen Roden

Location: 430 Scott Road, (Oakham's Assessor's Map 407 lot 73. The applicants are requesting Variance from Chapter XIV Sections 5.3 of the Oakham Zoning Bylaw (side line set back) to accommodate a proposed addition to the home. The applicants may bring all pertinent information and plans with them and may bring a consultant/attorney to answer questions and to represent them at the hearing.

Interested parties may review the application by calling 508-882-3358 and making an appointment to view at the Town Hall.

Lucy I. Tessnau, Clerk (alternate)
Oakham Zoning Board of Appeals
05/09, 05/16/2024

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF MANAGER

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building,

40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License for Barre Post 2 Building Association, Inc. for premises located at 450 South Barre Road: Change of Manager. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

For the Select Board:
Tammy Martin
Town Administrator
05/16, 05/23/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO24P1548EA
Estate of: James M Hennessy
Date of Death: 06/13/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lynn A Hennessy of Oakham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Lynn A Hennessy of Oakham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/04/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 07, 2024

Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
05/16/2024

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by DAVID J. TWISS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), as nominee for COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated February 24, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 54975, Page 172, as affected by Assignment of Mortgage to Country Bank for Savings dated August 9, 2023 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 69514, Page 325 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the **18th day of June, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 175 Pleasant Street, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"The following described real property located in the County of Worcester State of Massachusetts:

The street address of the Property (if applicable) is: 175 Pleasant Street, Barre

The permanent tax identification number of the Property is: E110

The legal description of the property is: The land together with building(s) situated thereon located in Barre, Worcester County, Mass. being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northern line

of Glancy Road:

Thence N. 77° 11' 46" W. 163.79 feet by Glancy Road to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 73° 07' 22" W. 245.82 feet by said road to a drill hole at land now or formerly of Gallery;

Thence N. 20° 43' 17" E. 180.67 feet by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 17° 42' 52" E. 138.37 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 75° 34' 16" E. 90.42 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel;

Thence S. 8° 45' 11" E. 219.56 feet by land now or formerly of Brewer to a stone bound;

Thence N. 80° 58' 07" E. 117.27 feet by said Brewer land to a gun barrel set at the westerly line of Pleasant Street;

Thence S. 10° 54' 21" E. 66.54 feet by said Street to a gun barrel;

Thence by said Street and a curve to the left with a radius of 1,374.75 feet, a distance of 166.66 feet to the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northerly line of Glancy Road, being the point of beginning.

Being shown on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 427, Plan 64.

EXCEPTING and EXCLUDING a certain parcel of land situated westerly of Pleasant Street in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a certain Quitclaim Deed dated August 5, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54134, Page 53.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed

to the Grantor herein by Massachusetts Foreclosure Deed by Corporation dated July 8, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54086, Page 267 being the parcel marked as "Remaining Land of Country Bank for Savings" containing 52,877 S.F.

Being the same premises conveyed to David J. Twiss by Deed of Country Bank for Savings dated January 8, 2016 recorded in Book 54975 Page 169."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash,

or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price on the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Country Bank for Savings, Present Holder of said Mortgage

By: /s/Jonathan C. Sapirstein

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Date: May 1, 2024
05/16, 05/23, 05/30/2024

Oakham, MA Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
There will be a Request for Determination hearing on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

at 6:00p.m. in the Oakham Town Hall for work to be done on property located at 256 Ware Corner Rd. The Request has been filed by Eric Koval for purpose of installing a movable style garage.. This work may fall under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
05/16/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO24C0208CA
In the matter of: Belle Frieda Stebbins
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Belle Frieda Stebbins of Barre, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Aslan Frieda Papagni
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may object for purposes of appearing to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/04/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 06, 2024

Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate
05/16/2024