



Sandwich High School senior Greg Bailey is a three-sport athlete and this year has been a captain in every sport in which he has participated. For four seasons he has been a member of the cross-country and spring track teams and has run on the SHS winter track team since it began three years ago. When not on the track, Bailey is in the pool. For the past eight years he has played Underwater Hockey. A versatile runner, he spends the summer and fall running local 5K events and with the Blue Knight cross-country team. In the winter and spring, he turns to sprints. Over the course of his four years at SHS he has accumulated seven varsity letters and three Sportsmanship Awards.

An honor roll student, he is a member of the National Art Honor Society and has participated in the Key Club and International Studies program. Bailey represented SHS at Boys' State at Stonehill College and has spent time in France on exchange as well as hosted French students.

**You're one of the captains of the track team this spring.**

I am excited to see what this season has to offer. I think we'll have a successful season, but I am prepared to overcome any obstacles thrown our way. Our team has a chance to be really good especially with the many talented runners on the team. I am expecting a lot out of the juniors this year as I expect they will earn much of our team's points. Tim Regan and Sam Ellis have already proven themselves as formidable point scorers. Of course, I also believe that the freshmen and sophomore classes will surprise everyone. This year, the team's strength is really in its distance team while our sprinting team struggles with its smaller size. Once the weather starts warming up, I think the team will have tons of fun and grow to support each other. There are several exciting meets to come and I plan to have some pasta dinners before meets to help form strong team bonds. Unfortunately, this is my last season of a high school sport, but I will continue running and will follow the progress of our future teams.

**You were also a member of the winter track and cross country teams.**

Those teams were tremendous fun and I enjoyed every practice we had even when it was cold, rainy or a workout day. Winter track has always been my favorite of the running sports, but I also love cross county. It seems like just yesterday that the winter track team was born. The team has grown vastly since then and has become a sport filled with endurance, perseverance, team bonding, and long trips to Boston. A typical day of winter track is a bitterly cold afternoon where the whole team is gathered in little huddles like penguins and then we would gladly run and work out just to warm up. Cross country was a fall sport that actually begins in early summer. We ran a captains practice every weekday all summer long. I also attended the Foss Running camp in New Hampshire to build up my distance and endurance. As the miles add up, I find myself going through pairs of shoes very quickly. Now, I run short distance in track and long distance in cross country which is why when people ask me what kind of a runner I am, I answer "a runner of every kind."

**What is underwater hockey?**

Underwater hockey is a unique sport to say the least. It is a tough sport, but I would recommend it to anyone. In this sport, athletes wear masks, snorkels, and fins and swim to the bottom of the pool to push a weighted puck to the opposite side of the pool. The trick is that athletes must hold their breath and must often times choose whether to breathe or score a point. Players use sticks about a foot long and wear protective gloves and headgear. The positions are similar to hockey in that there are three offensive forwards and two defensive backs, but no goalie. I have been playing underwater hockey since I was 10 or 11 years old which gives me eight years of experience. I got interested in playing underwater hockey because my good friend Collin Sykes recommended the game to me. We play every Friday night from 8-9:30 PM or on Saturday from 4-5:30 PM for new players.

**What have been some of your favorite memories from the last four years?**

I'll always remember Friday nights after underwater hockey. The whole team goes to Bobby Byrne's Pub and gets some burgers and we have a good time. It has come to the point where I can walk into the restaurant and ask for "the usual" and get my regular bacon cheese burger. I also will not forget going with my track team to see the Nike Indoor National Games. It was at the same Reggie Lewis track we always go to, but we got to see it transformed into a professional sports event. I got to meet professional runners who have gotten world records. Most of all I will never forget the great times I have had with all my friends.

**You're a member of the National Art Honor Society.**

I have done this club for two years now and have loved every part of it. In National Art Honor Society, we do 20 hours of community service and every month we have a guest artist come to discuss their career, their medium, and demonstrate their art. Each club member must have an A or better in their current art class. I prefer to do pencil drawings or colored pencil. I like to do illustration and make creative drawings that make you laugh. One of my paintings is now on display at the art show at the Rehab Hospital of the Cape and Islands from April 1- 30. I hope to use my abilities in art for my future career which could be engineering or architecture. Perhaps I might get lucky and actually make art my career.

**Graduation is right around the corner.**

I remember the first day of high school and I was so nervous that I would get lost. I was such a shy and quiet freshman. I barely did anything. But when I started track, I really opened up and formed a lot of new friends. When I start thinking about graduation, I don't feel ready to leave all my friends and the good times behind. I wish there was a Sandwich High School College. But I suppose I am ready to move on to college and begin the next chapter of my life.

**Who has been your inspiration?**

I would have to say my twin brother Brad had inspired me the most. Brad was born first and always seemed to have an edge over me. He's faster, smarter, and stronger. I always had to push myself to keep pace with him. Brad is different than most brothers, though.

We have spent practically every moment of our lives together and we have the same interests and hobbies. Brad is more than a brother, he is my best friend.

**Is there anyone to whom you would like to say thank you?**

I have so many people to thank. To begin with I would like to thank my parents and my brother for always supporting me. I would like to thank my track coach, Steven Infascelli, for inspiring me and for showing me a new passion for running that will continue for the rest of my life. I would like to thank my underwater hockey coach, Rob Sykes, for spending so much time helping the team flourish. I don't have enough space to name them individually but most of all, I would like to thank each one of my friends.

**Do you plan to attend college?**

I hope to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute to major in Engineering.