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FOUR SELECTED TO ALL-WNY FIELD HOCKEY TEAMS MAKE ACS HISTORY

AKRON, NEW YORK (December 6, 2021) – When the First and Second All-Western New York Field Hockey Teams were recently selected, no other school in Section VI had more players placed on those teams than the Akron Tigers. For the first time in the history of Akron Central School, two players were placed on each of the teams.

Two midfielders, junior Madison Brege and senior Jenelle Kieffer, received First Team honors. The dominance of the Lady Tigers throughout Niagara-Orleans League and sectional play was recognized by the coaches on the selection committee with strong accolades given to Maddie and Jenelle for their ability to maintain possession of the ball and continuously fuel the attack.

Madison is credited for her advanced stickwork, great field vision, and speed at center midfield, while Jenelle was recognized for her uncanny ability to steal the ball and dodge defenders to distribute the ball back into the attack circle or score one of her 15 goals of the season.

Both players are four-year veterans of the team and were also named to the Niagara-Orleans League First Team.

Junior Lacey Berghorn was selected to the All-Western New York Field Hockey Second Team for her extraordinary offensive contributions as center forward. For the second year in a row, Lacey was the leading scorer in all of Section VI. Her total goal count of 42 accrued in the team's 14 – 0 league/sectional record is evidence of her elite level of play. Although Lacey was double-marked in every game, she was still able to find the net – often multiple times each game. Lacey received First Team Niagara-Orleans League honors as well.

Also selected to the All-Western New York Second Team was senior Emerson Polkowski. Emerson took control of the defensive end of the field for the "Chicks with Sticks." All 14 victories were shutouts with the team scoring an unfathomable 135 goals with ZERO goals scored against them! Opponents were literally kept out of their scoring circle: in fourteen hours of play, only two shots on goal were ever recorded against Akron this season. Emerson was a key ingredient to the success of the defense. She was able to not only keep the opponent she was marking from getting any shots on net, but also tackled back to provide a second layer of defense for any teammate who may have been dodged.

"Congratulations is extended to these four remarkable athletes for being recognized and honored for their extraordinary success in field hockey this season," said Coach Mary Borden. "To be included in the greatest number of Akron players selected to the All-WNY teams in one season, they have made ACS Field Hockey program history! I am very proud!"

The First Team All-WNY players will be recognized in The Buffalo News in their season recap feature article.