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FIELD HOCKEY EARNS TWO 1st TEAM, ONE 2nd TEAM ALL-WNY SELECTIONS

AKRON, NEW YORK (November 24, 2020) – Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, has named their first and second team selections for All-WNY Field Hockey. The Tigers of Akron High School have learned that three players from their varsity squad have been selected including sophomores Lacey Berghorn and Madison Brege to the First Team and junior Jenelle Kieffer to the Second Team. The Tigers were Section VI Class C Champions this season.

Nine coaches from Section VI that comprise the selection committee placed fourteen players on each team. It is a very rare occurrence to have sophomores receive First Team honors. Although usually reserved for seniors and an occasional junior, the impressive performances of Berghorn and Brege this season could not be denied. Both players are third-year varsity teammates recognized as being some of the top players in all of Section VI regardless of school size.

With Lacey at center forward and Madison right behind her at the center midfield position, Akron owned the middle of the field all season. With a 14 to 1 overall record, 81 goals scored for with only one goal scored against, and having seized both the Niagara-Orleans and Section VI Class C championship titles, it was clear that Akron dominated play.

“Lacey and Madison were instrumental in the team’s achievements,” said Coach Mary Borden, varsity coach for Akron since 2003. “Lacey was the leading scorer in all of Section VI with 32 goals while Madison earned her acclaim as being the hub of the team. Madison would work the ball down the field, dodging opponents with her advanced stickwork then deliver a pass to Lacey who consistently found the net even while being double-teamed.”

Junior Jenelle Kieffer was the third Akron field hockey player recognized for her elite level of play. Jenelle was placed on the All-western NY Second Team. Jenelle was chosen based on her outstanding speed, endurance, and uncanny ability to steal the ball from opponents using her

tackling maneuvers.

“Jenelle served as both hitter and inserter on penalty corners and provided support the full length of the field, both on defense and on attack,” said Coach Borden.

Coach Borden stated that Akron has never had such a strong showing in the All-Western NY selection process.

“The team congratulates Lacey, Madison, and Jenelle for shining among the stars! The best news, however, is all three players will returning to the field at ACS next fall!” exclaimed Coach Borden.

For more information about field hockey in Western New York, please visit <https://sectionvifieldhockey.com/> and watch for the yearly feature on the All-WNY selections in The Buffalo News soon.

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