

EDITOR'S PICK

Meet the 2023-24 All-Federation girls hockey first team

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Meet the Coaches' All-Federation girls hockey first team for the 2023-24 season, as selected by coaches. No player of the year was chosen.



The 2023-24 All-Western New York Federation Girls Hockey first team (from left): Jocelyn Smaczniak, D (Frontier/Franklinville/Orchard Park/Lake Shore); Maya Griffin, F (Frontier/Franklinville/Orchard Park/Lake Shore); Jenny Wild, D (Clarence/Amherst/Sweet Home); Bella Jayme, F (Kenmore/Grand Island/Lockport); Izzy Bourgeault, F (Kenmore/Grand Island/Lockport); Coach of the Year Greg Grosskopf (Niagara County). Missing is Kennedy Ruest, G (Niagara County).

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Bella Jayme, Kenmore/Grand Island/Lockport, forward, 11: Before each game, she would drink a protein shake, and her consistent pre-game routine helped Jayme finish first in the Federation with 47 points on 23 goals and 24 assists. Her points are a single-season All-Federation league record. She's sixth all-time in the league in points (125), and reached the 100-point career milestone during the season. Her play led KenGi-Port to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association regional final. Jayme's favorite moment from the season was leading the team to a third straight sectional title. She is a two-time Athlete of the Year at Grand Island.

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Isabella Bourgeault, Kenmore/Grand Island/Lockport, forward, 11: Bourgeault was one of the main catalysts for KenGi-Port winning its third straight sectional championship. With her in the lineup, the team broke through to the NYSPHSAA regional final. She ended the season with 20 goals and 20 assists for 40 points. Bourgeault reached 100 career points during the season and ended her junior year with 117 for her career, which is eighth all-time in the Federation. She had a hat trick in the sectional quarterfinal and Far West Regional. Jayme also plays soccer and lacrosse and assists with unified basketball.

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Maya Griffin, Frontier/Lake Shore/Orchard Park, forward, 11: Griffin had 14 goals and 14 assists for 28 points. She was a master at taking advantage of mismatches, and led the league in power-play goals with six. She also scored four game-winning goals. Griffin's favorite game during the season occurred when she recorded a hat trick against Niagara County. She was a first-team All-Western New York lacrosse player last season and will continue her lacrosse career at Youngstown State.

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Jocelyn Smaczniak, Frontier/Lake Shore/Orchard Park, defense, 10: Smaczniak's pre-game routine consisted of eating orange slices and listening to "All of Me" by 12 Savage. She had 14 points on 11 assists and three goals. Scoring the game-winning goal in overtime against Hamburg/Eden/West Seneca was her favorite memory from the season. Smaczniak likes to be known for loosening the team up with dance parties in the locker room.

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Jenny Wild, Clarence/Amherst/Sweet Home, defense, 10: Jenny Wild finished the season with four goals and two assists for six points. She also had a game-winning goal as a defender. Wild led CASH to the Section VI quarterfinals. Last season, Wild was a second-team All-Federation selection.

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Kennedy Ruest, Niagara County, goalie, 10: Ruest played 904.58 minutes protecting the net, the most of any player in the Federation. She had 385 saves and saved 93% of shots she faced, only allowing 1.44 goals per game. She led Niagara County to a regular-season championship and an appearance in the sectional final.

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