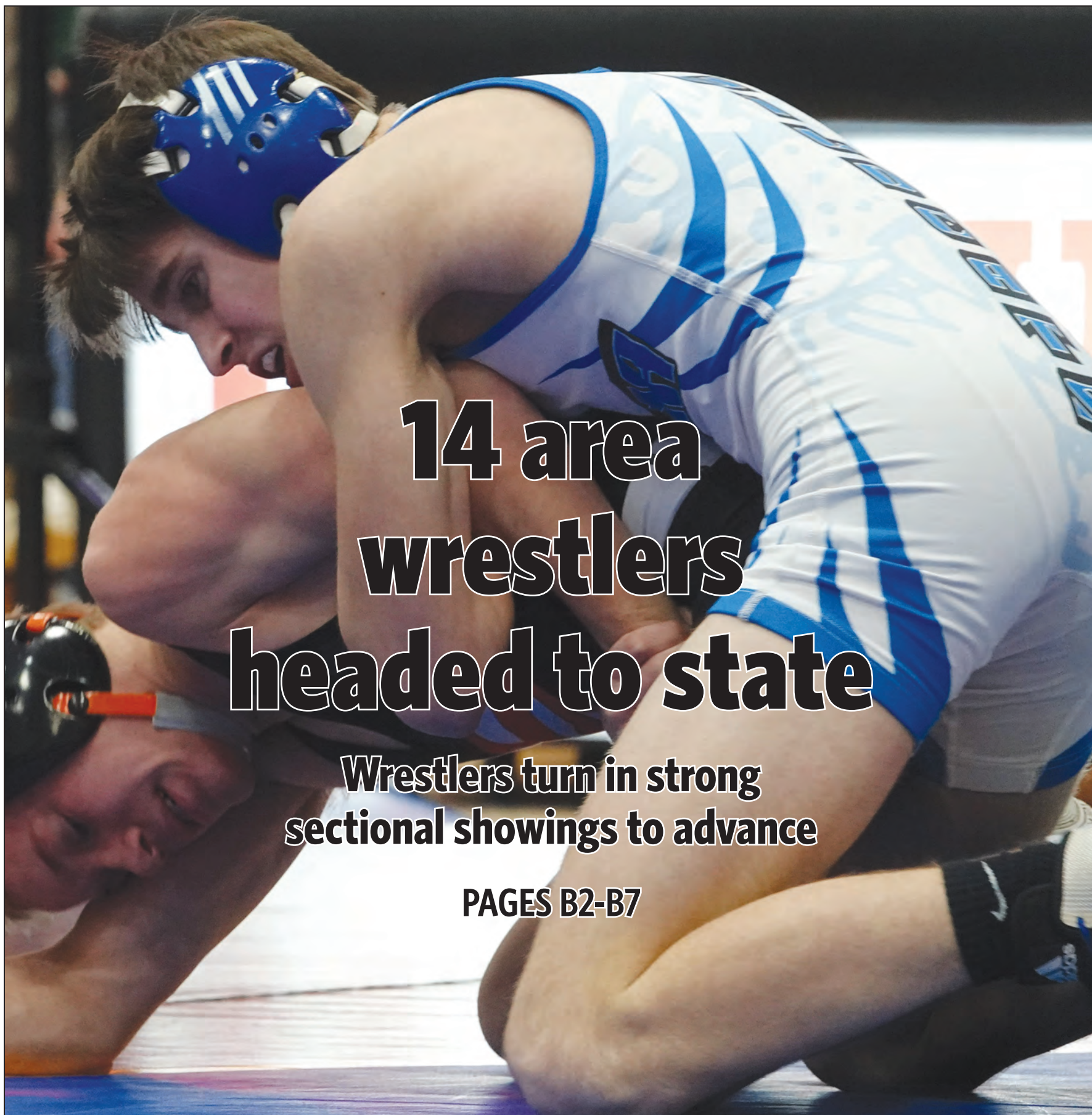




14 area wrestlers headed to state

**Wrestlers turn in strong
sectional showings to advance**

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Lena's Dylan Comins, right, wrestles Stratford's Trenton Cournoyer during the 106-pound weight class first-place match at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional hosted by Shawano Community High School on Feb. 19. Comins dropped the match, but he qualified for state anyway with his second-place finish.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

3 Panthers headed to state tournament

Comins will represent Lena

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Three Oconto Falls and one Lena wrestler qualified for state after competing in sectionals on Feb. 19.

No Suring/Gillett wrestlers qualified for state, which will be held at the Kohl Center in Madison from Feb. 24-26.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls' Clayton Whiting, Graeson Pankratz and Cole Bozile all qualified for state after strong showings at the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional in Oconto Falls. To qualify for state in Division 2, wrestlers had to place first, second or third in their respective weight classes.

Whiting won the 182 weight class with a 3-0 mark. Pankratz finished 2-1 at the 120 class, and Bozile also went 2-1 at 126 pounds.

Whiting opened his day with a pin in 1 minute, 42 seconds before a 23-8 technical fall win in the semi-finals. He won the first-place match by pin in 1:58.

The senior will be making his fourth appearance at state and is looking to become a four-time state champ. Only 19 WIAA individuals have ever accomplished that feat.

"Goals I have set for state are pin everyone as fast as possible and score a lot of points," said Whiting. "The only way I can achieve these is by having the right mindset going in to each match, as well as focus on these in my last few practices before I head out to compete."

Whiting owns a 47-1 record on the season and won't need to wrestle on Thursday after his sectional title. He'll open up his state tournament by facing either Amery's Grant Cook (38-11) or Freedom's Josh Lahay (21-9) on Friday morning.

With three titles already, there isn't a lot left to prove for Whiting. Still, he's found a way to keep himself motivated, saying he'd like to show people, "That I am the greatest wrestler in Wisconsin, and I want to make a mark in Wisconsin wrestling out there at state."



Oconto Falls' Cole Bozile, top, wrestles Adams-Friendship's Jordan Dolata during a 126-pound weight class semifinal match at the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Feb. 19 in Oconto Falls. Bozile went on to place second and qualify for state along with teammates Clayton Whiting and Graeson Pankratz.

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Pankratz's day at sectionals began with a 51-second pin before a 9-4 decision victory. He lost by technical fall in the first-place match but didn't have to wrestle again, having already defeated the wrestler he would have faced.

The senior is also no stranger to the state tournament, as this will be his third-straight appearance. He made state in the 106 weight class as a sophomore and then was a part of the 113 class as a junior.

"I'm excited to get back down there one more time," said Pankratz. "Knowing this will be the last time I go out and compete in high school, these last matches will mean a lot to me. I don't want it to end, but I'll go out and leave it all

on the mat."

While also looking forward to competing alongside Whiting and Bozile, Pankratz has individual goals as well.

"My goal for state is to go out and win. Also to place higher on the podium than last year," said Pankratz, who finished sixth at state as a junior.

Pankratz owns a 36-10 record in his senior season. He'll take on Winneconne's Mason Sternard (34-13) in his first state match Thursday night. The winner will battle Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal's Luke Dux (29-4) on Friday morning.

Bozile endured a similar fate to second place as Pankratz at sectionals. His wins were a 5:21 pin and 6-4 decision. He dropped the first-place match by a 5-4 decision.

"It means a lot for me to qualify. I've worked so hard, and I'm so

glad that I've stayed in this amazing sport," said Bozile. "Being a freshman and being able to have the opportunity to go to state is an honor."

Even though this will be Bozile's first taste of state as a wrestler, he's aiming for lofty goals.

"My goal for state is to win it all — having the mindset to win is something I've always strived off of," said Bozile.

The freshman is 22-6 entering state. He will face Jordan Dolata (34-10) of Adams-Friendship on Thursday, with the winner advancing to take on Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal's Derek Zschernitz (28-5) on Friday.

In other Oconto Falls' sectional action, Hunter Bozile (113) and Luke Trepanier (145) just missed out on state after settling for fourth-place finishes. Bozile finished 2-2 on the

day, with wins by major decision and pin and two losses by pin. Trepanier went 2-2, with wins by sudden victory and decision and losses by pin and technical fall.

Parker Peterson (138) went 1-2, with a major decision win before losses by technical fall and pin. Nick Trepanier (195) also finished 1-2, beginning with a win by pin before losses by major decision and decision.

Quinton McDonald (160) and Mitchell Kallies (285) both lost their lone matches of the day.

Lena

Lena's Dylan Comins is headed back to the state tournament after placing second at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional, which was hosted by Shawano Community High School.

To qualify for state in Division 3, wrestlers also had to place first, second or third.

Comins finished the day with a 1-1 record. Comins had a bye to begin action before earning a 43-second pin in the semifinals.

He was defeated by decision in the first-place match but didn't have to wrestle again, having already defeated that wrestler earlier



Lena's Dylan Comins, right, wrestles Stratford's Trenton Cournoyer during the 106-pound weight class first-place match at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional on Feb. 19 in Shawano. Comins placed second at sectionals to qualify for state for the second time.

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in the day.

Comins, a junior, made his first state appearance last year, although state wasn't held in Madison because of the pandemic.

"It's big just getting there. I finally get the experience of the Kohl Center," said Comins.

Comins' loss in the first-place match at sectionals was tough on the wrestler, but he now considers himself an underdog heading into state.

"I'm looking to just get on the podium," said Comins. "Last year my goal was strictly to get to

state, and I didn't get the full experience last year. I had no intention of winning any matches there last year. My mindset this year is to win some matches and hopefully get on the podium."

Comins is 48-7 this season and will take on Cadott's Kaleb Lodaahl in his opening state match on Thursday. The winner gets Glenwood City's Wyatt Unser in the next round Friday morning.

In other sectional action, Lena's Sam Marquardt (138), Josh Kristof (170) and Franky Umentum (195) all lost their only matches.

Suring/Gillett

Suring/Gillett also competed in the Bonduel Sectional. The co-op had three wrestlers in action.

Trent Van Den Elzen came the closest to making state after posting a 1-2 mark in the 152 weight class. His day began with a pin in 55 seconds. Van Den Elzen dropped his second match by decision and then was defeated in another decision in his final match.

Riley Denowski (113) finished 0-2 on the day, with two losses by pin. Keegan Rattin (145) wrestled once, dropping the match by pin.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Panthers fall short of team state

The Oconto Falls High School wrestling team came up one win short of qualifying for team state after competing in the Division 2 Amherst Team Sectional on Feb. 15 in Amherst.

The Panthers defeated Amherst before falling to Luxemburg-Casco in the team sectional final.

Pulaski and Wittenberg-Birnamwood also competed in team sectionals on Feb. 15, with both teams losing their only duals on the night.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls had six wins by pin in a 51-30 dual win over Amherst.

Clayton Whiting (182), Nick Trepanier (195), Mitchell Kallies (285), Hunter Bozile (113), Parker Peterson (138) and Luke Trepanier (145) earned the wins by pin.

Garrett Ganter (106) earned a 9-2 decision win for the Panthers. Graeson Pankratz (120) and Cole Bozile (126) both won by forfeit.

The Panthers were defeated 60-10 against Luxemburg-Casco.

Whiting earned a third-period pin at 182 pounds, while Kallies won a 12-1 major decision at 285 pounds for

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Oconto Falls' wins.

Pulaski

Pulaski competed at the Division 1 Neenah Team Sectional. The Red Raiders lost 50-26 to Kaukauna.

Trenton Gibbons (220) and Ashton Kapla (106) earned wins by pin for Pulaski. Mason Wells (285) won a 12-3 major decision.

Tristan Taylor (170) and Ethan Eggert (113) earned Pulaski's other wins by technical fall. Taylor won 16-1, while Eggert claimed a 15-0 win.

Witt-Birn

Witt-Birn took part in the Division 3 Suring/Gillett Team Sectional in Suring. The Chargers lost 63-15 against Coleman.

Nathan Waupekenay (195) and David Gauderman (220) had back-to-back pins at 195 and 220 pounds, respectively, to lead the Chargers.

Braeden Groshek had Witt-Birn's other win, a 3-2 decision at 160 pounds.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Witt-Birn's Gauderman, Potrykus qualify for state

Both wrestlers to make
2nd state appearances

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School wrestlers David Gauderman and Pierson Potrykus each qualified for state after competing in the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional, which was held at Shawano Community High School on Feb. 19.

To qualify for state in Division 3, wrestlers had to place first, second or third in their respective weight classes.

Gauderman won the 220-pound weight class with a 3-0 record, while Potrykus came in second at 126 pounds with a mark of 2-1.

The duo will head to Madison for the WIAA state tournament, which runs Feb. 24-26.

"It means a lot to qualify. I can represent myself, my family and my school at state, so it means a lot to be able to do that," said Gauderman, a junior.

"It means the world to be able to make it to state, because where else would you want to end your career than under the lights of the Kohl Center?" said Potrykus, a senior.

Gauderman won his first sectionals match by a 7-4 decision. He pinned his next opponent in 4 minutes, 49 seconds. Gauderman was leading the title match before his opponent conceded with an injury.

The junior is headed to state for a second straight season. Last winter, he placed fourth in the 220 class.

"My previous experience helps a lot," said Gauderman, adding that he's learned to never underestimate another competitor. "They're at state for a reason, and it just helps me not to overlook my opponents."

With his top finish at sectionals, Gauderman earned a bye at state. He gets Thursday off and won't wrestle until Friday morning. Gauderman, owning a 44-3 record this season, will face either Stratford's Cole Marten (30-6) or Iowa-Grant/Highland's Jackson Kemnitzer (18-8) in his first match.

"My goals are obviously the first-place finish, and just to be happy with myself and how I wrestled knowing I left everything on the mat," Gauderman said. "That's really the only thing you can ask of yourself."

Potrykus' day at sectionals began with a 22-7 technical fall win before



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Pierson Potrykus, left, wrestles Weyauwega-Fremont's Kaleb Mannel in a 126-pound weight class first-place match at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional, hosted Feb. 19 by Shawano Community High School. Potrykus lost the matchup but is still headed to state after claiming second place.

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a 7-4 decision win. He lost the title match in a 2-1 decision but wasn't forced to wrestle again, having defeated the wrestler he was set to face.

This will also be the second time Potrykus has made it to state. He was a state qualifier as a freshman in the 106 weight class, finishing with a 1-2 mark.

"My goals for state are very clear, and it's to give it my all every single match, and to not leave the arena feeling as if I could've wrestled any harder," said Potrykus. "Hopefully this goal leads to me being on the podium Saturday."

Potrykus is 44-7 on the season and will battle Stanley-Boyd's Breckin Burzynski (28-6) in his first state

match on Thursday night. The winner will take on Mineral Point's Lucas Sullivan (38-4) on Friday morning.

While both Witt-Birn wrestlers are eager to accomplish their own individual goals, having a teammate competing at state at the same time is a bonus in Potrykus' eyes.

"Having a teammate wrestling beside you at state is huge. It helps to have someone going through the same experience as you to help relieve some of the nerves, and hopefully experiencing some wins to go along with it," said Potrykus.

Max Kersten (138) and Nico Pelusi (145) each placed fourth for the Chargers. Kersten went 1-2, with a win by

pin and losses by major decision and pin. Pelusi finished 2-2, with wins by decision and major decision and two losses by pin.

Treyton Bierman (113) went 0-2, with two losses by pin. Easton Davis (120) lost his lone match by major decision. Andres Sanchez (132) lost his only match by pin.

Owen Schultz (152) finished 0-2, with losses by pin and major decision. Cain Schiller (170) went 0-2, with the losses by pin. Nathan Waupekenay (182) dropped two matches by pin, while Dominic Weso (285) was defeated by pin in his lone match.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Bonduel's Bogacz qualifies for state again

2 Shawano and 5 Pulaski wrestlers also state bound

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wrestlers from Bonduel, Shawano and Pulaski all qualified for the state tournament after competing in sectionals on Feb. 19.

No Menominee Indian wrestlers qualified for state, which will be held at the Kohl Center in Madison from Feb. 24-26.

Bonduel

Bonduel junior Tyson Bogacz qualified for state after earning a second-place finish in the 160-pound weight class during the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional, which was held at Shawano Community High School.

"It means a lot to get to go down there again, even more now because it'll be in the Kohl Center this year," said Bogacz, who competed at state in Wausau last season because of the pandemic. "Excited to finally feel that energy that everyone says you feel when you step on those mats."

To qualify for state in Division 3, wrestlers had to place first, second or third in their respective weight classes.

Bogacz's day began with 5-0 decision win and 7-0 decision victory. He was topped 3-0 in the first-place match, but he bounced back with pin in 3 minutes, 39 seconds in the second-place match.

Bogacz was handed a bye at state and owns a 42-8 record for the season. He'll wrestle either Fenimore's Wyatt Ahnen (14-12) or Aquinas' Calvin Hargrove (39-2) on Friday morning.

"My goal is to take a better place than I did last year, as I had my state tournament get cut a little short," said Bogacz, who came in sixth at the 145 class after sustaining an injury. "Show that last year wasn't a fluke and I belong on the podium."

Bonduel's Donovan Vigue (182) just missed out on state after placing fourth at sectionals. He lost by pin to start the day but came back



Bonduel's Tyson Bogacz, top, wrestles Coleman's Isaiah Nowak during a 160-pound weight class quarterfinal match at the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional hosted by Shawano Community High School on Feb. 19. Bogacz went on to place second, which qualified him for state.

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with a win by pin in 1:08. Vigue was topped by pin in the third-place match.

Jaxon Bogacz (106) earned Bonduel's other win on the day — a pin in 1:12 to begin action. He was then topped by two major decisions.

Matthew Walenta (126) and Colin Fischer (132) finished 0-2, while Vance Pahlke (220) lost his lone match.

Shawano

Junior Caden Young and senior Jackson Smits will represent Shawano at state after strong days of action at the Division 1 Hortonville Sectional.

To qualify for state in Division

1, wrestlers needed to place first or second. Young won a sectional title at 170 pounds, while Smits earned second at 220 pounds.

Young finished 3-0 on the day. His first match was a win by pin in 49 seconds. He then won back-to-back major decisions, 11-1 and 20-7, to qualify for state.

"It means a lot to me that I finally qualified," said Young. "I have put in a lot of work to get here at this point."

It will be Young's first time at state, but he isn't hoping to just enjoy the experience. "My goal is to bring home that state title," he said.

Young, owning a 26-2 mark on the season, will take on New Berlin West/Eisenhower's Jack Gillis (43-4) in his first match Thursday afternoon.

Smits earned a 2-1 mark on the

day. His day started with 10-0 and 8-0 major decision wins. Smits was pinned in the first-place match but didn't have to wrestle again, having already defeated the wrestler he was set to face.

"The chance to do what so many kids can only dream of means a lot and it is not lost on me how many great wrestlers never do make it down to Madison," said Smits. "I think about some of my teammates, all great wrestlers, that have never had the opportunity to go. They are the reason I work so hard."

Smits hopes to leave Madison having reached the podium, and is excited to be joined by a teammate and so many supporters.

"Having Caden go down with me is awesome. Being able to share the experience with another teammate is something I am truly looking

forward to,” said Smits. “In addition, being able to go down with my coach (Mike) Homan, parents and family means the world to me. Being able to reward all of the sacrifices they have made with a trip to the state tournament is truthfully my biggest accomplishment, and has been my goal all along.”

Smits is 32-8 on the season and will open state battling Holmen’s Carson Westcott (37-5) Thursday afternoon.

Shawano’s Brady Stomberg (106), Drake Herm (132), Carsen Herm (145), Noah Jones (152), West Bieber (160), Lance Nuthals (182) and Brady Jones (285) all lost their only sectional matches.

Pulaski

Pulaski had five individual wrestlers qualify for state after competing in the Division 1 Hortonville Sectional.

Mason Wells led the team with a first-place finish at 220 pounds. Ethan Eggert (113), Brady Gille (138), Chase Woosencraft (170) and Trenton Gibbons (182) all placed second.

Wells, a junior, went 3-0 on the day. His first match was a win by pin in 1 minute, 20 seconds before claiming a 5-2 decision win in the semifinals. Wells won the first-place match by pin in 3:56.

It will mark Wells’ second state appearance, having also made it as a freshman. Wells has a 32-2 record this season, and will battle Port Washington’s Jacob Peacy (39-9) in his first match Thursday afternoon.

Eggert finished with a 2-1 mark at sectionals. He opened his day with a pin in 1:34 before a 16-0 technical fall win in the semifinals. Eggert was defeated 7-0 in the first-place match but didn’t have to wrestle again, having already defeated the wrestler he would have faced.

“It means a lot for me to qualify,” said Eggert, a junior. “I’ve been practicing since kindergarten to make this goal come true.”

Eggert, who hopes to place in the top six, is 35-7 on the season and will take on Holmen’s Turner Campbell (33-6) in his first ever state match Thursday afternoon.

Woosencraft and Gibbons also went 2-1 at sectionals and took similar paths to second place.

Woosencraft won an 8-7 decision before winning by pin in 3:36. He lost a 20-7 major decision in the first-place match.

“It means the world to me to qualify for state,” said Woosencraft. “I have dreamed of this day since I was in third grade when I started.”



Shawano’s Caden Young wrestles during the Division 1 Shawano Regional on Feb. 12 in Shawano. Young and teammate Jackson Smits qualified for the state tournament after strong finishes at sectionals on Feb. 19.

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Woosencraft, sporting a 27-13 record in his sophomore season, will wrestle his first career state match against Milton’s Aeoden Sinclair (44-1) on Thursday afternoon. After having a goal of making state, he’s updated that goal to now reach the podium.

Gibbons opened his day with a pin in 1:10 before claiming a 6-2 decision win. He was topped 9-2 in the first-place match.

Gibbons will also be making his first state appearance as a junior. He’s 34-5 on the season and has goals of placing at state. Gibbons is also thrilled to be going to state with so many teammates.

“It’s great to have four of my teammates coming with me — we’ve put the time in and just can’t

wait to see what we can accomplish,” said Gibbons, who will face Union Grove’s Gianni Scacco (34-9) to open state Thursday afternoon.

Gille finished 3-1 on the day. He pinned his first opponent in 3:44 before being pinned in his second match. He responded with a pin in 2:54 in the third-place match and then earned a 5-3 decision win in the second-place match to punch his ticket to state.

Gille is also making his first state appearance. The senior will open state facing Kaukauna’s Greyson Clark (43-1) on Thursday afternoon.

Tristan Taylor (160) was the only other Pulaski wrestler to earn wins at the sectional. He started his day with a pin in 2:37 but was then pinned in his second match and had

a medical forfeit loss in the third-place match.

Ashton Kapla (106), Colin Pratt (120), Conner Nooyen (126), Ryan Frewerd (132), Cole Gorecki (145) and Will Friedman (195) all lost their only matches of the day.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian’s Gregory Turney was unable to qualify for state after taking part in the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional.

To qualify for state in Division 2, wrestlers had to place first, second or third.

Turney went 0-2 in the 145-pound bracket. His first match was a loss by pin before he lost by technical fall in his final match.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Pulaski's Shaw takes 22nd at boys state meet

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski senior T.J. Shaw capped his high school swimming career with a 22nd-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle at the WIAA Boys Division 1 State Meet on Feb. 19 at Waukesha South High School in Waukesha.

Shaw completed the event in 4 minutes, 55.1 seconds to come in 22nd in the 24-swimmer field.

"My performance was better than last year's state," said Shaw, who placed 20th in 4:56.22 at the 2021 state meet. "Although I didn't PR (personal record) yesterday, I still swam my race to the best of my ability swimming a 4:55.10!"

Bay Port's Ozan Kalafat won the event this year in 4:27.75, a new state record.

Shaw said the week of practice leading up to state was "the most challenging part of the season."

"Prepping for state is a lot of commitment," said Shaw. "What we do as swimmers is called tapering.

After swimming long practices during the middle of the season, we start to taper for sectionals. Tapering is where the yards get shorter but the difficulty gets higher. Meaning more sprints, but more time to rest.

"After tapering for a week and then making it to state I had to climb back up in yards on Monday then have a short week of tapering. Meaning Monday was the most amount of yards, Tuesday a little less, Wednesday a little less, etc. Going back up in yards is hard to do after tapering for sectionals, but I pulled through and performed my best at the state meet."

Just like his cross-country career that ended at state, Shaw was appreciative to be able to cap his swim career against the state's best.

"It was a great experience to end my high school career at state," said Shaw. "I couldn't have asked for a better season with my team! I'm very thankful for all the support I had from my coach, friends and family. I couldn't have done it without them."

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Pulaski's T.J. Shaw, center, poses for a photo with his parents Amy, left, and Dave during the WIAA Boys Division 1 State Meet on Feb. 19 at Waukesha South High School in Waukesha. CONTRIBUTED

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Strong start helps Bonduel girls defeat Oconto Falls

Robaidek leads Bears in scoring

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team powered out to a 27-6 lead and then fended off a second-half rally from Oconto Falls to earn a 59-45 nonconference win on Feb. 14 in Oconto Falls.

During Bonduel's impressive start to the contest, it was senior Allaina Robaidek who led the charge, scoring 12 points. Freshman Audrey Weier provided a spark off the bench, scoring six points in the opening half and playing strong defense.

It wasn't until the seven-minute mark of the first half that Oconto Falls was able to find its footing. A quick 7-0 spurt, with the scoring provided by seniors Alexis Euclide and Hailey Peitersen, made it a 15-point game. The teams traded



Bonduel's Ella Hischke, right, looks for an open teammate while being defended by Oconto Falls' Alexis Euclide during a nonconference game on Feb. 14 in Oconto Falls. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

buckets the remainder of the half, with Bonduel leading 34-17 at the break.

Oconto Falls opened the second half on a 17-7 run to cut its deficit to seven, 41-34. The Panthers used the 3 ball to get back in the game, with

junior Ashlyn Allen hitting a pair and junior Kate Pytleski making one. Euclide and Peitersen provided the team's other points.

Bonduel went on a 8-0 spurt to regain control, with Robaidek tallying five of those points.

Oconto Falls continued to battle for the remaining five minutes of play but was never able to work the deficit below 12.

Robaidek led all players with 24 points, making three 3-pointers, nine shots total and three free throws.

Sophomore Ella Hischke contributed nine points, four assists and five rebounds for the Bears.

Sophomore Hailee Thompson provided eight points and had four steals.

Along with her six points, Weier grabbed six rebounds. Senior Brenna Hertzfeldt also had six boards, while sophomore Hailey Zernicke had seven.

It was Euclide who led Oconto Falls in scoring with 18 points. She made seven field goals in the contest.

Peitersen finished with 10 points. Allen and sophomore Kati Radatz each scored six points on two 3-pointers.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Menominee Indian girls drop low-scoring tilt

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Menominee Indian High School girls basketball team couldn't overcome a poor shooting night in a 38-24 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division loss against Shiocton on Feb. 17 in Keshena.

The Eagles endured several long scoreless stretches. The team's first points didn't come until about halfway through the first half, and then the hosts went scoreless for the first four-plus minutes of the second half.

Even though Menominee Indian struggled to score, it was able to hang around with some tough play on the defensive side of the ball.

When the Eagles scored their first points of the game, Shiocton only had scored five points. The visitors managed 14 points through 15-plus minutes of action before a 10-0 finish to the half

helped them take a 24-10 lead.

Menominee Indian went behind by as many as 18 points in the second half before going on a 9-1 run.

Eagles' junior Kaysha Wilber jump-started the run with a bucket before junior Mariah Fish hit a shot. Wilber added another basket before Fish sent the crowd into a frenzy with a corner 3-pointer with about 3 minutes, 20 seconds to play.

Menominee Indian only scored one more basket the rest of the way, and had several turnovers that helped Shiocton seal up the win.

Wilber scored 11 points for Menominee Indian, making five field goals and a free throw. Fish contributed seven points.

Senior Alezaha King and sophomore Ayanna Smith both hit a 3-pointer for the team's other points.

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Menominee Indian's Alezaha King, right, defends during the team's CWC-East matchup with Shiocton on Feb. 17 in Keshena.

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High individual scratch games: Samantha Stadler 222, Kim Zeller 193, Darcy Hille 188, Kristine Beran 181.

High team scratch series: Schairer Farms 1,850, Rightway Propane 1,712, M and J Harvesting 1,615.

High individual scratch series: Samantha Stadler 558, Kim Zeller 551, Darcy Hille 521, Kristine Beran 491.

Resch Lanes — Thursday's Men's League

Team	W	L
Melody Mill	16	5
Cherek Transport	15	6
Golden Eagle Res.	12	9
Legacy Seed Pro	10	11
RJ Auto Repair	9	12
Gutt'er Done	8	13
Resch Lanes	7	14
Legacy Seed	7	14

High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,095, Resch Lanes 1,085, Cherek Transport 1,082.

High individual scratch games (top 6): Nikki Thiele 279, Jeff Arndt 269, Tim Lemke 260, Jason Cherek 257, Carson Malueg 256, Greg Rosenow 244, Jason Resch 244.

High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 3,053, Cherek Transport 3,040, Resch Lanes 2,959.

High individual scratch series (top 6): Jeff Arndt 742, Tim Lemke 708, Jason Resch 698, Taylor Arndt 679, Nikki Thiele 652, Carson Malueg 648.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Banner Banks	22	10

Cady Home	20	12
Star Campsite	19	13
Chet and Emil's	3	29

High team handicap games: Chet and Emil's 734, Banner Banks 727, Cady Home 714, Star Campsite 714.

High individual handicap games: Tracy Anderson 246, Kim Zeller 209, Barbara Praslowicz 204, Jen Duranceau 203, Julie Stewart 203, Shelia Humblet 197, Jenna Kriha 197.

High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,119, Banner Banks 2,106, Cady Home 2,105.

High individual handicap series: Tracy Anderson 579, Jenna Kriha 569, Barbara Praslowicz 562, Kim Zeller 562, Jen Duranceau 557, Julie Stewart 552.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	53	10
Mama's Place	42	21
Tavern Front	37	26
Kemmer Electronics	26	37
Rachel's Roadside	24	39
Resch Lanes	24	39
Slammers	22	41
Hanke's Sentry Foods	22	41

High team handicap games (top 3): Slammers 1,290, Tavern Front 1,282, Mama's Place 1,279.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Nick Thiele 304, Jason Harris 295, Hugh McAloon 289, Bill Timm 287, Will Kubeny 287, Randall Skaggs 286, Blaine Paszek 285.

High team handicap series (top 3): Mama's Place 3,769, Tavern Front 3,609, Slammers 3,580.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Nick Thiele 854, Bill Timm 797, Denell McAloon 793, Will Kubeny 789, Jason Harris 780, Blaine Paszek 770, Jordan Wanta 758.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	18	6

White Insurance	15	9
Schmidt Schulta	12	12
Kautza Excavating	10	14
Clark Construction	10	14

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,105, Clark Construction 1,069, Kautza Excavating 1,002.

High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 265, Dan Rew 263, Logan Schmidt 255.

High team scratch series: Clark Construction 3,096, Chet & Emil's 3,066, Kautza Excavating 2,887.

High individual scratch series: Dan Rew 699, Tim Lemke 683, Logan Schmidt 677.

Lakeshore Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	27	5
Dearco Distributors	22	10
Lakeshore Lanes	19 1/2	12 1/2
Northern Advantage	19	13
Pin Pricks	16	16
Farmall Fanatics	15 1/2	16 1/2
Brother's	15	17
Launching Pad	14	18
Bamboo	12	20
Full Service Tents	11	21
Shawano Auto Sales	11	21
Rosie's Railway	10	22

High team scratch games (top 3): Golfside 784, Northern Advantage 714, Launching Pad 708.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Dan Poels 300, Jeff Arndt 279, Mark Schachtschneide 269, Todd Schertz 268, Carson Malueg 268, Randy Umentum 267, Mark Cornish 258.

High team scratch series (top 3): Golfside 2,142, Launching Pad 1,978, Northern Advantage 1,956.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Dan Poels 787, Todd Schertz 752, Dave Druckrey 745, Mark Cornish 732, Carson Malueg 728, Ed Brusky 727, Steve Hoffman 687.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Melody Mill	17	7
S and M Tool	15	9
Chet and Emil's	14	10
CWAA	12	12
Rew Motors Inc.	11	13
Kessen Auto Body	10	14
Kropf's Meat Pro	9	15
TLC Auto Body	8	16

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,128, Chet and Emil's 1,039, Melody Mill 1,006.

High individual scratch games: Steve Preuss 256, Paul Hanke 256, Adam Karcz 252.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,280, Melody Mill 2,994, Chet and Emil's 2,824.

High individual scratch series: Doug Kunst 750, John Rew 646, Tim Lemke 645.

Lakeshore Lanes — Guys and Dolls League

Team	W	L
SSI'S	105	56
The Aces	100	61
10 Pin Strikers	96	65
9 Pin Tappers	95	66
Newbees	93	68
Slingers	89	72
Good Times	81	80
Any Old Thing	79	82
4 Amigo's	76	85
A Team	70 1/2	90 1/2
Happy Old Farts	69 1/2	91 1/2

High individual game (women): Hilda Schultz 202, Sue Stini 189, Becky Betzner 186, Patricia Nathan 184, Cheryl Pruetz 178, Gayle Springborn 176, 171.

High individual game (men): Kevin Longmore 235, Terry Tonn 209, Bob Vigue 206, Clark Radatz 204, 202, Tom Rindt 202, Dave Zelinger 200.

High individual series (women): Patricia Nathan 535.

High individual series (men): Clark Radatz 604.

Eagles' Dixon, Allen sign letters of intent

Both will play collegiate football

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Menominee Indian High School seniors Bryce Dixon and Allen Smith each signed a letter of intent to continue their football careers on Feb. 15 in Keshena.

Dixon is headed to the University of Minnesota Morris, while Smith plays for Wisconsin Lutheran College. The duo signed their letters in front of family, friends, teammates and coaches.

"Today is one of the biggest days of my life," said Dixon. "I'm finally going on to a bigger stage and under brighter lights. I'm still in shock."

"It's just really a big accomplishment for me and I feel like I worked my butt off for this opportunity and I feel like I deserved it and I'm glad it came to me," said Smith.

Like every athlete that moves on to the collegiate level, the path Dixon and Smith took were unique.

Smith, who came into high school enjoying basketball the most, didn't begin playing football until he was a sophomore. After his junior season, he began drawing interest from colleges.

According to www.wissports.net, Smith finished his career — which includes a shortened schedule in 2020 after the team moved its games to the alternate season — with 787 rushing yards and three touchdowns. As a receiver, he tallied 655 yards and two scores on 47 receptions.

Smith, who was signed to WLC as a linebacker, became one of the team's defensive leaders over his career. He racked up 164 total tackles in 22 games. He also had seven sacks, three forced fumbles and a pair of interceptions.

"It was a tough decision, there was a couple of other schools that I was pretty interested in, but it was the coaching staff that definitely made me want to come there," said Smith of WLC. "They seemed like they had a good family there, good program, and the coaches seemed like they really wanted me way more than the other coaches, so that was a big deciding factor."

Since he made his decision to go to WLC, members of the team have reached out to him to give him an idea of what things might be like in the years to come.



Menominee Indian senior Bryce Dixon signs his letter of intent on Feb. 15 in Keshena.

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Dixon's recruiting process sped up after the most recent fall season ended. He said a couple coaches reached out, but things changed dramatically after he got involved in the Indigenous Bowl.

Dixon joined teammates Andre Corn and Tate Zhuckkahosee for the Indigenous Bowl in early December. Players went through a couple of practices before playing in a game on Dec. 5 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

It was during the week in Minneapolis that University of Minnesota Morris head coach Marty Hoffmann got a look at Dixon.

Hoffmann came up to Dixon after he had an interception during a practice that week and told him to come visit the school. Dixon got an offer after visiting the school.

A position at the college level has yet to be determined for Dixon, who also is willing to help on special teams, if needed.

"I want to play two sides of the ball," said Dixon. "I understand the college level, the game is faster — I'm used to playing everything in high school ball. But I figure once I get



Menominee Indian senior Allen Smith signs his letter of intent on Feb. 15 in Keshena.

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to the higher stuff and it's all faster, I might have to slow myself down a little bit."

In his final three years of high school — when the team moved to 11-player ball — Dixon accumulated 328 yards and two touchdowns on the ground and 776 yards and six scores

on 50 catches through the air. He also had over 500 return yards, including a 25.8-yard average and touchdown this past season. On defense, he tallied 58 total tackles from his cornerback position.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering each competed in one event for the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge on Feb. 19.

Marquardt helped the 4x400-meter relay team to a first-place finish in 4 minutes, 1.41 seconds. Gonnering took 36th in the weight throw with a long toss of 12.18 meters.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman won the pole vault and took part in two other events for the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge on Feb. 19.

Stegeman won the pole vault after clearing a height of 4.83 meters.

He also claimed 11th in the high jump (1.81 meters) and was 17th in the 60 dash (7.43 seconds).

Marian University

Oconto Falls graduate McKayla Goebel combined to play 28 minutes across the Marian women's basketball team's two games last week.

In 17 minutes and win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Feb. 15, Goebel tallied six points, three rebounds and two steals.

Goebel had a rebound and steal across 11 minutes in a loss to Concordia on Feb. 19.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch turned in three strong games for the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team last week.

In a loss to Indiana Northwest on Feb. 14, DeBauch tallied two points, two rebounds and two assists in 20 minutes of action. She recorded 13 points, five boards, three assists and three steals in 27 minutes and a loss to Lincoln (Illinois) on Feb. 16.

The freshman had two points, seven rebounds and two assists across 24 minutes in a loss to Judson Feb. 19.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski graduate Trevor Stiede and Bonduel graduate Carson Robaidek each played in games for the Wisconsin Lutheran men's basketball team last week.

Stiede scored eight points, grabbed two rebounds and dished out three assists in the team's loss to Concordia Chicago on Feb. 14. Stiede recorded 12 points, four rebounds, two assists and a steal, while Robaidek dished

out an assist in the team's win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Feb. 19.

Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel logged six minutes in the WLC women's basketball team's loss to St. Norbert on Feb. 15. She hit a free throw and grabbed four rebounds in her time on the court.

University of Minnesota Crookston

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Abi Fraaza played 33 minutes across two games for the Minnesota Crookston women's basketball team last week.

Fraaza played 11 minutes and grabbed three rebounds in a loss against St. Cloud State on Feb. 17. She tallied four points, 11 rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block in 22 minutes and a loss to Minnesota Duluth on Feb. 19.

Ripon College

Suring grad Ryan Mahoney started and played 10 minutes for the Ripon men's basketball team on Feb. 18. He was also honored on the team's senior day.

Mahoney knocked down a 3-pointer, grabbed four rebounds and dished out an assist during his time on the court.

Witt-Birn grad Lauren Bahr enjoyed a strong weekend while representing the Ripon women's swim team at the Midwest Conference Swimming Championships from Feb. 18-20 and then picked up a conference award to cap it.

Bahr was on the 200 freestyle relay team that took fifth in 1:44.11 and 400 medley relay that claimed sixth in 4:19.95. The 200 medley relay she helped form came in fifth in 1:55.72, and the 400 freestyle relay she was on came in fifth in 3:49.32.

Individually, she placed 16th in the 50 freestyle (26.57), 15th in the 100 backstroke (1:04.83) and 18th in the 100 freestyle (57.97).

Bahr then received the MWC Elite 20 Award, which is given to student-athletes with the highest cumulative grade-point average and who participated in their respective sport's culminating championship or tournament event.

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn grad and current freshman on the UW-Green Bay women's swim team McKenna Metropulos participated in the Horizon League Swimming and Diving Championships on Feb. 16-19.

Individually, she placed 19th in the 100 butterfly (58.45) and 20th in the 50 freestyle (24.46).

Metropulos helped the 400 medley relay team to sixth place with a time of 3:54.45. The 200 freestyle relay team she was on came in fifth in 1:35.9, and the 800 freestyle relay she helped form took sixth in 7:47.67.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry and the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team went 1-2 on the court last week.

In a loss to Northern Michigan on Feb. 14, DePerry was credited with five points, eight rebounds, an assist

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and a steal across 24 minutes. She had two points, nine rebounds, a steal and a block in 26 minutes and a loss to Michigan Tech.

DePerry totaled 12 points, nine rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block in 28 minutes for the team in its win over Northern Michigan on Feb. 19.

McKai Davis reaches 1,000 career points



Wolf River Lutheran boys basketball player McKai Davis, right, poses for a photo with former teammate and alumni of WRL Collin Wichman after Davis reached 1,000 career points in a game against Bay City Christian on Feb. 17. Davis is homeschooled, but Wichman helped talk Davis into playing for WRL in 2019. Davis is the first WRL player to reach the 1,000-point mark. He needed just 48 games over three seasons to accomplish the feat.

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