



AREA ATHLETES EARN ALL-CONFERENCE NODS

**Bonduel's Robaidek, Gresham's Cervený,
Pulaski's Simons earn top honors**

Wittenberg-Biramwood's Simon Schairer, left, takes a shot over Bonduel's Noah Weier, right, as Bonduel's Adam Beilfuss looks on during a CWC-East game on Jan. 24 in Bonduel.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Packers release Za'Darius Smith, Turner

Green Bay re-signs Preston Smith

The Green Bay Packers have released outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith and guard/tackle Billy Turner while signing linebacker Preston Smith to a contract extension.

General Manager Brian Gutekunst announced the transactions March 14.

"We want to thank Za'Darius for his contributions to the Packers over the past three seasons," Gutekunst said. "He came in and made an immediate impact on this football team, helping the team win three straight division titles. We want to wish Za'Darius and his family all the best moving forward."

Za'Darius Smith played in 33 games with 32 starts over the last three regular seasons for Green Bay and started four of five postseason contests he played in. He was named to the Pro Bowl twice (2019-20), earned second-team All-Pro honors from The Associated Press (2020) and was named to the All-NFC team by the Pro Football Writers of America (2020).

"We want to thank Billy for the big contributions he made to the Packers both on the field as well as in the locker room since signing in 2019," said Gutekunst, of Turner. "He



Packers outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith celebrates during the team's playoff loss to the San Francisco 49ers on Jan. 22 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Smith and offensive lineman Billy Turner were released on March 14.

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is a true professional whose work ethic and leadership were big factors in the team's success over the last few years. We wish Billy and his family all the best in the future."

Turner started 43 games during the regular season and all five postseason contests over the last three seasons (2019-21) for Green Bay.

While primarily playing right tackle for the Packers, he also started games at right guard and left tackle.

"We are excited to have Preston continue his career with the Packers," Gutekunst continued. "Since coming to Green Bay, he has not only contributed with production on the field but has been a great presence in

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the locker room and a leader for this team."

Preston Smith has played in 48 regular season games with 45 starts for Green Bay over the past three seasons while also starting all five postseason contests. He was the only player in the NFL with 25-plus sacks (49½), five-plus INTs (five) and four-plus forced fumbles (seven) from 2015-21.

Last season, Smith (nine) teamed with Rashan Gary (9½) to become just the second linebacker duo in team history (since 1982) to both register nine-plus sacks in the same season. Despite missing the first game of his career last season (week seven), Smith registered a team-best nine tackles for a loss and ranked No. 2 on the Packers with 17 QB hits.

Smith ranked No. 2 on the team in tackles for a loss (seven), tied for No. 2 in QB hits (11) and tied for No. 3 in sacks (four) in 2020. He was named a Pro Bowl alternate in 2019 after ranking No. 8 in the NFL with a career-best 12 sacks and finishing No. 2 on the team with 29 QB hits and 43 QB pressures. He teamed with Za'Darius Smith (13½) in 2019 as the only duo in NFL history with 12-plus sacks each in their first season as teammates.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin men earn No. 3 seed in Milwaukee

Marquette a No. 9 in Texas

The Wisconsin men's basketball team received the No. 3 seed in the Midwest Region and will face 14-seed Colgate in the first round of the 2022 NCAA Tournament on March 18 in Milwaukee.

The Marquette men earned a No. 9 seed and will face No. 8 seed North Carolina in an East Region matchup on March 17 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Badgers are making their 26th trip to the Big Dance overall and are one of five schools to appear in 22 of

the last 23 NCAA tournaments.

Wisconsin and Colgate have met once before, when the Badgers pulled out a 68-41 home win in 2011. Wisconsin has faced two Patriot League opponents in the NCAA Tournament, defeating Bucknell, 71-62, in the second round of the 2005 Tournament and knocking off American, 75-35, in the opening round of the 2014 Tournament in Milwaukee.

Wisconsin is 39-24 (.619) all-time in the NCAA tournament, reaching four Final Fours and 10 Sweet 16s. The Badgers have made the Sweet 16 in six of the last 10 NCAA tournaments, reaching the NCAA tournament's second weekend in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016

and 2017 during that stretch.

The winner of the first-round matchup will face the winner of a game between No. 6 seed LSU and No. 11 seed Iowa State in the round of 32 on March 20.

Marquette last faced North Carolina last season on Jan. 24 at Chapel Hill, which resulted in an 83-70 Marquette victory.

This will be the third meeting between the two teams in the NCAA Tournament. In their first matchup, the Golden Eagles defeated the Tar Heels, 67-59, to win the 1977 national title game. North Carolina defeated MU, 81-63, in their most recent postseason meeting back in 2011 in the

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A full men's basketball bracket can be found on page 12.

regional semifinals.

Marquette is making its 34th appearance in the NCAA tournament and first since 2018-19. The program, which claimed the national title in 1977 under legendary head coach Al McGuire, also owns 16 trips to the Sweet 16 and has participated in the Final Four on three occasions (1974, 1977, 2003).

The winner of the Marquette/North Carolina game will face the winner of the No. 1 Baylor and No. 16 Norfolk State matchup on March 19.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Robaidek named CWC-East Player of the Year

Other Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Menominee Indian athletes also honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Several players from the Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Menominee Indian girls basketball teams earned spots on the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division all-conference teams.

Bonduel senior Allaina Robaidek was the conference's Player of the Year. She was joined on the first team by senior teammate Brenna Hertzfeldt and Wittenberg-Birnamwood junior Reese Rogowski.

Bonduel sophomore Ella Hischke made the second team. Bonduel senior Kylie Hoffman, Witt-Birn senior Kaylee Schram and Menominee Indian junior Mariah Fish were all honorable mentions. Bonduel's Jerry Reinke was the Coach of the Year.

In conference play, Robaidek averaged 15.6 points a game. She hit 24 free throws and 27 3-pointers.

The senior guard also averaged 1.6 assists, 1.9 steals and 1.3 rebounds in conference games.

"Being named Player of the Year for my final basketball year really put an amazing ending to a career," said Robaidek. "It was a nice way to look back over the last 10 years and feel accomplished with my career. Thank you to my teammates, family, and coaches over the years and thank you to the Bonduel community for their support also."

Hertzfeldt averaged 6.8 points a game in conference play. She also finished with averages of 5.7 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 1.8 assists.

"Honestly, it's really special," said Hertzfeldt of the conference honor. "I knew coming into my senior year that I was going to have to step it up and help lead my team. So knowing that I did, just that to be recognized, means a lot."

Rogowski had a special junior season, scoring 18.4 points per conference.

She also dished out 5 assists, pulled down 4.8 rebounds, tallied 2.9 steals and blocked 1.2 shots per CWC-East game.

"I'm excited to build off my successes this year and continue to work harder on the things that I need to improve on for my final season in high school," said Rogowski of how the honor would motivate

her going into next year.

Hischke was a consistent contributor for Bonduel in her sophomore season.

In CWC-East action, she averaged 10.8 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.8 steals.

Hoffman led the Bears in assists per game (3.2). She also averaged 4.2 points, 2.2 rebounds and 1.8 steals in conference play.

"I am truly thankful for being named to the honorable mention team my senior year," said Hoffman. "I am very happy to be recognized for the type of player I am since I am more defensive and focus more on facilitating."

Schram averaged 9.7 points in conference play in her final season. She led the team in rebounds (5.2) and had a steal a game.

"I think that it is super cool to be named an honorable mention," said Schram. "This isn't really the type of stuff that I am thinking of when I am playing, but it is very nice to be given the honor. Even though our season didn't end the way that we wanted to, it is really nice to be able to end my basketball career on a high note."

Fish was Menominee Indian's leader on the court this winter. The junior averaged 16 points per game.

Reinke picked up the Coach of the Year honor after guiding the Bears to an 11-1 record and a tie for first in the conference with Amherst. Bonduel went on to win a regional title and finished one win shy of state.

"With the quality of coaches in the CWC-East I consider it an honor being voted Coach of the Year by my colleagues," said Reinke.

"That being said there are a lot of factors that contribute to the success of every program. We have great support from community members, parents, coaches at all levels and most importantly great student athletes. We certainly have been blessed at Bonduel with very talented players who love to compete and the Coach of the Year award is a reflection of just that. I am very thankful to be the coach here at Bonduel."

Witt-Birn tied for third in the conference with a 6-6 record, while Menominee Indian went 3-9.



Bonduel coach Jerry Reinke, left, talks with Allaina Robaidek during the team's Division 4 sectional final playoff game against Westfield on March 5 in Waupaca. Robaidek was the CWC-East Player of the Year, while Reinke was the Coach of the Year.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski dribbles during a CWC-East game against Bonduel on Jan. 20 in Bonduel. Rogowski made the all-conference first team as a junior.

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Posing for a picture during a signing event March 7 in Oconto Falls are, from left, front row, Dylan Thomson, Jake Sager, Emmie Magnin and Alexis Euclide; back row, Clayton Whiting, Graeson Pankratz and Zach Fonder.

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7 Panthers honored at signing event

All but 2 athletes attending Wisconsin schools

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Seven Oconto Falls High School senior athletes were honored during a signing event on March 7.

After an introduction from athletic director Jerry Moynihan and video showing photos of the athletes, Alexis Euclide, Zach Fonder, Emmie Magnin,

Graeson Pankratz, Jake Sager, Dylan Thomson and Clayton Whiting were each honored. While Whiting had an individual signing day earlier in the school year, the other six were able to sign letters of intent.

Euclide is headed to UW-Stout, where she will continue her basketball career.

"It's just kind of like a checkpoint because I've been wanting to play college basketball since I was in tournaments," said Euclide. "It just became something I knew I wanted to do and continue on after high school."

A big determining factor on where Euclide landed was based on which

college had her major, construction management.

She said she didn't have a ton of options nearby that offered that major, with just two in Wisconsin and another in Chicago.

Euclide enjoyed the experience she got in Chicago, but visited Stout a few days later and said, "it felt like I was going home. It felt like a small town, just like it is here, so it was a no brainer."

During her time on the Panthers' varsity team, she made all-conference teams three times. She made the honorable mention list as a sophomore before jumping to the second team as a

junior and first team as a senior.

Fonder will join the Ripon College football team.

What makes Fonder's journey to college ball unique is he picked up the sport as a sophomore.

"I kinda felt like already an underdog because I started late, and it means so much to get this far, especially with my injury I got this year," said Fonder, who suffered a torn UCL. "It means so much that a college would still want me."

Fonder, who expects to play offensive line at Ripon, suffered the injury this past fall and was emotional when he played in the team's last game,

thinking it was potentially his last game ever.

"I thought I was finally done, but then Ripon took a chance on me," said Fonder, who added Ripon felt like home, had an amazing coaching staff and a nice campus. "I'm going to be forever grateful to them."

Fonder made the all-conference second team as an offensive lineman this past season.

Magnin is headed to Carroll University to continue her volleyball career.

"It means so much," Magnin said of the signing event. "Volleyball has been such a big passion of mine — growing up, I've always looked forward to going to practice every day and looking forward to spending time with all my teammates and I just couldn't give it up. Playing volleyball in college has been a goal of mine forever and what I wanted to do in my future."

Magnin said she was interested in attending a smaller school so she'd be able to have better relationships with professors and be able to excel in her academics as well.

"It just felt like home," said Magnin of Carroll. "I stepped on campus, I loved the feel of campus. I met some of the girls on the team and they were so nice and welcoming."

Magnin made all-conference teams

in her final two years of high school. She was an honorable mention as a junior before jumping to the second team this past fall.

Pankratz is set to join the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team in the coming years.

"It's just pretty awesome that I get to continue competing — it's not just over after four years, I get four more," said Pankratz. "I'm looking forward to going to Point and wrestling for them and see what that brings."

Pankratz helped bring the Panthers plenty of success over his high school career. While helping the team win duals and regional titles, he finished his final three seasons wrestling at state.

The wrestler's recruitment process took off after his junior season, when he took sixth at state. Several schools took an interest, but it was UW-Stevens Point that won him over.

Along with a natural resources program that he's interested in, Pankratz enjoyed the UW-Stevens Point facility and coaching staff, with the coaches showing him around and giving him a solid picture of what to expect during his time there.

Sager is one of two athletes that is headed out of the state to compete collegiately. He'll join the Bay College baseball team.

"Ever since I was little, I've wanted

to play college baseball — watching like Vanderbilt and all them growing up," said Sager. "Now that it's actually coming true is pretty cool. It's going to be a cool experience."

Sager drew interest from some four-year colleges, but ultimately decided to start his college career at the junior college level.

"Bay College sparked my interest, so I decided to go there," said Sager, who added he'd like to transfer to a four-year college to round out his college playing career.

Sager was the only athlete at the signing event to not have played his sport this school year, and he's got a big goal set.

"I got second team all-conference last year so I'm shooting for first team this year," said Sager. "I just want to show that I deserve this spot in college and show that I'm one of the better players in this conference."

Thomson will also play football at the college level, doing so for UW-Oshkosh.

"It's crazy to me," said Thomson of signing to play college ball. "Freshman year, to look at where I'm at right now, I don't ever think it would have been possible. It feels very good to know all the hard work has paid off, so that's honestly the greatest thing ever."

Thomson made the second team

all-conference as a defensive back and honorable mention list as a running back in his junior season before enjoying a monster senior season. He was a second team linebacker and unanimous first teamer as a running back this past fall, while also being tabbed the Offensive Player of the Year.

Thomson rushed for 1,445 yards to set a new school record, helping him draw interest from several colleges.

"I chose Oshkosh because it really set apart from all the other schools, as they look for quality over quantity," said Thomson. "I think it's a really good fit for me because it's close and I really love their program — I've got a lot of friends that go there and they say it's really good."

Thomson said the plan is to continue playing running back at the college level, adding the coaches enjoyed his running style and that he'd also like to get bigger to play the position.

Whiting had his official signing day back on Nov. 16, signing to join the University of Missouri wrestling team.

Since that day, the senior posted a 50-1 record and won his fourth state title. Before making the trip to state, he became the No. 1 wrestler in the country at the 182-pound weight class, according to FloWrestling.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gresham's Valarie Cervený named Co-Player of Year

Several other Gresham, Bowler, Tigerton, Marion players honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Gresham's Valarie Cervený was named the Co-Player of the Year in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division for a second straight girls basketball season.

The Gresham senior shared the honor this year with Manawa senior Mikenna Wegener. Gresham and Manawa shared the CWC-North title with 11-1 records this winter.

"It means a lot to me to be named Co-Player of the Year again in conference," said Cervený. "Honestly I don't deserve this award any more than anyone else that landed on first team.

"If it wouldn't be for my teammates I would not have been able to receive this award, I have to give them a lot of credit for it. In practice we always push each other to improve day in and day out and it's because of them I'm able to receive this award."

In conference play, Cervený averaged 14.9 points a game.

She also averaged 10.1 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 3.6 steals and 1.7 blocks. She led her team in each of those categories.

She was joined on the first team by teammates Hannah Cervený and Maddie Haffner.

Hannah Cervený, a senior, averaged 13.8 points, 2.6 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 3.5 steals.

"It means a lot to me because it shows how hard me and my teammates have worked," said Hannah Cervený. "This year me and my team achieved a lot of goals we had for ourselves. We won our holiday tournament, got a conference championship and I made a dream of mine come true by scoring 1,000pts! I love this team and I wish I could keep playing with them.

"I gave it my all this year and I played the best I could. I'm so thank-

ful that my hard work paid off and I'm so thankful for my parents and all the support everyone has given me. I am also thankful for everyone who has pushed me to be the best I can be. Without them I wouldn't have accomplished this! I'm going to miss playing so much."

Haffner averaged 9.9 points in conference play in her sophomore season.

She also had averages of 6 rebounds, 2.2 steals and 2 assists.

"It is a huge honor to get the all-conference award," said Haffner. "I really enjoy playing basketball so I like to practice as much as I can. I hope that I can get better to be able to help my team in the future."

Bohl was the fourth and final Gresham player named to an all-conference team, making the honorable mention team.

The junior averaged 8 points, 6.7 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in conference action.

Tigerton

Three Tigerton players were honored by the CWC-North.

Senior Elizabeth Robbins and junior Abby Swartz each ended up on the second team for the Tigers.

Swartz averaged 7.9 points, 10.1 rebounds, 1.2 blocks, 1.2 assists and 1.1 steals per game.

Robbins turned in conference averages of 8.6 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.7 steals.

"It is special to me because this shows the dedication I had for basketball and the work I put towards it," said Robbins. "Overall, I'm proud of my accomplishments and thankful to have coaches and teammates push me to be the best player I can be on the court."

Bethany Jobe was an honorable mention in her senior season.

"It shows the my dedication to the



Gresham's Valarie Cervený dribbles down the court during the team's win over Northland Lutheran on Dec. 3 in Gresham. Cervený was named the Co-Player of the Year in the CWC-North this winter.

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sport and the team," said Jobe of the honor. "I am grateful I got the chance to play."

She averaged 5 points, 7.2 rebounds, 1.5 steals and 1.1 blocks in conference play.

Bowler

Bowler had three players earn all-conference honors.

Isabella Stevens landed on the second team after a strong sophomore season.

Senior Abigail Chamberlain and junior Brandi Spencer were honorable

mentions for the Panthers.

"It's really special to me, it's my second year in a row getting honorable mention," said Chamberlain. "I honestly could've done better but getting a concussion the first game of the season kind of set me back."

Marion

Marion juniors Grace Bradley and Kelsey Zillmer were both honorable mentions this season. Each player averaged over three points a game in conference play.

Zillmer led the team with over six boards a game, while Bradley had over four rebounds. Zillmer blocked over four shots a game.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

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UW-Eau Claire

Suring High School graduate Mitch Stegeman earned a fourth-place finish in the men’s heptathlon while representing the UW-Eau Claire track and field team at the 2022 NCAA Division III Indoor Championships on March 11 and 12. Stegeman claimed third in the pole vault after clearing 4.8 meters and sixth in the 1,000-yard run with a time of 2:50.22.

Stegeman came in eighth in the long jump (6.47 meters) and seventh in the 60 hurdles (8.65 seconds). He tied for ninth in the high jump (1.85 meters), claimed 12th in the 60 dash (7.42 seconds) and was 15th in the shot put (10.61 meters).

He also took eighth in the individual pole vault competition after

clearing 4.85 meters.

Lindenwood University

Oconto Falls graduate Nate Trepanier capped his wrestling career at Lindenwood by competing at the 2022 NCAA Division II Championships on March 11 and 12. Trepanier, competing in the 165-pound weight class, won an 11-2 major decision to start the championships. He was defeated 8-0 in the quarterfinals and then dropped a 9-4 decision in the consolation brackets.

UW-Stout

Pulaski grad Kevin Ruechel won the men’s shot put event at the 2022 NCAA Division III Indoor Championships on March 11 and 12. Ruechel had a top throw of 17.78 meters, nearly a full meter farther than any other competitor.

It’s Ruechel’s second national championship after winning the outdoor shot put last year.

UW-River Falls

Shawano grad Jewel Waupekenay helped the UW-River Falls softball team to two wins last week. She pinch hit and singled in the team’s win over Southern Maine on March 12. Waupekenay tallied two hits, three RBIs and a run scored in a win over Farmingdale State.

St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls graduate Mason Sefcik and Bonduel graduate Noah Beilfuss both pitched for the St. Norbert baseball team in a loss against Springfield College on March 13. Sefcik pitched five innings, allowing five total runs on three hits

and three walks while striking out three. Beilfuss worked two innings, allowing no runs on four hits. He struck out one batter. St. Mary’s University of Minnesota Pulaski grad Brinton Anderson has played in three games for the St. Mary’s baseball team this spring season. Anderson has drawn three walks and been hit by one pitch. He’s also stolen a base and scored twice.

Winona State University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Maddy Pietz and the Winona State women’s 4x400 relay team placed ninth at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 11 and 12. The relay team turned in a time of 3:46.4.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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Lakeshore Lanes — Him and Hers Couples League

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub Too	32	10
Keglers	25	17
Lunds Corner Bar	25	17
MW Auto Body	23	19
Humana	23	19
Brothers Pub	21	21
The Clothesline Boutique	21	21
Gingerly Salon	21	21
The Farmers*	18	17
CDH	17	25
Buss Automotive	15	27
Just 4 Fun	11	31

High individual scratch games: Dave Hackbarth 258, Fred Meisner 258, Daniel Poels 247, Brad Weisnicht 246, Sharon Buss 241, Kevin Zuleger 241, Bill Grosskreutz 238, Diane Durkee 220, Sandy Weisnicht 209, Mary Renik 203, Mary Metoxen 202, Cheryl Rouse 193, Ashley Teetzen 193.

High individual scratch series: Fred Meisner 693, Bill Grosskreutz 687, Brad Weisnicht 676, Eric Schuh 676, Daniel Poels 666, Kevin Zuleger 664, Sharon Buss 613, Mary Metoxen 590, Mary Renik 585, Diane Hoffman 570, Diane Durkee 560, Sandy Weisnicht 559.

Chet and Emil’s Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil’s	25	8
White Insurance	19	14
Schmidt Schulta	17	16
Kautza Excavating	15	18
Clark Construction	14	19

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil’s 1,132, Kautza Excavating 1,113, White Insurance 941. **High individual scratch games:** Tim Lemke 300, Jeremy Praslowicz 276, Dan Rew 257. **High team scratch series:** Chet and Emil’s 3,305, Kautza Excavating 3,195, White Insurance 2,739.

High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 803, Jeremy Praslowicz 730, Jordan Wanta 726.

Lakeshore Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	81 1/2	14 1/2
Launching Pad	71	25
Dearco Distributors	55 1/2	40 1/2
Northern Advantage	54	42
Brother’s	46 1/2	49 1/2
Farmall Fanatics	46	50
Lakeshore Lanes	45 1/2	50 1/2
Pin Pricks	43	53
Full Service Tents	42	54
Bamboo	35 1/2	60 1/2
Rosie’s Railway	35	61
Shawano Auto Sales	20 1/2	75 1/2

High team scratch games (top 3): Launching Pad 752, Golfside 738, Pin Pricks 707.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Todd Schertz 300, Carl Malueg 272, Mark Cornish 269, Ed Brusky 266, Bill Grosskreutz 267, Carson Malueg 259, Randy Umentum 259.

High team scratch series (top 3): Golfside 2,127, Launching Pad 2,099, Pin Pricks 1,935.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Todd Schertz 790, Bill Grosskreutz 719, Don Pedersen 708, Mark Cornish 707, Mark Schachtschneide 694, Carson Malueg 684, Carl Malueg 683.

Resch Lanes — Thursday’s Men’s League

Team	W	L
Golden Eagle Res.	28	14
RJ Auto Repair	27	15
Cherek Transport	27	15
Melody Mill	26	16
Resch Lanes	17	25
Legacy Seed	16	26
Legacy Seed Pro	15	27
Gutt er Done	12	30

High team scratch games (top 3): Melody Mill 1,178, Legacy Seed Pro 1,022, Cherek Transport 973.

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High individual scratch games (top 6): Pat Provoast 274, Tony Inderdahl 267, Tom Berg 249, Nikki Thiele 246, Brad Davis 237, Jason Resch 235, Dave Konkel 235.

High team scratch series (top 3): Melody Mill 3,277, Legacy Seed Pro 2,930, RJ Auto Repair 2,685.

High individual scratch series (top 6): Pat Provoast 721, Tom Berg 721, Nikki Thiele 678, Jason Resch 660, Jim Schultz 651, Tony Inderdahl 638.

Chet and Emil’s Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
S and M Tool	22	11
Chet and Emil’s	22	11
Melody Mill	20	13
Rew Motors Inc.	16	17
Kessen Auto Body	14	19
Kropf’s Meat Pro	14	19
CWAA	13	20
TLC Auto Body	11	22

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,152, Melody Mill 1,100, Chet and Emil’s 974.

High individual scratch games: Steve Preuss 258, Jeremy Praslowicz 243, Doug Kunst 225.

High team scratch series: Melody Mill 3,048, S and M Tool 3,046, Chet and Emil’s 2,850.

High individual scratch series: Stephan Miller 724, Tyler Krull 649, Adam Karcz 637.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	70	14
Mama’s Place	58	26
Kemmer Electronics	41	43
Tavern Front	37	47
Resch Lanes	35	49
Hanke’s Sentry Foods	34	50

Rachel’s Roadside	33	51
Slammers	28	56

High team handicap games (top 3): Kemmer Electronics 1,305, Mama’s Place 1,236, Slammers 1,199.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Kirk Elliott 316, Kevin Kersten 295, Jordan Wanta 281, Bill Timm 280, Blaine Paszek 279, Jeff Arndt 279, Tom Schrank 278.

High team handicap series (top 3): Kemmer Electronics 3,688, Mama’s Place 3,607, Hanke’s Sentry Foods 3,471.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Kevin Kersten 803, Bill Timm 793, Kirk Elliott 776, Dick Potrykus 765, Steve Burkhart 761, Jeff Arndt 742, Mike Fandrey 738.

Lakeshore Lanes — Guys and Dolls League

Team	W	L
SSI’S	124	58
The Aces	112	70
10 Pin Strikers	106	76
9 Pin Tappers	104	78
Newbees	104	78
Slingers	101	81
Good Times	100	82
A Team	86 1/2	95 1/2
Any Old Thing	86	96
4 Amigo’s	82	100
Happy Old Farts	74 1/2	107 1/2

High individual game (women): Patricia Nathan 200, Tammy Marotz 183, Patricia Nathan 182, Willie Peters 180, Tammy Marotz 177, Gayle Springborn 176, Sandy Engel 174, Sue Stini 173.

High individual game (men): John Campbell 237, Don Hudson 231, Tim DeCoster 207, Clark Radatz 205, Chuck Miller 204, John Campbell 202, Bob Vigue 202, John Campbell 200.

High individual series (women): Patricia Nathan 528.

High individual series (men): John Campbell 639.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

8 Hawks make all-conference list

Novitski on first-ever girls list

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Eight Shawano Community High School wrestlers earned all-conference spots in the Bay Conference this winter.

Six of the wrestlers made the first team after the team won the conference title for the fourth straight year.

Drake Herm, Carsen Herm, Noah Jones, Caden Young and Jackson Smits made the first team with undefeated records in conference duals. Piper Novitski landed on the girls first team list.

Smits went 6-0 in Bay duals, with five pins and a forfeit win. He ended his senior year with a 32-9 record and wrestling at state.

"Earning first team was one of my biggest goals this season," said Smits. "I am very thankful to have had all of my hard work pay off and be recognized."

Jones, another senior, went 6-0 in conference duals with four pins and two technical falls. He eventually qualified for sectionals and finished 35-8 on the season.

"Earning first team recognition is very special to me," Jones said. "Throughout high school wrestling, I have spent countless hours working my butt off — whether it is staying after practices and working the little

details, to the afternoons in summer wrestling coach (Jordan) Kust and being the only one up there."

Young finished 6-0 in his Bay matches. He tallied two pins, two technical falls and two forfeits.

Young finished 28-4 on the season, capping his junior year at state.

Carsen Herm, a sophomore, finished 5-0 in his conference duals. He pinned three opponents and got two forfeit wins. He ended his season at sectionals and had a 27-12 record.

Drake Herm, another sophomore, finished 4-0 with three pins and a forfeit. He, too, qualified for sectionals and ended the season with a 15-5 record.

Novitski earned a spot on the first-ever girls all-conference list after a big freshman season.

"Honestly, it feels amazing; having the chance to be a top girl in the first ever girls all-conference just feels like a dream come true," said Novitski. "Finally with the girls division, we have a fighting chance to show that girls in wrestling are worthy to be here."

Novitski placed fifth at the girls state tournament this winter.

Senior Andrew Popp and freshman West Bieber were both honorable mentions for the Hawks.

Popp claimed five Bay wins, with two by pin and three by forfeit. Bieber earned four wins, with three by pin and another by major decision.

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Shawano's Caden Young wrestles during the 2022 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 25 at the Kohl Center in Madison. Young was one of eight Hawks to earn a spot on an all-conference team this winter.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Two Shawano boys make all-conference teams

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School juniors Michael Metcalf-Grassman and Jacob Landon each earned spots on Bay Conference teams after strong winter seasons for the boys basketball team.

Metcalf-Grassman made the second team, while Landon was an all-conference honorable mention.

In 14 Bay games, Metcalf-Grassman led the team in scoring with 19.1 points per contest. He attempted 82

free throws and made 61, while also hitting 31 3-pointers.

Metcalf-Grassman also averaged 5.6 rebounds per game, the second-best total on the team.

To round out his big season, Metcalf-Grassman averaged 1.9 assists and 1.4 steals per conference game.

"It was an honor to be to be named second team all-conference," said Metcalf-Grassman. "This will definitely motivate me for next season, as my goal is to be first team all-conference and hopefully Player of the Year.

"This also motivates me to help lead our team to a conference championship next year," he added.

Landon finished conference play by averaging 11.7 points per contest. He made 35 free throws and 25 3-pointers.

Landon averaged 4.9 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.5 steals in Bay action. His assist total was tops on the team.

"Receiving honorable mention as a junior is really just a gauge on how our season went," said Landon. "It shows that I did not work hard enough to take the team where we

wanted to go.

"Going into my senior season, I want to be a core leader of our team to take us to the top of the conference," Landon added. "If our main goal as a team is to do that, the personal awards will follow."

Shawano finished 8-6 in Bay action, tying with two other teams for third place. The Hawks finished 16-9 overall and were eliminated from the postseason by Rhinelander in a regional semifinal game.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Pulaski's Simons named FRCC's Player of the Year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski junior Lincoln Simons was named the Fox River Classic Conference Player of the Year for his play as the Ashwaubenon co-op hockey team's goalie this winter.

In seven FRCC contests, Simons stopped 195 of the 206 shots he faced for a .947 save percentage. He also posted two shutouts.

The team went 4-3 in conference play.

"To be named the Player of the Year was a great honor to me as I was not expecting to receive that award," said Simons. "Traditionally goalies don't win Player of the Year, as the most recent one to win it in

our conference was back in 2013. So when coach (Matt) Golden called to inform me of this, I was surprised but felt great pride and joy to be receiving it."

For the entire season, Simons helped the team finish 18-5. He stopped 503 of the 539 shots he faced for a .933 save percentage. He had seven shutouts, tied for the most in the state this winter.

"Winning this award will really motivate me for next year, because I know that the standard has been raised and more is expected of me now," said Simons of his conference honor. "Next year I know I'm gonna have to have a good season, and hopefully we have some success next year as a team as well."



Ashwaubenon co-op's Lincoln Simons defends the net during the team's game against D.C. Everest on Jan. 28 at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon. The Pulaski junior was named the FRCC Player of the Year this winter.

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Simons' impressive season stats helped him earn a spot on the honorable mention all-state team put out by Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association.

The Ashwaubenon co-op ended

up having seven total players on all-conference teams. Golden was named the Coach of the Year in the conference.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Pulaski's Kubiak, Wiese make FRCC honorable mention list

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski senior Olivia Kubiak and junior Ella Wiese earned spots on the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team for their play this winter on the girls basketball team.

Kubiak averaged 6.9 points in 18 FRCC games. She also had 38 total rebounds, 15 assists, 26 steals and three blocks.

The senior was one of the top free-throw shooters in the conference, making 34 of her 47 attempts for 72.3%.

"It was special to me to make honorable mention my senior year because I put 100% on the court for the team, and getting the award proved to me that effort doesn't go unnoticed," said Kubiak. "Also, being a senior, it was special because this is my first and last basketball award."

Wiese averaged 7.2 points in conference games. She pulled down 58 rebounds, dished out 20 assists and

had 22 steals.

The junior had one of the better percentages from 3-point land in conference play. Wiese made 26 of her 79 attempts for 32.9%.

"It will drive me to continue to work so that I can make first or second team all-conference next year," said Wiese. "Our team had quite a bit of injuries this year, and we didn't reach the goals we set together as a team. In order to achieve our goals next year, we are going to have to keep putting in the work to get where we want to be."

"I missed my whole sophomore season because of injury and did not get cleared until last spring. Everyone knows that you just don't pick up where you left off. So it took me a while to get back to full speed," Wiese continued. "I didn't feel like I really got that chance playing last summer as I was just coming back from injury, so I am excited about getting to play AAU basketball this summer. I'm really looking forward



Pulaski's Olivia Kubiak looks for an open teammate during the team's conference win over Green Bay Preble on Jan. 11 in Pulaski. Kubiak earned a spot on the all-conference honorable mention team in her senior season.

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to see what next year holds for my senior season."

Pulaski finished the winter with an 8-16 overall record and 6-12 mark in conference action. The team was

eliminated from the postseason after a regional quarterfinal loss to Luxemburg-Casco.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bears' Stoltenow, Chargers' Schairer make CWC-East boys 1st team

2 more Bonduel players, 1 from Witt-Birn, Menominee Indian also honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A total of six players between the Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Menominee Indian boys basketball teams landed on Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division all-conference teams.

Bonduel's Reece Stoltenow and Witt-Birn's Simon Schairer each made the first team.

Stoltenow finished the season with averages of 16.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.5 steals.

"First team has been truly an honor for me," said Stoltenow, a senior. "Looking back into the last season, I got honorable mention all-conference. With the people coming back that were on first or second team, people probably gave me no chance of being a first-teamer."

"Now looking back at the hard work I put in over the summer and the offseason, it means so much to me to receive this award. Experiencing this award and season with my dad and mom by my side has truly been a dream come true. So, I could say this award is very special to me."

Schairer finished the winter season with averages of 17.2 points, 9 rebounds 1.4 assists, 2 steals and 1 block.

"It means a lot to me to be first team all-conference because it has been one of my goals for my high school basketball career, and I have finally been able to accomplish it my senior season with the help of my teammates and coaches," said Schairer, a senior.

Bonduel sophomore Noah Weier, Menominee Indian junior Isaiah Moss and Witt-Birn senior Ben Wesolowski earned spots on the second team.

Weier finished the year by averaging 13.3 points, 3.6 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 1.8 steals.

Moss capped the regular season by scoring 14.4 points a game. He also averaged 6.9 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2 steals.

Wesolowski was second on Witt-Birn in scoring with 14.4 points a game. He also tallied averages of 5.2 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 3.5 steals per game.

"It means a lot to see my hard work pay off in my final season," said Wesolowski of his all-conference honor.

Bonduel senior Jon Sell was an honorable mention.

Sell averaged a team-high 8.4 rebounds a game. He also averaged 10.8 points, 1.7 assists and 1 steal a game.

"It is special to be recognized for my play on the court," said Sell. "I think my team is a great part in my success, and it is special the opportunities that were presented to us this year. I am grateful for the recognition and hope to see the team succeed even more next year."

Bonduel finished the year with a 15-10 overall record and went 7-5 in CWC-East play to take third. Witt-Birn finished second in the conference with a 9-3 mark and were 16-10 overall. Menominee Indian went 12-13 overall and 1-11 in conference play.

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Bonduel's Reece Stoltenow shoots a 3-pointer during a nonconference game against Sturgeon Bay on Dec. 4 in Bonduel. Stoltenow made the all-conference first team in his senior season.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Panthers' Euclide, Peitersen honored in NEC

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

Oconto Falls seniors Alexis Euclide and Hailey Peitersen each were honored by the North Eastern Conference for their play this girls basketball season.

Euclide made the all-conference first team. Peitersen made the honorable mention team, while also appearing on the defensive first team.

In 18 conference games, Euclide averaged 13.1 points per contest. She converted nearly 40% of her shots and made 26 3-pointers and 36 free throws in NEC play.

Euclide also grabbed 68 rebounds (3.8 average), dished out 43 assists and had 52 steals.

"It's a feeling of great accomplishment for sure," said Euclide of her conference honor. "Making first team after making second team last year just shows the progress I have made. I feel like it not only represents my abilities and drive but also represents my coaches and teammates who helped

me get there.

"It's definitely something I hope to build on as I go to college and just build on my personal skills. This has been something I've been wanting since my freshman year and I'm just grateful to have the dream come true, even if it's my last year of high school basketball."

Peitersen averaged 10.6 points per NEC game. She made about 30% of her shots, hitting 31 triples and 34 free throws.

She pulled down nine rebounds a game (162 total) and blocked 15 shots. She also recorded 46 steals and 19 assists.

"Making the all-conference honorable mention team is a huge honor for me," said Peitersen. "To make the defensive first team as well is also very rewarding and a great way to top off my senior season!"

Oconto Falls finished the winter with a 15-11 overall record. The Panthers went 11-7 in the NEC to place fourth.

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Oconto Falls' Alexis Euclide defends during the team's Division 3 regional playoff game against Little Chute on Feb. 23 in Oconto Falls. Euclide made the all-conference first team this winter.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shaw an honorable mention in FRCC

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

Pulaski junior Derek Shaw landed on the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team after leading the boys basketball team this winter.

In FRCC play, Shaw led the Red Raiders with 17.6 points per game. He made 37 of his 42 free throws and hit 52 of his 120 3-point shots for a strong 43.3%.

The junior also averaged 3.3 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.1 steals in conference play, good enough for second on the team in each category.

"I think that it has motivated me to get better over the offseason and really prove myself next season," said Shaw of the all-conference honor.

For the entire season, Shaw scored in double figures in all but four of the team's 25 games. During the regular season, he scored over 20 points in 12 games, including nine of the first 10 games.

Pulaski posted a 6-19 overall record and went 2-16 in the FRCC. The team earned a playoff win before being knocked off by Notre Dame in a regional semifinal contest.

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Pulaski's Derek Shaw takes a 3-pointer during the team's conference game against De Pere on Jan. 25 in Pulaski. Shaw made the all-conference honorable mention team in his junior season.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano's Theis makes Bay 2nd team



Shawano's Brooke Theis follows through on a free-throw attempt during the team's Bay Conference game against Green Bay East on Jan. 18 in Shawano. Theis made the all-conference second team in her senior season.

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By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Shawano senior Brooke Theis earned a spot on the Bay Conference second team to cap her playing career for the Hawks.

In 12 conference games, Theis put up averages of 12.4 points, 7.9 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game. All three of those marks led the team.

Theis also had 12 steals and 10 assists in conference play.

"This is extremely important to me because it shows me how highly people think of me as a basketball

player and person. I'm excited I can go into college with this," said Theis, who will play at Bemidji State University at the next level.

During the team's 25-game regular season, Theis scored in double figures 16 times. She had over double-digit rebounds in six contests.

Shawano finished the winter season with an 11-14 overall record and 4-8 mark in the Bay. The Hawks were eliminated from the playoffs in a regional semifinal loss to New London.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Shawano's Prochaska earns honorable mention nod

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Shawano sophomore Dylan Prochaska was named an honorable mention in the Badgerland Conference for his play as the Shawano co-op hockey team's goalie this winter.

The co-op was unable to win any games in its first season playing a full varsity schedule.

In conference action, Prochaska stopped 378 of the 467 shots blasted his way for a .809 save percentage.

"This season was tough," said Prochaska. "We faced some pretty good teams throughout the year, and I think that this helped me more than anyone on the team. To them, it was more of a beat down than anything because they didn't get much from it other than play-

ing a higher speed of hockey, in my opinion. I, on the other hand, got to experience quicker movement in the crease, faster shots and different techniques throughout the season.

"This season was hard to stick with, but I just looked forward at what it can bring to me in the future," Prochaska continued. "Getting honorable mention all-conference is something you work towards every game you play. Getting it this year built my confidence, but I don't base my motivation to play well on a high school award. My motivation comes from where I want to see myself in the future."

For the entire season, Prochaska stopped 749 of the 905 shots he saw for a .816 save percentage.

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Rodgers' contract details revealed

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ONLINE

Aaron Rodgers' new contract extension with the Green Bay Packers is now official and signed.

Ian Rapoport, an insider for NFL Network and NFL.com tweeted at 7:42 a.m. on March 15 that, "After a week of going back and forth with the #Packers, Aaron Rodgers' complicated contract pays him \$50M per year over 3 years — \$150M. Plus there are two low-money option years that will be replaced."

Tom Pelissero, a reporter for NFL Network, expanded on the deal, noting that Rodgers will get \$42 million in 2022, \$59.515 million in 2023 and \$49.3 million in 2024.

"So that's \$150.815M over the next three years, and the first two are fully guaranteed at signing," tweeted Pelissero.

Mike Garafolo, another reporter at NFL Network, continued to explain Rodgers' contract, tweeting the Packers quarterback's cap hit would be \$28.5 million in 2022, \$31.6 million in 2023 and \$40.7 million in 2024.

His cap hit of \$28.5 million is

More details on Rodgers' deal can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

down from the original \$46.7 million, which will help the Packers retain several key players from this past year's team. Pelissero noted that the Packers have cleared over \$45 million in the span of a day after extending Rodgers and outside linebacker Preston Smith and releasing outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith and offensive lineman Billy Turner.

While the contract is complicated, it basically boils down to Rodgers being in Green Bay at least for the next two seasons, and then reassessing his future at that point.

The move helps the Packers now as they aspire to win the Super Bowl, but could hinder them in the years to come.

"One source said the dead money cap hit for the end of Aaron Rodgers' contract as it stands now is around \$75M. That's when the #Packers go into rebuild mode," tweeted Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter Tom Silverstein.

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