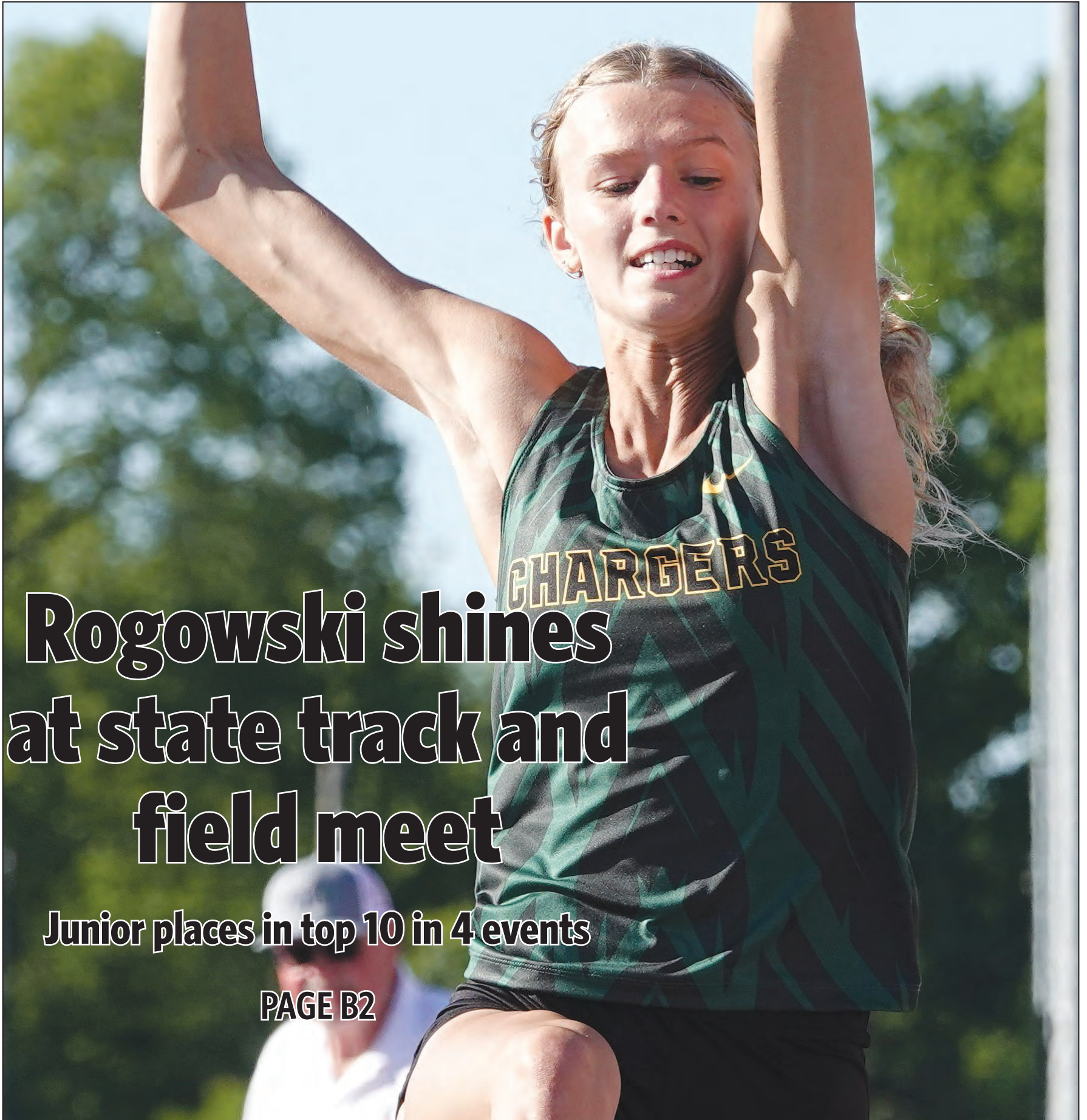




Rogowski shines at state track and field meet

Junior places in top 10 in 4 events

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski competes in the long jump during the WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 3 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Chargers' Rogowski 2nd in 200, 400 at state

Witt-Birn's Schairer, Horacek happy with state efforts

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Reese Rogowski turned in a pair of second-place finishes during a busy weekend at the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 3 and 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

Rogowski was second in the 200- and 400-meter dashes, while also placing seventh in the 100 dash and 10th in the long jump.

Witt-Birn's Simon Schairer also had a busy couple days, taking part in the 400 dash, long jump and triple jump, while Jalynn Horacek competed in the triple jump. Schairer placed seventh in the triple jump and 14th in the 400 and long jump, with Horacek 14th in the triple jump.

It was the second straight season Rogowski competed at state in those four events. She was third in the 400, fifth in the 200, sixth in the 100 and 10th in the long jump in 2021.

"It means a lot because I knew I wanted to place higher this year in at least a few of my events, and that's what I did," said Rogowski of her performances at state.

On June 3, she competed in all four events.

Rogowski got her day started by taking fifth in the 100 prelims in 12.4 seconds. She later posted the best time in the 400 prelims of 57.25 seconds and capped her running events with a fourth-place finish in the 200 prelims with a time of 25.5 seconds.

In the long jump competition, Rogowski had a couple strong jumps marked and then used a leap of 17 feet, ¼ inch to make the finals.

She wasn't able to extend her distance in three additional jumps, so she settled for 10th in the event.

"I jumped right after the 400 (prelims), so my legs felt really tired after that," said Rogowski. "So I knew that I'd really have to pop one to get on the podium, and that just didn't happen. A little disappointed in that, but I'll come back next year."

With the long jump completed, Rogowski got the chance to focus on her three sprint events June 4.



Witt-Birn's Reese Rogowski, second from left, makes her way toward the finish line in the 400-meter dash final during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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Rogowski started the day with a seventh-place finish in the 100 after posting a time of 12.71 seconds.

After a break, the junior placed second in the 400 in 57.02 seconds, beating her prelim time despite rainy and cooler conditions.

"It felt really good being able to get second after not making it on the podium for the 100. I used that as fuel to drive me through the 400," said Rogowski.

The junior added the 100 "isn't really my main race or focus." She said her long strides help her overtake runners in the 200 and 400, but it's a tougher task in the much-quicker 100 race.

Rogowski returned to the track one last time for the 200 and placed second in 25.44 seconds, again beating her prelim time.

"I wanted to finish on a high note, so I went out like it was my last race," said Rogowski. "I pushed until the end and I'm happy with how I placed."

Both events in which she took second, it was Rice Lake sophomore Eliana Sheplee who came in first, so Rogowski knows there's some work needed to come away with top finishes next season.

"I'm going to have to work hard

and focus more on sprinting mechanics and lifting to get where I want to be next year," said Rogowski.

Rogowski's three top-eight finishes scored 18 points for the team, and it tied for 11th place in the Division 2 field.

Schairer competed in the triple jump and 400 on June 3 before taking part in the long jump on June 4.

It was an up-and-down performance for the senior in the triple jump, but he was still able to come away with seventh place.

In the prelims, he scratched his first and third jumps, but made it through to the finals after a leap of 43 feet on his second attempt. Schairer wasn't able to extend that distance on his first two final attempts and then scratched his last attempt.

In a loaded 400 field, Schairer turned in a 14th-place finish in the prelims with a time of 52.13 seconds. He missed out on the finals by less than a second.

In the long jump competition, Schairer had the exact same prelim experience as he had in the triple jump. He scratched his first and third jumps and posted a mark of 19-1¾ on his second attempt.

"It was my goal all season to end my career at state, and I'm glad I was able to accomplish that in multiple events," said Schairer.

"I didn't compete as well as I know I can, but I'm just glad that I made it that far and was able to end my sports career at that level."

Horacek came into state hoping to improve upon her 2021 state appearance, when she scratched all three triple jump attempts. She posted marks on two of her three leaps and ended up placing 14th.

She started out with a jump of 33-2¼ before scratching her second attempt. Horacek ended her career on a high note with a leap of 33-6¾ on her third jump.

"It was a really nice way to end track and field. I was ecstatic that I achieved my goals of making it to state again and getting a legal jump in," said Horacek.

"I did as I expected in the triple jump. I wasn't expecting to get to finals or place because I would've needed a PR by a few feet. I was just happy to get a good jump in and finish track at state."

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK



Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski competes in the Division 3 boys high jump competition during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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Bowler's Kietlinski earns pair of top-3 state finishes

Athlete places 2nd in high jump, 3rd in triple jump

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski had a weekend to remember after a pair of top-three finishes at the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 3 and 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

Kietlinski placed third in the Division 3 boys triple jump competition on June 3 and then took second in the high jump on a rainy June 4.

"I actually did way better in the triple jump than I hoped to do, and I'd say I did better in the high jump than I would have hoped, too," said Kietlinski. "There were a lot of good jumpers coming in in both events, and I didn't know how it was going to play out. I just wanted to do my best and see where that placed me."

Despite the second-place finish in the high jump, Kietlinski got off to a shaky start after missing on his first attempt at 5 feet, 10 inches. The junior settled in quickly, clearing the bar on his next attempt and then clearing 6 feet on the first try.

He cleared 6-2 and 6-4 on his second attempts.

"I just had to rebound (after missing the first attempt at 5-10); I just had to settle in," said Kietlinski. "Once I did, I hit my groove and I felt good. I felt like

I had all year. Even though I didn't win it, I was very happy to get top three."

There were just four jumpers remaining when the bar got moved to 6-5, and none of the athletes were able to successfully clear it.

Benton/Scales Mound/Shullsburg's Collin Fosler was granted first because he cleared 6-4 on the first attempt. Kietlinski took second because he cleared 6-4 on his second attempt, while Cambridge's Trey Colts was third and Chetek-Weyerhaeuser's Lawson Davis fourth.

In the triple jump competition, Kietlinski had come into state hoping to place in the top six. For almost the entire event, Kietlinski was the leader.

Kietlinski posted a mark of 44-11 on his first jump of the day, which immediately put him atop the leaderboard of 16 competitors. The junior continued to post marks in his last two prelim jumps and all three finals jumps, but he wasn't able to top his first leap.

The 44-11 mark stood until Mondovi's Dustin Mohler edged Kietlinski with a leap of 45- $\frac{1}{4}$ on the second-to-last jump of the day. Cambridge's Colts topped both marks with a leap of 45- $\frac{8}{4}$ on his sixth and final jump.

"It means a lot to me," said Kietlinski of the third-place finish. "Even though I was in first place for awhile and couldn't quite pull that up, it meant a lot to me."

While Kietlinski was more than happy with his finishes, falling short of first gave him motivation and confidence for next season.

In the triple jump, Kietlinski will head into next season with the best

remaining leap of the D3 state competitors. In fact, Kietlinski was the only junior to place in the top seven.

For the high jump, Kietlinski also will technically be the top-ranked individual, although Davis tied his mark

and is also a junior.

"The goal next year is definitely to win both (events)," said Kietlinski. "No doubt."

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Suring's Sleeter ties for 2nd at state in high jump

Eagle also 17th in pole vault

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Suring High School's Christine Sleeter tied for second in the Division 3 girls high jump competition during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships, which ran June 3-4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

The junior earned the second-place finish on June 3, before coming back June 4 to take 17th in the pole vault competition.

Sleeter came into state seeded fifth in the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 2 inches. She cleared 5-4 at state to grab a share of second.

"It definitely means a lot to me. It was better than I thought I was going to do," said Sleeter of the high jump competition. "My main goal was to get on the podium, which I achieved, so I'm pretty stoked about that. Getting second place makes me even happier."

Despite it being her first time at state, Sleeter made things look pretty easy during her first several jumps. She was one of only four jumpers to clear the 4-8, 4-10, 5 and 5-2 heights on their first attempts.

Sleeter said she tried to "put everybody out of her mind," focus on just herself and treat it as another meet.

Sleeter and the rest of the remaining competitors ran into a buzzsaw with the 5-4 height. Only three competitors were able to clear it, with Sleeter and Fennimore's Izzy Bender achieving it on their third tries and Three Lakes' Kallie Volk on her first. The height took out six jumpers.

Volk cleared 5-5 on her second try, but Sleeter and Bender both were un-



Suring's Christine Sleeter competes in the Division 3 girls high jump event during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 3 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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able to, creating the second-place tie.

Like, Sleeter, both Volk and Bender are non-seniors, so the top-three finishers could all be in the mix for a state title again next season.

"Now that I know how close I am to getting first — at least I was this year — I'm definitely going to work a lot over the summer and up until track season," said Sleeter. She added that she plans to "really put in that work so I can hopefully make 5-5, maybe higher next year, just so I can

get first place at state."

Sleeter and the rest of the 20 pole vault competitors were forced to compete indoors June 4 with rainy conditions outside. The Suring junior cleared two heights to earn her 17th-place finish.

The starting height of 8-6 looked like it might take out Sleeter, like it did to two other competitors, but Sleeter was able to clear it on her final try. At 9 feet, she missed her first attempt before clearing the second.

Sleeter was unable to clear 9-6, a height that took out eight others as well.

"Today during pole vault, I got a PR (personal record) of 9 (feet) so I'm pretty happy about that," said Sleeter. "But I don't think I placed that well. But now that I know I can get 9, I will definitely use that to push me over the summer to work on getting better and practicing so I can hopefully get 10 next spring."

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Pulaski's No. 1 doubles duo drops hard-fought match at state

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Pulaski High School No. 1 tennis doubles team of Connor Heezen and Eric Spurduto lost their opening match at the 2022 Boys Tennis State Individual Championships on June 2 at Nielsen Stadium

in Madison.

The duo won the first set 6-4 at state but were topped 6-1 in the second set by Middleton's Franklin Hu and Saketh Peddireddy. In the deciding third set, the Red Raider pair lost 10-7.

"It was so special to play at state," said Heezen. "Both Eric and

I have made it a goal to play here at state, and to end in a great match felt good, especially for my last high school tennis match."

Heezen and Spurduto finish the season with a 10-6 overall record.

"We worked very hard throughout the week conditioning for state and coaches preparing us mentally

on some of the details that came with going to state," said Heezen. "Playing at state was an amazing experience, and it was great leaving our mark as the first guys doubles team to make it there. We truly couldn't have gotten this far without support from our coaches, family and our teammates."

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Gillett 4x800 boys relay claims 3rd at state



Gillett's Alex Peterson runs in the boys 3,200-meter competition during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Alex Peterson takes 6th in 3,200

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Gillett Secondary School track and field team sent a relay team and one individual competitor to La Crosse for the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium, and everyone came away with podium finishes.

The boys 4x800-meter relay team of Evan Peterson, Connor Hanson, Ben Matczak and Alex Peterson placed third to start the second day of the championships before Alex Peterson returned to the track to take sixth in the 3,200.

In a loaded 4x800 relay field, the Gillett boys' quartet was constantly battling for position.

The group was in third after the first leg before moving up a spot after two legs. The Tigers were bumped down a couple spots after the third leg, although they only trailed the first-place team by five seconds. Gillett moved up a couple spots in the final 800 meters and was thrilled with its third-place finish.

"Getting on the podium at state had been our goal since the beginning of season," said Hanson, a senior. "I'm proud of my team. We accomplished a lot and reached our goals. I'm also proud of myself; I'm proud to be ending my high school track career with a top-three finish at state."

"I was hoping for top three," said Alex Peterson, of the relay. "I knew there was a lot of competition, way more than last year. It was super

tight for everybody."

Alex Peterson said the quartet was all about one second off their personal records for their legs. That feat is even more impressive considering it was a cool and rainy morning, and there was plenty of competition all around them.

The 3,200 field Alex Peterson later took part in was also packed with strong distance runners.

Peterson got caught up in a group of runners right after the gun sounded and also got tripped up a bit. He then had to put in a bit more effort to be seventh after one lap around the track in 1 minute, 10.98 seconds.

The junior said it was a goal not to get boxed in on the start, but it happened anyway.

"It kind of threw me for a loop," said Peterson. "I just had to, like, slow down a little bit, back out and then twist my way through and out on the outside."

Peterson ran a 1:13.57 on lap two, a 1:14.15 on lap three and then a 1:13.85 to slide into sixth place. He remained in that spot for the remainder of the race, even after a mad dash to the finish line for a time of 1:05.94 on the last lap.

The junior set the school record at sectionals and then broke that mark at state by about a second-and-a-half.

Peterson won't jump into his off-season quite yet, as he plans to run in the WiscoMILE on June 11. He hopes to set a new personal record there before taking a few weeks off to enjoy some family vacations. He'll mix in some running while on vacation before starting summer training in preparation for the fall cross-country season.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Lena's McNurlen makes state podium in triple jump

Junior saves best jump for last

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

It was a bit of a frustrating day at the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse for Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's Natalie McNurlen, but perseverance paid off and earned her a spot on the state podium.

The Lena junior made the podium after placing sixth in the Division 3 girls triple jump competition on June 4.

McNurlen came into state seeded fifth in the event with a leap of 34 feet, 11¾ inches, but she struggled to post marks on the day.

She scratched her first jump in the preliminary round before posting a mark of 33-8¾ on her second jump.

McNurlen also scratched her third jump, but her one mark was good enough to move her to the finals, where she was given three more jumps.

McNurlen's tough day continued with scratches on her first two jumps in the finals, but she erased all the tough times with a leap of 35-5¾ on her final jump at state. The

mark briefly put her in fifth before she got bumped down a spot before the end of competition.

"I knew I needed to do something; I had to pull out something. I had four scratches and I actually only jumped twice, so that last jump felt amazing. I'm just so happy," said McNurlen. She added competing at state was a bit intimidating at first, but she settled in when conversing with other competitors.

McNurlen said her scratches were coming with just a toe over the board after reviewing video with her coaches.

"I moved myself back 2 feet, which is a lot, and I just went for it. It was my last jump, and it just happened to be my best," she said.

The Lena athlete had a goal of setting a new personal record at state and accomplished that with her final jump.

"It's super special. It's beating my PR by so much and creating a new school record, which hopefully will be broken again next year," said McNurlen.

She said she hopes to make it into 36-foot territory next spring as a senior, saying she could do so with more training and dedication to the sport.

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Lena's Natalie McNurlen stands on the podium after placing sixth in the Division 3 girls triple jump competition during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Bonduel's Hertzfeldt claims 9th place in discus at state

Bears' Schroeder 13th in high jump

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

Bonduel High School's Brenna Hertzfeldt and Karter Schroeder placed ninth and 13th, respectively, during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships, which ran June 3 and 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

Hertzfeldt was part of the Division 3 girls discus field, while Schroeder was in the boys high jump.

Hertzfeldt came into state with the third-lowest seed mark of 109

feet, 4 inches out of 16 competitors but definitely wasn't intimidated.

Her first throw of 106 feet was one of the top marks of the first flight, and after a second throw of 101-2, she had her top toss of 107-9 on her third throw.

"It was definitely the most exciting experience of my high school sports career," said Hertzfeldt. "I came up just short last year, so to be able to finish my high school career with a state appearance means a lot."

The senior qualified for the finals, and despite not being able to extend the mark on her top throw, she posted marks on all three finals throws. Hertzfeldt was one of just four throwers to not scratch in the

cool and rainy conditions the morning of June 4.

"I didn't hit the PR (personal record) or school record that I was looking for, but I can't complain at all with how I finished," said Hertzfeldt. "A big goal was to make it to the finals and I did that, so it was still a positive outcome, and overall just being able to compete at state was the icing on the cake to end my high school sports career."

Schroeder came into state with the second-lowest seed height (5-11) of the 16 high jump competitors, but calmly cleared the starting height of 5-10 on his first try.

There were two competitors who failed to make it over the starting height and six others that failed

on their first try.

Unfortunately for Schroeder, he was unable to clear the next height of six feet, so he had to settle for 13th place.

"I wish I would've performed better, but I'm happy with making it over the starting height because it is such a drastic change from what I am used to starting at," said Schroeder.

The junior is hoping to make a return trip to state next year, where he hopes to improve on his place.

"I gained the experience of state and I know what to expect from it all, and I fully expect to be at state again next season," said Schroeder.

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Shawano's Lowney reaches finals, takes 6th, 8th in 100, 200 dashes at state



Shawano's Elliott Lowney looks up at the scoreboard after completing his Division 1 200-meter dash prelim during the 2022 WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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Hawks' Roloff 7th in 100, on 22nd-place relay team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School track and field team had two individuals and a relay team compete at the 2022 State Track and Field Championships on June 3 and 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse, with Elliott Lowney and Isabel Roloff combining for three top-eight finishes.

Lowney placed sixth in the 200-meter dash and eighth in the 100 dash, while Roloff was seventh in the 100.

Roloff was also on the girls 4x200 team that placed 22nd.

Lowney and Roloff were both competing at state for a second year in a row and, while not finishing as high as they might have liked, were still satisfied with top-eight finishes against Division 1 competition after competing in Division 2 last year.

On June 3, Lowney advanced to the finals in the 100 after posting the eighth-best time in the prelims of 11.02 seconds. He had the sixth-best mark of 22.24 seconds in the 200 to qualify for the final in that event.

In the finals on a rainy June 4, Lowney remained in the same place as his prelim finishes. He posted a time of 11.55 seconds in the 100 and 22.55 seconds in the 200.

"Obviously, it's an awesome feeling making it to finals and racing against all these guys," said Lowney.

"Moving up a division this year, I didn't know what to expect, and just to place as I did — I ran really good with the conditions — and I thought it was a great way to end my high school career."

Roloff was able to post a time of 12.2 seconds to come in fifth out of 25 competitors in the girls 100 dash prelims on June 3. That mark put her in lane three for the final on June 4.

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More photos from the state track and field championships can be found on the NEW Media Sports Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NewMediaIncSports).

In the final, Roloff's time of 12.71 was good enough for seventh, just missing the podium.

"For the 100, I felt good about my preliminary time and I got a personal record with my time of 12.2 seconds. My final race did not feel like my best race but I'm still glad that I gave my best and placed in the top eight in Division 1," said Roloff.

"It was a great experience to end my high school running career at state," the senior added. "Having a state experience with all three divisions at once was an event to remember."

Roloff ran in the 4x200 relay along with teammates Onna Hermann, Adalyn Barkley and Makenna Bubolz on June 3.

The team came in seeded 22nd in the event and walked away from state after placing 22nd with a time of 1 minute, 49.32 seconds.

"As a team, it was an incredible opportunity to make it to state with such a young team," said Hermann. "We knew Division 1 competition was challenging, but we continued aiming to advance, until eventually state was within reach. We worked endlessly this season, and are beyond grateful for making state."

While Roloff has graduated and will next compete for UW-Milwaukee's track and field team, the 4x200 relay team has a bright future.

Hermann just wrapped up her sophomore season, and Bubolz and Barkley are both freshmen. Freshmen Piper Novitski could fill in Roloff's spot next year, and was the alternate for the relay at state.

"Simply the chance to have a taste of a state run is enough to push us to work harder next season," said Hermann.

"Hopefully next year, with one more year of maturity, and state experience under our belt, we will be able to qualify for state once again."

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Bonduel's season ends after extra-inning loss

Zernicke drives in all 3 runs for Bears

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School softball team's special season came to a close May 31 after a 4-3 loss in nine innings in a Division 4 sectional semifinal contest against Iola-Scandinavia in Bonduel.

Bonduel worked out to a 2-0 lead after three innings before falling behind after a three-run fifth from Iola-Scandinavia. The Bears battled back to tie it in the next half inning before the teams traded scoreless frames until the ninth. It was double down the left-field line that produced the game-winning run for Iola-Scandinavia in the ninth.

"I think they've only had three losses, and two of them were to us. So obviously we knew they were very well-coached. We knew coming into the game it wasn't going to be an easy ride," said Bonduel co-coach Chris Reinke. "It was kind of expected to be tight."

Bonduel senior starting pitcher Claire Gehm worked around a pair of baserunners to post a scoreless first inning.

The Bears then got a one-out double from Lila Pleshek in the bottom of the frame to start a rally. After Pleshek moved to third on a wild pitch, Hailee Thompson was hit by a pitch before moving to second on a steal. Hailey Zernicke started a big game at the plate with a groundout that scored Pleshek to make it 1-0.

After Gehm worked scoreless second and third innings, the Bears added to their lead in their half of the third.

Pleshek singled with one out and later moved to second on a passed ball. Zernicke then delivered a two-out single to plate Pleshek.

The three-run fifth for the visitors was a tough one to swallow for Bonduel, as many of the hits came on groundballs that snuck past infielders, including a couple that took bad bounces.

All of the runs came with two outs, and Gehm was eventually replaced in the circle by Nakiyah Henning.

"I definitely think they knew right



Bonduel's Claire Gehm pitches during the team's Division 4 sectional semifinal game against Iola-Scandinavia on May 31 in Bonduel.

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where to hit the ball, they definitely had good spot hitting — they hit the balls where we weren't," said Gehm. "Not much you can do with that. I mean, I know that my defense had my back and tried the hardest that they could when I was in there — same as Nakiyah — and that's all as a pitcher we can ask for."

The Bears' defense helped the team escape only down a run as Tatum Sporisky made a spectacular

diving catch in right field on a ball that would have plated at least two more Iola-Scandinavia runs.

Bonduel players didn't hang their heads after falling behind and came right back with a run in the bottom of the fifth.

Again it was Zernicke plating the run, singling in Thompson, who had walked and stole second with two outs.

The visitors looked on their way

to seizing control of the contest after loading the bases with no outs against Henning in the sixth. But Henning got a popup that Abby Stoltenow caught on a dive and then the second baseman flipped to first for a huge double play. Henning then induced a popup that she caught to end the frame.

The teams traded scoreless frames over the next few innings. Bonduel had the best chance to score in the seventh after Thompson singled and stole second before Zernicke was intentionally walked with two outs, but a popup sent the game to extras.

Co-coach Brad Grayvold noted that assistant coach Jerry Reinke summed the game up best when he said Iola-Scandinavia was able to get its leadoff runner on in most innings to put pressure on Bonduel, while the Bears' scoring threats mostly came with two down.

Iola-Scandinavia got a single to start the ninth and then had another with one out. Henning got a foul popup for the second out before a flyball down the left-field line got just past the outstretched glove of Audrey Weier for the go-ahead RBI double.

Bonduel went down in order in its half of the ninth.

Bonduel caps the season with a 20-1 overall record, a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title after going 12-0 and a Division 4 regional title after a pair of shut-out playoff wins.

"I don't think there's a game that I'm not going to remember," said Gehm. "Even if I was sitting, I still had the most fun time that I could have dreamed of. This season was everything I ever wanted."

Julia Lorbiecki is the only other senior on the Bonduel roster this spring.

"To our two seniors, we said thank you for setting the groundwork for what we believe is a good young team. The difference between us ending the season today and moving on is very small and we'll make up that difference," said Grayvold.

Grayvold also thanked assistants Jerry Reinke and Amy Zernicke for their help this season and praised their dedication to drilling the team on fundamental work.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

East-West Division

Neopit 14

Gresham 12

Neopit topped Gresham in a high-scoring battle on June 5 in Gresham.

Raymond White hit two home runs among his three hits to lead Neopit at the plate. Mequon Frechette, Donald Waukechon and Cliff Madosh each tallied three hits, while Mike Pecore and Alex Peters added two hits each.

Peters also earned the win on the mound. Lukas Pecore was tagged with the loss.

Joe Ejnik and Tom Nietzer each recorded three hits for Gresham, while Paul Murphy and Pecore had two each. Pecore clubbed a homer.

Clintonville 4

Tigerton 3

Clintonville earned a walk-off win over Tigerton on June 3 in Clintonville.

Jared Cartwright and Keegan Doornink posted two hits each for Clintonville, while Jason Schneider

earned the win.

Paul Sellner took the loss but provided two hits and two RBIs at the plate for Tigerton. Dylan Berg had three hits, while Conner Harris tallied two.

Marion 5

Shawano 2

Marion took down Shawano on June 5 in Shawano.

Jaden Stuhr earned the win on the mound for Marion. Joe Weyenberg got on base for times for Marion, while Nate Reynolds and Alex Elandt had two hits each.

Mike Korth recorded two hits for Shawano. Jacob Springborn was dealt the loss on the hill.

Little Falls 9

Caroline 3

Little Falls eased past Caroline in a June 5 matchup in Little Falls.

Hunter Gruenwald drove in two runs on three hits for Little Falls. Kasey Morgan, Drew Radies, Nate Korb and Seth Korb all chipped in two hits.

Carter Kurki earned the win after pitching five innings. Aaron Hoffman was dealt the loss after also working five frames.

Aaron Hoffman and Jack Yeager each tallied two hits for Caroline. Neil Hoffman hit a home run.

Tilleda 8

Leopolis 1

Tilleda cruised to a road win over Leopolis on June 5 in Leopolis.

Zach Fehrman earned the win on the hill after working six innings. Adin Brei, Landon Kroening, Stephen Reinke and Brad Bartz had two hits each to lead the team at the plate.

Kasey Kristof and Thomas Kazik posted two hits each for Leopolis. Ryan Malueg was the losing pitcher.

Northern Division

Eland 3

Antigo/Polar 1

Eland scratched out a win over Antigo/Polar on June 5 in Eland.

Tyler Nelson earned the win for Eland, while Jarod Richter clubbed a homer.

AJ Kirsch took the loss for Antigo/Polar. Isaac Bixby and Kirsch had two hits each.

Biramwood 7

Aniwa 1

Biramwood knocked off Aniwa

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on June 3 in Birnamwood.

Brad Knoblock allowed just one run over eight innings to pick up the win on the mound. Chandler Fochs had two of the team's six hits.

Hunter Gipp recorded four of Aniwa's 11 hits, with Ryan Govek and Denton Mortenson adding two hits each. Nolan Hoppe took the loss on the mound.

Hatley 21

Wittenberg 5

Hatley routed Wittenberg in a June 5 contest in Hatley.

Hatley pounded out 22 hits in the win, with Kodie Kocher tallying four of them, including two homers. Wyatt Brown homered among his three hits, while Hayden Davidowski also had three hits. Josh Matushek, Nick Cotter and Tanner Kocher all chipped in two hits.

Kocher earned the win on the hill, while James Thompson took the loss.

Zach Urquhart and Preston Bagley provided two hits each for Wittenberg, while Noah Cole homered.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Shawano and Lena win regional titles

Witt-Birn stunned in regional final

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano and Lena baseball teams each won regional titles on June 1 to keep their seasons alive.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood also made a regional title game but lost in stunning fashion.

Shawano

Shawano battled its way to a Division 2 regional title win over Seymour on June 1 in Shawano.

The top-seeded Hawks got a key hit from Andrew Popp and a great start on the mound from Ashton Henning to earn a 3-1 win over the second-seeded Thunder.

"It's a great feeling, and I'm happy for these kids," said Shawano coach Dustin Beyer. "Last year was in the back of my mind all night tonight — you never want it to end like it did last year. This is a special group of boys we got here, and I knew that a long time ago back in youth league. They gutted a tough win out tonight, and I'm just real proud of them."

The game Beyer was alluding to was a nine-inning regional title loss to Rhinelander in Shawano. The Hawks again received a No. 1 seed this year, but this time they were able to capture the regional title.

Shawano scored the game's first run in the bottom of the second inning. Jacob Landon singled with one out before Braedyn Kowalkowski was hit by a pitch. Landon then came around to score on a Michael Metcalf-Grassman ball batted up the middle.

Seymour was finally able to push a run across against Henning in the fifth, but Shawano got the lead right back in the bottom half.

Zac Jurmu started the inning by reaching first on a dropped third strike. He moved over to third on a single from Henning. After Henning stole second, Popp grounded a ball up the middle and past the Seymour middle infielders, and Jurmu and Henning were able to score on the play.

"I didn't really look at it, but I was told it missed his glove, but he definitely should have got it," said Popp of the grounder. "Good things happen when you put the ball in play."



The Shawano baseball team celebrates together after winning a Division 2 regional title game over Seymour on June 1 in Shawano.

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From there, Henning took care of business on the mound.

Henning ended up striking out 10 batters in the contest, which helped him work around five hits, two walks and two hit batsman. He passed the 100-pitch mark in the final batter he faced but got a popup to first to seal the win.

"I think just staying confident and knowing that my defense has my back," Henning said, "that allowed me to be a little more comfortable out on the mound, which helped me calm down and just throw strikes."

After the game-ending popup, catcher Carson Popp tackled Henning to the ground before the rest of the team joined them in celebration.

It was a special moment for the

Hawks and, after the heartbreak of a season ago, it made the accomplishment that much sweeter.

"This year, things came together. We got some runs on the board and played as a team and we took 'er home," said Jurmu of the regional title. "It's something nice, especially as a senior. No matter what now, we have something to hang our hat on."

"It feels really good. It shows us what hard work and determination can do and what our program is capable of," said Henning. "We wanted to come back and win a regional championship, and that's what we did."

Adding to the thrill of winning the title was how Shawano was able to get past Seymour after struggling with them earlier in the season.

"This year feels good, especially against Seymour," said Popp. "We've had a really tough series against them, 1-2 against them. It just feels good, feels really good."

To advance to the regional title,

Shawano topped Marinette 6-5 in a regional semifinal game on May 31 in Shawano.

The Hawks led 6-0 entering the seventh before stranding the game-tying run at third base to end the contest.

Metcalf-Grassman drove in two runs for Shawano, while Andrew Popp led the team with two hits.

Jacob Polzin got the win after striking out six batters over 6 1/3 innings. Andrew Popp got the final two outs to record the save.

Lena

Fourth-seeded Lena took down third-seeded Pembine/Goodman 16-9 in a Division 4 regional title game on June 1 in Pembine. Lena trailed 7-5 before an eight-run sixth inning.

Tyler Shallow, Logan Graef, Logan Shallow, Bryce Kittredge, Anthony Seefeldt and Reed Hosking each drove in two runs for Lena. Tyler Shallow led the team with five hits, while Josh Kristof had three.

Graef pitched 2 2/3 innings, striking out five. Logan Shallow struck out six over 4 1/3 innings.

In the regional semifinal game, Lena earned an 11-4 victory over top-seeded Florence on May 31 in Florence.

Tyler Shallow drove in three runs on two hits and scored twice for Lena. Logan Shallow added two RBIs on two hits. Hosking finished the game with four hits and three runs scored, while Kittredge had three hits.

Lane Whiting earned the win after striking out seven batters over six innings. Logan Shallow worked one inning.

Witt-Birn

Second-seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood suffered a heartbreaking 5-2 loss to top-seeded Stratford in a Division 3 regional title game on June 1 in Stratford. The hosts hit a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to end the game and stun Witt-Birn.

The Chargers had taken the lead in the top of the seventh when Ian Salvesen doubled in Kaden Schmidt. Ben Wesolowski scored in the fourth inning to tie the game at one.



Shawano's Jacob Polzin makes a throw to first during the team's regional title win over Seymour on June 1 in Shawano.

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Wesolowski took the loss on the mound in relief of Nathan Waupekenay, who allowed one run across five innings.

Witt-Birn doubled up third-seeded Marathon 6-3 in a regional semifinal game on May 31 in Wittenberg.

Schmidt, Salvesen and Pierson Potrykus each tallied two hits for Witt-Birn, which scored all six runs in the first three innings. Schmidt and Salvesen also scored two runs each.

Mason Meverden earned the win after allowing three unearned runs

across 6 2/3 innings. Wesolowski got the final out.

Other regional action

Ninth-seeded Pulaski fell just short in a 7-6 Division 1 regional semifinal game against eighth-seeded West De Pere on May 31 in De Pere.

Second-seeded Marion fell behind early and couldn't recover in a 12-1 Division 4 playoff loss to third-seeded Pittsville on May 31 in Marion. Alex Zimmerman drove in Marion's lone run and finished with three hits.

Jaden Stuhr took the loss on the mound after pitching three innings. Zimmerman, Ryan Malueg and Jay Brei also pitched for the Mustangs.

Fourth-seeded Gresham had its season come to a close after a 12-2 Division 4 regional playoff loss to top-seeded Three Lakes/Phelps on May 31 in Three Lakes.

Third-seeded Bowler couldn't slow second-seeded Newman Catholic in a 12-1 loss in five innings during a Division 4 regional postseason clash on May 31 in Wausau.

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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bonduel 9

Cecil 8

Bonduel built an 8-0 lead before hanging on late in a tight win over Cecil on June 5 in Bonduel.

Jack Reinke drove in three runs on two hits for Bonduel, while Luke Kostreva also had two hits. Wyatt Reinke, J.C. Reinke and Chase Reinke all scored twice.

Chase Reinke started and struck out seven batters over 6 1/3 innings. Jack Reinke struck out five batters over the final 2 2/3 innings.

Kenny Casper posted three hits for Cecil, while Tucker Bouche and Garrett Engel also had multiple hits.

FYI

Statistics for several games were not available by press time. Visit teams' Facebook pages for more details on this past week's games.

Bouche took the loss on the mound.

Pulaski 4

Shawano 3

Nick Dagneau drove in Jack Maas-tricht in the top of the ninth to help Pulaski get past Shawano on June 5 in Shawano.

Dagneau also earned the win on the mound after getting the last five outs of the contest. Drew McDermid started and struck out 15 batters over seven innings. Maastricht, Dagneau, Ethan Bemowski and Joel Vandehei

all had multiple hits for Pulaski.

Hortonville 14

Hofa Park 4

Hortonville cruised past Hofa Park in a June 5 matchup in Hofa Park.

Dan Wunderlich and Mike Bunkleman had four RBIs each for Hortonville.

Zach Asher led Hofa Park at the plate with a RBI double. Gavin Rusch was the losing pitcher.

Pulaski 13

Navarino 9

Pulaski took down Navarino in a back-and-forth contest on June 5 in Pulaski.

Pulaski led 1-0 after five innings before Navarino put together a seven-

run sixth. Pulaski answered with five runs and then took the lead again with a four-run seventh and put the game away with a three-run eighth.

Hofa Park 18

Nichols 8 (8 inn.)

Hofa Park topped Nichols in a June 4 matchup in Hofa Park.

Robert Schuettepelz homered among his four hits and drove in five runs for Hofa Park. Marcus Hornacek drove in six runs on three hits and scored three runs, while Kyle Olson had three RBIs, three hits and two runs scored. Hunter Buschke earned the win on the mound.

Joey Wagester and Sam Blank each drove in two runs for Nichols. Justin Krull was the losing pitcher.



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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Pulaski girls win Division 2 regional title after upset win

Shawano falls in regional semifinal

By LUKE REIMER AND MORGAN RODE
NEW Media

The Pulaski and Shawano girls soccer teams opened postseason play last week, both playing in Division 2.

Pulaski earned a pair of wins to claim a regional title, while Shawano was eliminated in its first match

Pulaski

Seventh-seeded Pulaski upset second-seeded West De Pere 1-0 to claim the regional title June 4 in De Pere.

Ellie Mangold netted Pulaski's goal in the 19th minute. Brianna Kapla was credited with an assist on the score.

Pulaski goalie Ella Sasse made 11 saves while defending the net.

Pulaski edged No. 10 Port Washington 2-1 in a regional semifinal match on May 31 in Pulaski.

Mangold gave Pulaski the lead with a goal in the eighth minute. After Port Washington tied it in the 42nd minute, Kapla scored the game-winning goal in the 51st minute after a rebound on a free kick.

Sasse had four saves to help the Red Raiders prevail.

Shawano

Eighth-seeded Shawano saw its season come to an end at the hands of the ninth-seeded Ashwaubenon Jaguars in a Division 2 regional semifinal match on May 31 in Shawano.

The Jaguars scored two goals in extra time to advance.

"When we played Ashwaubenon



Shawano's Adison Moesch loads up for a corner kick during Shawano's playoff matchup against Ashwaubenon on May 31 in Shawano.

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the first time, we out-possessed them big time," said Shawano head coach Emily Stepanek. "We anticipated doing it again this game. We did it for the first 15 minutes and scored quick."

The Hawks' first goal of the game came from Caitlyn Moede at the 7:31 mark in the first half. Shortly after, Abigail Rabideau missed a shot that would have put the Hawks up 2-0.

Goalkeeper Brynlie Boyles saved two consecutive shots as the first half clock was closing in on 40 minutes. Thirteen seconds before halftime, Ashwaubenon tried a desperation kick from just inside midfield and scored to tie the game at 1-1 heading into halftime.

"They snuck one in — it was a good shot," said Stepanek. "That kind

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of lowered our momentum a little bit, and after that it was kind of hard to regain our composure."

The second half went the opposite as the first half, as the Jaguars scored the first goal of the half at the 57:31 mark to take a late lead. Shawano almost immediately answered, with Trinity Popelka scoring at the 64:14 mark. The goal came on a cross from Evony Perez.

Popelka's initial shot missed, but it bounced off the crossbar and she buried it home to tie the game up once again.

"The girls battled and were able to tie it in the second half," said Stepanek. "Trinity relentlessly followed up her miss to bury the goal in the back of the net."

Excitement picked up in the second half, as in addition to two goals scored, there were two yellow cards given out. It became obvious that this was going to be a physical game with the winner advancing in the playoffs.

After being tied at two at the end of regulation, Ashwaubenon took a lead scoring a goal at the 2:30 mark in the extra time. That goal was followed up by another at the 14:22 mark. The second goal proved to be the dagger as Shawano did not score for the rest of the game.

"These ladies fought with blood, sweat and tears," said Stepanek, noting that this was Shawano's first winning record in eight years. "We are very proud of what they did in this game and in the season as a whole."

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Chargers' Scheurer qualifies for state

Senior ties for top individual score at D2 sectional

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior Calvin Scheurer qualified for the WIAA State Boys Golf Tournament after a spectacular day of golfing at the Division 2 Marinette Sectional on May 31 at Riverside Golf Club in Menominee, Michigan.

"It's really special to me to be able come around and play the golf I know I can play," said Scheurer.

Scheurer fired an 18-hole round of 78 to tie for the best individual score at the sectional. He was the meet medalist after winning a tie-breaker over a pair of Winneconne golfers.

"Today was definitely a solid day, given that my short game came around and really helped out today," said Scheurer.

Scheurer qualified for state as the top individual score of any golfer not on either of the two-state qualifying teams.

He rebounded from a six-shot opening hole to tally a 38 on the front nine.

"Today was such a joy to be a

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part of," said Witt-Birn coach Chris Bartletti. "Calvin played the best round I have been privileged to watch as a high school golf coach — and this is no offense to any of the great players I have coached in my 20-plus years, but it was a pleasure to see.

"Calvin did everything a coach could possibly use as examples to teach younger players on how to approach the game. He started out with a double bogey on the easiest hole on the course, and rather than let that define his round, he dug in and shot even par for the rest of his front nine."

Bartletti also raved about Scheurer's ability to navigate the windy conditions and win a playoff hole with a birdie.

"Going into state, I'm going to continue to play the game I'm playing and not make any big changes," said Scheurer. "But overall, I'm just going to take in the experience and have some fun with it."

Oconto Falls competed at the Marinette Sectional as a team, placing eighth with a score of 374.

Rease Hodkiewicz and Kadyn Riel led the Panthers with rounds of 91, while Trevor Metzler fired a 95.

Caden Leonhardt carded a 97 for

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Oconto Falls, while Thomas Carmody rounded out the five-golfer team with a mark of 99.

At the Division 3 Bonduel Sectional, which was held at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil, Bonduel just missed out on qualifying for state.

The Bears placed third with a team score of 357, behind Marathon's 350 and Wabeno/Laona's 354.

Bonduel's top golfer was Cooper Uelmen, carding a round of 84. He missed out on qualifying for state as an individual by one stroke.

Jake Dreyer was just a couple shots back at an 86, while Colin Margelofsky fired a 92. Reed Lupke's 95 and Reece Stoltenow's 100 filled out the team.

Lena placed eighth with a score of 387.

Braden McVane led the Wildcats

with a round of 88. Evan Vanderzanden shot a 95.

Mason Spice and Mason Simonson each fired 102s, while Drake Dionne's 104 rounded out the five-golfer team.

Shawano and Pulaski both competed at the Division 1 West De Pere Sectional at Fox Valley Golf Club.

The Hawks took fifth with a score of 339, while Pulaski came in eighth with a mark of 359.

Kaden Marcell and Owen Moesch led Shawano with rounds of 83 and 84, respectively. Gage Gorman and Ayden Hale each recorded 86s, while Akryn Verhein carded a 97.

Colin Schultz fired a round of 87 to pace Pulaski on the course. Connor Burant tallied an 89, while Zachary Valeria had a 91. Dylan Carley's 92 and Dixon Holewinski's 98 filled out the team.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

UW-Eau Claire

Suring High School graduate Mitch Stegeman helped the UW-



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Eau Claire men's track and field team win the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championship team title. The championship ran from May 26-28.

Stegeman placed fourth in the decathlon

with 6,964 points.

He placed fourth in the pole

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vault after clearing 4.7 meters and the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 49.22 seconds. Stegeman took fifth in the javelin with a top toss of 49.84 meters.

Stegeman came in seventh in the 100 dash (11.18 seconds), eighth in the shot put (12.03 meters) and discus (36.7 meters) and ninth in the high jump (1.82 meters).

The Suring graduate also placed 11th in the 110 hurdles (15.26 seconds) and long jump (6.55 meters) and 12th in the 400 (51.69 seconds).

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