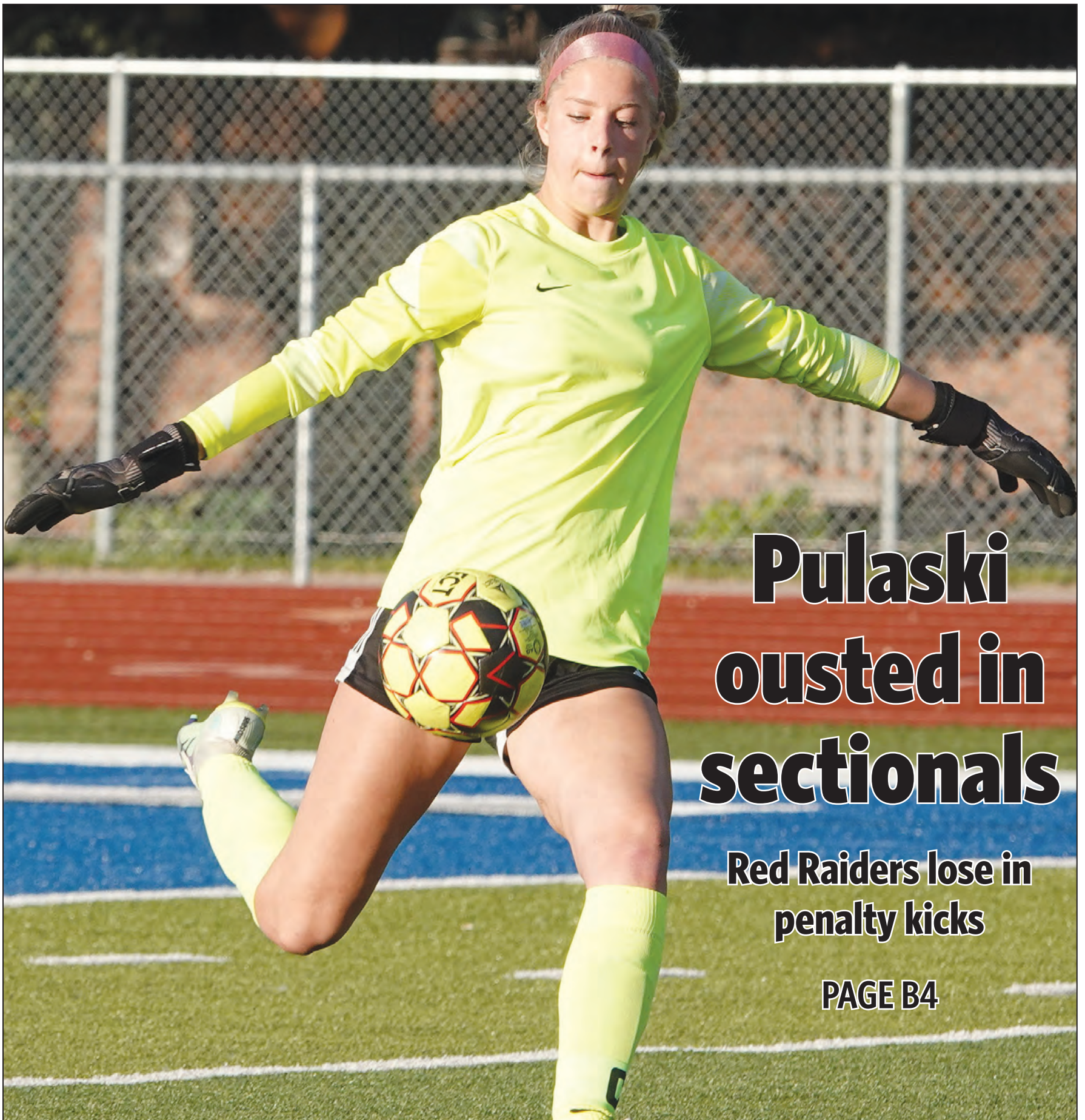




Pulaski ousted in sectionals

**Red Raiders lose in
penalty kicks**

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Pulaski's Ella Sasse prepares the kick the ball during the team's sectional semifinal match against Green Bay Southwest on June 9 in Green Bay.

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The Shawano Ski Sharks complete their 16-person pyramid on their first attempt during the Ski Sharks' first show on June 8.

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Ski Sharks make return for 2022 season

Passehl praises skiers, says there is room for improvement

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Smalley Park was once again filled with community members and water skis for the Shawano Ski Sharks' first official show of the 2022 season on June 8.

"I think what we have is a lot of awesome skiers that are ready to roll," said Ski Sharks president Dave Passehl. "You just never know how the first show is going to go. You don't know how the theme is going to go. You don't know how the time is going."

Due to inclement weather in the past month, Passehl said that the team had limited practice time to



Shawano Ski Sharks team president Dave Passehl walks up and down the dock as he MC's the first show of the 2022 season on June 8.

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prepare for their first show.

"We didn't know what to expect — tonight we got a show where we

learned a lot of things," said Passehl.

"It was one of those years where spring never really happened and we

could not get motivated."

With this being the first show, Passehl believes that the show as a whole can be improved.

"We are here tonight to learn and then polish it up for the future," said Passehl. "We believe that we can bring a very high-class, high-energy and fast-paced show to the water."

Ski Sharks member Shelden Anday echoed Passehl's comments saying that there is room for improvement.

"Once we get things down like boat timing and routes and the skier's timing, I think we will have a quicker, better show," said Anday.

Passehl noted that throughout their upcoming practices, everyone involved needs to be in-sync to produce the best show possible.

"Our practice time is going to have to be productive," said Passehl. "We will get together with the sound crew, we will get together with the actors and we will get together with the skiers. It is a matter of everyone knowing where to be and when. We

saw a lot of different opportunities tonight and next week it will get bigger and better.”

The theme for this year revolves around the game Clue. The Ski Sharks’ mascot, Sharky, is killed and after every act during the show, the skiers would find another clue to help find who killed Sharky.

“We sat down over the winter to write out the theme and the acting,” said Passehl. “Every year it is a little different and this year we thought Clue would be fun.”

Passehl highlighted a couple of new features for the 2022 season.

“The opening of the show this year is a lot of barefoot — that was really neat,” said Passehl. “We are also not opening with a pyramid, which leaves room for more skiers during the next act.”

He also noted the presto-prebuilt pyramid as another feature that may grab the audience’s attention.

“It is two pre-built pyramids going around the jump, climbing into one big, four-high pyramid and then coming back down,” said Passehl. “We have only done it once before this season, so we just need that to sync-up well, as well.”

Anday said that he was impressed to see the girl’s ballet line perform well with limited practice.

“I think one of our better things today was the ballet line, with not a lot of practice,” said Anday. “Our pyramid also worked good too.”

Another goal of Passehl and the Ski Sharks is to raise more community awareness to the team this year. He also noted that the Ski Sharks do play a role in the Shawano community.

“We have built an area for the ski sharks to remain a relevant tourist attraction for the city of Shawano and its guests,” said Passehl. “The reality is that we believe that we do a really good job in a lot of ways with our fans. Normally, we have



Clouds shroud the sky as members of the Shawano Ski Sharks take their first couple rides of the 2022 season on June 8.

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300-400 people at our weekly show — that is a big draw. We want to continue bringing new people out every week.”

In terms of excitement for the rest of the season, Passehl rated his excitement as a 10 out of 10.

“I know that we can do better than we did tonight,” said Passehl. “We have to identify what needs to be worked on, so I will say I am very excited to get better.”

Anday also talked about how excited he was for the rest of the season.

“I am very excited,” said Anday. “We have a very good chance of coming in first at state in Division 2.”

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A group of skiers hold hands to form a straight line during the Shawano Ski Sharks first show in 2022 on June 8.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Pulaski eliminated in epic sectional battle

Red Raiders defeated by Green Bay Southwest

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School girls soccer team saw its season come to a close after losing a hard-fought match against Green Bay Southwest in a Division 2 sectional semifinal on June 9 in Green Bay.

The teams were still tied at zero after 100 minutes of action, so the match went to penalty kicks. The Fox River Classic Conference foes each made three of their five penalty kicks, which sent the game to a sudden victory situation. Southwest made its second penalty kick, while Pulaski had its attempt bounce off the right post.

"There's one thing about this team, that we have never faulted them for their grit," said Pulaski coach Kelly Logue. "They have always dug down, they've always executed what we've asked. They did it tonight. They showed their true character, so I'm very proud of them."

It was a defensive battle between the teams during regulation and the two 10-minute extra periods. While each team was able to put together some strong offensive attacks, Pulaski had just four shots on goal to Southwest's three in the contest.

Fittingly, the teams then matched each other during their first six penalty kick attempts.

Southwest missed high and wide on the first penalty kick, before Pulaski had nearly an identical attempt. After the hosts made their second attempt, Pulaski's Julie Truckenbrod calmly stepped in and connected on her penalty kick.

Southwest also made its second attempt, but Pulaski's Alyssa Jarock answered with a successful attempt.

Pulaski goalie Ella Sasse made a diving save on Southwest's fourth attempt, opening the door for the Red Raiders, but their attempt was also stopped on a diving save.

The hosts connected on their fifth attempt, putting the pressure on Pulaski's Gianna Logue. She pushed the match to a sudden victory situation after stepping in and knocking the ball past the Southwest goalie.



Pulaski's Julie Truckenbrod, left, and Lydia Pratt, right, battle for the ball during a playoff game against Green Bay Southwest on June 9 in Green Bay.

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"As an upperclassman, you got to put the weight of the team on you. You got to put the ball in the back of the net. That's what it comes down to, that's what soccer is about" said Gianna Logue.

"All the girls that took the PK, we've been practicing this, we've done this every single day at practice. It just comes down to who can put the ball in the back of the net."

On Southwest's sixth attempt, Sasse deflected the ball and it ricocheted off the left post and bounced away from the net. With a chance to win it, Pulaski had its attempt bounce off the left post.

Green Bay hit its seventh attempt, putting Pulaski in another pressure situation. The Red Raiders' attempt glanced off the right post, leaving the

visitors in disbelief and the hosts to celebrate with their student section.

The heartbreaking finish was a tough way to end a special postseason story for Pulaski.

The seventh-seeded Red Raiders opened the postseason up with a tight 2-1 win over 10th-seeded Port Washington and then went on the road and upset second-seeded West De Pere 1-0 to set up the matchup with third-seeded Green Bay Southwest.

"I think we were on our redemption tour," said Sasse. "After losing to West De Pere first (who Pulaski lost to 1-0 earlier in the regular season) and now we beat them 1-0 and I think we were hoping to further that stride (against Southwest — a team that beat Pulaski 2-0 in conference play) and I think we were very close."

"We're peaking right now. I couldn't do this without my team, even though it ended under harsh circumstances. But we started as a team, and we ended as a team, and now we're going to proceed as a team."

While the Red Raiders will have to replace Sasse at goalie, the team's only other senior was Mya Thomas, so the future is bright for Pulaski.

Coach Logue said the team "overcame a couple hurdles in the beginning of the season" and said the team's motto was always to stick together and continue to get better every day.

"I think that was evident tonight by their effort on the field, by their communication, by their teamwork," the coach said. "They truly ended the season together."

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Witt-Birn's Scheurer takes 32nd at state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnwood High School's Calvin Scheurer posted a two-round total of 169 to place 32nd at the 2022 State Boys Golf Tournament at Blackwolf Run-Meadows Course in Kohler.

Scheurer fired a round of 85 during the first round on June 6, before tallying an 84 during the second round on June 7.

"Through my two days of competition at state, there were pros and cons to all aspects of my game," said Scheurer. "There was some good shots but also some mishits.

"The weather on Monday was brutal, with it being cold and rainy, but Tuesday was nothing but perfect."

The 13-over par round had Scheurer tied for 29th as an individual after the first day. Scheurer fired a 42 on the front nine and 43 on the back nine.

The Witt-Birn senior birdied hole nine and made pars on seven other holes.

In his final state round, he birdied hole two, while carding seven pars. He shot a 41 on the front nine and 43 on the back nine.

"I was more than happy to end my career at state, since it's been something I've been working towards since freshman year," said Scheurer.

The Witt-Birn senior thanked his grandpa Bill Scheurer for getting him into the sport and coaches Chris Bartletti and Alexis Voss for helping him become the golfer he has.

Bartletti returned a compliment to Scheurer.

"It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to have coached him and see him grow as a player and leader these past four years," said Bartletti. "His work ethic and attitude will be an asset to him in the future and we wish him the very best."

Along with the state appearance this season, Scheurer has played in sectionals in every year a season was held (with the 2020 season being canceled because of the pandemic), was a two-time first team all-conference player and was the sectional medalist this spring.

Winneconne's Winston Knobloch finished first in Division 2 as an individual at state after posting a total score of 147.

Along with the competition on the golf course, Scheurer enjoyed his time in Kohler.

"In Kohler we were able to discover a restaurant that served burgers just about as big as our heads, so that was a first," said Scheurer. "I am definitely going to remember the course and just the competitive atmosphere of the tournament."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

One tough inning costs Hawks in season-ending loss

Shawano's 7th-inning rally falls just short

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School baseball team was unable to overcome a tough third inning and, despite a valiant rally in the seventh, the Hawks' season came to a close June 7 after a 4-3 loss to Notre Dame in a Division 2 sectional semifinal game in Seymour.

It seemed that everything that could possibly go wrong for Shawano in the bottom of the third inning did go wrong.

Notre Dame started the inning with a single off Shawano starter Ashton Henning. The Tritons then tried to bunt the runner over to second, but Henning slipped while fielding the ball and both runners were safe.

Henning then induced a grounder to second, but Wyatt Braun was unable to get the ball out of his glove and over to first in time, so the bases were loaded with no outs. A hit batter allowed Notre Dame to grab the lead.

Henning got the next batter in an 0-2 hole, but the hitter was able to loop a single to left field to plate two more runs. With two outs in the frame, another run scored on a steal of home as Henning's pitch sailed over catcher Carson Popp's head.

"It's tough. And we told the boys that after the game," said Shawano coach Dustin Beyer of the third inning rally by Notre Dame. "It's a couple things that can make or break you, and that's what happened there in the bottom of the third. You got to get the bunts down, and they did. One little slip by Ashton and sometimes that's all it takes — a hit batter and a bleeder to second and your backs are

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Shawano's Andrew Popp is a member of the North All-Stars and will play in the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Classic on June 24-25. More details can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

against the wall."

"That's baseball; that's sectional baseball. That's the way it goes sometimes," added Beyer.

While things looked bleak for the Hawks, Beyer said the team continued to stick to the game plan, which was to run up the pitch count of Notre Dame starting pitcher Caden Capomaccio, a University of Minnesota commit. It took until the seventh inning to reap the benefits of sticking to the plan.

Capomaccio had 90 pitches to start the seventh and had to be removed after going over 100 pitches after Braedyn Kowalkowski and Michael Metcalf-Grassman each reached base for the Hawks. Jacob Polzin was hit by the new pitcher to load the bases with no outs.

Joey Sperberg put together a fantastic at-bat, in which he fouled off several pitches before hitting a grounder up the middle. Notre Dame tried to force out Polzin at second, but failed to execute, allowing each runner to move up a base, Kowalkowski to score and with still no outs.

Zac Jurmu brought Shawano a run closer by plating Metcalf-Grassman on a sacrifice fly, and then Popp drove in Polzin on another sac fly.

Sperberg advanced to second with Henning — Shawano's No. 3 hitter — at the plate, but Henning eventually was a strikeout victim to end the game.

While the rally came up just short, Beyer couldn't have been more pleased with the fight and grit the team showed.

"You know, growing up we had all the talent in the world. We were one of the better teams in the area," said Polzin. "We grew up beating



Shawano's Zac Jurmu follows through on a swing during a Division 2 sectional semifinal playoff game against Notre Dame on June 7 in Seymour.

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teams pretty handily, but we kind of can show our toughness too when we have to come back in those games like this."

"To show a comeback like that — especially at the end of the year, and not to just fall over dead like a lot of teams would — it just shows that we have a pretty special group of guys," added Polzin.

While it was a tough ending to the season, it doesn't diminish what the Hawks accomplished this spring.

Shawano won a share of the Bay Conference title and then won a couple of tight playoff games to advance to sectionals for the first time in over a decade.

"It's nice to know that we

changed things around here," said Popp. "From my freshman year going 3-20 to now look at us, we're at sectionals for the first time since 2006. So we changed things around, changed the culture here for many more years to come."

Outside of the third inning, Henning put together a superb start on the mound. Only three baserunners reached in the other five innings the junior was on the hill.

While all of Shawano's runs came in the final inning, the Hawks were able to put pressure on the Tritons' starter throughout. There were only two frames that Shawano didn't get a runner on.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lena's season comes to an end after sectional loss

Wildcats unable to slow Columbus Catholic

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena High School baseball team jumped out to a quick lead but were unable to limit big innings against them in an 11-2 loss to Columbus Catholic in a Division 4 sectional semifinal playoff game on June 7 in Gillett.

Logan Shallow gave Lena a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning after belting a home run to left field.

Columbus Catholic came back with four runs in the bottom of the inning, three more in the second and four in the fourth to run away with the game. The Wildcats continued to battle until the last out, and extended the game

after scoring once in the fifth.

After Shallow's homer, Lena appeared primed to take down the Dons with Lane Whiting on the bump.

A couple of walks to start the game followed by a two-RBI double gave Columbus Catholic a 2-1 lead, and a couple batters later, a two-RBI single made it 4-1.

"They're just a good team and they hit the ball — nothing we could have did," said Whiting.

Lena had a chance to chip away at the deficit in the second after getting two runners on with no outs, but a strikeout followed by a double play wiped out the threat.

Lena coach Doug Jahnke said after the game that a bunt sign was missed during the inning, which would have

taken away the double play threat and scored at least one run.

Columbus Catholic then added to its lead in its half of the second. Batters who singled and walked with one out eventually scored on a triple. The third run scored on a play where a Columbus Catholic runner was called safe at first on a bang-bang play.

Lena had another call go against them in the third, as Logan Graef was ruled out for having stepped out of the batter's box on his two-out single to right field.

Whiting walked the first batter in the third, and then Lena decided to turn the ball over to Shallow, who ended up pitching the rest of the game.

Lena again had a chance to chip away at the deficit in the fourth after Shallow walked and Bryce Kittredge singled with two down, but a strikeout ended the rally.

Columbus Catholic tacked on four big insurance runs in the bottom of the frame, with the first scoring on a double. The next batter up clubbed a three-run homer.

"I know I leaked a couple (pitches), but they were really good hitters from top to bottom," said Shallow. "They put the ball in play. They hit it hard. They deserved it. They played a really good game."

Needing a run in the fifth to extend the game and avoid the 10-run rule, Sam Marquardt scored on a wild play to do just that.

Marquardt had singled with one down and then stole second. The next batter popped up the ball between the mound and first, and after the pitcher

made the catch, he collided with the first baseman, at which point Marquardt took off for third. The throw to third went into the outfield, allowing Marquardt to glide home.

Shallow put up a couple more zeros on the scoreboard, but the Wildcats were never able to get another offensive rally going.

"We couldn't string together hits in a row," said Jahnke. "We were getting strikeouts when guys were on base."

The coach added that Lena simply got beat by a better team, but that the future was bright for the program.

Lena had been part of a co-op with St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, with the co-op also winning a regional title last year before losing at sectionals. The Wildcats were able to win the regional title on their own this year, while also setting the groundwork for the years to come.

"It was an incredibly successful year for these guys, but what I'm excited for is those younger kids having an opportunity to play and a place to go after 12U — because before, that's where it fell off for Lena baseball," said Jahnke.

It was a strong senior class that helped serve as the nucleus this year.

"It feels great," said Shallow, one of the seniors. "We got a lot of little kids that are loving it. Our Babe Ruth program is looking good and everyone is excited for baseball in Lena. It's promising and I hope we're in Lena for many years."

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Lena's Josh Kristof watches after hitting the ball during a Division 4 sectional semifinal playoff game against Columbus Catholic on June 7 in Gillett.

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Lena players celebrate after Logan Shallow, center, hit a home run during a sectional playoff game against Columbus Catholic on June 7 in Gillett.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

3 Panthers earn all-conference honors

Bouche, Vandermoss make 2nd team

Three Oconto Falls High School baseball players were named to North Eastern Conference teams after the spring season wrapped up.

Juniors Grant Bouche and Braden Vandermoss each made the second team, while senior Jake Sager was an honorable mention.

Vandermoss had a .344 batting average in 16 conference games. Six of his 11 hits were doubles, and he drove in six runs.

The junior walked 13 times, swiped five bases and scored five times. Vandermoss was named the team's MVP.

"I am super grateful to have earned second team all-conference this year," said Vandermoss. "It lets me know that people are noticing my hard work, and that is a great feeling for me. I'm also grateful to have been able to help my team win some games this year and help them compete in many more."

"I am very optimistic about my senior year, and I look forward to helping my team win even more games. Earning second team all-conference this year has motivated me to continue working hard and to motivate the underclassmen to do the same."

Bouche played in all 18 conference games, finishing with a .272 batting average.

The junior drove in six runs, walked seven times and scored four runs. He also had two sacrifices.

"I am honored to be recognized by other coaches to be selected for second team," said Bouche. "As for



Oconto Falls' Braden Vandermoss makes a throw to first during the team's North Eastern Conference game over Marinette on May 20 in Oconto Falls. Vandermoss made the North Eastern Conference second team this spring.

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next year I am motivated to get better in the offseason and work hard to accomplish my goals."

Sager also played in every conference game, sporting a .275 batting average. He drove in seven runs on his 14 hits.

Sager also scored 12 runs for the Panthers. He drew seven walks.

"Well the season did not turn out how we wanted it to," said Sager. "Personally I did not play to my maximum potential, but I still think I played well seeing I got an all-con-

ference spot. I'm glad I got to end my senior season on a good note."

Bouche and Sager were voted team captains for the season. Cy Vizelka was the team's most improved player.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Pulaski's DeCleene tabbed FRCC Co-Player of Year

6 Red Raiders earn conference recognition

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Gabrielle DeCleene was named the Co-Player of the Year in the Fox River Classic Conference and was one of six Pulaski players named to an all-conference team for this spring season.

DeCleene and Olivia Kubiak each made the all-conference first team in their senior seasons, while sophomore teammates Cassie Benberg and Morgan Vertz also were first teamers.

Senior Meghan Molthen landed on the second team for the Red Raiders, while senior Brynn Egnarski was an honorable mention.

It marks the second straight spring that DeCleene was the Co-Player of the Year in the FRCC. She shared the honor with Green Bay Preble's Brooke Hock this year.

"I think being named Co-Conference Player of the Year for the second straight year is mind blowing to me," said DeCleene. "It really allows me to take in all the hard work that I have put in to the last two years. There are so many talented players in the FRCC and to be named Co-Player of the Year back-to-back is something that will stick with me forever."

In 22 games this spring, DeCleene was nothing short of spectacular, posting an eye-popping .549 batting average and .605 on-base percentage.

Of her 39 hits, DeCleene clubbed 11 home runs, 11 doubles and two triples. She drove in 37 runs and scored 36 times.

As if that wasn't enough, DeCleene also earned a win in all four of the games she pitched in. She covered 21 innings in those games and allowed only six earned runs. DeCleene struck out 27 batters and walked just one.

"My family had a huge impact on my whole softball career," said DeCleene. "I have four other siblings so when it comes to support, I have a lot. My family always pushes me to become not only a better player but a teammate and competitor."

"I also think my coaches helped me. They believed in me in every part of the game. They allowed me to become the best player I could be, and pushed me to my greatest achievements."

Kubiak was the team's catcher, helping guide Vertz and DeCleene through games. She also was a big threat at the plate.

Kubiak ended the season with a .408 batting average and .430 on-base percentage. Ten of the senior's 31 hits went for extra bases, including a pair of home runs. She drove in 20 runs and scored 19 times.

"I appreciate the recognition for the work I have put in the last four years in high school," said Kubiak. "But what was the most special part was to play my senior year with the teammates I had. Some of them I've been playing with for many years."

Vertz was the team's primary pitcher, compiling a 13-7 record and



Pulaski's Gabrielle DeCleene gets into a defensive position during a conference game against Green Bay Preble on April 14 in Pulaski. DeCleene was named the Co-Player of the Year in the Fox River Classic Conference this spring.

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Pulaski's Olivia Kubiak looks to her dugout to get a sign during the team's playoff game against Green Bay Southwest on May 24 in Pulaski. Kubiak was one of four Red Raiders to make the all-conference first team this spring.

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covering 116 1/3 innings this spring.

The sophomore had a 1.74 earned run average after allowing only 29 earned runs. She struck out 137 batters and walked only 28.

Vertz was also terrific at the plate, posting a .419 batting average and .451 on-base percentage. She legged out five extra-base hits among her 31 total hits, drove in 16 runs and scored 18 runs.

"It's truly an honor to be named first team all-conference the second year in a row. I definitely couldn't have done it without my team's defense," said Vertz. "There are a lot of amazing pitchers in the FRCC, so it was really up in the air on who was going to get it this year."

Benberg enjoyed a monster sophomore season, hitting for a .480 average and getting on base at a .524 clip.

Benberg, who played the outfield, belted five home runs and had 11 extra-base hits out of her 36 total hits. She drove in 26 runs and also scored 26 runs.

"It's always nice to have your hard work recognized, especially with so many talented players in our conference," said Benberg, who added this season will give her confidence for her final two years. "Being younger, I've been looking

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up to some of these girls for years and just being on the all-conference team with them is an honor. Truthfully, it isn't about individual recognition for me, it's about doing whatever I can to help our team win."

Molthen put up strong numbers at the plate to earn her second team spot. She had a .408 batting average and .443 on-base percentage.

The senior doubled and tripled four times, homered twice and finished with 29 total hits. She drove in 27 runs and scored 19 times. Molthen was the team leader with seven sacrifices.

Egnarski made the honorable mention list even after only playing 12 games.

She was off to a strong start before sustaining an injury.

Egnarski had a .371 batting average to go along with a .463 on-base percentage. She finished with seven extra-base hits among her 13 hits, drove in 12 runs and scored 16 times.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Mustangs' Stuhr named CWC-North Player of Year again

Several other
Marion, Bowler,
Gresham, Tigerton
players honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Marion High School baseball player Jaden Stuhr was named the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division's Player of the Year for a second straight spring.

Stuhr was one of four Mustangs on the first team and eight total that were honored. Joe Stuhr was named the conference's Coach of the Year after the Mustangs won the conference title.

Bowler had five players recognized for their play this spring. Gresham had four players honored, while Tigerton had three.

Jaden Stuhr was a star on the mound for Marion, covering 48 innings and pitching to an 11-1 record for the entire season. He had a 1.45 earned run average after surrendering just 10 runs. Stuhr struck out 107 batters while allowing 35 walks and 23 hits.

Stuhr played second base or outfield when not on the hill. At the plate, he finished the year with a .422 batting average. He posted four doubles and four triples, stole 16 bases, walked 24 times, scored 29 times and drove in 28 runs.

"I am very grateful to be named Player of the Year for two consecutive years now," said Stuhr. "It's been a goal of mine to achieve this honor since I was young, and to earn the respect from rival coaches means a lot since there are many other players who also have tons of talent in this great game."

Stuhr's freshman season was wiped out by the pandemic, so he will try to cap his high school career by winning the award in each of his three seasons next spring.

"I will definitely be working hard this offseason to try getting that 3/3,



Marion's Jaden Stuhr pitches during the team's CWC-North victory over Bowler on May 16 in Bowler. Stuhr was named the conference's Player of the Year after a big junior season.

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but I'll only get it if I deserve it," said Stuhr. "I would quick like to thank my coaches, teammates, and everyone else who put time into helping me with extra reps and being so supportive."

Senior Alex Zimmerman, junior Nick Malueg and sophomore Ryan Malueg joined Stuhr on the first team.

Zimmerman was one of Stuhr's top competitors for the Player of the Year honor, playing shortstop and

pitching for the Mustangs.

On the hill, Zimmerman earned a 4-1 record while covering 23 1/3 innings. The senior struck out 34 batters while allowing 30 baserunners and only six earned runs.



Tigerton's Asher Michaelis looks on after hitting the ball during a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover game against Menominee Indian on April 26 in Tigerton. Michaelis made the all-conference first team in his junior season.

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Zimmerman produced a hit at the plate more often than not, finishing with a .509 average. He drove in 28 runs, stole 14 bases and drew 11 walks. Zimmerman doubled four times and legged out one triple.

"It means a lot to me, it's a big accomplishment and is nice to be able to make the first team for my final year," said Zimmerman. "(I) Couldn't get the Player of the Year, but Jaden definitely deserved it. It was just nice to play with the team I did this year, that team is worth more to me than first team."

Nick Malueg was a spark at the top of Marion's lineup with a .407 batting average. He drew 15 walks, stole 19 bases and scored 29 runs. The junior doubled six times, drove in 13 runs and committed zero errors from his centerfield position.

Malueg also pitched 6 innings, striking out eight batters and recording a save. He allowed three earned runs.

"I am extremely honored to make first team all-conference," said Malueg. "I had an amazing team around me all season, and some great pitching. Everyone contributed to the success of this season. Coach Joe made some great calls all year, even when times were close. As you know baseball is not my main sport, and I am excited to say that I now am first team in more than just football."

Ryan Malueg played second base

and shortstop while also helping out on the hill for the Mustangs.

On the mound, the sophomore covered 18 2/3 innings, winning one game and earning a save in another. He struck out 27 batters and allowed 11 earned runs.

Malueg hit for a .491 average at the plate while driving in 21 runs and scoring 29 more. He doubled seven times and also tripled and homered. The sophomore walked 14 times and stole 13 bases.

"Well it means a lot knowing what I can do if I put my mind to it," said Malueg of the first-team honor. "Last year I knew I had to work harder to earn second or first team and I accomplished that goal of mine. It's gonna motivate me more to work harder and push myself to accomplish more of my goals."

Joe Stuhr led the Mustangs to a 12-0 record in conference play to earn his coaching honor. The Mustangs finished the year 16-2.

Gresham's Austin Sperberg landed on the first team all-conference after a strong senior season.

Sperberg posted a .566 average to make the first team. He played all over the infield for the Wildcats.

Bowler's Danian Schultz made the first team in only his sophomore season.

Schultz pitched and played center-field for the Panthers this spring.

"First team means a lot to me because it shows all my work is paying off," said Schultz. "Getting first team this year motivates me to work harder and focus my eyes on the Player of the Year spot."

Tigerton also had one first team selection in junior Asher Michaelis. He played third and pitched for the Tigers.

"It's a great feeling to be on first team. I was actually a little surprised that I got first team but I'm still super excited and it just means that I have to work harder next year to be better yet and keep on improving," said Michaelis. "I can't be complacent and keep working and come back better than ever."

Marion junior Jack Van Kooy and sophomore Jay Brei each made the second team.

Van Kooy played the outfield for the Mustangs. He posted a .319 batting average and drove in 14 runs. He stole nine bases and drew seven walks at the plate, while committing no errors in the field.

Brei was the team's primary catcher, while also doing some pitching. He pitched 6 2/3 innings and struck out nine batters. At the plate, Brei drove in 24 runs, walked eight times and posted a .435 average.

Gresham senior Lukas Pecore and sophomore Bryson Nelson each landed on the second team.



Gresham's Lukas Pecore follows through on a home run swing during a CWC-North game against Manawa on May 5 in Gresham. Pecore made the all-conference second team in his senior season.

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Pecore played all over the infield for the Wildcats. He hit .500 in conference play.

Nelson split time between the infield and outfield. He finished with a .323 average.

Junior Marcus Malone made the second team for Bowler after serving as the team's shortstop.

Tigerton juniors Colby Wanta and Ryder Graham also were second team selections.

Marion senior Ethan Scheef and sophomore Jackson Krohn made the honorable mention list.

Scheef was an outfielder for the Mustangs. He finished the year with a .347 average, driving in 11 runs along the way. Scheef also scored 13 runs, walked nine times and stole 10 bases.

Krohn played third base primarily and had a .422 average on the season. He drove in 15 runs and scored 17 times. Krohn walked eight times and stole 13 bases.

Gresham senior catcher Belasaire Vele was also an honorable mention. He hit for a .343 average in CWC-North play.

Bowler had three players earn honorable mention nods. Senior Wylee Dodge played first base, while junior Beau Brunner played all over the field and sophomore Tully Kroening primarily played catcher.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

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East-West Division

Marion 8

Leopolis 5

Marion took down Leopolis on June 12 in Marion.

Mitch Elandt led Marion with three hits, while Jake Westphal and Jon Dunlevy had two each.

Jaden Stuhr picked up the win on the mound after working five innings.

Alex Zimmerman got on base four times for Leopolis. Ryan Malueg was the losing pitcher.

Tigerton 7

Gresham 2

Tigerton picked up a road win over Gresham on June 12 in Gresham,

Paul Sellner earned the win for Tigerton, while Paul Murphy was tagged with the loss for Gresham.

Gresham's Tom Nietzer was the only player on either team with two hits.

Caroline 15

Tilleda 6

Caroline rolled past Tilleda on June 12 in Caroline.

Austin Hoffman drove in three runs on three hits for Caroline, while Neal Desrochers also had three hits.

Desrochers also earned the win on the hill after striking out six batters over six innings.

Landon Kroening took the loss for Tilleda. Brad Bartz and Stephen Reinke each posted three hits, while Zach Fehrman and Hunter Ellenbecker had two each.

Little Falls 15

Clintonville 1

Little Falls dominated Clintonville on June 12 in Clintonville.

Carter Kurki earned the win on the mound after striking out eight over nine innings. Jaden Doornink took the loss.

Kal Fischer and Nate Korb each drove in three runs on three hits for Little Falls. Kurki had three hits, while Kyle Finger doubled twice.

Turner Doornink homered and tallied three of Clintonville's six hits.

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Neopit 21

Shawano 7

Neopit tripled up Shawano on June 12 in Neopit.

Mequon Frechette led Neopit's offensive attack with four hits. Ray White and Jamison Besaw had three hits each.

Dallas Madosh picked up the win on the hill. Ray Lemieux Jr. suffered the loss.

George Bruette had three hits for Shawano, while Pete Bruette and Noah James had two knocks each.

Northern Division

Hatley 12

Aniwa 10

Hatley knocked off Aniwa in a high-scoring battle June 12 in Aniwa.

Hayden Davidowski and Tanner Kocher led Hatley with three hits each. Josh Matushak and Kyle Zblewski each homered.

Wade Farmer, Ryan Govek and Cory Mortenson all posted two hits for Aniwa. Farmer belted a homer.

Antigo/Polar 12

Wittenberg 2

Antigo/Polar cruised to a win over Wittenberg on June 12 in Antigo.

Cole Kuenzli picked up the win for Antigo/Polar, while Nate Waupekenay took the loss.

Eli Fleischman and AJ Kirsch led the co-op with three and two hits, respectively.

Zach Urquhart led Wittenberg with three hits.

Eland 12

Elderon 2

Eland eased to a lopsided win over Elderon on June 12 in Elderon.

Tyler Nelson got the win for Eland, while Casey Kerstner was dealt the loss.

Jarod Richter, Kyle Groshek and Jacob Ligenza all homered for Eland. Richter, Groshek and Tyler Nelson finished with two hits each.

Matt Meronk led Elderon with a homer, while Justin Meronk tallied two hits.

DAIRYLAND HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano 11

Navarino 3

Shawano toppled Navarino in a June 12 matchup in Navarino.

Shawano scored nine runs in the eighth inning after trailing 3-2 entering the frame.

Ben Prodel led Navarino with three hits, while Ryan Boettcher had two. Boettcher pitched the first 7 2/3 innings, striking out four and allowing four earned runs. Tyler Rosin got the final four outs.

Shawano is now 3-2 on the season, while Navarino drops to 0-5.

Bonduel 5

Hortonville 4

Bonduel rallied past Hortonville in a June 12 game in Bonduel.

Bonduel scored four runs in the eighth inning, with Hunter Van Der Linden's two-RBI single being the key hit.

Chase Reinke started for Bonduel before J.C. Reinke pitched in relief and got the win. Adam Frost homered for Bonduel, which improved to 5-1 overall.

Hortonville is now 4-2 this summer.

Cecil 4

Hofa Park 2

Cecil doubled up Hofa Park on June 12 in Cecil.

Jake Polzin drew a bases-loaded walk to give Cecil the lead in the eighth. Kenny Casper and Noah Beilfuss posted multiple hits for the Mudhens.

Beilfuss pitched the first seven innings for Cecil, striking out eight batters. Tucker Bouche worked the final two innings and got the win.

Waupaca 9

Hofa Park 0

Waupaca blanked Hofa Park on June 12 in Hofa Park to improve to 7-0 on the season.

Hofa Park slipped to 1-4 overall.

Cecil 5

Nichols 2

Cecil earned a road win over Nichols on June 12 in Nichols.

The Mudhens improved to 2-3 overall, while the Nitros dropped to 0-7.

LEGION HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano 4

Oconto Falls 1

Shawano built a 3-0 lead after two innings and took down Oconto Falls on June 9 in Oconto Falls.

Carson Popp, Andrew Popp and Braedyn Kowalkowski each drove in a run for Shawano. Zac Jurmu and

Ashton Henning tallied two hits and scored two runs each.

Brady Glysch earned the win after allowing a run over five innings. Jacob Polzin got the save after working two scoreless frames.

Grady McNichols drove in Easton Engel for Oconto Falls' run. Jack Adler started on the mound and took the loss after working 5 1/3 innings. Grant Bouche got the last five outs.

3 area distance runners fare well at The Wisco Mile

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Gillett Secondary School's Alex and Evan Peterson and recent Oconto Falls High School graduate Grant Yuma all competed in The Wisco Mile on June 11 at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee.

Alex Peterson ran in the third section of runners and turned in a second-place time of 4 minutes, 29.6 seconds. He placed 16th overall.

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Evan Peterson also finished second in his section, posting a time of 4:41.42. He claimed 27th overall.

Grant Yuma ran in the first section of runners and had a time of 5:11.58 to take 12th. Yuma placed 66th overall in the 72-runner field.

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