



WITT-BIRN QUALIFIES FOR STATE

**Chargers topple Marathon
twice to win regional**

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Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood's Logan Thiex throws to first base during a regional game against Tomahawk on July 22 in Tomahawk.

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LEGION BASEBALL

Witt-Birn wins regional, qualifies for state

WB won regional with 5-1 record

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood Legion baseball team posted a 5-1 record to win the Tomahawk Regional on July 25.

Witt-Birn won four straight elimination games to emerge as the regional champions. The team will play in the Class A state tournament in Viroqua from July 29-Aug. 2.

“We pitched really well and came up with some timely hits, which also allowed us to save some pitching as it becomes a chess match with amount of appearances a player can make on the mound and pitch count coming into play,” said Witt-Birn coach Jason Rieck.

Witt-Birn’s tournament began with a matchup against Tomahawk on July 22. The team made things look easy on its way to an 11-0 win in five innings.

Carter Herb, Bryce Zorowski and Ian Salvesen all drove in two runs for Witt-Birn, while David Gauderman, Austin Worzalla, Nathan Waupekenay and Braeden Groshek had a RBI each. Herb, Zorowski and Salvesen had two hits each, while Worzalla, Evan Meverden and Herb scored two runs each.

Witt-Birn scored at least two runs in the four half-innings it batted in, with a three-run second and four-run third powering the lopsided win.

Logan Thiex started on the hill and worked three strong innings to earn the win, with four strikeouts along the way.

Gauderman and Salvesen tossed a scoreless inning each to complete the shutout.

Witt-Birn played Marathon next on the morning of July 23 and led 1-0 after a fourth inning run. Marathon grabbed the lead in the fifth with four runs and held Witt-Birn to a single run in the seventh to win 4-2.

Salvesen drove in a run and had two hits for Witt-Birn, while Ben Wesolowski drove in the other run. Chase Krull and Evan Meverden tallied two hits each, with Mason



Witt-Birn’s Austin Worzalla slides safely into third base during a regional game against Tomahawk on July 22 in Tomahawk.

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Meverden and Krull scoring the two runs.

Waupekenay pitched all six innings for WB, striking out two batters along the way.

Witt-Birn began its run of elimination game wins with a 12-2 rout of Niagara in six innings in its second game on July 23. The team scored five runs in the second and four in the sixth to run away with the game.

Evan Meverden led the team’s offense with four hits, two RBIs and two runs scored. Thiex drove in two runs on three hits, while Salvesen had two RBIs on two hits. Zorowski and Wesolowski scored twice each, with Wesolowski also driving in a pair.

Gauderman earned the win after striking out six batters across five frames. Wesolowski got the final three outs.

Witt-Birn’s first win on July 24 came against Crandon, with WB prevailing 8-1.

Waupekenay drove in two runs, while Herb, Salvesen and Zorowski had two hits each. Krull and Wesolowski scored twice each.

Mason Meverden was the win-

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ning pitcher, allowing an unearned run across five innings. Worzalla and Salvesen each tossed a scoreless inning to finish off the win.

Witt-Birn then used four pitchers in a 9-5 win over Marathon in another game July 24. WB scored all nine runs in the first two innings, with seven coming in the opening frame.

Krull drove in two runs, while Wesolowski, Thiex and Mason Meverden had two hits each. Mason Meverden scored two of the team’s runs.

Thiex started the game on the hill but only worked two innings after Witt-Birn grabbed the big lead. Wesolowski allowed two unearned runs in an inning of work before Krull surrendered three runs over two innings.

Evan Meverden tossed two scoreless innings to finish off the win and set up a winner take all game between Witt-Birn and Marathon on July 25.

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It was a back-and-forth battle for most of the game before Witt-Birn scored a run in the sixth and twice in the seventh to pull away.

Mason Meverden and Thiex drove in two runs each. Mason Meverden led the team with three hits, while Zorowski had two hits and three runs scored.

Thiex started his third game of the regional and earned the win after working six innings. He struck out six batters along the way.

Worzalla pitched the seventh inning to seal up the win and regional title for Witt-Birn.

“I’m excited for the boys to have this opportunity,” said Rieck. “What might be even cooler is that last time WB was at state was in 1998 where Viroqua hosted, and now we have two players whose dads were on that team who are playing now — center fielder Chase Krull, father Corey Krull, and shortstop Ian Salvesen, father Matt Salvesen.



Witt-Birn's Evan Meverden begins running to second base during a regional game against Tomahawk on July 22 in Tomahawk.

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Witt-Birn's Ian Salvesen makes a throw during a regional game against Tomahawk on July 22 in Tomahawk.

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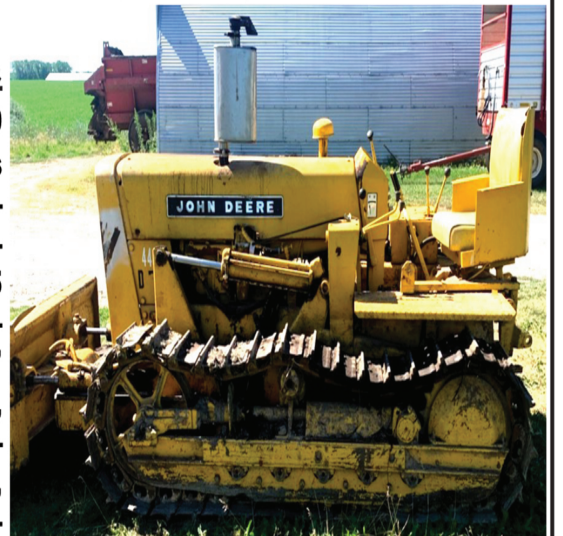
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LEGION BASEBALL

Shawano falls short of regional title

Pulaski eliminated after going 0-2

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Legion baseball team fell a couple wins shy of winning the New London Regional.

Shawano finished 2-2 at the regional that ran July 22-25, with both losses coming to Seymour.

Pulaski also competed at the regional, finishing 0-2.

Shawano

Shawano's tournament began with hard-fought 8-5 win over Kaukauna on July 22. The teams were deadlocked at three when Shawano put up five runs in the sixth inning.

Jacob Polzin drove in two runs for Shawano, while Brady Hannes, Bryce Popp, Carsen Herm, Andrew Popp and Carson Popp all drove in a run. Herm and Andrew Popp led the team with two hits each, while Braedyn Kowalkowski scored twice.

Polzin pitched all seven innings to earn the win on the mound, striking out seven batters along the way. Only three of the runs he allowed were earned.

The win set up a showdown with Seymour on July 23. Shawano jumped out to a 4-0 lead but Seymour scored once in the fifth and four times in the sixth to surge ahead and steal the win.

Bryce Popp had a big two-RBI hit for Shawano, with Andrew Popp and Zac Jurmu also being credited with an RBI each. Kowalkowski and Andrew Popp tallied two hits each.

Ashton Henning started and pitched the first 5 1/3 innings, striking out eight batters. Bryce Popp came on in relief in the sixth and was tagged with the loss after allowing Seymour's fifth run. Brady Glysch finished the contest on the mound, getting the final four outs.

Shawano then played an elimination game against Waupaca on July 24, using a five-run third frame to pull ahead and then scored four late runs to win 9-4.

Herm drove in three runs, while Polzin had two RBIs for the Patri-

ots. Carson Popp, Andrew Popp and Henning also drove in a run.

Jurmu and Henning tallied two hits each. Carson Popp and Henning scored two runs for Shawano.

Glysch pitched all seven innings, working around eight hits and four walks. He struck out two batters.

Shawano then met Seymour again on July 25, needing a pair of wins to win the regional. Seymour again was able to top Shawano, this time in an 8-2 final.

Seymour scored its eight runs between the second and fifth innings, with three-run fourth and fifth innings.

Carson Popp tallied two hits and drove in a run for Shawano. Jurmu and Carson Popp scored the team's runs.

Dylan Hodkiewicz started for the Patriots and worked the first 3 2/3 innings. Bryce Popp then got the next three outs before Herm came on and worked the final 2 1/3 innings.

Pulaski

Pulaski opened the tournament with an 8-1 loss to Seymour in five innings on July 22. Seymour led 7-1 after two innings.

Kyle Olson drove in Michael Wyent in the second inning for Pulaski's lone run. Pulaski finished with three hits, all singles.

Lincoln Simons was dealt the loss on the mound after getting the first five outs. Only one of the seven runs he allowed was earned.

Will Friedman pitched the next 2 1/3 innings, allowing one unearned run.

The loss sent Pulaski into an elimination game against New London on July 23.

Things started well for Pulaski, which built a 5-2 lead after two innings, but a pair of three-run innings helped New London rally and win 8-6.

Jonah Klingeisen picked up Pulaski's only two RBIs in the game. Wyent and Olson recorded two hits each, with Olson also scoring twice. Brayden Otto, Logan Hochevar, Klingeisen and Simons scored the other runs.

Olson started and pitched the first 4 2/3 innings, striking out three along the way. Klingeisen pitched the other 2 1/3 innings for Pulaski, not allowing a run.

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Shawano's Andrew Popp drives in a run during the team's regional tournament game against Seymour on July 23 in New London.

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Pulaski's Will Friedman makes a throw during the team's regional tournament game against New London on July 23 in New London.

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LEGION BASEBALL

Bonduel eliminated after inspiring run at regional

Oconto Falls went 0-2

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Bonduel Legion baseball team's time at the Freedom Regional was eventful.

The Grizzlies opened the regional with a 7-2 loss to Little Chute on July 21, which sent the team into elimination games the rest of the way.

Bonduel made it all the way to Sunday before bowing out of the tournament. The Grizzlies topped Freedom 11-4 on July 22 before a 5-1 win over Wrightstown and 5-3 triumph over Little Chute on July 23.

Bonduel was eliminated after an 10-2 loss to Denmark on July 24. Had the Grizzlies won that game, they would have needed to defeat Denmark once more to emerge as regional champs.

Oconto Falls also competed in the regional, going 0-2. Oconto Falls lost 11-0 to Denmark on July 22 and 6-1 to Clintonville on July 23.

Bonduel

Bonduel was limited to a pair of seventh-inning runs during its 7-2 loss to Little Chute. Cole Anderson and Brodie Hartman scored the runs for Bonduel, which had five hits in the contest.

Mason Bohm took the loss on the mound. He struck out five batters over 4 1/3 innings. Charlie Tauchen got the final eight outs, with three strikeouts along the way.

Bonduel clubbed two homers in its win over Freedom. Garrett Engel got the scoring started with a solo homer in the first inning before Noah Weier belted a grand slam in the fifth inning for the team's final runs.

Brodie Hartman doubled in a run to give the Grizzlies a 2-0 lead. Reece Stoltenow delivered a two-RBI single that made it 4-0 before Anderson drove in the fifth run on a single.

After Freedom crept back within three, Carson Robaidek scored on an error before Engel plated Weier with a single to make it 7-2.

Freedom added two runs to trail by three again before Weier delivered the knockout blow. Anderson pitched all seven innings to earn the win on the hill.

In the victory over Wrightstown, Weier got the win on the hill after striking out nine batters over seven innings. The run he allowed was un-



Bonduel's Cole Anderson follows through on a swing during the team's regional game against Freedom on July 22 at VFW Memorial Park in Freedom.

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earned, and he only allowed five hits.

Four of Bonduel's runs came in the fourth inning. Brett Margelofsky drove in two runs on two hits for the Grizzlies, while Stoltenow and Robaidek added two hits each. Engel scored two runs.

Bonduel scored four times in the third inning to take down Little Chute 5-3.

Anderson scored two runs and finished with three hits for Bonduel. Weier, Tauchen and Easton Reinke all drove in a run each.

Hartmann earned the win on the hill, striking out five batters over 6 2/3 innings. Jack Johnson got the final out to seal the win.

In the season-ending loss to Denmark, Johnson and Anderson scored Bonduel's runs in the fourth inning. Engel tallied three hits while Anderson had two.

Johnson was the losing pitcher after working the first four innings. Tauchen pitched two innings while Karson Stoss got three outs.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls fell behind 5-0 early on against Denmark and was never able to recover.

Grady McNichols posted two hits for Oconto Falls, which had five hits as a team. The team left six runners on base.

Jake Sager took the loss on the mound after getting the first two outs of the game. Cole Bozile got the next seven outs before Braden Vandermoss



Oconto Falls' Grady McNichols tracks down the ball during the team's regional game against Denmark on July 22 at VFW Memorial Park in Freedom.

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and Jeff Virtues worked an inning.

In the setback to Clintonville, Oconto Falls trailed 2-1 after a run in the third, but a three-run fifth from Clintonville helped them pull away.

Sager was again tagged for the loss on the mound. This time, he pitched six innings and struck out a pair.

Sager led the team at the plate with two hits and a walk. McNichols walked three times, stole three bases and scored the team's lone run. Vandermoss got on base twice, with a hit and walk.



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Ski Sharks finish 4th at state championships

Team earns pair of awards

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Shawano Ski Sharks turned in a solid showing at the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships on July 21-22 on Lake Wazeecha in Wisconsin Rapids. The team earned a couple of awards, had several individuals place well and claimed fourth place as a team.

The Ski Sharks performed as a team on July 22, racking up 1,256.8 points to come in fourth in Division 2. Shawano finished behind the Crivitz Ski Cats (1,410.02), Badwater Ski-ers (1,289.68) and Water Walkers (1,269.66).

The awards ceremony was postponed because of adverse weather in the area, so the team had to wait a little longer than usual to hear how it did. The Ski Sharks were initially a bit surprised they didn't place higher than they did. But when factoring in some tough competition, and then looking how close in points they were to the second- and third-place teams, some of the disappointment faded away.

"The fourth-place finish is definitely respectable; there's no doubt about it," said Dave Passehl, team president. "Our expectations were to go there and win, and sometimes when you do that, things don't go perfect."

"The competition was tough. The top five teams in our division were awfully good. We'll figure out what happened. It's always a scoring game, and we've got very smart people in our show and on our team that will figure that out and we'll make adjustments for next year. The good news is that every year, we continue to get better and better, which means we'll be just that much better next year."

The highlight of the show was when the Ski Sharks made history putting their adaptive skier Alex Bork on the water. It was the first time an act like that ever hit the water at state.

Bork was joined by team members Faith Passehl, Sheldon Anday and Sandor Anday on the water, and that quartet won the Most Original Act Award. Passehl was swiveling while being pulled behind Bork, who was anchored by the Andays.



Shawano Ski Shark members, from left, Carsten McHugh, Alex Bork and Faith Passehl hold up some of the honors the team received during the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships. CONTRIBUTED

Carsten McHugh, the team's show director this summer, was handed the Skip Gilkerson Showmanship Award. According to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation website, "The Skip Gilkerson Showmanship Award recognizes the best showmanship exhibited by and individual or an act in each division. This award was established by the WWSF in 2017."

Shawano's high individual club act and doubles act each earned second-place marks among Division 2 teams. The team's pyramids earned a third-place mark.

The Ski Sharks' dock and equipment personnel earned the team 61 points and was fifth. The team's pick-up boat crews and tow boat driving marks were also fifth and accumu-

lated 211 and 525 points, respectively.

Shawano also earned fifth-place marks for showmanship and its sound crew. The team's overall show mark of 1,468 was behind only the Ski Cats (1,683) and Walkers (1,617).

The Ski Sharks' ballet line came in fourth, while its barefoot act was fifth. The team's jump act came in sixth, while its swivel act was seventh.

Passehl said the team's ballet line, typically one of the team's strongest acts, crashed during the show. Luckily, the Mercury powered Malibu boats that power the team had enough time to run the ballet line again at the end of the show, and they turned in a perfect run. He said it was surprising to finish fourth in that category despite boasting the biggest line among any state team and going around perfectly in its second run.

Passehl added that in time, the fourth-place finish will be one the team looks at fondly, but he also thinks it will serve as a motivational tool going into state next year.

In the individual competition that took place July 21, Ski Sharks' Brad Keuschel teamed up with Kylie Wallace for a fifth-place finish in the strap doubles competition with a mark of 12.43. Jessa Jochman and Carsten McHugh placed 16th with a score of 6.56.

Faith Passehl competed in the Division 1 swivel competition. Even after one fall, she earned a score of 14.33 with a routine she described as "very technically difficult" to place sixth.

Cody Siolka, who competed under the Ski Sharks' team name, placed second in the freestyle jump with a mark of 485.

At the WWSF Division 2 individual tournament in Shawano on July 16, Shawano's Faith McHugh placed 10th in the intermediate swivel competition. Carsten McHugh won the intermediate freestyle jump competition, while teammate Ben Wagner was third.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

5 area players enjoy all-star experience

Shawano's Lowney, Witt-Birn's Wesolowski throw touchdown passes

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Five area high school football players enjoyed their Wisconsin Football Coaches Association all-star game experiences in Oshkosh.

Shawano's Elliott Lowney was on the North Large team, which was coached by Shawano's Alan Tomow. The North topped the South 21-20 on July 16 at Titan Stadium.

Lowney played his typical wide receiver position, while also punting for the team because nobody else had experience at that position. The Bemidji State commit made a difference all over the field.

The North ran a double reverse play in the third quarter, which gave Lowney a chance to show off his arm. He threw a deep pass to Kaukauna's Carson Sippel for a 62-yard touchdown to put the team up 14-7.

"Coming out of the half we had a trick play in and coach told us that we were going to run it at some point no matter what, so when he called it I knew I just had to throw it out there and let Carson go make a play, and with the line making great blocks, I did just that," said Lowney.

He also had one rush for 14 yards and caught two passes for 18 yards. He punted five times for 184 yards, saving his best for last.

"My No. 1 goal was to not shank a punt during the game and thankfully I did not, but I did have a really good punt pinning the South inside the 15 with 50 seconds left in the game to seal it," said Lowney.

After missing a chunk of his senior season with an injury, Lowney was thrilled to get one final chance to showcase his talents at the high school level, and getting to play under Tomow one last time was also a treat.

"Leading up to the game it was a lot of fun. The group of guys we had there were so fun to be around

which made everything go a lot smoother," said Lowney, who added that the two practices a day leading up to the game was a preview of what college ball would be like. "Any school rivalry was put aside and we came together as one unit and by the end of the week we were one big family."

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski helped the North Small team to a convincing 25-7 win over the South on July 16.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I would recommend to anyone that gets the chance to play in this game, especially playing for such a great cause," said Wesolowski, referencing how players raised money for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Wesolowski threw a pair of touchdown passes to Ellsworth's Ashten Quade in the second quarter.

The first was a deep pass for an 82-yard score, while the second touchdown pass went for 13 yards.

"I played quarterback and was lucky enough to throw two touchdown passes — one on my first drive on a long pass and one where my receiver made a great play and snagged a tipped ball," said Wesolowski. "It was great to be able to help my team the North beat down on the South."

Just like in his senior season for the Chargers, Wesolowski wasn't just effective as a passer. He finished with 31 rushing yards to go along with 206 passing yards. Wesolowski completed 12 of his 18 pass attempts.

"Our coaches were great in helping us learn the new plays and making it easy enough to learn in a few days without having to spend time studying, which gave us plenty of times in between practices to get to know each other and have fun," said Wesolowski.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy players Logan Shallow, Lane Whiting and Blake DeDamos all played for the South 8-player team, which lost 23-6 to the North team on July 15.

"It was great to be able to play football again in the all-star game with my teammates one last time," said Whiting.

"It was awesome to play in the

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all-star game," said Shallow. "Playing one more football game was a great experience. Blake and Lane made the week a whole lot better as well. Knowing someone going into it made it easier to feel comfortable as well."

DeDamos, the lone player of the three that attended STAA, said that Shallow and Whiting were "two of the best teammates I could ever ask for."

Shallow rushed for 16 yards on eight attempts and caught three passes. He was also credited with three assisted tackles in the contest.

"I ran the ball a decent amount of times which was a great experience," said Shallow. "Overall, the week was amazing."

Whiting played outside linebacker for the team and finished with

three solo tackles and six assisted tackles. He was credited with two tackles for losses.

"To prepare for the game we practiced twice every day for the entire week," said Whiting. "Unfortunately my team lost but it was a great experience and I had lots of fun getting to know and play with kids from other schools."

"The game was what we practiced for all week and why we got selected to play, but I feel that the most important part was when we got to see what we were playing for," said DeDamos. "The financial proceeds from the game go to the children's hospital. Each player also did individual fundraisers months prior to the game. During the week we heard one of the former patients of the hospital tell his story. The game was merely a bonus to being able to help support the children's hospital."

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Uelmen joining UWSP golf team after strong senior year

Bonduel grad was conference Player of Year this spring

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Bonduel High School graduate Cooper Uelmen is eager to continue his golf career at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point after putting together a memorable senior year for the Bears.

Uelmen was the Central Wisconsin Conference Golfer of the Year after tallying the best overall score during the regular season. He also helped

guide the Bears to the team conference title.

“(My) Favorite memory of high school had to be my entire senior year,” said Uelmen. “Our team won more than 50% of our meets, winning conference and regionals. And I as an individual winning conference champ and regional champ while also winning an invitational at Thornberry Creek.”

It was Uelmen’s high school coach Dave LaBerge who helped jumpstart his path to UW-Stevens Point when he forwarded an email.

Uelmen reached out to an assistant in the athletic department expressing interest in joining the team. That’s when things got a little complicated.

“I got in contact with him and he told me that a coach would be named

around the end of April,” said Uelmen. “End of April comes and goes, no message. May comes and goes, also no message. I start to get worried and reach out, but they just haven’t named one yet. Middle of June, they name the coach and she gets in contact and we settle everything up.”

Katie Kreuser was tabbed UWSP’s head men’s and women’s coach.

The UWSP men’s golf program was reinstated back on Jan. 31. The program had been discontinued in 1995.

Uelmen said he was hoping to attend UW-Stout, “but unfortunately my scores weren’t adequate at the time so once I got that email I knew where I’d be going.”

It worked out for the Bonduel golfer, as UWSP also a business adminis-

tration program that he’s interested in. He will also get the unique experience of helping a program build from the ground up.

“Since it’s a new program the coach mentioned she would be attempting to have everyone play in one meet in the fall to understand where the better golfers in the group stand,” said Uelmen. “As of now I know three golfers who I’ll be golfing with next year.”

Uelmen admitted that playing at the college level will be a challenge, where every golfer turns in rounds where only a few other high school golfers could compete with.

“I’m sure going to miss high school, especially the coaches,” said Uelmen. “But I’m super excited for what’s next.”

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PRO FOOTBALL

Packers place Bakhtiari on PUP list before training camp opens

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Green Bay Packers offensive tackle David Bakhtiari has gone on the physically unable to perform list, the latest setback in his recovery from a knee injury that caused him to miss nearly the entire 2021 season.

The Packers gave Bakhtiari that designation July 23, four days before

they held their first training camp workout. Players placed on this list in training camp can be activated at any time but can’t practice until they pass a physical.

Packers coach Matt LaFleur had expressed cautious optimism during organized team activities last month that his star left tackle would be available for the start of training camp.

“We fully anticipate him being ready to go, but we did last year, as well,” LaFleur said at the time. “So I think time will tell. But we feel good about the work that he’s put in and where he’s at.”

Bakhtiari, 30, has played in just one game since tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee on Dec. 31, 2020, a week before he earned

first-team All-Pro honors for the second time in his career. He returned to play 27 snaps in the Packers’ 2021 regular-season finale but was held out of their NFC divisional playoff loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

The 2013 fourth-round pick from Colorado was a first-team All-Pro in 2018 and 2020. He was a second-team selection in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

BABA HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

East-West Division

Gresham 5

Neopit 1

Gresham picked up a key win over Neopit on July 24 in Neopit. The win moved Gresham into a tie with Neopit and Clintonville for the top spot in the East Division with 7-4 records.

Paul Murphy earned the win on the mound for Gresham, while Jamison Besaw took the loss for Neopit.

Joe Ejnik, Tom Nietzer and Chase Quinney each tallied two hits for Gresham.

Raymond White had two hits for Neopit.

Marion 7

Tilleda 1

Marion picked up a win over Tilleda on July 24 in Marion.

Joe Weyenberg was the winning pitcher in the contest. Jake Westphal

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led Marion with four hits, while Nick Schoen and Dave Jueds had two each.

Zach Fehrman took the loss for Tilleda.

Tigerton 12

Shawano 2

Tigerton rolled to a win over Shawano on July 24 in Shawano.

Conner Harris doubled, tripled and led Tigerton with three hits. Jayden Sivertson posted two hits, while Shawn Much earned the win on the mound.

Ayden Hale recorded four of Shawano’s eight hits. George Bruette was the losing pitcher.

Clintonville 17

Leopolis 0

Clintonville routed Leopolis on July 24 in Leopolis.

Jared Cartwright earned the win on the hill after striking out nine batters over seven innings. He doubled twice at the plate.

Matt Morse led Clintonville with four hits, while Mitch Ebben and Turner Doornink had three hits each. Aaron Morse chipped in two hits.

Nate Laude took the loss on the mound.

Northern Division

Aniwa 6

Birnamwood 0

Aniwa blanked Birnamwood on July 24 in Aniwa to move to 6-4 on the season.

Nolan Hoppe earned the win for Aniwa, while Austin Reed took the loss.

Hunter Gipp and Kody Szews led Aniwa with two hits each.

Antigo/Polar 12

Eland 2

Antigo/Polar rolled past Eland on

July 24 in Antigo. The co-op improved to 6-4, while Eland fell to 8-2 with two weeks remaining in the season.

AJ Kirsch was the winning pitcher and also posted two hits at the plate. Eli Fleischman, Logan Doering, Jed Weix and Neil Bretl also posted two hits apiece.

Tyler Nelson took the loss on the hill. Joe Buss and Jacob Ligenza each tallied two hits for Eland.

Hatley 18

Wittenberg 4

Hatley routed Wittenberg on July 24 in Wittenberg. Hatley had nine hits and drew 18 walks in the win.

Hayden Davidowski reached base four times for Hatley, while Jeremy Schmidt and Jay Heal got on base three times each. Tanner Kocher was the winning pitcher.

Max Kersten was tagged for the loss on the mound. Noah Cole led Wittenberg with two hits.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Dan Hoffa to take over Tigerton boys team

He coached school's softball team in spring

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Dan Hoffa has been named a head varsity coach at Tigerton High School for a second straight year.

He took over the Tigerton softball team this past spring and is now set to become the new boys basketball coach.

"The Tigerton School District was looking for a passionate individual with a drive to coach our athletes in the sport of basketball," said Tigerton athletic director Elizabeth

Marquardt. "We wanted a coach that was motivated and willing to push our athletes to see their fullest potential on and off of the court. Coach Hoffa has been passionate about basketball for many years, and he knows what it will take to turn the basketball program around."

Hoffa already has 15 years of varsity boys basketball experience on his side coming into the position. He coached for Pittsville for 12 years and Rosholt for three.

He has seven total years of softball coaching experience as well, with six years at Pittsville and the last one at Tigerton.

As he takes over the boys basketball program at Tigerton, he says it's in a rebuilding stage.

"The boys are very excited and motivated to change the culture here at Tigerton," said Hoffa. "With

that being said, we have a lot of work to do and have to build from the ground up starting with fundamentals.

"We have some boys with varsity experience, so it should help with the rebuild. We as a team are very excited to change the culture into a winning program, but it is going to take some time, work and effort. I am confident that within a few years, we can get this program headed in the right direction."

The Tigerton K-12 physical education/health teacher said that his coaching philosophy isn't set in stone, instead changing things continually to give his teams the best chances to succeed. He also said there are some key traits he will instill in the program and aspire to attain, year after year.

"Our team will be built on being

disciplined, fundamentally sound, positive attitudes, a strong work ethic, a never-quit mentality, will be defensively minded and will have a team-oriented offense," said Hoffa.

"We will stress what team really means. We will win and we will lose as a team. There are no individuals on this team. These are the traits that I firmly believe in throughout my coaching career."

Tigerton's boys basketball team finished 2-20 overall during the 2021-22 season, with both wins coming in Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division play. The team was coached by Matt Herrbold.

In Hoffa's first year as the softball coach, the Tigers went 7-12 overall, which included a 4-4 mark in the CWC-North to take third.

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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Navarino 7

Cecil 3

Navarino toppled Cecil in a July 22 matchup in Navarino.

Ryan Boettcher earned the win for Navarino, striking out four batters over eight innings. Paul Sellner worked the last inning to seal up the win.

Navarino finished with 13 hits in the contest, with Bailey Dingeldein, Ben Prodel, Pat Wudtke and Mike Dingeldein tallying multiple hits.

Tucker Bouche took the loss on the mound while striking out six over 7 1/3 innings. Noah Beilfuss tallied two hits to lead Cecil at the plate.

Shawano 7

Hofa Park 3

Shawano scored three runs between the seventh and eighth innings to pull away from Hofa Park a July 23 win in Hofa Park.

Shawano's Hunter Hoffman drove in three runs on three hits, while Chase Henning had four hits, two RBIs and three runs scored. Jacob Landon chipped in with three hits.

Brandon Bushy earned the win after pitching six innings, while Luke Krueger got the final nine outs.

Robert Schuettpelz got on base four times for Hofa Park. Zach

Asher, Eric Dorn and Mike Delgado each drove in a run. Schuettpelz also took the loss after working all nine innings.

Bonduel 2

Pulaski 0

Bonduel blanked Pulaski behind a strong pitching outing from Chase Reinke. He pitched all nine innings, striking out nine batters while surrendering just two hits and two walks.

Luke Kostreva and Matt Scheelk drove in Bonduel's two runs in the fourth inning. J.C. Reinke and Adam Frost scored the runs. Scheelk had two of the team's five hits.

Pulaski's Drew McDermid struck out seven batters across six innings while being tagged with the loss. Joel Vandehei worked three scoreless innings. Jack Maastricht and Jason Infusio got on base twice each.

Shawano 11

Cecil 0 (8 inn.)

Shawano rolled to a win over Cecil on July 24 in Cecil.

Cole Nelson earned the win for Shawano, striking out seven batters over eight innings. Hunter Hoffman

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led the Lobos with three hits.

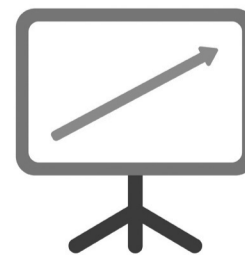
Cecil was limited to five hits, with

Kenny Casper tallying two of them.

Noah Beilfuss was the losing pitcher.

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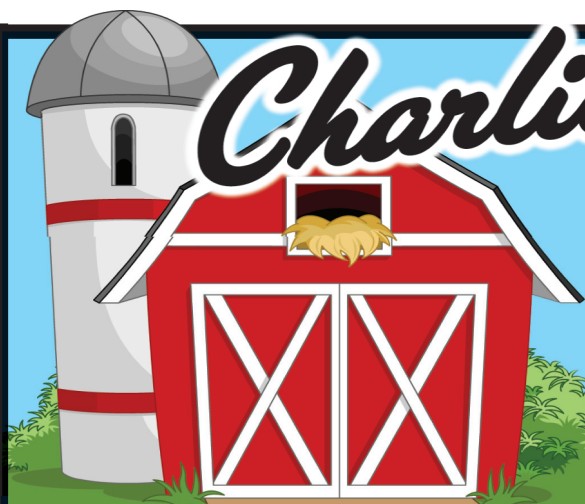
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