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WITT-BIRN WINS D3 REGIONAL TITLE

**Chargers' volleyball team tops
Bears in 5-set thriller**

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Wittenberg-Birnawood's Payton Foster sets the ball as teammate Halle Beversdorf looks on during a Division 3 regional title match against Bonduel on Oct. 22 in Wittenberg.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball players celebrate after winning a Division 3 regional title match against Bonduel on Oct. 22 in Wittenberg.

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Witt-Birn edges Bonduel in regional title

Chargers win in 5 sets

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School volleyball team edged Bonduel in five sets to claim a thrilling Division 3 regional title on Oct. 22 in Wittenberg.

After the Chargers won a tight, five-set match over Bonduel in mid-September, the rematch figured to be a good one. It was all that and more, with Witt-Birn again prevailing — this time by scores of 19-25, 26-24, 25-14, 13-25, 15-10.

Fittingly, the deciding fifth set was a back-and-forth battle between the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division foes.

Bonduel scored first on an Audrey Weier kill, but Witt-Birn responded by winning the next five points to force a Bonduel timeout. Reese Rogowski tied the set with a kill before Payton Foster served a couple aces. Another Rogowski kill followed by a Bonduel attack error

led to the timeout.

It was then the Bears' turn to go on a run, scoring five straight to go up 6-5. A block got things started before Hailee Thompson scored for the Bears. Some strong serves from Lila Pleshek helped the Bears finish off the run.

Witt-Birn responded with a 6-0 run to grab a lead it wouldn't relinquish. Rogowski had kills for the first four points before back-to-back aces from Kiara Deruchowski made it an 11-6 lead for the hosts.

Bonduel got another block to stop the run, but an error followed by a kill from Witt-Birn's London Metropulos moved the Chargers to two points from victory.

The Bears continued to fight, with a Weier kill followed by another block getting the visitors back within four. Melaina Granquist snuck a tip point in to get Witt-Birn within a point of victory, only to have Bonduel's Josie Anvelink deliver a kill to keep the match going.

Foster finally ended the match with another well-placed tip.

"It felt great," said Rogowski of

winning a regional title over a conference opponent. "We were kind of nervous going in because we know that they can keep up with us and knew it was going to be a competitive match. It feels great to know that we pulled out on top."

"It feels awesome," added Foster. "Very happy and proud of our team."

Witt-Birn will get a crack at another conference team in the sectional semifinal. The Chargers will host Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 27, with the winner advancing to the sectional final on Oct. 29.

The first two sets of the regional final match were about as tight as can be.

Bonduel pulled ahead early in set one behind a couple aces from Macy Niles. Metropulos delivered several kills to help Witt-Birn settle in and eventually grab the lead.

The teams traded blows during the middle of the set and were tied at 14 before Bonduel seized control with a 5-1 run. Anvelink had a couple kills later on to help the Bears win the opening set.

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"It's really fun," said Niles of playing inside an energized gym with so much at stake. "I mean, it's tough, but you got to be mentally tough. It feels really good to have the fans have our back and everything; it just makes us play better."

Witt-Birn had the lead early on in set two, but a Bonduel 5-0 run forced a timeout from the hosts. Weier and Nakiyah Henning delivered kills on the run.

As she did in set one, Metropulos got the Chargers going with a kill followed by an ace. The hosts were still down 12-9 before a Rogowski kill flipped the momentum. Rogowski then was serving as the Chargers wrapped up a 5-0 run.

Bonduel quickly tied things back up after a Abby Stoltenow kill and Niles ace. The teams remained within two points of each other the rest of the set.

Witt-Birn had a chance to win the

set but an attack went out of bounds, tying the set at 24. Metro-pulos then delivered the go-ahead kill after a long volley between the teams before a Bonduel attack error capped the set.

"We had to take a break and kind of reset and think about what we were messing up on and find the open spots on the floor and just put the ball there," said Foster on how the team turned things around.

Sets three and four were a much different story than the opening two sets, with each team taking one in lopsided fashion.

Witt-Birn trailed 6-4 in set three before using a 13-0 run to take complete control. Rogowski got the run started with several kills before strong serving and several aces from Foster capped it.

"Our serve receive wasn't the greatest in the one set where they ended up pulling away a few points more," said Thompson. "I think if we would have been right there all the games, we could have maybe won in four sets instead of taking them to five."

Bonduel raced out to an 8-0 lead in set four as Niles served. Stoltenow came through with a couple key kills during the run, and then Weier had several kills later on to help the Bears tie the match at two apiece.

In the end though, the CWC-East champs found a way to come out

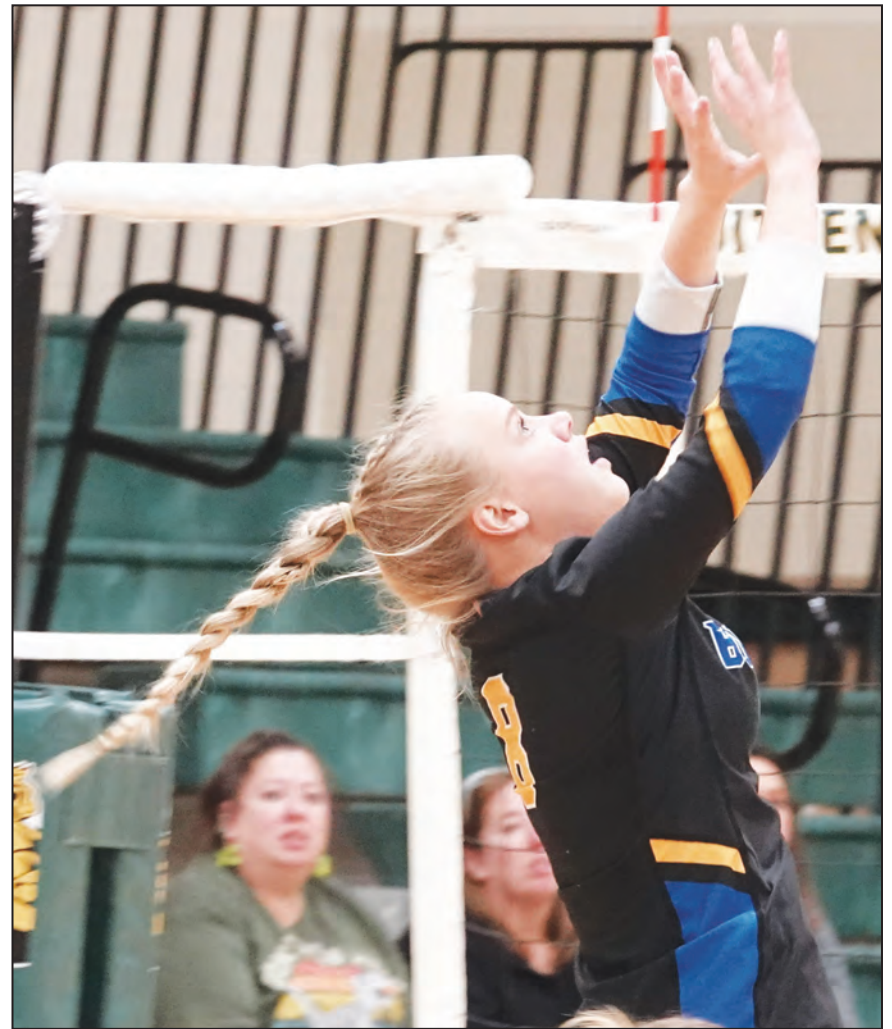


Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Lilly Betry serves the ball during a Division 3 regional title match against Bonduel on Oct. 22 in Wittenberg.

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on top, like they did in the team's matchup earlier this season and like the Chargers have done against most teams on the schedule this fall.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Pulaski's Opolka qualifies for state championships

Senior takes 11th at sectional

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School cross-country runner Angela Opolka kept her senior season alive by placing 11th at the Division 1 Manitowoc Lincoln Sectional on Oct. 22 at Meadow Links Golf Course in Manitowoc to qualify for the state meet.

Opolka completed the course in 20 minutes, 23.9 seconds.

"I was so excited and nervous for this race. I think everyone on my team was more confident in me making it to state than I was," said Opolka. "I think I had the best start of any race of my career at this meet. I felt confident and

determined and just worked toward sticking towards the front and going fast.

"The race was definitely a tough one, especially the last mile. There were some pretty good-sized hills and the last bit of the race was difficult to make it through, but I pushed myself as hard as I could."

Opolka will now get the opportunity to end her high school career on the state's biggest stage.

She and the rest of the Division 1 girls field are scheduled to run at 1:20 p.m. Oct. 29 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

"Qualifying for state is amazing. I am going to miss cross-country so much, and it is the perfect conclusion to my career," said Opolka.

"My coaches and team gathered around me and told me they were so proud of me, but I really could not have done it without each and

every one of them. Every person on the team was so excited for me. I am just so happy I actually made it."

The senior has goals set for state, but earning a certain place or time isn't among them.

"Next week, the goal is to have fun and run as hard as I can," said Opolka. "I just want to see how good I can place. The hard part is already over; to me, the accomplishment is just making it to state. I still want to run my best race, but it's really about enjoying the experience."

Behind Opolka, the Pulaski girls placed fifth at the sectional with a score of 120.

Olivia Stedl just missed out on an individual spot at state after taking 14th in 20:30.5. Emerson Fabry placed 17th in 20:39.5.

Grace Goodness (22:18.1) and Rachael Allen (22:23.6) capped the

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team score, finishing 38th and 40th, respectively. McKenna Lowery also ran for the Red Raiders, coming in 62nd in 24:05.

The Pulaski boys finished ninth as a team with a score of 254.

Dayne Nowak led the boys team with a 25th-place finish in 17:49.6.

Peyton Yaw claimed 51st in 18:58.1, while Griffin Nowak was 55th in 19:14.7. Daniel Augustine (19:26.9) and Arden Gillen (19:27.1) capped the team score and placed 61st and 62nd, respectively.

Dayne Groth (19:47.8) and Thomas Murphy (20:14.3) also ran for the Red Raiders.

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The Bonduel girls cross-country team holds up a plaque after winning the Division 3 Athens Sectional on Oct. 21.

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Bonduel girls, Gillett boys qualify for state

Individuals from Bonduel, Gillett, Witt-Birn also advance

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Bonduel girls and Gillett boys cross-country teams each qualified for state after placing first or second at the Division 3 Athens Sectional on Oct. 21 at Erbach Park in Athens.

The Bonduel girls won the sectional title with a team score of 49. The Gillett boys came in second with a mark of 70, edging Marathon by a single point.

The sectional also produced three area individual state qualifiers. Bonduel's Ben O'Brien advanced in the boys race, while Gillett's Carleigh Kaczmarek and Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's Rory Salvesen came out of the girls race.

The state-qualifying teams and individuals will next compete at the state championships on Oct. 29 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The Division 3 girls race kicks off the day at noon, with the D3 boys race at 2 p.m.

Bonduel

The Bonduel girls had four run-

ners place in the top 12 to come out as sectional champs.

Teagan Engel led the way with a sixth-place finish in 21 minutes, 0.7 seconds.

The next three finishers occupied spots 10-12. Mariah Wondra (21:17.1) was 10th, Kendra Troxel (21:17.4) was 11th and Ashlyn Kurey (21:17.6) was 12th.

Joselyn Bohm capped the team score with a 23rd-place finish in 22:28.9.

"It feels very special to make it to state again as a team especially back-to-back years," said Troxel. "Our team has worked so hard this year, so finishing first as a team at sectionals is a big accomplishment."

"This trip to state is so special because we were so short in numbers compared to our previous state-qualifying teams, and every person had to step up for us to make it, and everybody did," said Wondra. "Our team has been supporting, believing and pushing each other each all season, which prepared us well for the sectional meet."

Cierra Schnell (22:53.7) and Anna Beaumier (26:14.6) also ran for the Bears at the sectional meet.

The state appearance will be the Bonduel girls fifth in its history, with each one coming since 2017. The team's top finish at state was seventh back in 2017, with 11th- and 12th-place finishes since.

"Next weekend, I would like our team to place since this is the first year

we are projected to place at state," said Troxel. "It would be a great way to end the year, and it's even more exciting because I know we have the potential. Since this is my last race, I would like to enjoy it and take it all in, but I would also like to get a PR (personal record) and end my season strong."

"My goal for our team is to pull a major upset and take home the title, but even if that doesn't happen, I hope that everyone has an amazing and fun experience at state," said Wondra.

O'Brien placed fifth with a time of 17:19.6 to punch an individual ticket to state.

"Today at sectionals I pushed as hard as I could and tried to stick with and pace myself with the runner in front of me," said O'Brien. "I stayed in fifth the whole race and ended up placing fifth and qualifying as the second individual."

It will be the sophomore's first chance to race at state.

"Qualifying for state means a lot to me because it is what I set as my goal for this season," said O'Brien. "I had the goal of making state since last year after sectionals so it meant a lot to me when I got my goal today. My goals for state are to get in the top 50 and try to get a PR."

The Bonduel boys placed fifth at the sectional as a team with a score of 149.

Race Anvelink (18:36.1) placed 19th, while Ayden Dunst (18:58) was 27th. Ben Reisner (20:35.7) and Griffin Uelmen (21:11.2) capped the team score,

finishing 56th and 64th, respectively. Keaton Bahr (25:17.9) and Dillon Delcore (37:05.3) also ran for the Bears.

Gillett

The Gillett boys team was powered by the Peterson brothers, but had all five scoring runners in the top 35.

Alex Peterson won the boys race in 16:18.6, about 12 seconds faster than any other runner.

"Every year being able to qualify for state is a blessing," said Alex Peterson, who hopes to place first individually at state. "But this year, as a senior, is extra special since I get to run in the biggest meet of the year one more time."

"The guys really came through today. We know nothing is given to us, and we must work to earn everything. Everybody embraced that attitude and we ran well enough to run another week."

Evan Peterson crossed the finish line in 17:15.5 to claim fourth place. Brady Wendorff took eighth in 17:31.3.

Scott Herroux (19:35.8) and Chase Anderson (19:49.1) capped the team score, taking 33rd and 35th, respectively. Nash Stange (20:52.9) and Zander Davis (22:15.2) also ran for the Tigers.

"Our team definitely was prepared for this race and we all knew what had to be done to get all of us to the state meet. And we all definitely delivered on that goal by gritting it out through the whole race and passing everyone we could," said Evan Peterson. "And that really mattered

because it came down to one point if we made it or not, so every person that was passed counted and I'm really excited for how things turned out and for the young guys on our team to experience racing at state for the first time."

The Gillett boys team qualified for state for the ninth time in school history. The top finish from a Tiger team was fourth in 2007.

Kaczmarek earned her spot at state after taking second in the girls race with a time of 20:25.5.

"I placed as well as I did by giving it my all, and just running my kind of race," said Kaczmarek. "I knew what was at stake and I wasn't willing to give it up."

The senior will be competing at state for a third straight season.

"Qualifying for state as a senior means the world to me because I know how much time I put in and it's so rewarding seeing it pay off," said Kaczmarek. "I get an extra chance to run while many others don't. My goals for the state meet are (to) enjoy my last time in a Gillett cross-country uniform, improving my time from last year on the course, and lastly hopefully making top 20."

The Gillett girls took fifth at the sectional with a score of 127.

Sophia Limberg (22:40.9) came in 24th, while Cheyenne Krueger (23:46.7) took 42nd. Kasey Hansen (24:05.9) and Laney DeBauch (24:08) capped the team score, finishing 46th and 47th, respectively.

Lily Hansen (24:35.3) and Megan Wagner (41:33.7) also ran for the team.

Witt-Birn

Salvesen earned her individual spot at state after finishing third in 20:29.8.

"Going into the race I was not sure what to expect and I was nervous," said Salvesen. "I knew it was going to be some great competition. I just had the goal of pacing myself to be in the top five."

The freshman accomplished just that and now will get to end a brilliant first high school season on the state's biggest stage.

"I am so excited to go to state as a freshman," said Salvesen. "I am honored to be able to have a great team and coaches who support me. I can't wait to compete against all of the other amazing athletes who love competing at that level of intensity as much as I do."

Salvesen doesn't have a specific place in mind for when she runs at state, hoping instead to "finish on a high note and run my hardest, give it everything I have and leave it all out on the course."

Salvesen was one of four Witt-Birn

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girls to run at the sectional, so it didn't earn a team score.

Annika Resch (27:15.7) placed 77th, Ava Hegewald (29:14.7) took 87th and Amelia Bessert (29:14.7) was 88th.

The Witt-Birn boys team placed ninth with a mark of 196.

Craig Wendel (19:52.4) took 36th to lead the Chargers. Mason Meverden (20:04.6) placed 40th, while Ian Salvesen (20:05.9) was 41st.

Jonas Bushman (20:16.3) and Owen Schultz (21:05.1) capped the team score, finishing 46th and 62nd, respectively. David Fons (21:13.6) and Hayden Miller (21:41.4) also ran for the team.

Other area teams

Gresham/Bowler, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Marion, Menominee Indian and Suring also sent runners to the sectional meet.

Marion had two boys and one girl race at the sectional. Tristan Herro (21:50.8) took 71st, while Jesse Trebus (24:47.4) was 85th in the boys race. Bridget Much (29:05.5) placed 86th in the girls race.

The Menominee Indian boys team placed sixth with a mark of 188. Two Eagles ran in the girls race.

Lloyd Reevis (19:19.6) led the boys team with a 30th-place finish, while Isaiah Moss (19:26.3) was 31st. Barron Waupoose (20:22.1) claimed 47th, Maech Corn (20:25.4) took 51st and Francis Delabrau (20:47.6) was 58th to cap the five-runner team.

Urijah Reevis (23:25) and Mariah Fish (25:51.7) ran in the girls race, taking 35th and 66th, respectively.

Suring had its girls team place eighth with a score of 187.

Georgia Gerndt led the team with a 16th-place finish in 21:48.4. Ginger Gerndt (23:23.2) placed 34th. Hailey Thomson (25:17.6), Allyson Seibert (25:52.6) and Morgan Suring (26:07.2) capped the team score placing 59th, 67th and 68th, respectively. Samantha Seibert (27:33.2) also ran for the Eagles.

Two Gresham/Bowler boys competed. Bryson Nelson (20:25.9) placed 52nd, while Kobe Miller (24:48.6) took 86th.

Four girls and one boy from the Lena/STAA co-op competed.

Haley Van Ark (26:16) placed 70th to lead the girls runners, while Eric Kosch (20:22.1) was 48th in the boys race. Miriam Alberts (27:50.6) placed 81st, Chaela Rabas (28:38.1) claimed 84th and Kali Fischer (31:47.8) was 90th in the girls race.



Bonduel's Ben O'Brien runs during the Division 3 Athens Sectional on Oct. 21.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Witt-Birn falters offensively against Kiel

Chargers eliminated after 10-point loss

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team wasn't able to get much going offensively during a Division 5 level one playoff loss to Kiel on Oct. 21 in Wittenberg.

Third-seeded Witt-Birn grabbed the lead after a touchdown pass in the second quarter, but sixth-seeded Kiel immediately answered and then tacked on nine points in the fourth quarter to seal up its 16-6 win.

"I just think they executed almost every play perfectly," said Witt-Birn senior David Gauderman on Kiel's play. "There wasn't one spot where we had a big offensive play or had a really big defensive play. It was just a dogfight; they just won the battle."

"First of all, they were really big compared to what we thought they were," said Charger senior Max Fraaza. "They really just drove blocks; they really kind of pounded us, I guess."

Witt-Birn's offense started the game with the ball and looked to be headed toward a strong offensive showing after picking up a couple first downs on the legs of Gauderman and quarterback Nathan Waupekenay. After getting in Kiel territory, a couple short runs forced Witt-Birn to pass on third down, and an incomplete pass led to a punt.

The Chargers' defense also started strong, with Coye Brillowski falling on a fumble to give the hosts the ball at the Kiel 30-yard line.

A short run and pass led to passes on third and fourth down, and Kiel forced incompletions on each one to thwart the great scoring opportunity for the Chargers.

After the Witt-Birn defense forced a punt after a three-and-out, the Chargers' offense again moved the ball up the field. This time, Marshall Fraaza teamed up with Gauderman and Waupekenay to get the ball to the team's 48-yard line. The Chargers weren't able to move the ball any further in the next three plays and again chose to punt.

Witt-Birn got the ball back at the Kiel 44 after its defense forced another three-and-out and punt. This time, the Chargers capitalized.



A group of Wittenberg-Birnamwood defenders bring down a Kiel runner during a Division 5 playoff game on Oct. 21 in Wittenberg.

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Gauderman and Waupekenay churned up 21 yards on the ground before Waupekenay connected with Keegan Benbo on a 23-yard touchdown pass on a fourth-and-6 play. The pass was tipped up in the air before deflecting right to Benbo, who raced up the left sideline for an easy touchdown.

Just when it looked like Witt-Birn had settled in, Kiel responded. The Raiders scored on a 65-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the ensuing drive, with the receiver breaking several tackles on his way to the end zone.

"They played fast and physical," said Witt-Birn coach Jason Rieck of Kiel. "I think it just came down to a little bit of a lack of execution on our part. Realistically, in a 16-6 game, they had a broken play where they had a big play and then we had a missed tackle that they took to the house. Otherwise, I think our defense played really well. Our offense had room for improvement, but that's the way it goes — they made more plays than we did."

After the Kiel touchdown made it 7-6, the teams traded punts going into halftime.

The second half was a continuation of the first half, with both teams

struggling to do much offensively. Each team punted after its first three offensive possessions.

On the third Witt-Birn punt, the snap sailed over the head of punter Edwyn Sanchez. He was able to locate and scoop up the ball and eventually get a short punt off.

Kiel started the ensuing drive on the Witt-Birn 34 and, after converting a fourth-and-6 play from the 30, scored on a 1-yard run two plays into the fourth quarter. The Raiders settled for the extra point to go up eight, 14-6.

Witt-Birn took a couple deep shots up the left sideline to Casey Kielman on the next drive but wasn't able to connect.

On first down, Kielman nearly hauled in a pass that saw the ball trapped between his helmet and right hand, then after the ball rolled onto his neck, nearly made a bobbling catch that he would have taken to the end zone. After the near-spectacular catch, Kielman nearly made a diving catch on third down.

To make matters worse, the snap on the punt attempt that followed went over the head of Sanchez again, this time resulting in a safety.

Kiel chewed up a couple minutes

of clock before Witt-Birn got the ball back after a punt.

Waupekenay and Fraaza connected a couple times for first downs, moving the ball to the Kiel 48. A penalty put Witt-Birn behind the chains and after a couple backward runs, Waupekenay had to miss a play because his helmet came off. Backup Bryson Schmid got the Chargers into a fourth-and-14 situation, but an incomplete pass with Waupekenay back on the field ended the drive.

Kiel picked up a couple first downs after that, burning up all of Witt-Birn's timeouts and eventually the rest of the fourth quarter clock.

Witt-Birn capped the season with an 8-2 record, with a forfeit win against Amherst knocking out one of the team's two true conference losses.

Kiel 0 7 0 9 —16
Witt-Birn 0 6 0 0 —6

Second quarter

WB: Keegan Benbo 23-yard pass from Nathan Waupekenay (kick blocked), 6:34

K: Harrison Zorn 65-yard pass from Connor Faust (Tate Hartlaub kick), 5:37

Fourth quarter

K: Faust 1-yard run (Hartlaub kick), 11:09

K: Safety (Witt-Birn snap out of end zone), 9:59

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Shawano teams both qualify for state again

Oconto Falls' Adams advances as individual

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Shawano Community High School cross-country teams each qualified for state for a second straight year after top-two finishes at the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Oct. 22 at The Patriot Golf Club in Abrams.

The Shawano girls came in first with a score of 69, while the boys took second with a mark of 89.

Oconto Falls also ran well at the sectional, with Ben Adams earning an individual spot at state after placing sixth in the boys' race.

The two teams and Adams will compete at the state championships on Oct. 29 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The Division 2 girls race is set for 12:40 p.m., with the boys racing at 2:35 p.m.

Shawano

The girls team won the sectional title behind top-10 individual finishes from Bailey Hendricks, Lily Guenther and Grace Chelberg.

Hendricks led the way for the team, placing fourth in 20 minutes, 4.1 seconds. Guenther claimed sixth in 20:19.6, while Chelberg finished eighth in 20:32.4.

Maci Beyer and Adalyn Barkley capped the girls team score by placing 22nd and 29th, respectively.

Beyer completed the course in 21:47.3.

"Me and my team ran so well because of all the support we have from teammates and our parents, and we tried our best to keep all the negativity out of our head," said Beyer.

Barkley turned in a time of 22:15.4. "Qualifying to state means a lot for our team. It showed us that all of our hard work put into the season paid off," said Barkley. "With lots of injuries that occurred in our team during the season, it was difficult for us to see what our full potential was. But having some of those injured runners back up to place, it really pushed the team and got us to where we are currently."

Beyer and Barkley said the team doesn't have any specific team goals in mind about where it hopes to place at state, instead hoping to run their best and place as high as they can.



Shawano's Lily Guenther, left, and Bailey Hendricks run alongside each other during the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Oct. 22 at The Patriot Golf Club in Abrams.

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"With all of the hard work we have been putting in, we are using this meet to show everyone what we are capable of doing," said Barkley.

Anabelle Schroeder and Lauren Harkey will also run for the Hawks at state. Schroeder completed the sectional course in 22:28.3, with Harkey across the finish line in 22:59.1.

Will Chelberg and Ethan Onesti turned in top-five finishes to help the Shawano boys place second and qualify for state.

Chelberg passed several runners in the second half of the race to eventually take second in 16:46.9. Onesti claimed fourth in 17:12.1.

Andon Chelberg was the next

Hawk across the finish line, taking 13th in 17:55.3.

"The meet today was pretty stressful," said Andon Chelberg. "We went in knowing that we were fully capable of another state run and just needed to perform how we have the whole season. I think we were all pretty worried about letting our team down, especially our seniors. Individually, I have no regrets and thought I did everything I could have to help my team advance."

"As a team, I trusted that my teammates would step into the spots we needed them in. I wasn't let down because after I finished, I noticed my faster teammates, Ethan and Will, had performed excellently.

Along with that I saw the rest of my teammates, Connor (Chelberg), Aidan (Preston), Jaymin (Boivin) and Quinn (Olson), give it all they had to catch people in the chute, knowing every spot counted."

Connor Chelberg was the fourth Hawk runner to finish, placing 31st in 18:46.7.

"Our team ran great," said Connor Chelberg. "We were all hyping each other up, because we knew we had another shot at state. The team went out there and gave it all they got. Will, Ethan and Andon knew what they had to do and got the job done."

"The seniors performed really well. Aidan Preston, who had been

out for most of the season, went out and PR'd (set a personal record) by a minute, which helped us out so much. Jaymin and Quinn had a great race and caught as many guys as they could. For me, I was just trying to go after as many runners. I am super proud of my teammates."

Preston, a senior, capped the team score by placing 44th in 19:29.6. Boivin, another senior, came in 59th in 20:22.2, while Olson was 73rd in 20:52.5.

After racing at state last year, the boys team now knows what to expect and intends to make some noise at state.

"As a team, we all want to have fun, but now after a year of knowing what state is like, we want to get serious and see what we can do with more competition," said Andon Chelberg.

Oconto Falls

Adams completed the course in 17:21.5 to finish sixth and punch his ticket to state.

"I was excited about today. I wanted to do well," said Adams. "I set my mind to run with the front-runners and did my best to keep pace. The competition was strong."

He qualifies for state a season after his older brother Joe also qualified for state as an individual. It will be Ben's first state run as a sophomore.

"To qualify means so much to me," said Adams. "I worked toward this goal all year, and all those miles paid

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off. Our team this year was special; we pushed each other to be our best."

As he prepares for state, his main goal is to soak up the experience.

"For next week, my goal is to enjoy every minute," the sophomore said. "You never know if you will make it again. I will push hard to do my best."

The Oconto Falls boys placed ninth at the sectional with a score of 186, while the girls came in fourth with a mark of 107.

Griffin Kopke (18:43.2) was the second boys finisher, taking 28th. Evan Yuma (19:08.3) placed 35th for the Panthers.

Brant Laluzerne (20:09.5) took 56th, while Emerson Rice (20:38.5) was 69th to cap the team score. Layton Rickert (21:33.6) and Garrett Ganter (22:52.1) also ran for the Panthers.

Hannah Ludemann (21:01), Brooke Hodkiewicz (21:15.5), Hailey Delzer (21:35.1) and Maddy Przybylski (21:52.4) placed in the top 25 to help the girls team to a strong finish. Ludemann placed 13th, Hodkiewicz 15th, Delzer 21st and Przybylski 24th.

Mackenzie Lotto (22:24.6) placed 34th to cap the team score. Ava Hodkiewicz (22:27.8) and Sydney Bell (22:42.1) also ran for the Panthers.



Shawano's Lily Guenther, left, and Bailey Hendricks run alongside each other during the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Oct. 22 at The Patriot Golf Club in Abrams. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

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Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	12 1/2	7 1/2
Banner Banks	10 1/2	9 1/2
Star Campsite	9	11
Chet and Emil's	7	13

High team handicap games: Star Campsite 745, Cady Home 734, Banner Banks 699.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 206, Tracy Anderson 204, Cindy Mortenson 174, Courtney Tryba 170, Julia Stewart 168, Alicia Schinzel 154.

High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,116, Cady Home 2,087, Banner Banks 1,997.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 549, Tracy Anderson 533, Cindy Mortenson 487, Courtney Tryba 458, Alicia Schinzel 442, Christy Clark 441.

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub	26	2
Buss Automotive	22	6
Gingerly Salon	21	7
Bust N' Balls	16	12
Brothers Pub Too	16	12
Keglers	15	13
MW Auto Body	14	14
Pin Heads	12	16
Just 4 Fun	11	17
CDH	7	21

Lunds Corner Bar	4	24
The Farmers	4	24

High individual scratch games: Dave Hackbarth 279, Bobby Reiter Jr. 269, Eric Schuh 265, Steve Rouse 261, Kyle VanDerLinden 247, Sharon Buss 238, Ashley Schuh 237, Kevin Zuleger 236, Bill Grosskreutz 236, Mary Metoxen 234, Sandy Weisnicht 224, Darcie O'Kimosh 192, Diane Durkee 185.

High individual scratch series: Bobby Reiter Jr. 714, Dave Hackbarth 688, Mary Metoxen 674, Kevin Zuleger 660, Eric Schuh 650, Sharon Buss 641, Steve Rouse 632, Steve Renik 623, Ashley Schuh 607, Darcie O'Kimosh 542, Sandy Weisnicht 509, Diane Durkee 504.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
White Insurance	12	6
Chet and Emil's	11	7
Kautza Excavating	10	8
Clark Construction	10	8
Schmidt Schulta	8	10

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,065, Kautza Excavating 1,061, Clark Construction 980.

High individual scratch games: Andy Hegewald 300, Jeremy Praslowicz 267, Brian Rew 264.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 2,981, Kautza Excavating 2,968, Clark Construction 2,858.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 739, Brian Rew 690, Andy Hegewald 687.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	105	23
Northern Advantage	88	40
Launching Pad	82 1/2	45 1/2
Bamboo	78	50
Farmall Fanatics	76	52
Rosie's Railway	68	60
Dearco Distributors	55 1/2	72 1/2
Brother's	48 1/2	79 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	48 1/2	79 1/2
Full Service Tents	47	81
Pin Pricks	37 1/2	90 1/2
Shawano Auto Sales	33 1/2	94 1/2

High team scratch games: Golfside 704, Northern Advantage 700, Launching Pad 680.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Steve Hoffman 265, Carson Malueg 263, Bill Grosskreutz 256, Brad Weisnicht 254, Mark Cornish 246, Todd Schertz 244, Sean Johnson 243.

High team scratch series: Golfside 2,025, Launching Pad 1,947, Northern Advantage 1,944.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Carson Malueg 743, Todd Schertz 713, Brad Weisnicht 703, Bill Grosskreutz 691, Steve Hoffman 673, Sean Johnson 663, Jeff Arndt 662.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Schairer Farms	3	1
Rightway Propane	3	1

M and J Harvesting	1	3
Stadler Farms	1	3

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 586, Schairer Farms 584, M and J Harvesting 564.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 235, Susan Zeinert 189, Jennifer Rainville 183, Melissa Trzebiatowski 177.

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,658, Schairer Farms 1,630, M and J Harvesting 1,629.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 554, Susan Zeinert 465, Jennifer Rainville 445, Darcy Hille 442.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	16	2
CWAA	12	6
Rew Motors	11	7
S and M Tool	10	8
Kessen Auto Body	7	11
Chet and Emil's	6	12
Kropf's Meat	6	12
TLC Auto Body	4	14

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,081, Karcz Lending 1,017, Kessen Auto Body 975.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schultz 232, Shawn Walkush 224, Tyler Carlson 201.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,064, Karcz Lending 3,016, Chet and Emil's 2,695.

High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 778, Ed Resch 635, Doug Kunst 631.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Oconto Falls, Lena win regional titles

Shawano, Gresham,
Bonduel appear in
regional finals

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls and Lena volleyball teams both won regional titles after winning multiple matches last week.

Lena was a No. 4 seed in Division 4, and after rallying past No. 5 Gillett in a regional quarterfinal, upset No. 1 Suring and No. 2 Gresham to win a regional title.

Oconto Falls, a No. 2 seed in Division 2, swept No. 3 Mosinee and No. 10 Antigo to win its regional title.

Division 4

Lena opened the postseason hosting Gillett on Oct. 18. The Wildcats dropped the first two sets before winning the final three to keep their season alive. Lena won by scores of 16-25, 17-25, 25-16, 25-16, 15-5.

Natalie McNurlen posted 14 total kills to lead Lena to victory. Makynna Herald recorded 26 assists, while Peyton Dorow had eight attack kills and three aces.

Alabama Lambert totaled five attack kills, and Claire Brooks had four attack kills.

Hailey Elsner posted 17 attack kills for Gillett, while Halle Fisher had 11 digs and six total kills. Mia Soper also recorded 11 digs for Gillett. Reece Franti contributed nine digs, while Cilena Guns and Bella Matczak served four and three aces, respectively.

Lena then traveled to Suring on Oct. 20 and pulled off a 25-20, 16-25, 25-12, 23-25, 15-11 win.

McNurlen tallied 13 total kills for Lena, while Dorow had six attack kills and eight aces. Brooks and Lambert contributed five and four attack kills, respectively. Herald finished with 22 assists.

Christine Sleeter led Suring with 12 total kills and six assists, while McKenzie Chesterfield had seven attack kills. MaShya Seefeldt totaled 11 assists and three aces, Emma Kristof posted 16 digs and Trinity Remic and Bailey Stuart chipped in six digs each.

In the regional final against Gresham, Lena won by scores of 16-



Lena's Claire Brooks, right, leaps up to try and block the ball after Suring's MaShya Seefeldt hit it during a Division 4 regional semifinal match on Oct. 20 in Suring.

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25, 25-16, 19-25, 25-20, 15-10.

McNurlen tallied 11 total kills for Lena, while Dorow and Lambert had five attack kills each. Herald recorded 22 assists and three aces,

Brooks served four aces and Breanna Koslowsky had three aces.

Chloe Bohl led Gresham with 18 kills, while Jessa Jensen had 14. Josie Cervený tallied 11 service points and

11 digs, Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes contributed 29 assists and Rylie Kakwitch had 13 digs. Maddie Haffner finished with eight service points.

Lena will next battle No. 1

Wabeno/Laona in a sectional semifinal match in Shawano on Oct. 27.

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Before making the regional final, Gresham swept No. 3 Bowler (25-20, 25-9, 25-20) and No. 7 White Lake (25-9, 25-2, 25-16).

Against Bowler, Gresham's Bohl and Jensen led the team with 10 and nine kills, respectively. Baddmoccossin-Barnes recorded 13 assists, while Janay Pecore-Kirkland had 18 service points and seven aces.

Bowler's Isabella Stevens tallied seven kills, seven digs and five blocks. Natalie Rickert added five kills, while Brandi Spencer had 14 assists, nine digs and four attack kills. Shianne Pyke contributed 14 digs, while Ava Paiser had six assists.

Haffner finished with 30 service points and 15 aces to lead Gresham against White Lake. Aria Irving tallied seven service points.

Bohl posted a team-leading six kills for Gresham, while Tia Terrio had five kills. Baddmoccossin-Barnes tallied eight assists, while Cerveney had five.

In a regional quarterfinal match on Oct. 18, Bowler swept No. 6 St. Thomas Aquinas Academy by scores of 25-5, 25-9, 25-5.

Rickert tallied six attack kills and three aces for Bowler, while Stevens had five attack kills. Paiser served 11 aces while chipping in five assists and four attack kills.

Spencer led the Panthers with 12 assists and also served six aces. Bertina Dodge had a team-leading six digs and added nine aces. Paige Treptow served seven aces, as Bowler finished with 40 aces as a team.

In other area regional quarterfinal action, Tigerton and Marion were both eliminated after losses in their first matches.

Tigerton, a No. 12 seed, wasn't able to pull an upset against fifth-seeded Hilbert, losing by scores of 25-17, 25-12, 25-16.

Skyler Hauser posted eight total kills and 11 digs for Tigerton, while McKenzie Hoffman had 11 digs and eight assists.

Jade Selle contributed seven service points, six digs and three attack kills for the Tigers, while Samantha Suehring also had three attack kills. Abby Swartz tallied six service points.

Marion, a No. 14 seed, had its season wrap up after a 25-3, 25-5, 25-6 loss to No. 3 Sevastopol.

Division 2

Oconto Falls opened the post-season hosting Antigo in a regional



Lena's Kennedy Marquardt, center, leaps up to try and block the ball as teammates Peyton Dorow, right, and Alabama Lambert look on during a Division 4 regional semifinal match against Suring on Oct. 20 in Suring.

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semifinal on Oct. 20. The Panthers won by scores of 25-15, 25-20, 30-28.

Amber Otto led Oconto Falls with 20 attack kills, four aces and six digs, while Brailyn St. Louis added 11 attack kills. Hanna Krejcarek contributed 16 assists, nine digs and three aces.

Grace Molitor was credited with four total blocks for the Panthers. Kyndra Staidl led the team with 13 digs, while Morgan Moynihan had 14 assists.

The Panthers then swept Mosinee by scores of 26-24, 25-20, 25-22 in the regional final on Oct. 22.

Otto and St. Louis led Oconto Falls with 18 and 10 attack kills, respectively. Staidl led the team with 18 digs.

Krejcarek and Moynihan finished

with 12 and 11 assists, respectively, for the Panthers. Moynihan also had nine digs, while Madison Uelmen, Krejcarek and Otto had eight each.

Oconto Falls will next battle No. 1 Tomahawk in a sectional semifinal match on Oct. 27 in Tomahawk.

Shawano, a No. 5 seed, also competed in Division 2, topping No. 12 New London (25-14, 25-10, 25-18) and No. 4 Waupaca (27-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19) before falling to No. 1 Tomahawk (25-19, 19-25, 25-17, 25-18).

Against New London, Abby Bystol led Shawano with 11 kills, while Leah Nordin had eight. Alix Heath tallied 26 assists on the night.

Sam Richter and Megan Dillenburg recorded 12 and 11 digs, respectively, for the Hawks. Richter served

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four of the team's 11 aces.

In the win over Waupaca, Coral Cook recorded 16 kills and three aces to power Shawano to victory. Nordin added 13 kills and four blocks.

Heath racked up 41 assists on the night for the Hawks. Richter and Gabby Koenig tallied 18 and 16 digs, respectively.

In the season-ending loss to Tomahawk, Cook and Nordin tallied 12 and 11 kills for Shawano. Heath finished with 33 assists and three aces.

Nordin and Bystol recorded three blocks each for the Hawks. Richter led the team with 20 digs.

Division 3

Prior to squaring off in the regional final, No. 1 Witt-Birn topped No. 9 Coleman (25-15, 25-12, 25-17), while No. 4 Bonduel knocked off No. 13 Oconto (25-19, 25-18, 25-16) and rallied past No. 5 Peshtigo (23-25, 21-25, 25-12, 25-17, 15-12).

Against Coleman, Witt-Birn's London Metropulos posted 16 attack kills, served 11 times and had three aces. Reese Rogowski added 12 attack kills, 12 digs and three block kills.

Lilly Betry finished with 18 assists for the Chargers. Melaina Granquist chipped in three block kills.

In Bonduel's win over Oconto, Hailee Thompson posted 24 assists, 10 digs, four kills and three aces for the Bears. Audrey Weier tallied 12 kills and eight digs.

Nakiyah Henning finished with 15 digs and five kills for the Bears. Macy Niles provided 18 digs.

Weier tallied 23 kills and 14 digs for Bonduel against Peshtigo, while Thompson had 30 assists, 24 digs and six kills.

Lila Pleshek contributed 24 digs for the Bears. Niles totaled 19 digs and six aces, while Josie Anvelink chipped in five kills.

Menominee Indian, a No. 14 seed, saw its season come to an end after a 25-13, 25-16, 25-15 loss to third-seeded Iola-Scandinavia in a regional quarterfinal match on Oct. 18 in Iola.

Division 1

Pulaski was the lone area team competing in the Division 1 bracket.

The 11th-seeded Red Raiders lost by scores of 25-20, 25-19, 25-17 to No. 6 Hortonville in a regional semifinal match on Oct. 20 in Hortonville.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Pulaski wins D2 regional title

Red Raiders outscore 2 opponents 21-1

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School boys soccer team won a Division 2 regional title after a pair of lopsided wins in regional postseason matches in Pulaski.

After a 12-0 win over eighth-seeded Green Bay West on Oct. 18, the top-seeded Red Raiders cruised to a 9-1 victory over fifth-seeded Marshfield on Oct. 22.

In the regional title win over Marshfield, Hayden Burkel and Maddox McKeefry each netted hat tricks to lead Pulaski. Ryan Drafz, Hudson Schultz and Jack Ryan tallied the team's other three goals.

Chase Ambrosius was credited with four assists on the night for the Red Raiders. Dylan Carley, Corbin Tackmier and Ben Uelmen had one assist each.

Pulaski goalies Mason Baker and Gaven Haldemann needed to make just three combined saves as the hosts

outshot Marshfield 23-4 on goal.

McKeefry got the scoring started after scoring off an Ambrosius assist in the 17th minute. Burkel then netted his first goal off an Ambrosius assist in the 19th minute.

In the 22nd minute, Ambrosius assisted on another Burkel goal to make it 3-0. Drafz then scored an unassisted goal in the 23rd minute.

Burkel finished off his hat trick with a goal off a Carley assist in the 27th minute. Schultz was set up by Tackmier for a goal in the 34th minute to cap the first half scoring.

McKeefry finished off his hat trick with the first two goals in the second half. He scored unassisted in the 41st minute before scoring in the 47th minute off another Ambrosius assist.

Ryan scored off a Uelmen assist in the 51st minute for the team's final goal.

Marshfield scored its lone goal in the 59th minute.

The Red Raiders will next host No. 2 West De Pere in a sectional semifinal matchup on Oct. 27. Visit www.newmedia-wi.com for results from that match. A recap of any sectional games will appear in the Nov.

4 edition of the paper.

In its regional semifinal win over Green Bay West, Ryan netted a hat trick to lead Pulaski.

Ambrosius and Luke Hanstedt scored two goals each for the Red Raiders. Austin Lipsey, Burkel, McKeefry, Carley and Tackmier each scored once for the Red Raiders.

Tackmier also was credited with two assists, while Ryan and Alex Kouzov had one assist each.

Baker and Haldemann did not need to save any shots, as Pulaski outshot Green Bay West 31-0.

Ambrosius scored the first two goals of the contest. He scored unassisted in the 10th minute and then off a Ryan assist in the 15th minute.

Burkel and Lipsey then added unassisted goals in the 18th and 32nd minutes, respectively. Ryan capped the first half scoring with an unassisted goal in the 39th minute.

McKeefry netted a goal in the 53rd minute to get the second half scoring started for Pulaski. Hanstedt then scored off a Tackmier assist in the 65th minute.

Carley scored unassisted in the 69th minute before Tackmier scored off a

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Kouzov assist in the 71st minute.

In the 76th minute, Tackmier set up Hanstedt for his second goal. Ryan capped the impressive showing for the Red Raiders with unassisted goals in the 77th and 78th minutes.

Other regional action

Shawano and Gresham/Bowler were both eliminated from the postseason after losses in regional matches on Oct. 18.

Third-seeded Shawano was upset by sixth-seeded Green Bay Southwest during a Division 2 regional semifinal match on Oct. 18 in Shawano.

Julian Perez netted the Hawks' goal. Ninth-seeded Gresham/Bowler was eliminated after a Division 4 regional quarterfinal match loss against No. 8 Northland Lutheran on Oct. 18 in Kronenwetter.

Colby Belongia scored the co-op's goal off a Wesley Thies assist.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Witt-Birn swimmers rack up strong finishes at Bay Sprints

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls swim team earned several strong finishes at the Bay Conference Sprints on Oct. 20 in Shawano.

The quartet of Faith Resch,

Reese Dickman, Annika Resch and Olivia Bessette won the 100-yard freestyle relay with a time of 52.99 seconds. The same four came in third in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:08.25.

Jessica Storlie, Ava Hegewald, An-

drea Powell and Claire Timm teamed up for a fourth-place finish in the 100 medley relay (1:06.35).

Individually, Dickman placed second in the 50 freestyle (26.22). Faith Resch placed third in the 100 freestyle (59.46) and 25 freestyle (12.25).

Shawano/Bonduel also competed at the conference event.

The 100 freestyle relay team of Alli Brown, Lila Melchoir, Tela Hopfensberger and Piper Novitski placed sixth in the 100 freestyle relay in 58.83 for the team's top finish.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mertz, Allen lead Wisconsin past Purdue

Wisconsin opened up 21-0 lead early on

By **TAMIRA MADSEN**
The Associated Press

Graham Mertz likes the direction that Wisconsin interim head coach Jim Leonhard is taking the Badgers.

Mertz threw for two touchdowns, Braelon Allen rushed for 113 yards and a score and Wisconsin defeated Purdue 35-24 on Oct. 22 in Madison.

John Torchio had two interceptions, including a 31-yard return for a touchdown for the Badgers (4-4, 2-3 Big Ten Conference), who rebounded from a 34-28 double overtime loss at Michigan State.

The game marked the first home win for Leonhard, who took over for Paul Chryst on Oct. 2.

"I appreciate everything he's done, the energy he's brought; he's done a great job of rallying us and giving us a great plan to go succeed," Mertz said

of Leonhard, a former Wisconsin player and Badgers defensive coordinator who has led the team to a 2-1 record.

Allen, who surpassed 100 yards for the fifth time this season, went to the injury tent late in the third quarter with a left arm injury but returned in the fourth.

Mertz went 13 of 21 for 203 yards with two touchdowns and zero interceptions for the Badgers, who have won 16 straight games against Purdue.

Purdue's four-game winning streak was snapped, and the Boilermakers (6-2, 3-2 Big Ten) fell one game behind Illinois for the lead in the Big Ten West standings.

Purdue coach Jeff Brohm said he was disappointed in the Boilermakers' effort, especially allowing Wisconsin to take a 21-0 lead after the first quarter.

"We dug ourselves a hole early and, without question, couldn't get out of it," Brohm said. "Our team doesn't have a lot of margin for error, and we can't do that.

"We did fight to the end, but it was

not a good day for our football team. Wisconsin flat-out beat us."

The Badgers scored on their opening drive as Mertz threw a 29-yard touchdown strike to Skyler Bell.

Less than one minute later, Torchio picked off Aidan O'Connell and dashed 31 yards for a touchdown that increased Wisconsin's lead to 14-0.

Leonhard said that he was pleased with the Badgers' fast start, along with the communication on the sideline and on the field.

"They had confidence in what we were asking them to do, and they finished," Leonhard said. "They made some big plays and got a ton of momentum and energy in the stadium."

Allen's 14-yard touchdown made it 28-3 in the first minute of the second half.

The Boilermakers capitalized on a fumble to get a short field, scoring on an 8-yard pass from O'Connell to Payne Durham. But that was quickly negated with a 54-yard burst by Isaac Guerendo 90 seconds later.

Wisconsin was without the team's

sack leader and best pass rusher as outside linebacker Nick Herbig did not play.

Leonhard said that Herbig was "banged up" and limited during practice leading up to the Purdue game. Herbig might've seen action, if the game dictated the need.

"We knew we would have him on a very limited pitch count if he was going to be available," Leonhard said. "As the flow of the game happened, we were able to keep him off the field, which I think is the best decision for him."

Leonhard, who spent seven seasons as the Badgers defensive coordinator, said a bye next week will be a good time to talk to the players about what the future will look like if he takes over the program on a permanent basis.

"I'm excited to kind of let them see a little bit of what the vision would be, but there's still work to do here in the second half of the season to make it a reality," he said.

The Badgers next game will be Nov. 5, when the team hosts Maryland.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bonduel, Lena/STAA advance after upset wins

Pulaski, Shawano, Oconto Falls eliminated from playoffs

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op football teams each pulled upsets in the first round of the postseason to keep their seasons alive.

Pulaski, Shawano and Oconto Falls all were eliminated after losses on Oct. 21.

Sixth-seeded Bonduel upset third-seeded Crivitz 22-7 in a Division 6 playoff game in Crivitz. The Bears will next head to No. 2 St. Mary's Springs on Oct. 28.

Louis Hrabik gave Bonduel the lead with a 9-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. After Crivitz tied it, Noah Weier hit Josiah Basten on a 27-yard pass to give the Bears a seven-point lead at halftime.

Hrabik scored from 12 yards out to put Bonduel up 20-7 in the third quarter. A safety in the fourth quarter capped the scoring.

Hrabik rushed for 122 yards in the

contest, while Weier had 55 passing yards. Basten hauled in three passes for 44 yards.

Lena/STAA was a No. 4 seed at the 8-player level and avenged its lone loss of the season by upsetting top-seeded Gibraltar 30-21 on Oct. 21 in Fish Creek. The co-op outscored Gibraltar 22-8 in the second half.

Lena/STAA will take on No. 3 Wabeno/Laona on Oct. 28 for its next postseason game.

Sidney Sylvester hauled in an 11-yard touchdown pass from Sam Marquardt to give Lena/STAA an 8-6 lead late in the first quarter.

Marquardt rushed for scores of 17, 58 and 13 yards between the third and fourth quarters to power the co-op to victory.

Marquardt finished with 194 rushing yards and 52 passing yards, while Logan Graef had 70 rushing yards. Tyler Shallow picked off a pass to lead the co-op's defense.

In Division 2, fifth-seeded Pulaski fell a little bit short, losing 21-13

against fourth-seeded Marshfield on Oct. 21 in Marshfield.

Marshfield led 14-0 at halftime before Pulaski scored twice in the third quarter to get within a point. Maverick Cole rushed for a 62-yard touchdown before Brock Steinbrecher intercepted a pass and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown.

The hosts added a touchdown early in the fourth quarter for the game's final score.

Cole rushed for 123 yards in the contest, while Logan Shultz passed for 126 yards. Gatlin Robaidek led a balanced receiving corps with three catches for 58 yards.

Pulaski finishes the season with a 7-3 overall record.

Seventh-seeded Shawano couldn't slow second-seeded Mosinee during a Division 3 playoff game on Oct. 21 in Mosinee. The hosts won 50-20.

Shawano scored first on a 100-yard interception return by Michael Metcalf-Grassman, but Mosinee scored the final three touchdowns of the half and the first four touchdowns in the second half.

Jerzy Brocker tossed a 5-yard touchdown to Jacob Landon in the fourth quarter and later scored on a 1-yard run.

Shawano capped the season with a 3-7 overall record.

Seventh-seeded Oconto Falls had its season come to a close after a Division 4 playoff loss to second-seeded Freedom on Oct. 21 in Freedom. The hosts won 49-22.

Freedom scored the game's first three touchdowns before Oconto Falls scored back-to-back touchdowns to tighten things up. Carter Hill connected with Kody Vorpahl on a 7-yard pass for the Panthers' first score and then Cole Bozile picked off a pass and returned it 40 yards for a score.

Freedom added two touchdowns and a safety in the first half and two more scores in the third quarter to run away with the lead.

Skylar Dalton scored on a 3-yard run in the final quarter for the Panthers.

The Panthers finished the season with a 4-7 overall record, which included one forfeit win.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-La Crosse

Pulaski High School graduate Maggie Hernandez had a monster week on the field for the UW-La Crosse women's soccer team.



MAGGIE HERNANDEZ

She scored four goals and added an assist in the team's 7-0 win over Dubuque on Oct. 19. In total, Hernandez took eight shots, with five on goal. Hernandez became the fourth player

in UWL history to score at least four goals in a game.

The Pulaski grad added an assist in the team's 3-0 win over UW-La Crosse on Oct. 22. She also took four shots, with two on goal.

Hernandez now has six goals and five assists on the season, and has helped UWL to a 15-1-1 record.

Grand Canyon University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Wyatt Dickman continued his strong start to his sophomore season while helping the Grand Canyon University men's swim team to two wins over Seattle University on Oct. 21-22.

On Oct. 21, Dickman was on the first-place finishing 200-yard medley relay team that posted a time of 1 minute, 32.57 seconds. He placed first in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:49.4.

The following day, Dickman won the 1,000 freestyle (10:01.03) and 200 breaststroke (2:06.73).

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Menominee Indian grad Allen



ALLEN SMITH

Smith registered a solo tackle in the Wisconsin Lutheran College football team's win over Eureka on Oct. 22.

Smith is now up to three total tackles on the season.

UW-River Falls

Shawano graduates Gage and Crede Timm both played in the UW-River Falls football team's rout of UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 22.

Gage Timm had four total tackles, with three being solo and one being assisted. He was also credited for a ½ tackle for loss and returned a kickoff 8 yards.

Crede Timm punted four times for 144 combined yards. He had a long punt of 51 yards.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski led the Concordia-St. Paul football team with 10 total tackles in its loss to Northern State on Oct. 22.

Egnarski was credited with five solo tackles and five assisted tackles. He also forced a fumble.

For the season, Egnarski has 29 solo tackles, 25 assisted tackles, 1½ tackles for losses and a forced fumble.

UW-Stevens Point

Pulaski graduates Gracie Mihalski and T.J. Shaw each swam for the UW-Stevens Point swim team during dual losses to UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 22.

Shaw placed fifth in the 1,000 freestyle (10:51.65), sixth in the 500 freestyle (5:13.14) and 16th in the 100 freestyle (54.82) while also



GRACIE MIHALSKI

helping form the 10th-place finishing men's 400 freestyle relay (3:47.11).

Mihalski was on the seventh-place finishing women's 400 freestyle relay (4:09.69) and ninth-place finishing 200 medley relay (2:07.95). Individually, she placed 11th in the 50 freestyle (27.87) and 12th in the 100 backstroke (1:11.24).

Colorado Mesa University

Pulaski graduate Sadie Kelley tied for 52nd place while golfing for the Colorado Mesa women's team at the Nick Turner Invitational on Oct. 16-18.

Kelley had a total score of 161 after firing rounds of 81 and 80.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel grad Isaac Garside turned in a strong game for the UW-Eau Claire football team despite its loss to UW-River Falls on Oct. 22.

Garside hauled in a 49-yard touchdown reception for the team's lone score in the game. He finished with six catches for 89 yards, rushed four times for 19 yards and returned five kickoffs for 101 combined yards.

Former Bonduel grad Parker Bohm served as the UWEC football team's long snapper on the extra point try.

Oconto Falls grad Autumn Canavera and Gillett grad Ryann Wagner both ran for the UW-Eau Claire women's cross-country team City Wells 5K on Oct. 21.

Canavera placed seventh in 20:02, while Wagner was 22nd in 21:09.

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UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn graduate McKenna Metropulos helped form two relay teams for the UW-Green Bay women's swim team at the Wisconsin Showcase on Oct. 22.

The 400 freestyle relay team she was on placed second in 3:43.41. Metropulos and the 200 medley relay team came in third in 1:51.27.

University of Minnesota Duluth

Pulaski grad Logan Kobus punted twice for the University of Minnesota Duluth football team during its loss to Bemidji State on Oct. 22.

Kobus' two punts traveled a combined 70 yards, with a long of 37 yards.

He also served as the team's holder on kick attempts.

University of Minnesota Morris

Menominee Indian grad Bryce Dixon was credited with an assisted tackle in the University of Minnesota Morris football team's win over Martin Luther on Oct. 22.

Dixon now has three assisted tackles for the season to go along with two receptions for 29 yards.

Carroll University

Pulaski graduate Jake Binkowski and Shawano grad Kaleb Lowney each recorded tackles for the Carroll University football team in a loss to Wheaton on Oct. 22.

Binkowski led the team with seven total tackles, with each one being a solo tackle. He also got one hit on the opposing quarterback.

Lowney was credited with one solo tackle.



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