

WITT-BIRN SWIMMERS ENJOY STATE MEET

Relay team sets
new personal best

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Dickman competes during the state meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 11 in Waukesha.

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HIGH SCHOOL SWIM



Wittenberg-Biramwood's Olivia Bessette swims her portion of the 200-yard freestyle relay during the WIAA Division 2 State Meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 11 in Waukesha.

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Witt-Birn relay breaks school record at state

4 Chargers relish state experience

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Biramwood High School girls swim state qualifiers enjoyed a solid day of competition during the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2 State Meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 11 in Waukesha.

The Chargers had three individuals and one relay team in action, and accumulated 35½ points to place 20th as a team.

The highlight of the day was the Witt-Birn 200-yard freestyle relay team breaking the school record by 0.02 seconds. Setting a new school mark was the main goal the quartet of Faith Resch, Annika Resch, Olivia Bessette and Reese Dickman set for state.

The four swimmers turned in a new record time of 1 minute, 42.27 seconds to place 10th. The time was 0.63 seconds faster than their seed time.

"The relay was so much fun," said Faith Resch, a sophomore. "I'm glad we all got to go and swim there together, and not to mention we all swam really well. I think it was also a great way to swim the last race I ever will with my sister (Annika)."

"Going to state was overall a great way to end the season," said Bessette,



Wittenberg-Biramwood's Annika Resch swims the butterfly leg of the 200-yard IM during the WIAA Division 2 State Meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 11 in Waukesha. Resch placed 16th in the event.

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another sophomore. "It was very special knowing me and my teammates worked very hard to make it. It was a great way to see how we would compete against other swimmers that we haven't swam against before."

Dickman competed in two individual events for the Chargers.

The freshman tied for 10th in the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.8 and finished 12th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.26.

"To me it was very special to compete at state at the end of the season," said Dickman. "I had a lot of fun swimming there with some of my teammates."

"In the beginning of the swim season my main goal was to make it to

state. As the season progressed I was unsure if I would be able to accomplish my goal, but at the sectional meet I qualified for state. The high school state swim meet was like no other swim meet that I have went to, and I am very glad that I had the opportunity to participate in it."

Faith Resch swam alongside Dickman in the 50 freestyle.

Resch came in ninth with a time of 24.75 seconds. That mark was 0.11 seconds faster than her seed time.

"Going into the meet I was nervous knowing that I was going against all of the best swimmers in the state," said Faith Resch. "Getting in line next to them was even more nerve racking, but it also got my adrenaline pump-

ing. As soon as I hit the water all my worries went away and I just swam as hard as I could. I'm happy with how it ended because I set a new personal record just like I was hoping for."

Annika Resch competed in the 200 IM to cap her senior season off. She placed 16th in 2:26.7.

The senior topped her seed time by 0.58 seconds.

"It was incredibly special ending my swimming career with state," said Annika Resch. "It's what every swimmer pushes for every year and I was thrilled to be able to end it with an absolutely amazing team. I wouldn't have wanted it any other way."

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Pulaski's Schmidt 5th at state to cap career

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Pulaski senior Taya Schmidt capped her high school swimming and diving career by placing fifth in the 1-meter diving event at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 1 State Meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 12 in Waukesha.

Schmidt finished with a score of 428.45 to earn the fifth-place finish.

"This year, I thought I did pretty good at state," said Schmidt. "Although a few dives did not go the way I was hoping, I did my best I could've in the moment and I'm happy with the way I placed."

The fifth-place finish is her top finish in three state attempts. Schmidt placed eighth in the alternate fall state meet as a sophomore and was 22nd at state as a junior.

"Placing fifth at state has meant a lot. It makes me feel like the hours of practice I've put into this sport has been well spent," said Schmidt. "In the past years I haven't placed

(on the podium, top six) so getting fifth definitely makes up for those past years."

After the preliminary round, Schmidt was in first place with a score of 211. She was up to 322.95 points and in second by the end of the semifinals.

Even after dropping a couple spots by the end of the competition, Schmidt was still pleased with her performance.

"Overall, I thought placing fifth at state was a good way to end my high school career," said Schmidt.

Full results from the Division 1 state meet can be found at www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Results/Swim_Girls/2022/dlgstateresults.pdf.

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Pulaski's Taya Schmidt twists during her dive at the WIAA Division 1 State Meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Nov. 12 in Waukesha.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin welcomes 3 newcomers in 2023 Signing Class

Blackwell, Winter, Yalden sign

Wisconsin men's basketball head coach Greg Gard announced Nov. 9 that high school seniors John Blackwell, Nolan Winter and Gus Yalden have each signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Wisconsin.

John Blackwell (6-foot-4, 185 pounds) is a three-star combo guard from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Per 247 sports, he ranks as the 26th-best combo guard in the nation and the third-best prospect in the state of Michigan. As a junior at Brother Rice High School, he averaged 13 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists per game while shooting 49% from beyond the arc — the highest 3-point shooting percentage in Michigan that season.

John's father, Glynn Blackwell,

played four seasons at Illinois (1984-88) at shooting guard, appearing in 106 games (57 starts) for the Illini where he averaged 12.1 points per game as a senior.

Winter, a three-star recruit, continues not only a family athletic legacy at the collegiate level, but also carries on a line of Lakeville North (Minnesota) Badgers.

The 6-10, 190-pound forward ranks as the No. 2-ranked basketball recruit in the state of Minnesota, according to 247 Sports. Winter played basketball at Lakeville North, the same high school program that current senior forward Tyler Wahl and former forward Nate Reuvers attended.

During his junior season at Lakeville North, he averaged 17.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per game, shooting 49.8% from the floor.

Nolan comes from an athletic family, as his father, Trevor, played Big Ten basketball for Minnesota (1993-97), and Nolan's mother,

Heidi, played volleyball for the Gophers.

Yalden, a four-star big man, is a native of Appleton and returns home to play for his home state Badgers.

The 6-9, 240-pound forward ranks as a top-100 recruit in the country, according to 247 Sports.

This past summer, he competed at the prestigious Nike Peach Jam in July, during which he put up a 35-point (70% field goal), 17-rebound performance and showcased himself as one of the best bigs in the country.

Yalden will play basketball his senior season at La Lumiere in LaPorte, Indiana, one of the top high school basketball programs in the country.

Yalden spent his junior season at Asheville High School in Asheville, North Carolina, where he averaged 17 points and seven rebounds per game.

"We are very excited to add Gus

to our program," said Gard. "We first saw Gus as a young player at our summer camps and it has been a long, exciting recruiting process to now finally call him a Badger. He grew up idolizing many former Badgers, he understands what it means to wear the Cardinal and White and takes pride in that. He is well traveled and has challenged himself both academically and athletically in high school so that he is well prepared to thrive here at Wisconsin.

"Gus plays the game with a lot of enthusiasm and passion, and our fans will absolutely love watching him compete in a Badger uniform. He has the size and strength to be a force around the rim, while combining that with a point-guard like feel on the perimeter to make him a very unique and talented player. We are excited to welcome Gus back home to his Wisconsin roots, and we can't wait to help him reach his dreams and goals as a Badger."

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Pulaski's Ambrosius an FRCC 1st teamer

5 other Red Raiders honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Six Pulaski High School boys soccer players landed on Fox River Classic teams after helping the team to a strong season this fall.

Senior Chase Ambrosius represented the Red Raiders on the all-conference first team. Senior Ryan Drafz made the second team, while seniors Dylan Carley and Austin Lipsey, junior Ben Uelmen and sophomore Maddox McKeefry were all honorable mentions.

Ambrosius finished the conference portion of the season with two goals and four assists. He made the first team as a midfielder. For the season, Ambrosius had seven goals and 14 assists in total.

"I got on the varsity team as a sophomore, and every year I play to win and do the best I can to get us the wins," said Ambrosius. "This year, I was lucky enough for the other coaches and teams to recognize me and what I was able to do on the field to help our team get the wins we needed, and it feels good to be able to get that — to put a little cherry on top of my high school season."

Drafz battled through an injury this season, but he still was a big part of Pulaski's success. The forward scored two goals in FRCC action and led the team with 21 goals on the year. He also was credited with four assists.

"It's so special for me to earn it after not being on varsity last year — I felt like I had a chip on my shoulder and had something to prove," said Drafz. "I did have a knee injury and missed some of the conference games, but the games I did play in I made an impact and we fought through it. I am very proud of what I did, and I'm glad

that other people thought I was good enough to deserve it."

McKeefry made the honorable mention list as a forward. He scored three goals and added an assist in conference play. McKeefry recorded 12 goals and two assists on the season.

Uelmen made the list as a midfielder. He contributed two goals in conference action and three goals and two assists on the season.

Carley and Lipsey both were recognized for their play as defenders.

Carley finished with a team-leading four goals in conference action. He had five goals and four assists on the year.

"It is very special to me earning this all-conference honor award during my senior season," said Carley. "Because this year is my last season, earning this award has felt like all of my hard work has paid off."

Lipsey was the heart of Pulaski's defense. He finished with two goals and two assists on the year.

"It is amazing to be all-conference as a senior. It's my last year of high school soccer, and it's a great feeling knowing that I'm part of this group," said Lipsey. "I'm thankful I got it, too, because I know so many people that deserved it just as much as I did."

Pulaski went 5-3-1 to place fourth in the rugged FRCC. The Red Raiders had a No. 1 seed for the postseason and knocked off No. 8 Green Bay West and No. 5 Marshfield to win a regional title.

Pulaski then topped No. 2 West De Pere and No. 5 Tomah to advance to state for the second time in school history. The Red Raiders were eliminated after a state semifinal loss to Whitefish Bay.



Pulaski's Chase Ambrosius kicks the ball during a Division 2 state semifinal match against Whitefish Bay on Nov. 3 at Kohler Engines Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee. Ambrosius made the all-conference first team in his senior season.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Lena's Marquardt, Kristof named conference's top players

Gillett, Suring also have several honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Several football players from Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Gillett and Suring earned spots on Peninsula Conference teams after the fall season wrapped up.

Lena/STAA finished second in the conference but had the top player on either side of the ball.

Senior Sam Marquardt was the Offensive Player of the Year, while senior Josh Kristof was the Defensive Player of the Year. Marquardt made the first team as a running back and second team as a defensive back, while Kristof made the first team as a linebacker.

"It's been pretty rewarding to achieve these awards this past season," said Marquardt. "The success makes all of the hard work that I put in throughout the offseason worth it. The best thing about the awards is I get to celebrate them with my teammates which are like family."

"Definitely very special receiving that honor because of all of the hard work I put in during the summer," said Kristof. "I felt like this year I got better with my fundamentals and I was able to show my full potential at the middle linebacker position."

Marquardt served as the Lena/STAA quarterback but did most of his work as a running back. He rushed for 1,563 yards and 25 touchdowns on the season, while passing for 491 yards and nine scores.

On defense, Marquardt tallied 54 total tackles, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries, three tackles for losses and two sacks. He also scored touchdowns for the co-op on defense and special teams.

Kristof racked up 124 total tackles for the season, with 22 going for losses. He also forced a pair of fumbles.

Junior Anthony Seefeldt and senior Sidney Sylvester, both from Lena, also made the first team.

Seefeldt made the list as an of-



Lena/STAA's Josh Kristof points upward after making a tackle during a playoff game against Wabeno/Laona on Oct. 28 in Wabeno. Kristof was the Defensive Player of the Year in the Peninsula Conference as a senior.

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fensive lineman.

"I think this will motivate me knowing that I was one of the top lineman in the conference this year, but there's a lot for me to work for, All-State or to hopefully make it into a college to play football," said Seefeldt of what the honor means to him.

Sylvester landed on the first team for his play on the defensive line, and was an honorable mention pick at offensive end. He tallied 37 total tackles, with eight going for losses. He also picked off two passes, recovered two fumbles and had two sacks. On

offense, Sylvester caught six passes for 190 yards and five scores.

"It's very special to me because I never would've imagined I could achieve such honors going into my freshman year," said Sylvester. "I have to give the credit to my coaches for pushing me to get into the weight room, which is the key to my success, and giving me all the skills I needed to be successful on the field. I couldn't have done any of it without the support of my teammates either. We are a very competitive group of seniors and always have pushed each other to be the best that we can be,

which is why we have been so successful in many sports."

STAA's Ethan Braley also made the first team. The senior had 22 total tackles and an interception while playing as a defensive back.

Gillett had a pair of players — sophomore quarterback Jesse DeBauch and junior wide receiver Brandon DeBauch — make the all-conference first team. Brandon DeBauch made the honorable mention team as a linebacker.

Jesse DeBauch threw for 1,881 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season. He also ran for 142 yards

and two more scores.

"It is feels great to make first team all-conference," said Jesse DeBauch. "And it just motivates me to put in more work to take the next step up next year."

Brandon DeBauch was the team's top receiver, hauling in 48 passes for 1,030 yards and 10 scores. He finished second on the team with 58 total tackles. DeBauch also had an interception and five tackles for losses.

"It will motivate me to improve in the offseason," said Brandon DeBauch of the conference honors. "I know I have a lot to improve on and I want to be the best I can be."

Suring senior Keegan Rattin made the second team as a running back.

Rattin finished with 564 rushing yards and four scores on the ground.

"It is very special to me that I have earned this honor of second team all-conference running back," said Rattin. "It truly shows the effort and commitment to the sport and putting up the amount of yards I did. For being set back and not being able to play my whole season due to a handful of injuries and playing during those injuries, I believe I have truly made a name for myself and am honored to be a part of second team all-conference.

Lena senior Mason Sobeck made the second team as an offensive lineman. Senior Logan Graef also made that list as a junior for his play at linebacker, and was an honorable mention selection at running back.

Graef was second on the co-op with 76 total tackles, with seven going for losses. He also recovered



Lena/STAA's Sam Marquardt drops back after tacking a snap during a playoff game against Wabeno/Laona on Oct. 28 in Wabeno. Marquardt was the Peninsula Conference's Offensive Player of the Year as a senior this fall.

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a fumble and had one sack. Offensively, Graef tallied 547 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

Suring juniors Trent VanDenElzen and Carter Whisman were also second teamers.

VanDenElzen made the list as a

linebacker, tallying a team-leading 84 total tackles, with 11 going for losses. He also was credited with two forced fumbles, an interception, a fumble recovery and one sack. Whisman made the list as a defensive lineman, accumulating 49 total tackles, two forced

fumbles, two fumble recoveries, two sacks and nine tackles for losses.

Gillett junior Tyler Slatky made the second team as a defensive lineman. He finished with 32 total tackles, four tackles for losses and three sacks. Slatky was an honorable mention pick as an offensive lineman.

Lena junior Colton Skrobel and freshman Colt Miller were both honorable mention selections.

Skrobel made the list as an offensive lineman, while Miller was recognized as a defensive lineman. Miller had 24 total tackles and a sack on the season.

Gillett senior Colten Sturm, junior Aydin Franti, freshman Max Montie and sophomore Lavonzell Smith all made the honorable mention list.

Sturm made the list as a running back and defensive lineman. He recorded 363 rushing yards and six touchdowns while racking up 32 total tackles and two sacks on defense.

Franti made the list as an offensive end. He was second on the team with 560 receiving yards on 38 grabs. Franti caught four touchdown passes.

Montie was honored as an offensive lineman, while Smith made it as a linebacker. Smith led the team with 72 total tackles, while also tallying a forced fumble, three tackles for losses and falling on one fumble.

Suring senior offensive lineman Colton Peters and senior defensive back Ashtyn Edwards were also honorable mention picks.

Edwards finished with 26 total tackles and two fumble recoveries.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin falls to 5-5 after loss to Iowa

Badgers' offense struggles

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin football team struggled offensively and lost 24-10 to Iowa on Nov. 12 in Iowa City, Iowa.

The loss dropped the Badgers to 5-5 overall and 3-4 in Big Ten play.

Wisconsin actually outgained Iowa 227-146 on the day, but three turnovers cost the Badgers.

The Badgers scored first on a 24-yard field goal from Nate Van Zelst and led 3-0 after a quarter. Iowa

grabbed the lead after blocking a Wisconsin punt and scoring a touchdown two plays later.

Wisconsin had a chance to grab the lead late in the half with a touchdown, but instead quarterback Graham Mertz was intercepted, and the Hawkeyes returned it 32 yards for a touchdown to make it 14-3.

The Badgers got back in the game with a touchdown drive in the final two minutes of the second quarter. Mertz connected with receiver Keonte Lewis for a 51-yard score to cap the drive.

Mertz was intercepted again on the first possession of the second half, but Wisconsin's defense was able to keep Iowa off the scoreboard.

The Hawkeyes upped their lead to 11 with a touchdown early in the fourth quarter and then tacked on a late field goal to seal up the game.

Wisconsin's third turnover was also by Mertz, as he fumbled late in the game after being sacked. The Badgers also fumbled three other times in the game.

Mertz ended up completing 16 of his 35 pass attempts for 176 yards. He was also sacked four times.

Running back Braelon Allen was limited to 40 yards on 17 attempts. Lewis led the team with 71 receiving yards, while receivers Chimere Dike and Skyler Bell had four grabs for 46 yards each.

Linebacker Maema Njongmeta

led Wisconsin with 11 total tackles, including one sack. Linebacker Jordan Turner had 10 total tackles and a sack, while linebacker C.J. Goetz tallied nine tackles.

Linebacker Nick Herbig registered three sacks, a forced fumble and eight total tackles, while safety Hunter Wohler had six total tackles. Linebacker Darryl Peterson recovered the fumble Herbig forced.

Wisconsin will need to win one of its remaining two games to become bowl eligible. The Badgers head to Lincoln, Nebraska to battle the Cornhuskers at 11 a.m. on Nov. 19 and will end the year hosting Minnesota at a to be determined time on Nov. 26.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Wittenberg-Birnamwood Bonduel each have players make 1st team

Menominee Indian's Wilber also honored by conference

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Bonduel and Menominee Indian volleyball teams all had players earn all-conference nods in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division this fall.

Witt-Birn had five players recognized but were passed over for the player and coach of the year honors despite going undefeated and winning the conference title by two games.

Seniors Reese Rogowski and Lilly Betry joined junior London Metropulos on the all-conference first team for the Chargers. Seniors Payton Foster and Kiara Deruchowski were both on the honorable mention list.

Metropulos made the first team unanimously after a big season. In conference matches, she accumulated a team-leading 137 attack kills, about 5.1 per set.

The junior also had 67 service points, 22 aces, 13 total blocks and 63 digs.

"Getting first team feels amazing. It feels great to receive recognition for all the hard work I put in over the year and that's something that has made me very grateful this season," said Metropulos. "I'm very excited for next year and hope that this award can help me push myself harder than I've ever pushed myself before."

Rogowski was named to the first team after racking up 98 attack kills, 83 digs, 71 service points and 11 aces.

"It's an honor and confirms the hard work put in throughout the season," said Rogowski, who went on to earn a spot on the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association Division 3 All-Tournament Team.

Betry led the Chargers in service points (91) and aces (32) during conference play. The senior also tallied 116 assists and 40 digs.

"It is a great feeling knowing that

your hard work paid off and the fact that I am a senior also makes it more special," said Betry.

Foster led the team in assists in CWC-East play with 125. She also was credited with 67 digs, 22 attack kills, 41 service points and eight aces.

Deruchowski was the Chargers' libero. She finished with 47 digs, 24 service points and eight aces.

Bonduel finished 4-3 in conference play and had four players make all-conference teams.

Junior setter Hailee Thompson made the first team. Sophomore Audrey Weier and senior Macy Niles were second teamers, while senior Nakiyah Henning made the honorable mention team.

Thompson finished with 220 assists, 110 digs, 12 aces and 64 attack kills in CWC-East play for the Bears.

"Ever since the start of this season I've been working towards earning a first team all-conference spot, however I knew I couldn't do it without the support of my teammates. Needless to say my teammates did that," said Thompson. "Now for next season, we are losing a lot of crucial seniors and it's time for new players to step up and fill the roles. I can't wait to see what my last year of playing for the Bonduel volleyball program has in store."

Weier led the Bears in attack kills (122) and tied for the team lead in total blocks (10). The sophomore also recorded 51 digs and nine aces.

Niles led Bonduel with 169 digs and 17 aces in conference play.

Henning finished CWC-East play with 35 attack kills, 16 aces and 104 digs.

Menominee Indian was unable to earn any conference wins, but did see senior Kaysha Wilber earn an honorable mention nod for her effort on the courts.

"Earning an all-conference spot is very exciting to me since it is my last year," said Wilber. "I've worked hard on and off the court preseason and during the season. Thanks to my coaches and family for pushing me to do my best."



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Lilly Betry sets the ball during a Division 3 regional title match against Bonduel on Oct. 22 in Wittenberg. Betry made the all-conference first team as a senior.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

15 Red Raiders named to FRCC-North teams

7 players make 1st team

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

Pulaski High School football players were a big part of the Fox River Classic Conference-North Division all-conference teams.

A total of 15 Red Raiders were honored after the team finished in third place with a 5-2 conference mark.

Seniors Jack Marsh, Maverick Cole, Aidan McDougal, Eric Sperduto, Jake Adams, Mason Wells and Brock Steinbrecher were all named to the first team.

Marsh was honored for his play on the offensive line.

"It means a ton, I worked hard this year and it was awesome to have it pay off," said Marsh of the honor. "There are a lot of great players on my team, and I'm proud to represent them with the first team honors. It was a great pleasure to play varsity football these last three years, and it was a great honor to be recognized for my efforts."

Cole made the first team unanimously for his work as a running back.

He led the team with 1,440 rushing yards and 21 touchdowns on the season. Cole had 1,191 yards and 18 touchdowns in conference play.

"Means a lot but had a lot of help getting there from everyone on the team to set me up for success," said Cole.

McDougal helped block for Cole and made the first team as a fullback. For the season, he finished with 100 receiving yards and a touchdown to go along with 33 rushing yards.

"It means a lot to me earning first team all-conference honor playing my last year of high school football," said McDougal. "It makes all the long practices, summer workouts and the dedication all worth it but that honor will never mean as much to me as the friendships and lifelong lessons that I have learned throughout my senior year."

Sperduto made the first team as a defensive lineman.

The senior finished with 32 total tackles, with six going for losses. He also forced two fumbles, recovered a fumble and had one sack.

Adams was a first teamer as an inside linebacker despite missing several games.



Pulaski senior running back Maverick Cole looks for a hole early in the team's game against Bay Port on Sept. 9 in Green Bay. Cole made the all-conference first team unanimously for his play at running back this season.

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Adams finished with 39 total tackles, one interception and three tackles for losses on the season, which spanned five games.

"It means a lot to be recognized as first team all-conference even though I was only able to play two games of conference play. It was special to play with the team and earn that accomplishment," said Adams.

Wells landed on the first team as a defensive back.

The senior tallied 26 total tackles, with one going for a loss. He also was credited with a fumble recovery.

"It's great to receive that recognition, especially as a senior knowing I don't have another chance," said Wells. "But I want to say thanks to my teammates because I wouldn't have been able to receive that without all my teammates doing their jobs and allowing me to make plays and receive first team all-conference."

Steinbrecher made the first team as a punter. He also made the second team for his play at outside linebacker. He averaged 33.4 yards on his 24

punt attempts this fall. Seven of those pinned opponents inside their own 20-yard line. Steinbrecher recorded 51 total tackles, one interception, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, two sacks and eight tackles for losses as a defender.

"I am truly honored to receive both honors as a senior. Coming from not being able to play offense last year due to multiple injuries, and having to then switch to defense was a big transition. Being able to come from not playing last year to then earning both honors this year is a blessing. But most importantly, I couldn't have done it without the help of my teammates and coaches by my side," said Steinbrecher.

Pulaski senior Charlie Duffrin and junior Ryan Rodal joined Steinbrecher on the all-conference second team.

Duffrin made it as an offensive lineman, while Rodal was honored at defensive back. Rodal accumulated 19 total tackles, two tackles for losses, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Seniors Will Friedman, Zach Przy-

bylski, Jacob Doxtater, Sam Murphy and Derek Block and junior Charlie Schuster made the honorable mention list for the Red Raiders.

Friedman was honored as an offensive lineman, while Przybylski made it as a tight end. Przybylski led the team with 180 receiving yards and a touchdown on seven grabs.

Doxtater was recognized as a running back. He finished with 466 rushing yards and four scores and added 140 receiving yards on 15 grabs.

Murphy was the team's kicker. He made a pair of field goals and 31 of his 34 extra-point attempts.

Schuster made the honorable mention list as an outside linebacker. He was second on the team with 62 total tackles, with 11 of those going for losses. He also registered two sacks and a fumble recovery.

Block played inside linebacker for Pulaski, tallying a team-leading 64 tackles, with six going for losses. He also forced a fumble.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Panthers' Otto, St. Louis earn NEC honors

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls High School volleyball players Amber Otto and Brailyn St. Louis each made North Eastern Conference teams after strong fall seasons.

Otto, a sophomore, made the second team for her play as an outside hitter. St. Louis also was honored as an outside hitter, making the honorable mention list as a senior.

Otto finished the conference portion of the season with 130 attack kills across nine matches. She also led the team with 21 aces.

The sophomore also recorded 100 digs and 73 service points.

"To be able to say that I received second team all-conference, as a sophomore, is truly an honor," said Otto. "I have worked very hard to earn my spot and my position on this team. I was very fortunate to play with such amazing teammates. Without all of them, this award would not be possible."

Otto is hoping the honor is just the start of things with two more high school seasons remaining.

"This award will definitively

motivate me to keep pushing myself and working hard," said Otto. "My goal as a junior or senior would be to possibly make first team. I look forward to growing as a volleyball player along with my teammates."

St. Louis was second on the team with 106 attack kills in NEC play. The senior also totaled 24 digs across the nine matches.

"Through all of my hard work and dedication to volleyball over these past four years, it feels very rewarding to earn an all-conference award," said St. Louis.

"For my final season, I couldn't be happier and more proud about our team's strong finish," she continued. "I was extremely proud and impressed by my team's continuous positive attitude and hard work."

Oconto Falls finished 5-4 in conference play and 27-16 overall.

The Panthers earned a No. 2 seed and bye to start the postseason. The team then topped Antigo and Mosinee to win a regional title. Oconto Falls was eliminated by top-seeded Tomahawk in a sectional semifinal.

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Oconto Falls' Amber Otto reaches up to hit the ball during a match against Luxemburg-Casco on Sept. 29 in Oconto Falls. Otto made the all-conference second team as a sophomore. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Sarah Tracy named the new Shawano boys coach

She also coaches
Seymour girls
team in fall

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Sarah Tracy has been hired as the new varsity boys swim head coach at Shawano Community High School.

"I was shocked to be thought of and honored with the opportunity (to coach at Shawano). Coaching swim is truly a passion and purpose of mine," said Tracy of her hire. "Swimming gave me so much dedication and



SARAH TRACY

confidence, and I want to show our youth how to transfer these qualities to all aspects of their lives."

Tracy has been involved with the sport of swim throughout her life. She started

competitive swimming at age 6 and swam all the way through four years of college swimming at UW-LaCrosse.

She has coached since the age of 12, when she began helping her local age group program by coaching the younger swimmers. During her fifth

year of college, she served as a volunteer student assistant coach at UWL.

In 2003, she joined the teaching staff at Seymour High School and became the girls swim assistant coach. The following year, she took over as the head coach of the Seymour girls program and continues in that role today.

In her tenure at Seymour, her teams have won the Bay Conference Championship three times, and she has taken 11 trips to the girls state meet. She also serves as the head track and field coach at Seymour in the spring.

"We couldn't have hoped to find a swim coach with a stronger resume or more coaching experience," said Joel Wondra, Shawano High School ac-

tivities director. "Sarah is a seasoned veteran who is accomplished at coaching high school athletes in the sport of swim. I'm excited for her to bring high standards and a hard work ethic to our boys swim program."

Tracy will get started in her role almost immediately, with practice starting Nov. 14.

"My hope is to give the boys and the program a positive shared experience," said Tracy. "Earning trust takes time, but I also want to give these boys a chance to excel. I am hoping we can improve their swimming as well as take those crucial steps to being strong, independent and confident young men, prepared for whatever their future might bring."

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lena's McNurlen, Suring's Sleeter make M&O 1st team

Gillett also has
players make all-
conference teams

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Several players from the Suring, Lena and Gillett volleyball teams earned spots on Marinette & Oconto Conference teams after the fall season wrapped up.

Suring had four players honored after tying for second place in the conference standings with a 13-3 record. Lena finished tied for fifth with a 7-9 mark and had two players honored, while Gillett also had two players recognized after going 4-12 in M&O play.

Suring senior Christine Sleeter and Lena senior Natalie McNurlen each landed on the all-conference first team.

Sleeter racked up 250 kills this season, while also tallying 55 total blocks, 136 digs, 147 assists and 42 aces.

"It is very special to me because, being my senior year, that is a really nice and honorable way to end my high school career," said Sleeter. "All the work I have put in the past few years has finally paid off, and it's amazing to feel that. I couldn't have done it without my team or my coach Mrs. (Tonja) Kruschke — she has pushed me to be the player I am, and I honestly couldn't thank her enough for everything."

McNurlen finished conference play with 137 kills, 27 digs, 24 aces and 10 blocks to lead Lena on the court.

"It is a tremendous honor to be named first team all-conference," said McNurlen. "I had so much fun playing this year — sharing the ups and downs of a season with awesome teammates and great coaches made all the effort worth it. We made so many great memories this year; our playoff run was magical. I am going to miss playing volleyball for Lena High School."

Lena sophomore Peyton Dorow, Gillett senior Halle Fisher and Suring junior Bailey Stuart were all second team selections.

Dorow finished M&O play with 49 kills, 25 aces and 18 blocks for the Wildcats.

In conference action, Fisher totaled 90 kills and 109 digs. She served 166 times and had 14 aces — Fisher led the team in serves, yet had the



Lena's Natalie McNurlen serves the ball during a conference match against Gillett on Aug. 30 in Gillett. McNurlen made the all-conference first team in her senior season.

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least amount of errors.

"Pretty cool, but my goal is to just play with the team," said Fisher of the honor. "Glad to get something to remember senior season by."

Stuart tallied 80 kills, 15 total blocks, 162 digs and 42 aces for the Eagles this fall.

Suring seniors McKenzie Chesterfield and Macie Reed both earned honorable mention recognition. Gillett junior Hailey Elsner was also on that list.

Elsner capped M&O play with 77 kills and 39 digs, while leading the team with 10 block kills.

Chesterfield tallied 121 kills, 91 digs and 38 aces in her final high school season.

"It's very special; I've worked really hard throughout my volleyball career and dedicated a lot of time. I'm glad to see that my hard work didn't go unnoticed," said Chesterfield of the conference honor.

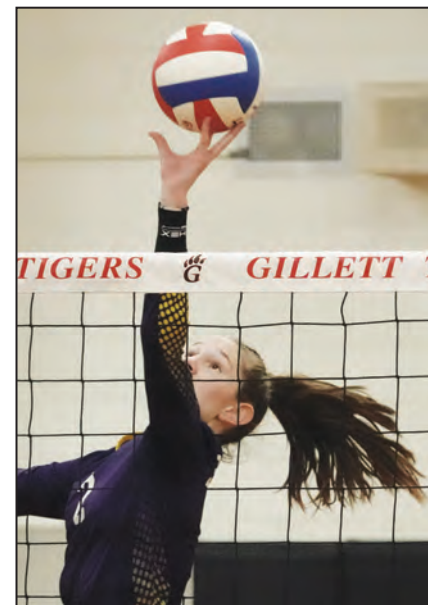
In her senior season, Reed tallied

171 assists, 72 kills, 16 total blocks, 98 digs and 30 aces.

"I feel honored to be recognized for all my hard work over the years. From three years of club to four years on varsity, I definitely put in the hours," said Reed. "I took on a new challenge in becoming a setter for my team and felt that my hard work really paid off this year. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to play with such strong women and share my final season with them."

The three area teams ended up battling it out in the postseason.

Fourth-seeded Lena rallied past fifth-seeded Gillett in a Division 4 regional quarterfinal match. The Wildcats then upset top-seeded Suring in a five-set thriller before claiming a regional title with a five-set win over No. 2 Gresham. Lena was eliminated by top-seeded Wabeno/Laona in a sectional semifinal.



Suring's Christine Sleeter hits the ball during a match against Coleman on Sept. 27 in Gillett. Sleeter, a senior, made the Marinette & Oconto Conference first team this fall.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-River Falls

Shawano Community High School graduates Gage and Crede Timm both played in the UW-River Falls football team's win over UW-Stout on Nov. 12. Gage Timm was credited with one solo tackle. Crede Timm punted four times for a combined 138 yards, also pinning Stout inside its 20 twice.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry got her senior season with the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team off to a strong start with a pair of strong games last week.

In a season-opening loss to Northwood on Nov. 11, DePerry started and played 20 minutes. She finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds, while also recording a steal. Six of the rebounds came on the offensive glass.

DePerry then powered the team to a win over Findlay on Nov. 12. She scored 27 points after making 7 of her 11 shots and 13 of her 15 free throw attempts. She also tallied 10 rebounds, three assists and one steal.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel graduate Isaac Garside totaled 75 total yards of offense during the UW-Eau Claire football team's loss to UW-Oshkosh on Nov. 12. Garside carried the ball three times for 17 yards and hauled in four receptions for 58 more yards.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski racked up 10 total tackles for the Concordia-St. Paul football team in its win over Minot State on Nov. 12. Seven of the 10 tackles were solo ones. He also had 1½ tackles for losses.

UW-Green Bay

Wittenberg-Birnamwood gradu-

ate McKenna Metropulos competed in four events while representing the UW-Green Bay women's swim team during a dual win over St. Norbert on Nov. 12.

Metropulos won the 200-yard IM with a time of 2 minutes, 18.83 seconds and was also first in the 100 freestyle in 53.45 seconds. She was also on the first-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:40.64) and 200 medley relay (1:51.28) teams.

Shawano graduate Grace Beyer placed 169th while running for the UW-Green Bay women's cross-country team NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championships on Nov. 11.

Beyer completed the course in 23:23.3.

University of Minnesota Duluth

Pulaski grad Logan Kobus punted five times and also served as the holder for the University of Minnesota Duluth football team in its win over Northern State on Nov. 12.

His five punts traveled a combined 163 yards, with a long of 44. He pinned the opponent inside its own 20-yard line once.

Carroll University

Pulaski grad Jake Binkowski and Shawano grad Kaleb Lowney each registered tackles for the Carroll football team in its loss to Washington University in St. Louis on Nov. 12.

Binkowski was credited with three total tackles, including a ½ tackle for loss. Lowney posted two solo tackles.

UW-La Crosse

Pulaski graduate Maggie Hernandez helped the UW-La Crosse women's soccer team to a pair of tournament wins last week..

In a 3-0 win over Greenville on Nov. 11, Hernandez had two shots and also was credited with an assist. She took one shot in the team's 1-0 win

over Illinois Wesleyan on Nov. 12. UWL will continue its season with a third round game against Virginia Wesleyan on Nov. 19.

Ripon College

Gillett graduate Angela Mosconi placed 121st while running for the Ripon women's cross-country team at the NCAA Division III North Region Championships on Nov. 12. Mosconi turned in a time of 25:02.7. Witt-Birn graduate Lauren Bahr swam in four events for the Ripon women's swim team during the Gene Davis Invitational on Nov. 12.

She placed third in the 100 backstroke (1:06.63) and was eighth in the 50 freestyle (27.85) and 100 freestyle (1:01.08). Bahr also was on the second-place finishing 200 freestyle relay team (1:51.73).

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis started in her first career game for the Bemidji State women's basketball team. The team won 60-43 over Valley City State on Nov. 11. In 24 minutes, Theis grabbed nine rebounds and scored four points.

University of Missouri

Oconto Falls graduate Clayton Whiting opened his collegiate career by going 3-1 while wrestling for Missouri at the Tiger Style Invite on Nov. 12. His wins were by decision (5-4, 11-6 and 2-1). Whiting's lone loss came to a Missouri teammate by 3-1 decision.

Northern Michigan University

Witt-Birn grad Abi Fraaza played in her first two games for the Northern Michigan women's basketball team last week. Fraaza grabbed three rebounds across nine minutes in the team's win over Lewis on Nov. 11. She had six

points, three rebounds, one assist, one block and one steal across 17 minutes against William Jewell on Nov. 12.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski graduate Jasmine Litt helped the St. Cloud State women's basketball team to a pair of wins last week. Litt scored 11 points and tallied five rebounds across 14 minutes in a win over Valley City State on Nov. 12. She posted four rebounds and two points across 21 minutes in a win over Presentation College on Nov. 13.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel combined to play 25 minutes across two Wisconsin Lutheran women's basketball team games last week. In a loss to Calvin on Nov. 11, Troxel tallied three points, two rebounds and a steal across 13 minutes. Troxel had one rebound across 12 minutes in a win over DePauw on Nov. 12.

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede and Bonduel grad Carson Robaidek each played for the WLC men's basketball team during the first two games of the season.

Stiede started and tallied 11 points, five assists, one rebound and two steals in a win over Martin Luther on Nov. 11. He then had seven points, six rebounds, two steals and an assist in a loss to Bethany Lutheran on Nov. 12. Robaidek played against Martin Lutheran, grabbing a defensive rebound in three minutes of action.

Augsburg University

Bonduel graduate Max Sokolski finished 1-2 while wrestling for Augsburg at the Luther College Open on Nov. 12. Sokolski lost by sudden victory (3-1) in his first match, but earned a win by medical forfeit in his next matchup. He was topped 7-1 in his final match of the day.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Stadler Farms	11	5
Schairer Farms	8	8
Rightway Propane	7	9
M and J Harvesting	6	10
High team scratch games: Stadler Farms 593, M and J Harvesting 587, Schairer Farms 570.		
High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 190, Susan Zeinert 186, Lisa Zywicki 179, Samantha Stadler 169.		
High team scratch series: Stadler Farms 1,679, M and J Harvesting 1,654, Schairer Farms 1,634.		
High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 530, Patricia Stadler 489, Lisa Zywicki 477, Susan Zeinert 461.		
Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business		

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	22	5
CWAA	19	8
S and M Tool	15	12
Rew Motors	15	12
Kessen Auto Body	12	15
Kropf's Meat	9	18
Chet and Emil's	8	19
TLC Auto Body	8	19
High team scratch games: Karcz Lending 1,173, S and M Tool 1,046, Kropf's Meat 889.		
High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 248, Paul Hanke 229, Ed Resch 223.		
High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,111, Karcz Lending 3,019, Kropf's Meat 2,546.		
High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 711, Doug		

Kunst 676, Tyler Krull 617. Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	21	11
Banner Banks	14 1/2	17 1/2
Chet and Emil's	14	18
Cady Home	13 1/2	18 1/2
High team handicap games: Chet and Emil's 779, Banner Banks 766, Star Campsite 762.		
High individual scratch games: Jen Duranceau 250, Sheila Humblet 213, Kim Zeller 212, Julie Stewart 210, Courtney Tryba 202, MaryGene Salvason 200.		
High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,229, Chet and Emil's 2,191, Banner Banks 2,109.		
High individual scratch series: Jen Duranceau 619, Julie Stewart 601, Cindy Mortenson 586, MaryGene		

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	18	9
Kautza Excavating	16	11
Clark Construction	15	12
White Insurance	15	12
Schmidt Schulta	13	14
High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,066, Kautza Excavating 970, Clark Construction 916.		
High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 256, Jordan Wanta 245, Brandon Resch 245, Dan Rew 245.		
High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,104, Kautza Excavating 2,897, Clark Construction 2,536.		
High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 729, Jordan Wanta 662, Brandon Resch 662, Dan Rew 662.		

Hunters encouraged to participate in DNR's Deer Donation Program this year

Venison donations help Wisconsinites in need

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to donate Wisconsin-harvested deer to the department's Deer Donation Program. The program helps stock food pantries for the upcoming holiday season and supports residents in need throughout the state.

Since the program began in 2000, hunters have donated almost 100,000 deer, totaling more than 3.8 million pounds of venison distributed to Wisconsin food pantries.

Through the Deer Donation Program, the DNR works with partnering meat processors to distribute thousands of pounds of donated venison to Wisconsin food pantries.

"Wisconsin hunters have an important opportunity to support families in their communities during the deer season through the Venison Donation



Wisconsin hunters are encouraged to donate their harvested deer through the Deer Donation Program to help Wisconsinites in need.

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Program," said DNR Wildlife Damage Specialist Brad Koele. "Whether you harvest an extra deer or donate the only deer you shoot, we thank all deer hunters, meat processing and nonprofit partners who help make this program a success for those in need."

Those looking to support the Deer Donation Program can also do so through a monetary donation when purchasing a hunting or fishing license or a Wisconsin State Park pass.

How to donate deer

Hunters interested in donating a Wisconsin-harvested deer to the DNR's Deer Donation Program can

follow these steps:

- Field dress your deer. Handle the carcass with care.
- Register your deer through Game Reg (gowild.wi.gov/wildlife/harvest). Make a note of your registration confirmation number and keep it on hand when dropping off your deer.
- Test your deer for CWD if harvested from a CWD-affected county (p.widencdn.net/kv6vws/surveillanceplan) that requires testing before taking the deer to a processor. To find a CWD sampling location near you to submit samples from Wisconsin-harvested deer free of charge, visit the

DNR's "Sampling For Chronic Wasting Disease" webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/registersample.html. Test results are usually available from the DNR within two weeks.

• Call ahead. Contact one of the participating processors (widnr.widenet/s/xkq6fxmbds/processor_deer_donation_list_2020) before dropping off your deer to make sure they have space to accept it. More processors may be added later in the season, so check back if you don't see one currently in your area.

If donating a Wisconsin-harvested deer that is being tested for CWD, inform the processor at the time of the donation and provide your CWD barcode number. The processor will hold onto the donated deer until results are known and before distributing to an area nonprofit.

• Drop off your deer at a participating processor.

Visit the DNR's Deer Donation Program webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/donation.html to learn more.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

9 area players earn All-Region recognition

Chargers' Nowinsky earns double honors

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

High school football players from Shawano, Pulaski, Oconto Falls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy earned All-Region honors this fall season.

The All-Region list was announced Nov. 8 by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association.

Shawano senior Ashton Henning and Pulaski senior Maverick Cole each landed on the 2-Large Region list.

Oconto Falls senior Mitchell Kallies was joined by Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior David Gauderman and juniors Charlie Nowinsky and Casey Kielman on the 2-Small Region list.

Lena seniors Sam Marquardt and Josh Kristof and junior Anthony

Seefeldt made the 8-South Region list.

Henning made the list as a wide receiver. Despite missing games this season due to an injury, he hauled in 32 receptions for 755 yards and 11 touchdowns. Henning also rushed for one touchdown.

Cole was honored for his play at running back. He rushed for 1,440 yards and 21 touchdowns to lead the Red Raiders' rushing attack.

Kallies made the list as an offensive lineman. He helped Oconto Falls rush for nearly 2,000 yards on the season.

Gauderman was recognized for his play at running back. He rushed for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns on the season. Gauderman also caught 12 passes for 157 yards and three more scores.

Nowinsky was honored for his play on the offensive and defensive lines. He helped create running lanes for Gauderman, and the team rushed for 2,726 yards as a whole.

Defensively, Nowinsky tallied 38 total tackles — with 10 going for losses — and two sacks.

Kielman made the All-Region list as a defensive back. He finished the season with 14 total tackles, a fumble recovery and three interceptions.

Marquardt, the co-op's quarterback, made the list as an offensive back. He rushed for 1,563 yards and 25 touchdowns. Marquardt passed for 491 yards and nine scores.

Kristof was honored as an inside

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The full All-Region team list can be found at www.wifca.org.

linebacker. He racked up 124 total tackles on the season, with 22 going for losses. Kristof also forced two fumbles.

Seefeldt made the list as an offensive lineman. He helped pave the way for Marquardt and a running game that amassed nearly 3,000 yards as a whole.

Chargers' Rogowski earns spot on All-Tournament Volleyball Team

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior Reese Rogowski landed on the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association Division 3 All-Tournament Team for her play at the state tournament.

In Witt-Birn's state semifinal loss to Howards Grove on Nov. 4 at the Resch Center in Green Bay,

Rogowski led the Chargers with 11 attack kills. The senior also totaled four digs and a block assist.

Witt-Birn was defeated by scores of 25-13, 25-18, 25-9.

All-Tournament honorees will be invited to the WVCA Player Awards Banquet on Dec. 10 in Madison.

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