



OCONTO FALLS KNOCKS OFF MENOMINEE INDIAN

Panthers get balanced
scoring in win

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Oconto Falls' Madeline Maloney puts up a shot during the team's nonconference game against Menominee Indian on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls opens season with home win

Panthers hold off late charge by Eagles

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls girls basketball team opened the winter season by taking down Menominee Indian 46-39 on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls built a big lead in the first half behind some strong 3-point shooting before needing to hold off a valiant Menominee Indian comeback effort in the final half.

"It's crazy, senior season, me and Kate (Pytleski) are definitely really excited and we really love our teammates so it feels really good to start the season with a win," said Oconto Falls' Ashlyn Allen.

Fittingly, it was the two seniors that got Oconto Falls going in the first half. Pytleski converted a contested shot near the rim on the team's opening possession, and then Allen knocked in a 3-pointer to put the hosts up 5-0.

Menominee Indian's first basket was a 3-pointer from Mariah Fish, making it 5-3 briefly before Oconto Falls took over. The Panthers scored the next 12 points.

The run began with a pair of free throws from Morgan Moynihan before Allen and Pytleski hit 3-pointers. Madeline Maloney joined the scoring parade with a bucket before Bailee Gorman capped the big spurt with a bucket.

A 3-pointer from Menominee Indian's Kaysha Wilber put a halt to the run, but Oconto Falls then then went on an 11-1 run to push the lead to 21, 28-7.

Amber Otto scored five points, including another 3-pointer, to lead the Panthers on that spurt. Gorman, Moynihan and Allen all chipped in a bucket.

Menominee Indian settled in during the last four minutes of the half, with a 3-pointer from Anisa Peters stopping the run before Wilber hit another shot. Oconto Falls still led 32-13 at the break and seemed in complete control.

After dealing with some foul trouble in the opening half, Allen was tagged for her fourth foul early in the second half.

A couple free throws and 3-pointer from Peters got Menominee Indian within 14 points, but a triple from Gor-



Menominee Indian's Isabella O'Kimosh, right, defends Oconto Falls' Brynn Hodkiewicz during a nonconference matchup on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

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man and baskets from Maloney and Pytleski put the hosts back up 19 again.

After a timeout with 12:03 to play, Menominee Indian started applying some full-court pressure. The pressure got to Oconto Falls, leading to more turnovers than attempted shots over the next several minutes. During that stretch, the Eagles slowly crept back into the game.

Fish and Natalie Peters converted shots to start an 8-0 run from the visitors. Emma Komanekin later hit a shot, and Fish and Wilber made a free throw each to cap the run.

"I feel like Menominee has a big thing of like being a second half team," said Wilber. "We don't start out too good but the next half we're pretty good. We just cut it a little short every time."

Oconto Falls' Hannah Ludemann connected on a key 3-pointer to stop the Eagles' run and the Panthers' long scoring drought, but Wilber

answered with a basket and then hit another shot to get the deficit down to 10, 42-32.

Maloney had the game's next basket, but Menominee Indian still didn't back down. A triple from Wilber made it a nine-point game with just under four minutes to play. A free throw from Otto was answered by two free throws from Fish with exactly three minutes left.

Oconto Falls was able to hold on for the win by holding Menominee Indian scoreless until the last final seconds of the contest.

Pytleski thought the Panthers got overconfident after going up big and then started to make mistakes as a result. "But we finished strong, so it was a good first game."

The senior added that as the young, inexperienced group of players get more familiar with the varsity level of play, that the team will respond better to pressure. "We have to be more

confident with the ball. Who wants it more, pretty much."

While the comeback effort fell short, Menominee Indian was pleased with its finish to the contest and anticipate better results going forward.

"It's really nice to see because I feel like we have a good season in store for us coming ahead — because most of our varsity is full of young girls and we can tell the heart they already have and all of the energy they're giving us this early on," said Fish on the team's strong second half.

Menominee Indian 13 26 — 39

Oconto Falls 32 14 — 46

Oconto Falls (46): Hannah Ludemann 0-0 3, Ashlyn Allen 0-0 8, Kyndra Staidl 1-4 1, Morgan Moynihan 2-2 4, Bailee Gorman 0-2 7, Amber Otto 1-4 8, Madeline Maloney 0-1 8, Kate Pytleski 0-0 7.

Menominee Indian (39): Anisa Peters 0-2 6, Kaysha Wilber 3-6 17, Mariah Fish 5-8 10, Emma Komanekin 0-0 4, Natalie Peters 0-0 2.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

8 Hawks make all-conference lists

Henning the Bay's top receiver

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School football team had eight players make all-conference teams after helping the team to a 3-4 finish in the Bay Conference this fall.

Senior Ashton Henning earned the highest honor after being tabbed the conference's Wide Receiver of the Year. He made the first team unanimously as a receiver and also earned a second team honor on defense for his play as an outside linebacker.

"It meant a lot to me, especially with having my surgery and not knowing how many games I was going to be able to play," said Henning of his honors. "So the help from my coaches and teammates played a big role into me accomplishing what I did and I couldn't be more happy."

Henning hauled in 32 receptions for 755 yards and 11 touchdowns in just six games. He also carried the ball seven times for 59 yards and an additional score.

Sophomore Jerzy Brocker earned double first team honors for the Hawks. He unanimously made the first team for his play as a defensive back and also was honored as a flex player on offense — he served as the team's quarterback most of the season.

Brocker completed 118 passes for 1,683 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also led the team with 573 rushing yards and five scores. On defense, he picked off three passes, had one fumble recovery and took three of those takeaways back for scores.

"First of all, I would like to thank all the seniors for what they did and I couldn't have done it without them," said Brocker. "At the start of the season I just wanted to get on the field and help the team out as much as I could. When our QB went down, I knew I had to step up and this was my chance, the team really helped me out and was willing to accept my mistakes early on."

"Earning the two all-conference spots meant a lot to me and is one of my biggest accomplishments of my young sports career. After our playoff loss to Mosinee, it really sunk in and I didn't want it to end that way. That



Shawano's Ashton Henning, right, runs with the ball during a Bay Conference win over Winneconne on Sept. 24 in Shawano. Henning was tabbed the conference's top receiver and earned all-conference honors at two spots as a senior.

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game really motivates me and it will for next season as well."

Sophomore Logan Sipple was a unanimous selection to the first team for his play as a wide receiver.

He caught 30 passes for 388 yards and four scores. Sipple also returned a kickoff for a touchdown this fall.

"It means a lot to me, especially being my first year playing wide receiver. It feels good to know that work is paying off," said Sipple. "Receiving a first team award will push me even harder for the next couple of seasons. It definitely motivates me to keep pushing hard during the offseason and working for the next year."

Senior Brady Glysch was another unanimous first teamer, making the list as an offensive lineman.

Glysch helped the Shawano

offense throw for 1,935 yards and rush for an additional 884 yards. The Hawks scored the second-most points in the Bay.

"It means a lot. One of my goals going into this year was to be named first team all-conference, and the fact that every coach in the conference voted for me makes me feel proud of how my senior season went," said Glysch.

Senior Michael Metcalf-Grassman joined Brocker on the all-conference first team defensive list. Metcalf-Grassman made it as an inside linebacker.

The senior picked off two passes and returned one for a touchdown.

Metcalf-Grassman made the second team as a wide receiver. He caught 21 passes for 266 yards and six scores. The senior also rushed for over 100 yards and threw for 252 yards and two

scores after starting the year as the team's quarterback.

"It means a lot. It was a goal of mine to win all-conference awards both ways my senior year," said Metcalf-Grassman. "I could not have done it without the help of my teammates and coaching staff."

Senior Jacob Landon was a second team selection as a tight end. Landon hauled in a team-leading 45 receptions for 444 yards and three scores.

Senior Deacon Carroll made the honorable mention list after helping Glysch fill out the offensive line.

Senior Owen Curran was also an honorable mention pick, making it as a defensive back. He led the team with four interceptions.

Shawano's Young signs letter of intent



Shawano's Caden Young, center, reacts after signing his letter of intent to Southwest Minnesota State University on Nov. 17 in Shawano. Caden's parents, John and Chelsea, sit alongside him.

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Senior will wrestle in Minnesota in future

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School senior Caden Young took the next step in his wrestling career after signing a letter of intent to Southwest Minnesota State University.

Young signed the letter of intent in front of family, coaches, teammates and friends inside the high school on Nov. 17.

"It means a lot. I've been working for this for probably 13-ish years, or whenever I started wrestling," said Young of signing. "Just very happy to finally find a home where I can continue on."

Young's wrestling career at the high school level has been a unique one, as he began wrestling at Clintonville before transferring to Shawano as a sophomore.

"It means a lot. I've been working for this for probably 13-ish years, or whenever I started wrestling. Just very happy to finally find a home where I can continue on."

CADEN YOUNG, Shawano senior wrestler

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"I came here to just continue on and improve my skills, but I didn't know that many people in Shawano," said Young. "Thank you to the wrestling team, they really helped me just transition in — they're my best buds here. Of course, I have my Clintonville boys, and they've always supported me throughout life and not just wrestling."

Before Young signed, Shawano wrestling coach Mike Homan helped introduce the senior wrestler, listing off some of his accomplishments to this point of his life.

Young has made an all-conference first team three times, never losing a conference match. He's also won a pair of regional titles

and a sectional title, and qualified for the Division 1 state meet at 170 pounds last winter.

Young is also an All-American, has won 10 high school tournaments and is an Academic All-American.

"His attention to detail in wrestling and in the school environment will be a great addition to the Mustangs of Southwest Minnesota State University," said Homan.

Young then thanked all the people that came to watch him sign, which included some of his Clintonville friends.

After signing, Young exclaimed: "Roll 'Stangs," before soaking in the minute with some pictures.

Young said he didn't receive "that much interest" because of some injuries he's dealt with in high school.

He filled out an online questionnaire to Southwest Minnesota State before getting in contact with the coach. After taking a visit, Young liked what he saw and decided to call that home after high school.

Having signed before the season has gotten underway, Young now has the opportunity to show everyone why he's getting a scholarship to wrestle at the next level.

"This year, it's state title," said Young on any goals for his final high school season. "That's been my goal all four years, that's what I'm shooting for and I'm really prepared to do that this year."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

10 Witt-Birn players honored for CWC-Large play

Gauderman tabbed as Co-Offensive Player of the Year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team had 10 players earn spots on Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division teams after strong fall seasons.

Six of the players recognized earned double honors after Witt-Birn went 5-2 in conference play (officially 6-1 after a forfeit win over Amherst).

Senior David Gauderman earned the highest honor of the Chargers after being tabbed the Co-Offensive Player of the Year. He was honored for his play as a running back.

Gauderman also made the first team as a linebacker on defense.

The senior rushed for 1,168 yards and 10 touchdowns in seven conference games. Gauderman also caught 11 passes for 152 yards and three more scores.

Defensively, Gauderman finished with a team-leading 77 total tackles, with 19 going for losses. He also had 6½ sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

"It means a lot, I think I came a long way throughout my high school football career," said Gauderman. "From playing o-line and d-line to being first team running back and first team linebacker just puts a smile on my face, seeing how far I've come over the last four years means a lot to me. All thanks to my coaches and teammates for putting me in the best position to succeed."

Junior Charlie Nowinsky was also a double first team honoree, making it for his work on the offensive and defensive lines.

On defense, Nowinsky tallied 34 total tackles, with nine going for losses, and a pair of sacks.

"It means a great deal to me to be named first team all-conference for both offensive line and defensive line," said Nowinsky. "Going into the season it was one of my personal goals to receive all-conference honors. My all conference recognition, along with my all-regional honors for both sides of the ball, raises the bar for me next season and motivates me to keep working hard in

the weight room and on the field."

Juniors Casey Kielman and Nathan Waupekenay also earned spots on the first team.

Kielman made the first team as a defensive back, while also picking up an honorable mention nod for his play as a receiver.

Kielman finished with 12 total tackles in conference play. He picked off three passes and recovered one fumble.

As a receiver, Kielman caught 10 passes for 260 yards and three scores.

Waupekenay was a first teamer as a kicker, and made the honorable mention list as a quarterback.

The junior threw for 850 yards and 12 touchdowns while rushing for an additional 427 yards and two scores.

Senior Max Fraaza earned two second team honors — which he called a surprise — for his play on the offensive and defensive lines.

Fraaza finished with 45 total tackles, with 11 going for losses, in CWC-Large play. He also tallied five sacks, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Junior Coye Brillowski landed on the second team for his play as a defensive lineman.

Brillowski finished with 34 total tackles, eight of which went for losses. He also recovered a fumble and had one sack.

Senior Chris Crews was a second teamer as a linebacker.

Crews was second on the team with 65 total tackles. He also posted three sacks and eight tackles for losses while recovering a fumble.

Senior Dylan Resch and juniors Braeden Groshek and Marshall Fraaza were all honorable mentions for Witt-Birn.

Resch made the list as a defensive back. He finished CWC-Large play with 25 total tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Groshek was recognized as a linebacker. He registered 28 total tackles and an interception in conference play.

Fraaza was on the honorable mention list as a linebacker and wide receiver. On offense he rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns, while hauling in 18 passes for 326 yards and a team-leading five scores. Defensively, the junior had 33 total tackles, one interception, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and three tackles for losses.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Nathan Waupekenay, left, hands the ball off to David Gauderman during a nonconference game against Iola-Scandinavia on Aug. 26 in Wittenberg. Gauderman and Waupekenay each earned two all-conference nods this fall.

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Witt-Birn's Max Fraaza, left, closes in on an Amherst player during a conference game on Sept. 9 in Wittenberg. Fraaza made the all-conference second team at two positions this fall.

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3	Sunday, September 25	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3:25 p.m.	FOX
4	Sunday, October 2	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3:25 p.m.	CBS
5	Sunday, October 9	vs New York Giants (London)	8:30 a.m.	FOX
6	Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	*12 p.m.	FOX
7	Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	*12 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
9	Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	*12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	*3:25 p.m.	FOX
11	Thursday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS	7:15 p.m.	prime video
12	Sunday, November 27	at Philadelphia Eagles	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
13	Sunday, December 4	at Chicago Bears	*12 p.m.	FOX
14	Monday, December 18	BYE WEEK		
15	Sunday, December 25	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel falls to St. Mary Catholic in opener

Bears struggle with pressure

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team started strong but struggled to adjust to full-court pressure and eventually fell 55-41 to St. Mary Catholic in a nonconference battle on Nov. 15 in Bonduel.

The rematch of a Division 4 sectional semifinal last winter was a back-and-forth battle in the early going before the Bears created some separation. That's when St. Mary turned to a full-court press, and Bonduel was never truly able to get in a rhythm again.

The Bears scored 21 points in about nine minutes of game time before tallying just 20 points in the final 27 minutes.

"We have a lot of young blood, a lot of people that were on JV last year, so the pressure kind of got to us," said Ella Hischke, who led the Bears with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. "First game, so we were a little out of shape too. But I think the next part of the season we'll be better under pressure."

"I mean, we weren't really used to the pressure, so we need to work on that in practice," said Kendra Troxel, who was second on the team with 11 points. "Just put more pressure on everyone so they understand what's going to be coming since our team is so young."

St. Mary scored first in the contest, but a 3-pointer from Audrey Weier on the next possession gave Bonduel the early advantage. Weier knocked down a couple free throws after a steal a couple minutes later to put Bonduel up 5-4, and then Troxel hit a shot to make it 7-4.

The Zephyrs tallied the next five points before free throws from Bonduel's Hailee Thompson tied it. Macy Niles converted a shot for Bonduel's 10th and 11th points, but St. Mary took a 13-11 advantage soon after.

Hischke knocked down two 3-pointers and then converted another shot for a personal 8-0 run that made it a 19-13 lead with just under 10 minutes to play in the half. Troxel then hit a shot, making it 21-16, before St. Mary turned up the pressure.



Bonduel's Hailey Zernicke, right, battles for a rebound during a nonconference game against St. Mary Catholic on Nov. 15 in Bonduel. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Bonduel's next points came on a Hischke bucket with 3:03 left in the half, but thanks to strong defense of their own, the Bears still led 23-19. Troxel hit a couple shots and Hailey Zernicke hit a layup in the final seconds of the half to give the hosts a 29-24 halftime advantage, making it appear as if Bonduel had weathered the storm and settled in against the pressure.

Hischke drilled a triple to start the second half and put Bonduel up 32-24, but St. Mary caught fire from deep, and after making three 3s and another bucket, led 35-32.

Trailing for the first time since early in the game, coach Jerry Reinke thought his team started settling for long jumpshots instead of attacking the rim like it had most of the first half.

Troxel made a shot to stop the 11-0 St. Mary run, but the next time the Bears scored was over five minutes later, and by then, the Zephyrs led by double digits.

"I think they made it a point to make sure that they were reversing the ball several times, and they got some pretty good open looks against our 2-3 (zone)," said Reinke of St. Mary. "I think we maybe ran out of gas a little bit, but I probably waited a little too long, we probably should have went to man-to-man a little sooner — we actually played some pretty good man-to-man defense tonight."

It was Troxel again that stopped the St. Mary scoring run, this time with a free throw. A bucket from Zernicke made it a 10-point game, 47-37, with still over eight minutes to play.

The next several minutes saw

more strong defense from each team and not a lot of great looks. St. Mary scored the next points with 6:30 remaining in the contest, and Bonduel was next to score with under four to play.

Hischke scored for the Bears, and then two Thompson free throws got the Bears within eight with 3:28 to play, but those were the final points for the hosts. St. Mary sealed the win by knocking down six free throws.

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Bonduel 29 12 — 41

St. Mary (55): Chloe Vogel 5-8 15, Emily Vogel 4-9 12, Audrey Norville 0-1 15, Nolie Anderson 2-5 6, Sienna Anderson 2-2 7.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

4 Gresham/Bowler players make all-conference lists

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gresham/Bowler boys soccer co-op had four players named to all-conference teams after the fall season wrapped up.

While Gresham/Bowler was unable to earn any wins in Central Wisconsin Conference play, seniors Edward Castellanos, Blade Hoffman and Wesley Thiex were joined by sophomore Kaidyen Zaitz on the honorable mention list.

Zaitz served as the co-op's goalie this fall. He averaged about 13 saves per game, helping Gresham/Bowler stay in matches.

"It made me feel very important and valuable and it will motivate me to play hard next year," said Zaitz of his conference honor.

Thiex earned his all-conference nod mainly because of his play on defense, but did chip in a goal and an assist on the season.

Interim coach Cory Bougie said he'd move Thiex forward on the field if the team needed a spark.

"Making the honorable mention is a big step in my success in sports, but also my last success in high school soccer, which I'll truly miss. All my honor goes towards my teammates and coaches," said Thiex.

Hoffman and Castellanos controlled the central midfield for the co-op.

Castellanos scored a goal and added two assists for the season, while Hoffman had a pair of assists.

"It means a lot knowing that all my hard work towards the sport paid off even though it wasn't first or second team — I am still honored to get honorable mention," said Castellanos.

"Making honorable mention means that the hard work and good sportsmanship I showed in the sport paid off," said Hoffman of his honor.

After the regular season wrapped up, Gresham/Bowler was a No. 9 seed in Division 4 for the playoffs. The co-op was topped 6-1 by No. 8 Northland Lutheran in its opening postseason match.

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Gresham/Bowler's Blade Hoffman kicks the ball during a tournament match against Clintonville on Aug. 27 in Gresham. Hoffman made the honorable mention list in the CWC as a senior. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mertz's late sneak for TD pushes Badgers past Nebraska

Badgers become bowl eligible

By **ERIC OLSON**
The Associated Press

A Wisconsin team that has endured the midseason firing of its head coach and the death of a former teammate let its emotions spill out as groups of players gathered near midfield at Memorial Stadium to celebrate and pose for pictures with the Freedom Trophy.

Graham Mertz scored on a 2-yard quarterback sneak with 35 seconds left to complete a comeback from an 11-point deficit entering the fourth quarter, and the Badgers beat Nebraska 15-14 on Nov. 19 for their ninth straight win in the series.

"It's everything that this team has overcome off the field; that was what came up on the field today," Mertz said. "There's so many emotions and feelings that guys have had to deal with this year. There's

so many different things that have happened to us this year that could easily have buried us and made us just fold. It's really cool to see how guys come together and want to succeed together."

Wisconsin (6-5, 4-4 Big Ten) arrived in Lincoln with heavy hearts and left eligible for a bowl for a 21st straight year.

The Badgers had to cope with the death of former teammate Devin Chandler, who was one of three Virginia football players killed in a shooting in Charlottesville. Interim coach Jim Leonhard had said late in the week that he sensed players who were friends with Chandler could be distracted.

"It was such a rough week, and early on the game mirrored that," said Leonhard, 4-2 since taking over for the fired Paul Chryst. "It was ugly for a long time, and the guys just continued to battle and find ways to make plays."

The Badgers were held to three points through three quarters and lost their top defensive player, Nick

Herbig, to a targeting penalty and its top offensive player, Braelon Allen, to a leg injury on their second-to-last possession.

Mertz's 10-yard TD pass to Skyler Bell cut Nebraska's lead to 14-9. Mertz was off target with his 2-point pass, leaving the Badgers down five with 10 minutes left.

Wisconsin started its final drive from midfield with 3:11 left. Mertz passed to Isaac Guerendo for 27 yards to set up the winning touchdown.

Chez Mellusi led the Badgers with 98 yards on 21 carries. Mertz was 8 of 18 for 83 yards on a day when the feels-like temperature was 16 degrees with a gusty north wind.

Herbig was ejected for targeting when he hit a sliding Thompson in the head. By rule, Herbig must miss the first half of next week's rivalry game against Minnesota.

Allen, already playing with a banged-up shoulder, had 92 yards on 18 carries before he hopped off the field with an apparent leg injury late in the game.

"There was a lot going on this week," Allen said, "and that was a great way to turn the rough side of the week into something positive and get a big win and keep the trophy at home."

There was no immediate word on the extent of Allen's injury.

The Badgers had to work hard for this one even though they rushed for 235 yards and outgained the Huskers in total offense 318-171.

The game was the Big Ten's first that matched interim head coaches since Illinois' Bill Cubit and Minnesota's Tracy Claeys squared off in 2015. Leonhard said he hopes he's made a case to have the interim tag removed.

"We're playing much better," he said. "Winning games is No. 1, and there's a way, style, even in a loss — how you play, togetherness, how hard you fight, that matters. Even in games we come up short, the fight and grit factor have been there."

Wisconsin next hosts Minnesota on Nov. 26 looking to get back Paul Bunyan's Axe.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Rogowski, Metropulos, Bruss make all-state teams

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski and London Metropulos and Pulaski's Emily Bruss were named to Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association All-State Teams on Nov. 11.

Rogowski and Metropulos each made the Division 3 honorable mention team, while Bruss was an honorable mention in Division 1.

In her senior season, Rogowski accumulated 367 attack kills, 201 service points, 36 aces, 30 total blocks and 325 digs.

Rogowski also made the WVCA All-Tournament Team for her play in the team's state semifinal match.

Metropulos tallied a team-leading

416 attack kills and 50 total blocks in her junior season. She also totaled 217 service points, 62 aces and 247 digs.

Both Metropulos and Rogowski were first-team selections in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division this fall.

Bruss was the Co-Player of the Year in the Fox River Classic Conference.

The Pulaski junior racked up 593 assists, 235 digs, 116 attack kills, 141 service points, 52 aces and 32 total blocks during the season.

All-state honorees are invited to the WVCA Player Awards Banquet on Dec. 10 in Madison. Details of the event can be found at www.wisvca.org/news_article/show/1247217.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Gauderman, Marquardt, Kristof earn all-state honors

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's David Gauderman and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op's Sam Marquardt and Josh Kristof were named to Wisconsin Football Coach Association's All-State Teams on Nov. 14.

Gauderman made the Small School All-State Team as an offensive back. Marquardt made the 8-player All-State Team as a running back, while Kristof was an honorable mention as an inside linebacker.

Gauderman was a workhorse for the Chargers, rushing for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns on 149 attempts. He also caught 12 passes for 157 yards and three scores.

The Witt-Birn senior was the Co-Offensive Player of the Year in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division. He also made the all-conference first team for his play at linebacker.

Marquardt capped his senior season with 1,563 rushing yards and 25 scores. The quarterback also threw for 491 yards and nine scores.

Marquardt was the Offensive Player of the Year in the Peninsula Conference, while making the second team on defense.

Kristof finished his senior year with 124 total tackles, with 22 going for losses. He also forced a pair of fumbles.

Kristof was the Defensive Player of the Year in the conference.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bonduel 61

Denmark 37

Bonduel cruised to a nonconference victory over Denmark on Nov. 17 in Denmark. The Bears led 35-13 at halftime and picked up their first win of the young season.

Ella Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each scored 14 points to power Bonduel to the win. Audrey Weier added 10 points. Hailee Thompson posted 11 steals, five offensive rebounds and four assists, Weier led the team with six boards and Hischke had four assists.

Bonduel finished the game with 22 offensive rebounds and 30 steals.

Shawano 53

Wausau East 37

Shawano toppled Wausau East in a nonconference matchup on Nov. 15 in Wausau.

The Hawks led by just four at halftime before pulling away.

Leah Nordin led Shawano with 23 points. Abby Bystol chipped in nine points.

Witt-Birn 74

Rosholt 35

Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 2-0 after routing Rosholt in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover matchup on Nov. 17 in Rosholt. The

Chargers led 52-16 at halftime.

Reese Rogowski led Witt-Birn with 25 points, eight assists and four steals. She knocked down four of the team's eight 3-pointers. Rory Salvesen added 16 points, while Melaina Granquist had 15 points.

Jami Wendler pulled down seven rebounds for the Chargers.

Witt-Birn 61

Peshtigo 41

Wittenberg-Birnamwood eased past Peshtigo in a nonconference clash on Nov. 15 in Peshtigo.

Witt-Birn was led by Reese Rogowski and Rory Salvesen. Rogowski scored 20 points, while also tallying 10 rebounds, three blocks, three steals and three assists. Salvesen added 18 points, five rebounds and three steals.

Morgan Milanowski tallied eight points for the Chargers, while Allison Linke scored seven. Katherine Stewart grabbed nine rebounds, while Jami Wendler had six boards.

Sevastopol 51

Suring 30

Suring dropped a nonconference game to Sevastopol on Nov. 15 in Suring.

Christine Sleeter tallied a triple-double to lead Suring, posting 10 points, 12 rebounds and 10 blocks.

MacKenzie Bailey added seven points, five rebounds and four assists, while Kaylee Otradovec had six points.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano Community High School graduate Tori DePerry turned in another big game for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team despite the team losing to Ashland on Nov. 16.

DePerry started and played 30 minutes, leading the team with 21 points. She also tallied seven rebounds and three assists.

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis started and played 17 minutes in the Bemidji State women's basketball team's win over Mayville State on Nov. 14.

Theis scored nine points, grabbed two rebounds and blocked one shot in her time on the court.

Northern Michigan University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Abi Fraaza turned in an efficient game to help the Northern Michigan

women's basketball team top Minnesota-Crookston on Nov. 17.

Fraaza played 11 minutes and scored 11 points. She also had seven rebounds, a block and a steal.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel helped the Wisconsin Lutheran women's basketball team to a win over Carthage on Nov. 16.

Troxel played 18 minutes and scored five points. She also had three assists, a block, a steal and a rebound.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger has started in each of the UW-Parkside women's basketball team's first three games.

In a win over Missouri University of Science and Technology on Nov. 11, Flauger tallied four points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals in 30 minutes.

Flauger then posted six points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals across 25 minutes in a loss to Rockhurst on Nov. 12.

She totaled three points, two assists and a steal across 29 minutes in a loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Nov. 16.



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