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WITT-BIRN PICKS UP CWC-EAST WIN

Chargers pull away in 2nd half

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Wittenberg-Biramwood's Mason Meverden soars in for a layup during the team's conference win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Charger duo powers team past Wolves

Miller, Meverden
combine for 52 points
in win over Manawa

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team earned a 63-54 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg behind big games from Michael Miller and Mason Meverden.

Miller led the Chargers with 31 points on the night, making 12 field goals — including three 3-pointers — and four free throws. Meverden hit eight shots, with four 3-pointers and a big three-point play late.

Witt-Birn struggled to get things going offensively early in the game. The team turned to some full-court pressure to get things turned around.

“I think we did really good in that press for the first time this year and it showed on offense and defense,” said Miller. “We were able to get stops early and come back in the first half to get a lead.”

The Chargers trailed 6-1 about 3½ minutes into play before turning to its trapping full-court press.

Meverden knocked down a 3-pointer for the Chargers first field goal with about 13:20 to play in the half, but soon the team trailed 11-4. It was about halfway through the opening half when the press really started to make a difference on each end of the court, and the Chargers went from down seven points to up nine by halftime.

“Right away at the start of the game, we kind of fell down by like seven points, then we started pressuring more, got some easy baskets off some turnovers — it got us going and then we had some more offensive rhythm, hit some 3s and we were up (nine),” said Meverden.

Meverden also hit the Chargers’ second field goal of the contest before Miller caught fire.

Miller buried a 3-pointer with about 9:25 to play in the half and then got an easy basket after a steal on the press.

Manawa pulled back ahead by seven before Meverden knocked down back-to-back baskets, the sec-



Witt-Birn's Michael Miller follows through on a jumpshot during a CWC-East win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg.

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ond one being off another steal.

A Miller 3-pointer was followed by a Meverden triple, giving Witt-Birn its first lead, 22-19.

Witt-Birn's 19-3 finish to the half continued with another Miller basket, before Marshall Fraaza became

the third Charger to hit a field goal. Miller connected on his third triple of the half before Jett Rogowski capped the scoring in the half with a bucket.

As it has with many of its conference games this season, Manawa

continued to play hard in the second half and made Witt-Birn go out and earn the win.

Miller hit Witt-Birn's only field goal in the first seven-plus minutes of the half, but the Chargers' strong defensive effort still had the team up 33-27.

After a timeout, a Miller bucket and two Meverden triples gave the Chargers a 12-point advantage, but the hosts went scoreless for the next couple minutes, allowing Manawa to sneak back within six.

After getting a quick rest on the bench, Miller re-entered the game and promptly went on a personal 6-0 run. The first two baskets came on fastbreak looks before he made a pretty reverse layup in traffic.

“They did good on spacing, which definitely opens up lanes for me to do what I'm probably the best at, which is my dribbling,” said Miller of what his teammates did to get him so many great looks.

Rogowski added a fastbreak basket before Meverden converted a three-point play, which put Witt-Birn up 52-37 with 4:26 to play.

While the score might have indicated the game was just about out of reach, Manawa continued to battle and got the deficit under 10 with just over a minute to play.

Fittingly, a Miller layup helped seal the game, while free throws from Casey Kielman, Rogowski and Miller served as the team's final points in the contest.

“Any time you get a win in your conference that's good obviously. But Manawa, they played Wega (Weyauwega-Fremont) tough, Shiocton tough, they play everybody tough and don't get blown out,” said Meverden. “This just lets us know we're right there with everybody else. We know there's room to improve — we got better with our full-court pressure and some zone defense — and we're just getting better and better by day and when it pays off in a win, it's a big confidence booster.”

Manawa 22 32 — 54

Witt-Birn 31 32 — 63

Witt-Birn (63): Jett Rogowski 1-2 5, Michael Miller 4-5 31, Marshall Fraaza 1-2 3, Casey Kielman 2-2 2, Mason Meverden 1-1 21, Ian Salvesen 1-2 1.

Manawa (54): Tanner Nienhaus 5-6 17, Hunter Schlueter 2-2 4, Trevor Krueger 1-3 11, Nathan Gorman 3-5 17, Brady Zemple 0-0 2, Rohan Hass 1-3 3.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano Community High School graduate Tori DePerry had a big week



TORI DEPERRY

on the court for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team.

In a loss to Michigan Tech on Jan. 5, DePerry tallied 31 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a steal across 34 minutes. She hit 11 field goals and eight free throws.

DePerry totaled 18 points, 14 rebounds, two steals and an assist across 34 minutes in a loss to Northern Michigan on Jan. 7.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski grad Jasmine Litt has played either six or seven minutes in the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's past three games.

Across seven minutes in a win over Northern State, Litt recorded two points. Litt had a block, assist and rebound across six minutes in a loss

to Minnesota State on Jan. 6. In seven minutes and a win over Concordia St. Paul on Jan. 7, Litt had three points, two steals and a block.

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis started the past two games for the Bemidji State women's basketball team.

Across 15 minutes in a loss to Upper Iowa on Jan. 6, Theis contributed two points, three rebounds and two steals.

Theis played 19 minutes in the team's loss to Winona State on Jan. 7, tallying four points, three boards, one block and one steal.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede played 37 minutes across a pair of games for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's basketball team last week.



TREVOR STIEDE

In a win over St. Norbert on Jan. 3, Stiede played 24 minutes — accumulating seven points, two rebounds, one as-

sist and one steal. Stiede posted three points, three steals, two rebounds and one assist across 13 minutes in a win over Rockford on Jan. 7.

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel played in both of the WLC women's basketball team's wins last week.

Troxel had two points, one rebound and one assist across 17 minutes in a victory against the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Jan. 4. She then tallied three points, two rebounds and two assists in a win over Rockford on Jan. 7.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch helped the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team to a 1-1 record last week.



AUBREY DEBAUCH

In a win over Trinity International on Jan. 4, DeBauch posted 10 points, eight rebounds, six assists, one block and one steal. She then had seven points, four boards and two assists in a loss to St. Francis on Jan. 7.

St. Martin's University

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner played 14 minutes off the bench during the St. Martin's men's basketball team's win over Western Oregon on Jan. 7.

During his time on the court, Haffner tallied three points and three rebounds.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger continued to start for the UW-Parkside women's basketball team over the past two games.

Playing 32 minutes in a loss to Grand Valley State on Jan. 5, Flauger had six points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Flauger tallied eight points, three rebounds and three assists across 26 minutes in a win over Davenport on Jan. 7.

Concordia University

Shawano grad Rachel Reed logged two minutes in the Concordia women's basketball team's loss to Lakeland on Jan. 4.

Reed recorded an assist during her time on the court.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oconto Falls posts perfect mark at home quad

Panthers drop just 2 bouts all night

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School wrestling team posted a 3-0 record during a quad on Jan. 5 in Oconto Falls.

The Panthers picked up wins over Clintonville (54-24), Kewaunee (54-24) and Oconto (51-30).

In the opening dual against Clintonville, nine of the 14 weight classes were forfeits. Garrett Ganter (106), Taylor Whiting (113), Landon Magnin (120), Ethan Zielinski (132), Cole Bozile (138) and Jeremy Earley (152) were winners by forfeit for Oconto Falls.

After a double forfeit at 195 pounds and then a forfeit at 220, Brenner Cole earned Oconto Falls' first win of the night with a pin in 1 minute, 10 seconds at 285 pounds.

The Panthers picked up three straight forfeit wins before Hunter Bozile wrestled at 126 pounds. He won by pin in 1:28.

After two more forfeit wins, Parker Peterson won by pin in 2:35 in a 145-pound match. Another forfeit win at 152 capped the Panthers scoring in the match.

Clintonville only scored six points in weight classes wrestled — a third-period pin at 160 pounds — with three forfeit wins bumping up its score.

Ten weight classes were forfeited in the dual between Oconto Falls and Kewaunee. After Kewaunee grabbed the lead with a forfeit win, Oconto Falls won the next seven weight classes.



Oconto Falls' Landon Magnin, back, wrestles during the team's dual win over Kewaunee on Jan. 5 in Oconto Falls.

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Cole won by pin in 1:34 at 285 pounds before Ganter and Whit-

ing had forfeit wins at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively.

Magnin battled and won by pin in 4:30 at 120 pounds before Hunter Bozile had a forfeit win at 126 pounds. Cole Bozile had a quick pin in 1:20 at 132 pounds before Peterson got a forfeit win at 138 pounds.

After a double forfeit and Oconto Falls forfeit, Earley and Quinton McDonald picked up forfeit wins at 160 and 170 pounds, respectively, to cap the scoring in the dual for the Panthers. Kewaunee's points all came on forfeits.

Unlike the two matches proceeding it, the Oconto Falls, Oconto dual had much more wrestling action, with just five forfeits across the 14 weight classes. Oconto Falls won all but one of the weight classes it wrestled.

Cole capped his big night with a 15-second pin at 285 pounds to get Oconto Falls rolling.

Ganter and Whiting took advantage of their lone matches of the night, winning by pins in 2:42 and 1:21 at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively.

After the Panthers took a loss at 120 pounds, Zielinski got the Panthers back on track with a 6-5 decision win at 126 pounds.

Hunter Bozile followed with a pin in 3:34 at 132 pounds. Cole Bozile then won by pin in 2:21 at 138 pounds.

Peterson continued the Panther surge with a 35-second pin at 145 pounds before Earley got a forfeit win at 152 pounds.

After an Oconto Falls forfeit loss, McDonald capped the scoring on the night for the Panthers with a 54-second pin.

The dual ended with Oconto Falls forfeiting the final three weight classes.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel boys pick up CWC-East win over Manawa

Westrich keeps Bears in it before team's 3-point shooting seals win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School boys basketball team got a well-rounded effort in a 63-52 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Manawa on Jan. 3 in Bonduel.

The Bears trailed by as many as nine points in the opening half, but freshman big man Ryan Westrich heated up to give the hosts a halftime lead. Bonduel was trailing by five in the second half when the team caught fire from 3-point land, which helped the team pull away.

"This is just a great confidence booster," said Westrich, who led the Bears with 20 points. "I mean, we just had a game yesterday (beating Sturgeon Bay) and two wins in a row is a lot, a lot of good things. We just got to keep it rolling, keep playing hard and keep winning games."

It was a shaky start to the contest for Bonduel. The visiting Wolves scored on their first four offensive possessions to grab a quick 9-4 advantage.

After Westrich scored the team's first four points, Noah Weier connected on a big three-point play to get the hosts within two. Manawa scored the next five points, only to have Bonduel get it right back on a basket from Owen Springborn and 3-pointer from Cade Johnson.

Westrich hit another shot and Colin Margelofsky knocked down a free throw over the next couple minutes, but the Bears couldn't slow Manawa and were soon facing a nine-point deficit, 24-15.

Triples from Margelofsky and Johnson got the Bonduel offense going again before Westrich carried the team into halftime.

Westrich scored 10 of the team's final 12 points in the half to give the hosts a 33-29 halftime advantage.

A three-point play got Westrich

going before Margelofsky chipped in a bucket. After the Wolves went ahead 29-26, Westrich converted back-to-back buckets before capping a 16-point first half with a 3-pointer right before the halftime buzzer.

"First things first, I got to give credit to all my teammates," said Westrich on what allowed him to be so successful. "They were dribbling and opening lanes which allowed for help defense and easy cuts toward the basket. We all did a pretty decent job of boxing out and I just had to finish from there when I got the ball."

After getting hot late in the half, it appeared that Bonduel might run away with the game in the second half, but it was Manawa that scored 10 of the first 13 points — Johnson hit a 3-pointer for Bonduel's points.

Weier knocked down a shot to put an end to an 8-0 Manawa run, but the Wolves scored the next four points to take a 43-38 lead.

Westrich converted his first shot of the second half to give the team a spark, and then the team caught fire from deep to completely take over the game.

Charlie Tauchen did the heavy lifting with four 3-pointers in a five-minute span.

"When I saw that first one go in, it felt good, so I kept shooting. We all made shots, it was a good team win," said Tauchen. "The first half, it wasn't falling. Second half, I got them falling and we made some plays on defense to get a good win."

Tauchen's first triple was followed by a basket from Weier. Tauchen hit another triple to force a Manawa timeout and then hit another 3 after the timeout to give the Bears a 51-43 advantage.

Manawa scored for the first time in over four minutes, but Margelofsky and Tauchen hit triples to end any thoughts of a comeback.



Bonduel's Ryan Westrich, right, takes a contested shot during a conference win over Manawa on Jan. 3 in Bonduel.

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Westrich and Johnson each converted shots before a few free throws down the stretch finished off the contest.

Bonduel ended up hitting 24 field goals in the contest, with 10 coming from behind the 3-point line. Behind Westrich's 20 points, Johnson and Tauchen each scored 12, while Margelofsky had nine and Weier seven.

"I think the defensive end — they're a great team — we played well on the defensive side and that led to offense.

It was a big win," said Tauchen.

Manawa 29 23 — 52

Bonduel 33 30 — 63

Bonduel (63): Cade Johnson 1-3 12, Colin Margelofsky 1-2 9, Ryan Westrich 1-1 20, Charlie Tauchen 0-2 12, Josiah Basten 1-2 1, Noah Weier 1-2 7, Owen Springborn 0-0 2.

Manawa (52): Tanner Nienhaus 0-0 12, Keither Jepson 0-0 6, Hunter Schleuter 0-0 4, Trevor Krueger 3-4 6, Nathan Gorman 1-5 13, Brady Zemple 0-0 2, Rohan Hass 1-1 9

ATHLETE PROFILE: ELLA WIESE

Pulaski senior wrapping up memorable career

Senior Ella Wiese is wrapping up a strong high school basketball career at Pulaski High School and serving as a leader for the team this winter.

While the team has struggled to rack up many wins, Wiese has been one of the team's top scoring threats and also helps out in every other aspect of the game.

Wiese is coming off a junior season in which she made the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began in first grade when I was watching my sister (Emma) play basketball every weekend, while my dad (Dave) coached her team.

Q: What is your favorite part about the basketball season?

A: My favorite part about the basketball season is being able to spend time with my teammates, not only on the court but off the court as well.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court, and why?

A: My favorite thing to do on the basketball court is shooting, because when the ball goes in the hoop it makes the game a lot more fun and competitive. Especially when you're having an "on" day shooting, it definitely makes the game a lot more fun.

Q: What has the game of basketball taught you over the years?

A: Over the years, the game of basketball has taught me to keep pushing for what you want even if someone tells you that you can't or you're not good enough. In 2020, I tore my ACL and, during that recovery process, I wasn't able to play my entire sophomore season. So with that is where I learned to never give up on yourself and always keep pushing.

Q: Do you have any individual



Pulaski's Ella Wiese looks for an open teammate during the team's nonconference game against New London on Nov. 21 in Pulaski.

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goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: One goal that I would like to accomplish before the end of the season is to be shooting 50% or very close to 50% from the 3-point line. I will accomplish this by going to shoot when we don't have practice or go in before practice to shoot.

Q: Heading into the second half of the season, what are some areas in which the team wants to improve?

A: One of the things that we would like to improve on for the second half of the season is being able to run a smoother offense. With a smoother offense, you are able to slow down and not rush ourselves

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Ella Wiese
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Shooting guard
School: Pulaski High School
Year: Senior

and take bad shots.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of your team?

A: As a senior, I try to lead my team by making sure each person knows where they are supposed to be for each play, and by cheering loud when I am on the bench. Before practice starts, I lead the stretches, and I make sure that everyone is ready for practice.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: Before every game, my teammate Breanna Urben braids my hair during the first half of the JV game.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Pulaski girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory while competing on the Pulaski girls basketball team was when we beat Notre Dame in the playoffs my freshman year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Grown Ups 2." TV show — "Yellowstone." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know?

A: One thing that not many people know about me is that I like to drive pickup trucks.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: After high school, I would like to continue to play basketball while studying nutrition and dietetics at a four-year university.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: JACOB LANDON

Senior helping Hawks to successful season

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team won nine of its first 11 games this winter season and is in the hunt for a Bay Conference title. Senior Jacob Landon has played a big role in the team's strong start and will continue to be a key component of the team's future success.

Through 11 games, Landon has posted averages of 11.4 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.3 assists.

Landon scored a season-high 30 points in a nonconference win over Pulaski on Dec. 3, and he has six other games in double figures.

He's pulled down at least three rebounds in each contest and has grabbed eight boards on three occasions. Landon also has posted an assist in every game, with five being his season high — a feat he's accomplished three times.

Landon made the all-conference second team as a junior.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest began when I first started playing in second grade. I loved to compete with my teammates at an early age.

Q: What is your favorite part about the basketball season?

A: I like seeing how our team improves, whether it's game to game or throughout the season. It's great to see our team's hard work pay off.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court, and why?

A: I like to make adjustments on the fly based on what the defense is giving us. I have always been a student of the game, and being able to make these adjustments is a great feeling.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: I think basketball has taught me patience and dedication. Many times



Shawano's Jacob Landon goes up for a shot during a nonconference game against Pulaski on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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on the court, we have to be patient and work to get a good shot. Years of dedication has taught me that hard work pays off. Patience, dedication and hard work will continue to be a part of my life for years to come.

Q: Do you have any individual

goals you hope to accomplish by the end of this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: I really want to end the season shooting 50% or better from three. It will take a combination of shot selection, repetition in practice and atten-

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Jacob Landon

Sport: Boys basketball

Position: Forward

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

tion to detail to achieve this goal.

Q: Heading into the second half of the season, what are some areas in which the team can improve?

A: I think transition defense is an area we can improve on. I think it was a big factor in some of our bigger conference games last year, as well as our only conference loss so far this year. It's an area that is mostly based on being aware and hustling.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of the team?

A: I try to teach the younger players on the team. Teaching them makes the team better and gives me a chance to process and reinforce my fundamentals. I also try to be vocal; positivity can go a long ways on and off the court.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano boys basketball team?

A: One of my favorite memories was the celebration after I made a layup to send our regional final game into overtime my junior year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Martian." TV show — "Major League Fishing." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I wrestled from kindergarten to fourth grade while playing basketball.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I hope to attend a four-year college in pursuit of a business degree. I would also like to stay around the game — coaching, reffing or playing.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Suring girls come up short against Coleman

Eagles outscored 6-0 in final 2 minutes

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Suring High School girls basketball team appeared poised to hand Coleman its first Marinette & Oconto Conference loss of the season, but was outscored 6-0 in the final two minutes of a 61-54 loss on Jan. 5 in Suring.

After battling back and forth for most of the game, Coleman converted a couple shots to go ahead 55-48 with about 3½ minutes to play.

Suring clawed back to within one point after free throws from Bunny Cramer, Christine Sleeter and Emma Kristof with still 2:10 to play.

The game swung back in Coleman's favor after the visitors hit two free throws with 1:51 to play. The bigger blow to Suring was losing Cramer, who fouled out on the play.

Without Cramer, a strong ball handler and jumpshooter, the Eagles struggled down the stretch.

Suring turned the ball over on its next possession, but Coleman missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, leaving the door open for the hosts. The Eagles couldn't capitalize, missing a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession.

Coleman hit a pair of free throws to go up five with about 46 seconds to play. Suring tried working the ball into the paint on the next drive, but Coleman tied up the ball and had the possession arrow to turn the Eagles over again. Two more free throws followed by a missed Suring 3-pointer ended the contest.

"I feel like we had a little too many turnovers. We would try to rush it and kind of forced shots up as the half started to end," said Sleeter of the end of the contest. "We were trying to get all the points (at once) and then we just forced turnovers and went too fast."

It was a tough finish to an otherwise well-played game by Suring.

After falling behind 5-0 early on, a 3-pointer from Macie Reed and bucket from Sleeter sparked a 6-0 Suring run.

The visiting Cougars pulled back ahead and led for the next few minutes before another big Eagles' run.



Suring's Christine Sleeter, middle, prepares to go up for a shot as Coleman defenders swarm her during a conference game on Jan. 5 in Suring.

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Cramer started it off with a 3-pointer before baskets from Sleeter, Mackenzie Bailey and Cramer gave the hosts a 17-15 advantage.

The seesaw battle continued with Coleman pulling back in front, but a strong finish to the half saw Suring take a 31-27 lead into the break. Reed, Sleeter and Cramer all scored on an 8-0 Eagles' spurt.

For about the first nine minutes of the second half, Suring was either ahead or tied with Coleman.

The Cougars used a 7-0 run to grab a 46-41 lead, but a 3-pointer and step-back jumper from Sleeter tied things back up with just under eight minutes to play.

Suring went cold from the field over the next couple minutes, which allowed Coleman to build its 55-48 lead.

All in all, the Suring girls were pleased with their performance against the conference's best team to this point in the season.

"Coleman's a good team, and I don't think many girls expected to be winning at one point in the game, and we were winning" said Bailey. "I think the next time we play them, we'll do a whole lot better because girls will have more confidence playing against them."

Sleeter ended up leading Suring on the court with 17 points, nine

rebounds and four blocks. Cramer contributed 15 points, three assists and four steals, while Bailey had 12 points, 13 boards and four assists.

Reed, who scored six points, assisted on five baskets for the Eagles. Kristof was credited with three steals.

Coleman 27 34 — 61

Suring 31 23 — 54

Coleman (61): Madison Woulf 1-2 1, Aubrey Bintz 7-8 15, Cameron Zeitler 4-4 14, Madelyn Hinthier 0-0 3, Corrin Liptak 1-2 1, Callee Compe 2-3 5, Kiersten Jensen 1-2 22.

Suring (54): Mackenzie Bailey 4-5 12, Bunny Cramer 3-4 15, Emma Kristof 2-2 4, Macie Reed 1-2 6, Christine Sleeter 4-4 17, Hailey VanRens 0-1 0.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Bay Area 9

Arrowhead 3

Bay Area, which includes Pulaski players, dominated Arrowhead in an Eastern Shores Conference clash on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Ice Arena in Ashwaubenon.

Pulaski's Faye Brunke scored two goals and added an assist for Bay Area. The Ice Bears improved to 13-1 on the season.

WRESTLING

Herm leads Shawano at invitational

Carsen Herm placed first to lead Shawano to a fifth-place finish as a team at the 66th Fred Lehrke Invitational on Jan. 7 in Schofield.

Herm earned that finish in the 152-pound weight class with a 5-0 record. He won each match by pin.

Shawano's Caden Young placed second at 170 pounds with a 4-1 mark. Andrew Kakwisch (145), Conner Chelberg (182) and Wahkeenayah Waukau (220) all took fourth.

Drake Herm (138) came in fifth for the Hawks, while Dane Hodkiewicz (106) and Mason Theis (195) were both sixth-place finishers.

Tyson Bogacz 1st for Bears at invitational

Bonduel also participated in the Fred Lehrke Invitational on Jan. 7 in Schofield, with Tyson Bogacz leading the team with a first-place finish at 182 pounds.

Bogacz finished the day 5-0, with four pins and an 8-4 decision win in the first-place match.

Jaxon Bogacz (106) and Colin Fischer (145) both lost just once on the day on their way to second-place finishes. Donovan Vigue (160) and Parker Perry (170) both took third.

Kyler Novitski claimed fifth place at 285 pounds for the Bears. Jose Lagunes took sixth at 152 pounds.

Lena 1st at home quad

Lena defeated Oneida Nation (60-0), Suring/Gillett (54-18), Elcho (66-6) and Ripon (54-24) during a quad on Jan. 6 in Lena.

Max Peterson had Lena's lone non-forfeit win against Oneida Nation, winning by pin in 2 minutes, 16 seconds at 145 pounds. Sam Peterson (106), John Hurtado (113), Zach Diedrich (126), Luke Misco (132), Sam Marquardt (138), Miriam Alberts (152), Colt Miller (182), Dylan Mazaba (195) and Dylan Urbanek (220) all won by forfeit.

Against Suring/Gillett, Marquardt (145), Max Peterson (152) and Miller (182) were winners by pin. Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Lucas Heimke (132), Misco (138) and Urbanek (220) won by forfeit.

Urbanek (285) and Dylan Comins (120) won by pin over Elcho, with Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Misco (132), Marquardt (138), Max Peterson (145), Erik Kosch (152), Miller (182) and Mazaba (195) all winning by forfeit. Against Ripon, Diedrich (126), Heimke (132), Misco (138), Marquardt (145) and Urbanek (220) won by pin, while Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Comins (120) and Max Peterson (152) won by forfeit.

Suring/Gillett finishes 2-2 at quad

Suring/Gillett topped Oneida Nation (36-0) and Elcho (30-18) while falling to Ripon (48-12) and Lena (54-18) at a quad on Jan. 6 in Lena.

In the win over Oneida Nation, Keegan Rattin won by pin at 145 pounds. Parker Zahn (152), Trent VanDenElzen (160), Shylah Hisey (170), Michael Pecnas (182) and Carter Whisman (195) all won by forfeit. VanDenElzen (170) won by pin, while Zahn (152) was a forfeit winner against Ripon.

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Against Lena, Whisman (195) won by pin. VanDenElzen (160) and Hisey (170) both won by forfeit. Rattin (145), Zahn (152), VanDenElzen (160), Pecnas (182) and Whisman (195) won by forfeit against Elcho.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lena 62

Tigerton 3

Lena rolled past Tigerton in a non-conference clash on Jan. 7 in Lena.

Eva Brooks led Lena with 13 points, while Claire Brooks had 10. Kali Fischer contributed nine points.

Whitney Potter added eight points for the Wildcats, while Natalie McNurlen had seven.

Abby Swartz hit Tigerton's only field goal in the contest. Sienna Breaker grabbed six rebounds.

Shawano 36

Seymour 28

Shawano picked up a low-scoring win over Bay Conference foe Seymour on Jan. 5 in Seymour. The Hawks led 19-9 by halftime.

Leah Nordin scored 18 points for Shawano, while Ella Stuber added seven points.

Bonduel 69

Shiocton 39

Bonduel pulled away in the second half to earn a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Shiocton on Jan. 5 in Bonduel. The Bears outscored the visitors 34-14 in the second half.

Ella Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each scored 13 points for Bonduel. Audrey Weier added 12 points.

Zernicke posted a double-double after also grabbing 10 rebounds. Hailee Thompson contributed seven assists and five steals, while Hischke had six assists. Weier blocked four shots.

Witt-Birn 70

Manawa 46

Wittenberg-Birnamwood rolled to a CWC-East win over Manawa on Jan. 5 in Manawa.

Reese Rogowski continued her big senior season for Witt-Birn by tallying 25 points, nine rebounds, five steals, eight assists and three blocks.

Rory Salvesen added 21 points, five steals and three assists, while Melaina Granquist had 10 points and 11 boards.

Allison Linke and Faith Resch each chipped in six points, with Resch also posting six steals and four assists.

Jami Wendler had three steals for the Chargers.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tigerton 60

Lena 29

Tigerton eased past Lena in a non-conference matchup on Jan. 7 in Lena.

Ryder Graham scored 20 points to power Tigerton on offense. Maverick Maas knocked down four 3-pointers to tally 12 points, while Loghan Wanta had nine points and Colby Wanta and Joey Zimdars six each.

Logan Graef scored 11 points for Lena. Mason Spice chipped in seven points.

Gillett 44

Niagara 41 (OT)

Gillett edged Niagara in overtime of a Marinette & Oconto Conference battle on Jan. 6 in Gillett.

Jesse DeBauch led Gillett offensively with 15 points.

Ben Matczak hit three 3-pointers and tallied 11 points for the Tigers. Austin VandeCorput was also in double figures with 10 points.

Shawano 65

Green Bay East 34

Shawano routed Green Bay East in a Bay Conference matchup on Jan. 6 in Green Bay.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman posted 23 points, four steals and three assists to lead Shawano to victory.

Logan Sipple tallied 15 points for the Hawks, while Brandon Reed had 12 points. Luke Guenther recorded seven boards and six assists, while Jacob Landon, Deacon Carroll and Warner Beyer all pulled down six rebounds. Isaac Weland was credited with three assists.

BOYS HOCKEY

Notre Dame 5

Ashwaubenon 0

Ashwaubenon, which includes Pulaski players, dropped a FRCC matchup to Notre Dame on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon.

Pulaski's Lincoln Simons stopped 26 shots while defending the net for Ashwaubenon.

Northland Pines 5

Antigo 4 (OT)

Antigo dropped a Great Northern Conference clash against Northland Pines in overtime on Jan. 5 in Antigo.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman, who plays for Antigo, scored a goal and assisted on two other scores.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin announces hirings of Longo and Tressel

Pair will lead offensive, defensive units

Phil Longo and Mike Tressel, two experienced and accomplished collegiate coaches, have been hired to lead Wisconsin's offensive and defensive units, respectively, UW head coach Luke Fickell announced Jan. 3.

"I'm extremely excited for our players and our program to add Phil and Mike," Fickell said. "I've built a relationship with Phil over the past six years and am happy to finally be able to work side-by-side with him. He's a very innovative and well-rounded football coach. He's a tremendous person and family man and truly cares about his players.

"I've known Mike for 20 years, and he is a great coach and person. He has incredible experience, including a terrific background in the Big Ten. Over the last two years coaching together, I was impressed with his ability to adapt both as a coach on the field and to the culture of a program. We are very fortunate to have both Phil and Mike on staff."

Longo, a 33-year coaching veteran and offensive guru, joins the Badgers' staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Longo arrives in Madison after holding the same position at North Carolina the last four seasons. As an offensive coordinator over the last 14 years, Longo's teams have produced a 118-59 (.667) record, won six conference championships and made nine postseason appear-

ances.

Over the last four seasons, since the beginning of 2019 (Longo's first at North Carolina), the Tar Heels led the ACC with 197.5 rushing yards per game and ranked second in the conference with 102 rushing scores. Through the air, UNC's offense led the ACC in passing yards (14,781), passing touchdowns (131) and passer rating (161.6) over Longo's tenure. The Tar Heels produced five 1,000-yard rushers and five 1,000-yard receivers over the last four years.

Longo tutored quarterback Drake Maye in 2022, helping the freshman earn ACC Player of the Year and Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year honors. He threw for 4,321 yards and 38 touchdowns against only seven interceptions while also leading the Tar Heels in rushing yards (698). Over the previous three seasons, UNC quarterback Sam Howell set 27 school records, including passing yards (10,283), passing TDs (92), pass efficiency (164.2) and total offense (11,292).

Before his stint with the Tar Heels, Longo engineered two successful seasons at Ole Miss, producing top-20 units both years. In 2018, his offense ranked seventh nationally in yards per play (7.1), ninth in total offense (510.5 ypg) and fifth in passing offense (346.4). In 2017, the Rebels averaged 462.3 yards of total offense to rank

second in the SEC and 18th nationally. The offense also produced the conference's best passing game with 328.4 ypg (11th nationally).

"I am elated to be joining coach Fickell and his staff at Wisconsin," Longo said. "The welcome from around the state has been tremendous. My wife, Tanya, and I are excited to get settled in. I can't wait to hit the ground running with our players and staff."

Tressel, who directed the Cincinnati defense the last two seasons, joins the Badgers' staff as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach. Tressel had been on staff for the Bearcats since 2020 after moving through the defensive coaching ranks at Michigan State from 2007-2019.

The Cincinnati defense flourished under Tressel in his first season (2021), ranking fifth nationally in scoring defense (16.5) and No. 10 in total defense (318.4). The Bearcats also allowed only 4.5 yards per play to opponents, which was the fourth-fewest in the nation. Then-Cincinnati cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner emerged as a star, eventually being selected as the No. 4 pick by the New York Jets in the 2022 NFL Draft.

Last season, UC ranked 20th in the nation in scoring defense, 11th in the country in pass efficiency defense and 15th in tackles for loss. The Bearcats' four defensive touchdowns were tied for fourth-most in the country.

In East Lansing, Tressel was Michigan State's linebackers coach from

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2007-19. Tressel added the title of co-defensive coordinator for two seasons (2016-17) before becoming defensive coordinator for two seasons (2018-19), in addition to being the assistant head coach in 2019. He coached safeties in 2020, his final season in East Lansing.

During his time at MSU, Tressel coached 20 players who earned 35 All-Big Ten honors along with eight All-Americans and two major award winners. He was a nominee for the Broyles Award in 2018, which honors the nation's top assistant coach.

Known for constructing some of the best defenses in the nation, Tressel helped coach the Spartans to final FBS Top 10 rankings in total and rushing defense on six occasions. MSU also ranked among college football's top 10 in scoring defense four times and was the FBS leader in rushing defense in 2014 and 2018.

"I'm beyond excited to join the Wisconsin football family and look forward to carrying on the tradition of elite defenses here in Madison," Tressel said. "This is a program I've always admired, and it's great to be back in the Big Ten. I'm most excited to be able to work with the tremendous young men here. They have already demonstrated to me great work ethic, intelligence and ability."

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	6	0
CWAA	5	1
Kropf's Meat	4	2
TLC Auto Body	4	2
Kessen Auto Body	3	3
Chet and Emil's	1	5
Rew Motors	1	5
S and M Tool	0	6

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,053, Karcz Lending 1,043, CWAA 991.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schultz 269, Stephan Miller 234, Brett Nelson 227.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,081, S and M Tool 2,939, Kropf's Meat 2,775.

High individual scratch series: Paul Hanke 627, Tyler Krull 617, Doug Kunst 588.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	100	28
Farmall Fanatics	86 1/2	41 1/2

Dearco Distributors	76	52
Brother's	72 1/2	55 1/2
Launching Pad	70 1/2	57 1/2
Bamboo	64	64
Northern Advantage	60 1/2	67 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	58	70
Rosie's Railway	50	78
Shawano Auto Sales	47	81
Pin Pricks	43	85
Full Service Tents	40	88

High team scratch games: Lakeshore Lanes 735, Brother's 727, Golfside 722.

High individual scratch games: Bryant Rankin 280, Ed Brusky 279, Todd Schertz 269, Tom Hoffman 267, Brian Schultz 267, Carson Malueg 254, Cody Lindal 253, Carl Malueg 246, Mark Schachtschneide 244, Kyle Ready 244.

High team scratch series: Farmall Fanatics 2,035, Brother's 2,009, Lakeshore Lanes 1,961.

High individual scratch series: Brian Schultz 727, Mark Schachtschneide 724, Carl Malueg 708, Ed Brusky 697, Bryant Rankin 694, Todd Schertz 693, Carson Malueg 691, Tom Hoffman 670, Cody Lindal

663, Kyle Ready 660.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Banner Banks	7	1
Chet and Emil's	4	4
Star Campsite	3	5
Cady Home	2	6

High team handicap games: Cady Home 756, Banner Banks 730, Chet and Emil's 728.

High individual scratch games: Tracy Anderson 241, Cindy Mortenson 202, Barbara Praslowicz 190, Jen Duranceau 189, Kim Zeller 184, Christy Clark 170.

High team handicap series: Chet and Emil's 2,166, Cady Home 2,151, Banner Banks 2,138.

High individual scratch series: Tracy Anderson 583, Barbara Praslowicz 512, Kim Zeller 504, Cindy Mortenson 503, Jen Duranceau 498, Christy Clark 437.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Clark Construction	5	1
Kautza Excavating	4	2
White Insurance	4	2
Chet and Emil's	3	3

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High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,080, Kautza Excavating 1,001, Clark Construction 1,000.

High individual scratch games: Andy Hegewald 258, Doug Kunst 249, Tim Lemke 248.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,120, Kautza Excavating 2,897, Clark Construction 2,793.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 711, Doug Kunst 691, Tim Lemke 662.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	29	15
Schairer Farms	25	19
Stadler Farms	18	26
M and J Harvesting	16	28

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 598, Schairer Farms 580, M and J Harvesting 550.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 224, Susan Zeinert 187, Darcy Hille 170, Patricia Stadler 161.

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,755, Schairer Farms 1,635, M and J Harvesting 1,584.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 598, Susan Zeinert 545, Darcy Hille 457, Patricia Stadler 447.

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