



Bonduel's Audrey Weier (11) puts up a shot as teammates stand up off the bench to cheer during the team's Division 4 sectional semifinal playoff win over St. Mary Catholic on March 3 in Crivitz.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel girls fall win short of state

Bears bounced after game-winning 3 by Westfield

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team's season ended just one win short of state.

After toppling St. Mary Catholic 57-46 in a Division 4 sectional semifinal playoff game March 3 at Crivitz High School, Bonduel lost a 41-38 heartbreaker against Westfield in the sectional final game March 5 at Waupaca High School. Westfield hit a game-winning 3-pointer as time expired to claim the victory and advance to state.

The loss signaled the end for three Bonduel seniors — Allaina Robaidek, Brenna Hertzfeldt and Kylie Hoffman. The trio were all four-year letter winners and finished with a record of 88-12, which included two Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division titles and four regional championships.

Sectional final

With 1.2 seconds left, Westfield's Carly Drew caught an inbounds pass, took a dribble and step back before throwing a one-handed shot toward the rim. The 3-pointer went in, sending the Westfield team and crowd into a frenzy and left Bonduel players and fans stunned.

"I told them all that I love them very much, that I couldn't be prouder of their efforts," said Bonduel coach Jerry Reinke on his message to the team after the game.

It was a tough way to end the season for Bonduel, especially considering the fight the team had to put up just to tie the game up. Westfield came into the game on fire from 3-point land, making four in the opening six minutes to jump out to a 14-4 advantage.

Bonduel slowly began to chip into the deficit, working it down to four before Westfield went into halftime up seven, 20-13.

Westfield hit another 3-pointer on its first possession of the second half and looked to be in complete control up 28-17 with about 14 minutes to play. That's when Bonduel finally



Bonduel's Kylie Hoffman takes a free throw during the team's Division 4 sectional semifinal win over St. Mary Catholic on March 3 in Crivitz.

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started making up ground on Westfield.

A bucket from sophomore Hailee Thompson followed by a 3-pointer and another basket by Robaidek got the Bears within four points.

Westfield worked its lead back up to eight, but Bonduel went on a 8-1 run to make it a one-point game, 33-

32. Sophomores Hailey Zernicke and Ella Hischke, Robaidek and freshman Audrey Weier scored on the run.

"We've been very resilient all year; that's the way we've played," said Reinke. "I couldn't be prouder of our kids. I guess you could say (Westfield) made one more play."

Westfield looked to regain control

with a 5-2 spurt, but Bonduel wasn't finished yet. Hoffman hit two clutch free throws, and then Robaidek hit a driving layup with just under 25 seconds to play to tie it up.

Westfield called a timeout with 12.5 seconds left. Bonduel blocked a potential game-winning jumpshot but couldn't gain possession of the ball.



Bonduel's Brenna Hertzfeldt defends during the team's Division 4 sectional semifinal win over St. Mary Catholic on March 3 in Crivitz.

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After another Westfield timeout with 1.2 seconds left, Drew hit the game-winning shot.

"I thought our kids were good; they did everything the coach asked them," said Reinke of the team's play down the stretch. "We played great defense to get back into it. We were just one play short."

Fittingly, it was the three seniors who led the team in scoring. Robaidek led the Bears with 13 points. Hertzfeldt had seven points, while Hoffman provided six.

Hertzfeldt grabbed a team-leading seven rebounds, while Zernicke had five before fouling out with about six minutes to play.

Sectional semifinal

Bonduel used a 10-2 run to pull away from St. Mary Catholic down the stretch.

After battling back and forth for most of the game, Bonduel went ahead 42-35 after a 9-2 run, only to have SMC score the next four points to tighten the game back up. Hischke then went

on a personal 5-0 run to make it 47-39, but the Zephyrs got right back in it with a five-point spurt.

Bonduel's 10-2 run to pull away began with two baskets from Zernicke. SMC got the next field goal, but Robaidek had the next basket before Hischke made a free throw to make it 54-46 with a little over two minutes to play.

The Bears' defense carried the team to the final buzzer. SMC wasn't able to score a single point in the final three-plus minutes, and a bucket from Zernicke and free throw from Robaidek sealed up the win.

"I think we just pushed the ball up the court. We hit the easy bunnies and just kept our heads up," said Hertzfeldt of what the team did well down the stretch. "We just played as hard as we could."

Hertzfeldt and Hischke each scored 15 points. Zernicke chipped in 12 points, while Robaidek had seven and Weier tallied six. Hoffman had the team's other two points.

Hertzfeldt, who guided the Bears



Bonduel's Allaina Robaidek calls out a play during the team's Division 4 sectional final playoff loss to Westfield on March 5 in Waupaca.

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in the first half, also pulled down 10 rebounds, dished out three assists and had three steals. Hischke had seven assists and eight boards, while Hoffman and Robaidek each tallied three assists. Zernicke blocked three shots and had eight rebounds.

The sectional semifinal game had been Bonduel's kryptonite over the past few seasons, with the Bears losing in that game three straight seasons.

"It was amazing. I cried tears of happiness coming off the court," said

Robaidek of the sectional semifinal win. "It was honestly a dream come true."

"We wanted this bad; we had to break the curse," said Hischke. "We've lost this game multiple years in a row. I don't even know what to say right now, but we wanted it bad."

Bonduel capped the season with a 23-5 record and a share of the CWC-East title with Amherst.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gillett boys Division 5 playoff run ends in regional title game

Lena, Pulaski also earned postseason wins

By **MORGAN RODE and LUKE REIMER**
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The Gillett Secondary School boys basketball team earned a pair of road playoff wins before being eliminated in a regional title game last week.

The Lena and Pulaski boys also earned playoff wins before being bounced in regional semifinal games. Oconto Falls and Suring lost in the regional quarterfinals.

Gillett

No. 9 seed Gillett earned road wins over No. 8 Oneida Nation (59-49 on March 1) and No. 1 Wabeno/Laona (58-51 on March 4) before losing 81-51 on the road to No. 5 Gibraltar in a Division 5 regional title game March 5.

Against Oneida Nation, Aydin Franti led Gillett with 17 points, while Ben Matczak had 16. Jesse DeBauch added 12 points for the Tigers. Austin Vande Corput provided nine points.

DeBauch led Gillett with 15 points against Wabeno/Laona. Matczak and Vande Corput added 12 points each. Jack Baer contributed 10 points for the Tigers, and Franti had the team's other nine points.

Against Gibraltar, Franti paced Gillett with 16 points, 11 of which came in the first half.

Baer added nine points for the Tigers, while Vande Corput had eight and Matczak seven.

Lena

The Lena team kicked off its playoff run with a 69-42 victory over Bowler on March 1 in Lena before being eliminated after a 62-25 loss to second-seeded Florence on March 4 in Florence.

The seventh-seeded Wildcats opened the game against 10th-seeded Bowler with a 24-12 lead. They eventually built on the lead, going up 34-21 into halftime.

Lena's Max Beyer was the catalyst for the Wildcats as he scored

19 points in the first half, with 15 of them coming from the 3-point line. Beyer's first five makes were 3-point shots.

Beyer said that starting quick was a point of emphasis for the Wildcats.

"We wanted to come into the game hard," said Beyer. "We wanted to come in with energy and carry that through the game."

Bowler attempted to slow down Beyer, who averages 23.6 points per game, early in the game by throwing exotic defenses at him, including a 1-2-2 zone and a box-and-one zone.

"We have been prepared for defenses like this for a while," said Lena head coach Fritz Weidner. "We have been seeing that with Max (Beyer) a lot. We handled all of the defenses great and made them get out of those defenses tonight."

The second half was close to a mirror image of the end of the first half. Lena's full-court pressure and hot shooting propelled them to a 57-32 lead with 6:51 to play. That lead eventually grew to 69-42 at the end of the game.

Beyer led the way for the Wildcats, finishing the game with 28 points. Bladyn Anderson contributed another 11.

Pulaski

Eighth-seeded Pulaski rolled to a 68-36 win over ninth-seeded Green Bay West on March 1 in Pulaski before losing 60-50 to top-seeded Notre Dame on March 4 in Green Bay.

Against Green Bay West, Colin Schultz tallied 17 points for Pulaski. Derek Shaw contributed 16 points.

Gatlin Robaidek chipped in nine points for the Red Raiders. Pulaski led 37-22 at halftime before blowing the game open in the second half.

Oconto Falls

The 12th-seeded Oconto Falls boys lost 77-34 to fifth-seeded Wittenberg-Birnawood in a Division 3 regional quarterfinal matchup on March 1 in Wittenberg.

The hosting Chargers jumped out



Lena's Logan Shallow takes a free throw in the team's Division 5 playoff matchup against Bowler on March 1 in Lena.

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to a 23-4 lead less than eight minutes into the game and never looked back. Witt-Birn later led 35-10 and took a 44-12 lead into the halftime break.

While the hosts were racking up the points, it was a full-court trapping press that overwhelmed Oconto Falls. Several Panthers' turnovers led to transition buckets for Witt-Birn.

Caden Birr led Oconto Falls with eight points, including a pair

of 3-pointers. Isaac Raddatz and Braden Vandermoss had five points each.

Suring

No. 12 seed Suring lost 72-25 to No. 5 Gibraltar in a Division 5 regional quarterfinal game on March 1 in Gibraltar.

Maxwell Yancy led Suring with seven points.

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Shawano's Ethan Schwitzer, right, puts up a shot during the team's Division 2 regional semifinal playoff game against Rhinelander on March 4 in Shawano.

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Shawano, Bonduel boys eliminated in tight games

Gresham earned close win before being bounced

By **MORGAN RODE** and **LUKE REIMER**
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Intense, down-to-the-buzzer playoff games have been a common occurrence during the boys basketball postseason.

While Shawano, Bonduel, Gresham, Marion and Menominee Indian weren't able to advance to regional title games, there was no shortage of tight contests.

Shawano

The Shawano boys team had its season come to a close after a 61-56 overtime loss to Rhinelander in a Division 2 regional semifinal playoff game on March 4 in Shawano.

Third-seeded Shawano fell behind 12-5 in the early going and was playing catch-up for a majority of regulation. There were several instances in which the Hawks were able to tie it or grab a one- or two-point lead, only to have sixth-seeded Rhinelander convert a shot on its next offensive trip to go back ahead.

"They just always seemed to make the right play when we were starting to make our comeback," said Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman, who added Rhinelander set strong screens to get good looks and capitalized on its offensive rebounds.

Shawano coach David Ambrosius echoed a similar thought, saying Rhinelander "hit timely shots."

It was Metcalf-Grassman who kept the Hawks in the game in the opening half. He scored 15 of the team's 21 points and helped the team only trail by three at the break, 24-21.

Shawano continued to trail for most of the second half, but a bucket from Brandon Reed and free

throw from Metcalf-Grassman gave the Hawks a 46-45 lead with 2:09 to play.

Rhineland scored the next four points on free throws, but also missed five others to allow Shawano to hang around. Metcalf-Grassman made two free throws before Rhinelander missed two more. Jacob Landon then converted a driving layup with just under 10 seconds to play to tie it up and send the game to overtime.

The visiting Hodags hit a 3-pointer on their first possession of overtime before Metcalf-Grassman followed with a field goal. The Hawks then missed two free throws before the teams each hit a bucket — with Landon converting Shawano's shot.

Two Rhinelander free throws were followed by a bucket from Shawano's Elliott Lowney, but those points were the last ones of the game for the Hawks.

Rhineland missed two free throws on its next offensive opportunity. Metcalf-Grassman drove down the floor and drew a whistle on a hard drive to the bucket. Instead of getting two free throws and a chance to tie it or give the team the lead, he was called for an offensive foul. To make matters worse, it was also his fifth and final foul.

The Hodags added two free throws with 12.2 seconds left before Shawano missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer. Two more Rhinelander free throws sealed the game.

Metcalf-Grassman led the team with 29 points. Jacob Landon chipped in 11 points for the Hawks, while Reed and Lowney had six points each.

Bonduel

The fourth-seeded Bonduel boys team saw its season come to an end at the hands of fifth-seeded Manawa after a 72-69 loss in a Division 4 regional semifinal game March 4 in Bonduel.

Down three with three seconds left, Bonduel's Reece Stoltzenow

took a half-court shot to potentially tie the game and send it to overtime. The shot bounced off the backboard and then off the rim and rolled out.

Both teams opened the game on fire, as Manawa hit its first four shots. Bonduel responded, building a 19-14 lead heading into the first timeout with 9:20 remaining in the first half. Coming out of the timeout, Bonduel shifted to a 2-3 zone to help cause disruptions and cushion their lead. Manawa immediately made the Bears change defenses, as they hit back-to-back 3s.

After Manawa cut the deficit to two, they trailed 28-26. That's when Bonduel's Charlie Tauchen caught fire. Tauchen went on a 9-1 run by himself, including making two 3s, a layup and a free throw.

Bonduel's Jon Sell got in the action, scoring six in the waning minutes of the first half, including a buzzer-beating post hook shot. Tauchen and Sell scored the Bears' last 15 points of the first half, as the team went into the locker room with a 43-33 lead.

The second half began with both teams trading multiple baskets and Bonduel leading 52-43 at the 11:37 mark.

Manawa then went on a 8-0 run to bring the game within one with 9:58 remaining. The Wolves eventually took a five-point lead with 5:35 left and didn't look back.

Down 65-60, Bonduel clawed their way back into the game, going down one with 59 seconds left. A missed floating layup from the Bears forced them to play the foul game.

Manawa missed a free throw but grabbed the rebound, causing another immediate foul. Manawa had a 68-64 lead with 37 seconds remaining.

Stoltenow answered with a quick layup. This was followed by a steal and a 3-point attempt that missed for Stoltenow.

Once again the Bears were forced to foul and Manawa hit both free throws to go up four. Tauchen hit another 3-pointer to cut the deficit to one.

After an immediate foul, Manawa hit both free throws to build the lead back to three. That's when Stoltenow's desperation half-court shot bounced off of the backboard and rim before falling to the court at the buzzer.

After the heartbreaking loss, Bonduel head coach Duke Copp reflected on the season.

"This group of kids is an ex-

tremely loose and fun group," said Copp. "Usually I am a little uptight before games, but it was great to see these kids have fun all season."

Sell, one of the seniors on the team, also reflected on his time with the Bears.

"I could not have been with a better group of guys," said Sell. "These guys have been my family for the last four years — I would go through hell and back with them."

Stoltenow led the way for the Bears, scoring 22 points. Sell added another 16 points and Tauchen 13.

Gresham

The seventh-seeded Gresham boys earned a tight 48-47 win over 10th-seeded Wild Rose in a Division 5 regional quarterfinal game on March 1 in Gresham before being eliminated after a 69-50 loss to second-seeded Columbus Catholic on March 4 in Marshfield.

Against Columbus Catholic, Corbin Welch hit three 3-pointers and led Gresham with 15 points. Jack Haffner added three triples to score nine points. Belasaire Vele chipped in eight points, while Austin Sperberg and Will Jensen had six points each.

Welch also had six rebounds and three assists. Haffner dished out five assists, and Vele had three steals.

In the win over Wild Rose, Jensen tallied 14 points for Gresham, while Lukas Pecore had 11. Welch added nine points for the Wildcats, and Vele had seven.

Vele also tallied 10 rebounds and three assists. Jensen grabbed 11 rebounds, while Pecore had eight boards and three steals. Welch pulled down six boards.

Menominee Indian

Sixth-seeded Menominee Indian couldn't slow 11th-seeded Wrightstown in a Division 3 regional quarterfinal game on March 1 in Keshena. Wrightstown won 71-40.

Bryce Dixon led Menominee Indian with 14 points, while Isaiah Moss had 11. Lloyd Reeves chipped in seven points, and Joshua Besaw had six.

Marion

No. 12 seed Marion dropped a Division 5 regional quarterfinal game to fifth-seeded Port Edwards by a score of 71-32 on March 1 in Port Edwards.

Ethan Scheef scored 12 of Marion's points. Alex Zimmerman added nine points.

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Bonduel's Reece Stoltenow takes a 3-point attempt in the team's Division 4 playoff matchup against Manawa on March 4 in Bonduel.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn boys eliminated in regional semifinal

Bowler, Tigerton bounced in quarterfinals

By **MORGAN RODE** and **LUKE REIMER**
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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team picked up a Division 3 regional quarterfinal playoff win over Oconto Falls before being eliminated by Xavier in a regional semifinal matchup.

Bowler and Tigerton both lost regional quarterfinal matchups.

Witt-Birn

The Witt-Birn boys team rolled to a 77-34 win over Oconto Falls on March 1 in Wittenberg before falling to Xavier 83-61 on March 4 in Appleton.

Fifth-seeded Witt-Birn jumped out to a 23-4 lead over 12th-seeded Oconto Falls less than eight minutes into the game and never looked back. Witt-Birn later led 35-10 and took a 44-12 lead into the halftime break.

While the hosts were racking up the points, it was a full-court trapping press that overwhelmed Oconto Falls. Several Panthers' turnovers led to transition buckets for Witt-Birn.

The Chargers did almost all of their scoring in the paint, using their height and size to get to the basket or athleticism to grab offensive rebounds before making shots.

"Coming in, we knew it was a very winnable game. If we just came in and played our game and stuck to what we are good at, we would come out with a win," said Witt-Birn's Ben Wesolowski, who tallied 16 points. "I guess that's what happened."

In the second half, Oconto Falls had more success on the offensive end, but Witt-Birn was still able to coast to victory and get every player on the court.

Simon Schairer ended up leading the Chargers in scoring with 19

points on the night.

Kaden Schmidt, Mason Mevarden and Max Fraaza each added eight points, while Michael Miller tallied seven.

"We all knew it was gonna probably be our last (home) game, and we wanted to come out and put on a good show for our fans that have supported us through all the years," said Wesolowski, one of seven seniors on the team. "That's what we tried to do, and I think that's what we did."

Against fourth-seeded Xavier, Schairer tallied 21 points for Witt-Birn, making 10 field goals in the contest.

Wesolowski and Miller scored 11 points each for the Chargers, while Ben Flak had 10.

Bowler

No. 10 seed Bowler was on the wrong end of a 69-42 final in a Division 5 regional quarterfinal game against Lena on March 1 in Lena.

Seventh-seeded Lena opened the game with a 24-12 lead. The hosts eventually built on the lead, going up 34-21 into halftime.

The second half was close to a mirror image of the end of the first half. Lena's full-court pressure and hot shooting propelled them to a 57-32 lead with 6:51 to play. That lead eventually grew to 69-42 at the end of the game.

Bowler coach Ted Kietlinski said that this was not the result that the Panthers were looking for, but he is optimistic for the future.

"We have a lot of juniors on this team," said Kietlinski.

"Those junior kids have to commit in the offseason to get better. There is a lot of potential here, but potential doesn't win you basketball games."

As Kietlinski looked back on the season, he noted that he was very proud of his team for the effort they



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Simon Schairer, back, takes a contested shot during the team's Division 3 regional quarterfinal playoff win over Oconto Falls on March 1 in Wittenberg.

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gave this year.

"At the end of the day, it really comes down to commitment and attitude," said Kietlinski. "The kids that we had at the end of the season, I think personified the right effort and attitude that I want to see."

Emmitt Kietlinski and Tristan Thiex led Bowler in scoring with 12 points apiece.

Tigerton

No. 15 seeded Tigerton lost 69-22 in a Division 5 regional quarterfinal playoff game to second-seeded Columbus Catholic on March 1 in Marshfield.

Colby Wanta scored eight points for Tigerton. Ryder Graham added seven points.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Bahr out as Menominee Indian coach

He spent 20 years as varsity coach

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Kirk Bahr has stepped down as the Menominee Indian High School wrestling coach after two decades.

Bahr was the head varsity coach for 20 seasons, while also coaching a year in the youth program.

"The reason I am stepping down as head coach is to spend more time with my family," said Bahr, who was named the Central Wisconsin Conference Coach of the Year three times, including this winter. "My wife Angela and my 9-year-old son Bennett don't get to see me much during the winter months, and it is time for me to be home more."

During his time as the Eagles' head coach, the school won its first and only regional title in 2014. The team's wrestlers racked up 41 all-conference honors and had five wrestlers win conference titles.

The Eagles had 42 individual wrestlers qualify for sectionals and six state qualifiers under Bahr. Seventeen wrestlers won regional titles.

Menominee Indian earned 145 dual wins during Bahr's tenure. The school hadn't won a dual in 11 years before Bahr arrived.

While the coaches are typically the ones teaching the athletes, Bahr's wrestlers also returned the favor.

"My wrestlers teach me every year. I never knew what an impact the sport of wrestling would have on these student-athletes' lives. We have built a brotherhood at Menominee," said Bahr. "Although winning is fun, coaching has not been about winning and losing. It has been about building relationships that will last for years to come."

"I would like to think that most of the young men and women who wrestled for me can look back and be proud of what they accomplished, on and off the mat. We went through good and bad times together and became a family. But most importantly, we had a ton of fun times together, and that is what I will remember most."

Bahr thanked his assistant coaches Matt Pleshek and Dale Hodkiewicz for their help over the years, adding he couldn't have done it without them.

Kyle Winker, who was an assistant under Bahr this season, is the one taking over the program. Winker wrestled under Bahr and was on the team that won the regional title in 2014.

Winker also was a state qualifier and owns the school's all-time win mark for a career with 116 and most wins in a season with 44.

"I could not have left the team in better hands, and I hope some more of my ex-wrestlers will come to help carry on what we have built the past 20 years," said Bahr. "It has been my honor to have coached so many great student-athletes at



Menominee Indian coach Kirk Bahr watches one of his athletes wrestle at the Division 2 Oconto Falls Regional on Feb. 12 in Oconto Falls. Bahr stepped down as the Eagles' coach after 20 seasons.

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Menominee Indian High School."

While Bahr isn't leading the Eagles' team, he noted he'd be around to help Winker out and still be working inside the Menominee Indian School District. Bahr also

plans to remain involved in the Shawano Youth Program, where his son wrestles and Bahr serves as a volunteer coach.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Rodgers set to return to Green Bay on new deal

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Green Bay Packers and quarterback Aaron Rodgers have reportedly agreed to a new deal.

Ian Rapoport, an insider of NFL Network and NFL.com tweeted March 8 that, "The #Packers and MVP QB Aaron Rodgers have agreed to terms on a 4-year, \$200M deal that makes him the highest paid player in NFL history, sources

say. He gets a whopping \$153M guaranteed and his cap number goes down. A monstrous commitment by GB for years to come."

Rapoport went on to tweet that Rodgers also considered retirement and joining the Denver Broncos. With the added cap space, Rapoport also tweeted that the Packers are expected to franchise tag receiver Davante Adams.

Pat McAfee, who has Rodgers

come on his show, tweeted that, "There is no deal in place currently but there is said to be a Cap Friendly deal on the way."

After McAfee's tweet at 10:25 a.m. and Rapoport's tweet at 10:26 a.m., Twitter was buzzing with Rodgers' tweets. Packers players Kenny Clark, David Bakhtiari, Allen Lazard and Kurt Benkert were among the ones tweeting in response to the news.

Rodgers is coming off a 2021 season in which he won his fourth MVP award after throwing for 4,115 yards and 37 touchdowns while tossing just four interceptions. The Packers went 13-3 in the games he played, but were eliminated in their first playoff game by the San Francisco 49ers.

Check www.newmedia-wi.com for additional details on Rodgers' new deal.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oconto Falls' Whiting named North Eastern Conference Wrestler of Year

Six other Panthers honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Oconto Falls High School senior Clayton Whiting was named the North Eastern Conference's Wrestler of the Year after another spectacular season on the mats.

Whiting lost just once while racking up 50 wins on the season. After the regular season wrapped up, he won regional and sectional titles before winning the Division 2 182-pound weight class state title to become one of just 22 wrestlers in Wisconsin history to win four state titles.

"(It) means a lot to be able to achieve these awards, especially first team all four years and other awards that I've received," said Whiting.

"It means so much, just proving that all the hard work and time put into wrestling pays off when you have the right mindset and believe in your work," he continued. "You will achieve your goals. You just gotta push yourself more than your opponents and get ahead of them, so that when it comes to wrestling your competition, you show them the work you have put into the sport."

Whiting was joined on the all-conference first team by senior teammate Graeson Pankratz.

Pankratz also ended his year at state, finishing the season with a 37-12 record.

"It is special and rewarding to get named first team," said Pankratz. "Being first team ends a great season for me and my team."

Garrett Ganter landed on the all-conference second team for the Panthers, while Parker Peterson, Jaden Ganter, Luke Trepanier and Mitchell Kallies were all honorable mentions.

Garrett Ganter wrapped up the season with a 25-13 overall record and finished third at regionals in the 106 weight class.

Peterson was a individual



Oconto Falls' Clayton Whiting, left, wrestles Amery's Grant Cook in a Division 2 182-pound weight class quarterfinal match at the 2022 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 26 at the Kohl Center in Madison. Whiting was named the North Eastern Conference's Wrestler of the Year as a senior.

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sectional qualifier at 138 pounds. He capped the season with a 28-18 record.

Jaden Ganter wrestled at 132 pounds in the postseason, finishing third at regionals. He posted a 26-13 record this winter.

Trepanier just missed out on

qualifying for state after placing fourth at sectionals at 145 pounds. He earned a 35-16 record for the season.

Kallies was a sectional qualifier at 285 pounds. He finished the season with a 26-11 record.

Oconto Falls won a regional title

as a team and was one dual win away from qualifying for team state. Nine individual Panthers qualified for sectionals, and three made it to state — with Cole Bozile joining Whiting and Pankratz in Madison.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

UW-Stout

Pulaski High School graduate Kevin Ruechel broke the UW-Stout school record in shot put during the Ripon College Final Qualifier on March 5.

His toss of 18.83 meters broke the record, which Ruechel set last year.

He has had the top mark in the event in Division III this season and placed first in the event at the 2022 WIAC Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship on Feb. 25.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring graduate Mitch Stegeman earned a ninth-place finish in the men's pole vault while representing the UW-Eau Claire track and field team at the Wartburg Qualifier on March 4 and 5.



MITCH STEGEMAN

Stegeman cleared a height of 4.41 meters.

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn placed third in the women's weight throw and sixth in the shot put at the Pointer National Qualifier on March 5.

Corn had a top throw of 13.16 meters in the weight throw. Her top throw in the shot put was 10.01 meters.

Oakland City University

Bowler graduate Reanne Kietlin-ski helped the Oakland City women's basketball team win the 2022 National Christian College Athletic Association Mideast women's basketball regional tournament last week.

Kietlin-ski played 13 minutes in the team's 66-65 win over Alice Lloyd on March 4. She tallied seven points, a rebound and a steal.

Kietlin-ski was on the court for seven minutes in the team's 93-92 win over Asbury on March 5. She grabbed a defensive rebound in her time on the court.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry started and played 30 minutes in the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team's conference tournament loss to Ferris State on March 2.

DePerry recorded 10 points,

three assists, one rebound and one steal in her time on the court.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduate Kayla Lipsey earned a pair of top-five finishes while representing the UW-Platteville women's track and field team at the UW-Platteville Final Qualifying Meet on March 4.

Lipsey placed third in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 10.01 seconds. She claimed fourth in the 60 dash (8.42 seconds).

UW-River Falls

Shawano grad Jewel Waupekenay helped the UW-River Falls softball team to a pair of wins last week.

Waupekenay walked and scored a run in the team's 17-2 rout of Crown College on March 5. She reached on a wild pitch and went on to score a run in another 17-2 win over Crown on March 5.

Concordia University

Oconto Falls graduate Katelyn Albrecht played in a pair of games for the Concordia softball team last week.

She pinch ran and scored a run during the team's 8-0 win over Ripon on March 3. Albrecht drew a walk after pinch hitting in a 15-1 win over Ripon on March 3.

St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls grad Mason Sefcik, Bonduel grad Noah Beilfuss and Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Simon Stewart all pitched for the St. Norbert baseball team last week.

Sefcik pitched four innings and surrendered nine hits, a walk and three runs in the team's 11-4 loss to Anderson on March 5. Sefcik struck out three batters. Beilfuss pitched in the same game, allowing three hits and a run.

Stewart got an out while allowing a hit and run in a 20-11 loss to Anderson on March 5.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Shawano graduate Peyton Buerman picked up a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 5 singles for the St. Mary's women's tennis team in a win over Houghton on March 1.

She also had a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 5 singles in the team's win over Bethany Lutheran on Feb. 26, while also getting a forfeit win at No. 3 doubles.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	28	12
Banner Banks	23	17
Star Campsite	19	21
Chet and Emil's	10	30

High team handicap games: Cady Home 751, Banner Banks 748, Chet and Emil's 745.

High individual handicap games: Courtney Tryba 240, Barbara Praslowicz 234, Tracy Anderson 208, Jan Jones 205, Jenna Kriha 201, Jen Duranceau 200, Alicia Schinzel 200.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,210, Chet and Emil's 2,156, Banner Banks 2,120.

High individual handicap series: Courtney Tryba 624, Jan Jones 603, Barbara Praslowicz 579, Jenna Kriha 571, Alicia Schinzel 563, Tracy Anderson 546.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	22	8
White Insurance	19	11
Schmidt Schulta	14	16
Clark Construction	14	16
Kautza Excavating	12	18

High team scratch games: Clark Construction 1,074, Chet and Emil's 1,053, Kautza Excavating 978.

High individual scratch games: Eric Clark 267, Jeremy Praslowicz 258, Brian Rew 257.

High team scratch series: Clark Construction 3,049, Chet and Emil's 3,015, Kautza Excavating 2,810.

High individual scratch series: Eric Clark 712, Tim Lemke 706, Jeremy Praslowicz 684.

Lakeshore Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	68	12
Launching Pad	58	22
Northern Advantage	51 1/2	28 1/2
Dearco Distributors	44 1/2	35 1/2
Brother's	43 1/2	36 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	40 1/2	39 1/2
Farmall Fanatics	37 1/2	42 1/2
Full Service Tents	35	45
Pin Pricks	34	46
Bamboo	28	52
Rosie's Railway	21	59
Shawano Auto Sales	18 1/2	61 1/2

High team scratch games (top 3): Golfside 775, Launching Pad 755, Full Service Tents 685.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Carson Malueg 300, Bill Grosskreutz 289, Jeff Arndt 280, Mark Cornish 279, Dave Druckrey 267, Ed Brusky 257, Don Pedersen 257.

High team scratch series (top 3): Golfside 2,220, Launching Pad 2,119, Dearco Distributors 1,996.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Carson Malueg 803, Bill Grosskreutz 796, Mark Cornish 770, Jeff Arndt 750, Dave Druckrey 722, Ed Brusky 719, Don Pedersen 710.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
S and M Tool	20	10
Chet and Emil's	19	11
Melody Mill	18	12
Rew Motors Inc.	15	15
Kropf's Meat Pro	14	16
Kessen Auto Body	13	17

CWAA	12	18
TLC Auto Body	9	21

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,100, Melody Mill, 1,005, Kropf's Meat Pro 960.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schultz 246, Steve Preuss 242, Shawn Walkush 236.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,084, Melody Mill 2,800, Kropf's Meat Pro 2,703.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 670, Paul Hanke 642, Lane King 625.

Lakeshore Lanes — Guys and Dolls League

Team	W	L
SSI'S	117	58
The Aces	107	68
9 Pin Tappers	102	73
Newbees	102	73
10 Pin Strikers	101	74
Slingers	96	79
Good Times	95	80
A Team	84 1/2	90 1/2
Any Old Thing	84	91
4 Amigo's	80	95
Happy Old Farts	69 1/2	105 1/2

High individual game (women): Patricia Nathan 246, Marlene Schultz 175, Gail Moesch 170.

High individual game (men): Clark Radatz 242, 225, Kevin (Floyd) Longmore 224, John Campbell 214, 213, Kevin (Floyd) Longmore 210, Roger Luchterhand 209, Bob Vigue 204, Don Hudson 201.

High individual series (women): Patricia Nathan 582.

High individual series (men): Clark Radatz 619, Kevin (Floyd) Longmore 611.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	49 1/2	26 1/2
Schairer Farms	39 1/2	36 1/2
M and J Harvesting	35	41
Stadler Farms	28	48

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 671, Schairer Farms 591, M and J Harvesting 578.

High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 226, Darcy Hille 182, Kim Zeller 181, Samantha Stadler 180.

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,918, Schairer Farms 1,720, M and J Harvesting 1,672.

High individual scratch series: Susan Zeinert 541, Darcy Hille 529, Kim Zeller 511, Katie Hanke 481.

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Strike-a-pose	3	0
Lisa's Lakeside	2	1
Fantastic Sams	2	1
Fandrey Construction	1	2
Resch Lanes	1	2
Tavern Front	0	3

High team handicap games: Lisa's Lakeside 865, Fandrey Construction 853, Strike-a-pose 848.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Mary Krause 263, Jordyn Krueger 258, Cassie Wierzba 246, Lynn Wickman 242, Shirley Petersen 236, Julie Lyons 230, Jaime Resch 230, Nikki Nievinski 230.

High team handicap series: Fandrey Construction 2,520, Lisa's Lakeside 2,499, Strike-a-pose 2,491.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Jordyn Krueger 697, Nikki Nievinski 657, Shirley Petersen 645, Jean Kriehn 635, Jenny Schrank 630, Jaime Resch 630, Cassie Wierzba 629.

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