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BASEBALL

Henning, Stuhr named Co-Players of Year

Juniors had big seasons at plate and on mound

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano and Marion baseball teams each had strong spring seasons. At the heart of each team's success were standout juniors.

Shawano's Ashton Henning and Marion's Jaden Stuhr were named the NEW Media Co-Players of the Year for their unbelievable play at the plate and on the mound.

Henning was also named the Bay Conference's top player.

"I think what helped me the most was the players and coaches," said Henning. "Throughout the whole year whether I was playing my best ball or my worst they always had confidence in me which really helped me this spring."

Henning also put in a ton of off-season work to achieve the season he did.

"The offseason was a grind this last winter," said Henning. "From having open gyms and getting in bullpen sessions with my catcher 2-3 times a week to hitting 200 balls off the tee a couple times a week are a couple of the things I knew I had to do to have the season I did."

Henning helped Shawano tie for the conference title, winning five games and earning one save in Bay play. He covered 34 innings, struck out 48 batters and had a 2.60 earned run average.

At the plate, he posted a .419 average, scored 19 runs and drove in 25 runs. He collected seven doubles, three triples and two home runs.

Despite all the individual accomplishments, it was a team accomplishment that Henning enjoyed most.



Marion's Jaden Stuhr swings at a pitch during a CWC-North contest against Manawa on May 12 in Marion.

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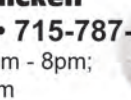
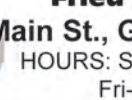
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"I think winning the regional championship would have to be my favorite moment," he said. "From having high expectations in the beginning of the season, then win a regional championship and actually meeting that goal was pretty special."

Stuhr was the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division's top talent.

"I work as hard in the offseason as I do during the season, from working out, lifting, and yoga, to getting reps whenever I can and wherever I can," said Stuhr. "Along with the physical aspect, I put in a lot of time looking through each team on our schedule and researching as much as I can on them from the year before and learning on what strategy I will need to bring for each game to go along with my mindset to go out and win every pitch."

"I also watch a lot of baseball and breakdown of mechanics in the offseason to learn more and work on my mechanics. I just try to become the best player I can be and better than the player I was the year before."

Stuhr helped guide Marion to a 16-2 season overall, including a perfect 12-0 mark in conference play to claim the conference title.

On the mound, Stuhr pitched 48 innings and earned 11 wins on the season. He struck out 107 batters and had a 1.45 ERA.

Stuhr posted a .422 average at the plate, driving in 28 runs, stealing 16 bases and scoring 29 runs. He doubled and tripled four times each.

Stuhr's favorite individual moment from the spring was a perfect game he threw against Manawa, which included 14 strikeouts, while his favorite overall moment was winning conference. "We had a great group of guys who put in the work and it's been something we've all wanted since we were in elementary school."

Honorable mentions

There was plenty of other strong individual players in the area this spring.

Shawano's Zac Jurmu had a .431 average and .531 on-base percentage this spring at the top of the team's lineup.

Marion's Alex Zimmerman turned in a .509 average at the plate and drove in 28 runs while picking up four wins over 23 1/3 innings with a 1.80 ERA on the mound.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Mason Meverden and Ben Wesolowski each had strong springs. Meverden earned six wins and a save in 46 1/3 innings on the hill while tallying a .469 average and .553 on-base percentage. Wesolowski posted a .420 average and .494 on-base percentage while club-



Shawano's Ashton Henning pitches during a Division 2 regional title game against Seymour on June 1 in Shawano.

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bing 13 extra-base hits.

Pulaski's Jonah Klingeisen covered 17 innings on the mound, earning a couple of wins for the team. He also had a .449 average and .481 on-base percentage, driving in 22 runs along the way.

Logan Shallow led Lena this season, covering 47 innings on the mound while earning six wins with a 2.83 ERA.

At the plate, he recorded a .492 average and .588 on-base percentage, also driving in 22.

Teams of the year

Shawano, Marion and Lena all share the Team of the Year honor after their memorable springs.

Along with its Bay and regional title, Shawano earned 16 wins on the

spring season.

Marion outscored opponents 198-54 during its 16-win season.

Lena placed fourth in the Marinette & Oconto Conference before going on a playoff run and winning a regional title. The Wildcats won 11 games overall.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Chargers' Rogowski the area's top girls athlete

Witt-Birn junior
qualified for state
in 4 eventsBy MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's Reese Rogowski was one of the area's top track and field athletes coming into the spring season. The junior didn't disappoint, racking up top finish after top finish and eventually qualifying for state in four events.

For her efforts, Rogowski was tabbed the NEW Media Inc. Girls Athlete of the Year.

"Being active all year-round and training hard in practice definitely helped me to have a good season this year," said Rogowski. "I lifted in the offseason, which helped with explosive strides and better running technique."

After primarily placing first in every event she competed in during the regular season, Rogowski continued to turn in strong finishes against increasingly tough competition.

Rogowski stole the show at the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division Championships on May 14, winning the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and long jump. She won the 100 in 12.3 seconds, 200 in 25.78 seconds, 400 in 58.07 seconds and claimed the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 0.5 inches.

While the top finishes were impressive, it was the margin by which she won those events that really stood out. She was .72 seconds faster than anyone in the 100, 1.47 seconds faster in the 200 and 4.39 seconds in the 400. Rogowski's top long jump distance was 2 feet, 4½ inches further than the next-best finisher.

While Rogowski made things look



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski takes off from the starting block during a 400-meter race at the WIAA State Track and Field Championships on June 3 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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rather easy competing in those four events, it took a toll on her.

"It is definitely exhausting, competing in four events in a meet," said Rogowski. "Most of the times I have to balance a field event with a running event, which gets difficult because you have to keep running back and forth in order to be on time for everything. So that aspect of it is a little stressful, also."

Rogowski's big season continued at the Division 2 Tomahawk Regional, where she placed first in the 200 and 400 and was second in the long jump

and 100.

The junior then placed first in the 200, second in the 400 and third in the 100 and long jump to qualify for state in all four events.

Against the state's best, Rogowski continued to shine. She came in second in the 200 and 400 and placed seventh in the 100 and 10th in the long jump. Rogowski scored 18 points with her finishes, which helped Witt-Birn tie for 11th place among Division 2 girls teams.

"My favorite moment from this season was placing second in the 200

and 400 at state," said Rogowski.

Honorable mentions

Aside from Rogowski, there were plenty of other talented girls track and field athletes this spring.

Shawano's Isabel Roloff made it to state individually in the 100 meters, making the finals and placing seventh. She won Bay Conference titles in the 100 and pole vault.

Suring's Christine Sleeter advanced to state in the high jump and pole vault, tying for second and taking 17th, respectively. She won a Mariquette & Oconto Conference title in the high jump.

Lena's Natalie McNurlen capped her season on the state podium after taking sixth in the triple jump. She won the M&O title in that event.

Bonduel's Brenna Hertzfeldt enjoyed a strong finish to her senior season, placing ninth at state in the discus.

Witt-Birn's Jalyann Horacek won a CWC-Large title in the triple jump and went on to place 14th in the event at state.

Gresham's Valarie Cervený was the CWC-Small champion in the shot put, while Pulaski's Emily Bruss had the Fox River Classic Conference's top mark in the triple jump.

Oconto Falls' Brailyn St. Louis was the top finisher in the high jump at the North Eastern Conference Championship. Gillett's Ryann Wagner (3,200) and Carleigh Kaczmarek (1,600) were M&O conference champions as well.

Team of the year

Suring takes home the Team of the Year honor after winning the M&O Conference Meet.

The Eagles won four events to claim the conference title. Suring also had five second-place finishes and six third-place finishes at the meet.

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BOYS TENNIS

Pulaski's Heezen, Sperduto named top players

Duo ended season competing at state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School doubles team of Connor Heezen and Eric Sperduto turned in a strong season together and eventually were rewarded with a special qualifier spot at state.

For their efforts this spring, Heezen and Sperduto were named the NEW Media Boys Tennis Players of the Year.

"What really helped us to have a big season was working in the offseason and continuing to work hard during practice in season," said Heezen. "I believe it was truly both of our competitive and positive natures that helped us have the success we did."

"Our chemistry and flexibility allowed us to find strategies that worked for us," said Sperduto. "Connor and I played a little bit of tennis in the offseason and talked about strategies that we wanted to employ, where to place shots, and just how to improve our overall technique and ability. The work we did in the offseason and early season was the key to our success. We learned to trust each other and work to stay positive during matches to keep our focus on what we have to do, instead of what we are doing wrong."

Heezen and Sperduto battled in the tough Fox River Classic Conference and ended up earning a spot on the honorable mention team.

While it's not always easy for doubles teams to have consistent success, Heezen and Sperduto truly made each other better despite some contrasting traits.

"Eric and I have been playing tennis together since middle school and we have been friends since we met," said Heezen. "I think we made a strong pair because we pushed each other every day to get better — we also picked each other up when we needed it. Whenever we were losing during a match we would turn to each other and settle. Eric was awesome, as he is incredibly calm and level headed — I'm a bit intense, so it just fits perfectly."

"Playing with Connor was really fun, and our personalities blended well," said Sperduto. "Connor is much more energetic than me, and he ap-



Pulaski's Eric Sperduto, left, and Connor Heezen talk things over during a nonconference dual against Shawano on April 12 in Shawano.

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proached matches with a fiery intensity. I tended to be more even-keeled and calm, trying to focus on what Connor and I had to do, just trying to take the match one point at a time."

The duo kept its season alive with a 6-3, 6-1 win at the Rhinelander Subsectional. A couple days later, Heezen and Sperduto were topped 6-2, 6-2 in their lone match at the Wausau West Sectional.

Just when the duo thought their season might be over, they got word that they had made state as special qualifiers — a list determined by the state seeding committee.

"My favorite moment was probably being at state with Connor," said Sper-

duto. "It felt great to be the first team from Pulaski to go to state in a while, and I am very glad I was able to be a part of Connor's longtime dream of going to state for tennis. I didn't think that going to state was ever a possibility for me, but with the support of Connor and our coaches, I was able to make a lifetime experience come true."

"My favorite moment from this spring season has to be making it to state," said Heezen. "It was truly an amazing, once in a lifetime experience."

Honorable mentions

Shawano's George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon were also sectional qualifiers this spring after a picking up

a win at subsectionals.

Shawano's Josh Bergmann landed on the Bay Conference second team, while the doubles team of Tristan Tetting and Isaac Welander were also second teamers.

Pulaski's Jacob Ebent and Alex Kouzov were honorable mentions in the FRCC.

Team of the year

Shawano was named the Team of the Year after placing fourth at the conference tournament.

The Hawks had a doubles team and singles player earn third-place finishes that day.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Hawks' Lowney tabbed top athlete this spring

Top finishes aplenty for Shawano senior

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School's Elliott Lowney had one of the better track and field seasons of area competitors when he was a junior. A move to Division 1 competition for Shawano proved to be a worthy challenge for Lowney, but the senior was still able to enjoy a memorable season.

Lowney was named the NEW Media Inc. Boys Athlete of the Year as a result.

"Just taking care of my body helped me a lot this spring, having the perfect balance of working out and running so that I was 100% for every meet," said Lowney, on what allowed him to have a big season.

The soon-to-be Bemidji State University football player also had to balance preparing for the upcoming college football season and trying to replicate his success from his junior track and field year.

"In the offseason I knew I had to gain some weight for football this August, so my goal was to gain weight as well as keep my speed from junior year," said Lowney. "I ended up gaining 20 pounds of muscle from last year and being faster than I was last year, which was incredible to see. The Shawano strength and conditioning program just really put me onto another level of my athletic ability."

Despite putting on plenty of muscle, Lowney was still able to win most of the events he took part in during the regular season.

Before getting to postseason action, Lowney earned two first-place finishes at the Bay Conference Championships on May 14. He won the 100-meter dash in 10.91 seconds and the 200 with a time of 22.27 seconds.

Lowney and the Hawks then moved on to regionals against all Division 1 schools after competing in Division 2 the previous season.

"I knew it was going to be tough, but as the season went on I just focused on what I was doing and didn't worry about other times around the state," said Lowney. "Because in the end we are all running the same distance, and it's a level

playing field then."

The senior's mentality worked, as he qualified for sectionals after first-place finishes in the 100 and 200 at the Green Bay Preble Regional. He earned another trip to state in La Crosse after taking first in the 200 and second in the 100 at the West De Pere Sectional.

Lowney qualified for the finals in both events at state, and then placed sixth in the 200 and eighth in the 100 to cap his career.

"My favorite moment (from this season) would have to be that my mom was able to see me run this year at state," said Lowney. "She lives all the way in California and for her to fly up for the weekend and watch meant the world to me."

Honorable mentions

Lowney was just one of several boys track and field athletes to enjoy a strong spring season.

Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski made it to state and placed second in the high jump and third in the triple jump there. He won Central Wisconsin Conference-Small Division titles in the long jump and high jump.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Simon Schairer made it to state in three events, placing seventh in the triple jump and 14th in the 400 and long jump. He won the CWC-Large title in the 400.

Gillett's Alex Peterson made it to state individually in the 3,200 and was part of the state-qualifying 4x800 relay team. The relay came in third, while Peterson took sixth in the 3,200. Peterson won Marinette & Oconto Conference titles in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200.

Bonduel's Karter Schroeder qualified for state in the high jump and placed 13th.

Suring's Jeremy Hensel was the M&O's top finisher in the pole vault and 400 meters.

Teams of the year

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op earns the Team of the Year honor after winning the M&O Conference title.

Two of the co-op's three top finishes at the conference meet were by relay teams. Two of the three second-place finishes were also by relay teams, while six individuals earned third-place finishes.



Shawano's Elliott Lowney competes at the State Track and Field Championships on June 3 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

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SOFTBALL

Pulaski's DeCleene takes top player honor

Bonduel team, several players put up big numbers

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

It's not always easy for high school players to replicate their successes from previous seasons, especially when opponents can do different things to take them out of games. Pulaski High School's Gabrielle DeCleene had a big junior softball season and then backed it up with another monster season this spring.

DeCleene's impressive showing helped the Red Raiders enjoy a successful season and also earned her the NEW Media Inc. Player of the Year honor.

"Dedication. I believe that my dedication and hard work helped me accomplish a lot this year," said DeCleene. "Also the support behind me — my friends, coaches and especially family — helped me in several ways."

"I put in a lot of time in the cages," added DeCleene. "I wanted to be ready for this year, and putting in the time allowed me to lift the pressure of last year off my shoulders and allowed me to grow as a player mentally and physically."

DeCleene's stat line at the plate almost looks made up, with a .549 average and .605 on-base percentage across 22 games. She was an extra base machine, clubbing 11 doubles, two triples and 11 homers among her 39 hits.

DeCleene drove in 37 runs in her 81 plate appearances and also scored 36 runs for the team. She thrived in clutch situations, with a .720 average with runners in scoring position.

DeCleene got her season off to a strong start while hitting in the heart of the lineup, so teams started pitching around her.

"My coach decided to switch me to leadoff batter so they had the choice to either pitch to me or start with a walk," said DeCleene.

"As a pitcher, I know that when a good hitter is at the plate I don't want to give them anything hit-able, which I assume is what's going through every pitcher's mind. As a hitter, knowing what pitch is mine and taking what they give me is one of the most im-



Pulaski's Gabrielle DeCleene looks on after hitting the ball during team's playoff win over Green Bay Southwest on May 24 in Pulaski.

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portant techniques I use. I believe that my patience at the plate helped me accomplish a lot of my numbers."

As DeCleene mentions, she also did some pitching for Pulaski.

In 21 innings, she struck out 27 batters and posted a 2.0 earned run average. DeCleene got wins in all four games in which she appeared.

DeCleene was named the Co-Player of the Year in the Fox River Classic Conference for a second-straight season. She also received all-district and all-state honors and played in the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-star games.

Through all the memorable moments and games, DeCleene's favorite moment was, "Just being a part of Pulaski softball. The team, the coaches, the fans; there are so many unforgettable moments within all of these that will be with me forever."

DeCleene will continue her softball career at Carroll University.

Honorable mentions

There were several other area players who put up eye-popping numbers this spring.

Bonduel's Hailee Thompson posted a .475 average and .584 on-base percentage, stole 16 bases, drove in

30 runs, scored 28 times and clubbed 18 extra-base hits among her 28 total hits. Nakiyah Henning had a .404 average and 18 RBIs to go along with earning nine wins in the circle, while Hailey Zernicke hit for a .400 average, drove in 21 runs and also did some pitching for the Bears. Claire Gehm posted a 10-0 record in the circle for the Bears.

Shawano's Abby Bystol had a strong year at the plate and in the circle. She hit for a .323 average and got on base at a .397 clip, scored 17 runs, stole 11 bases and drove in nine runs. In 36 2/3 innings, Bystol earned three wins and a save while striking out 37 batters and posting a 2.86 ERA.

Oconto Falls' Alexis Euclide hit for a .500 average this spring. She also scored 21 runs and stole 10 bases.

Gillett/Suring's Emma Kristof had a strong freshman season, especially in Marinette & Oconto play. Kristof hit for a .559 average, with 10 extra-base hits among her 19 total hits, 14 RBIs and 10 runs scored. She also did some pitching for the co-op.

Marion's Ashley Fischer also put up big numbers at the plate in her conference. She hit .478, driving in 12 runs and collecting 11 total hits in Central Wisconsin Conference-North

Division play.

Gresham's Emma May posted a .600 average and .700 on-base percentage in 12 games for the Bowler/Gresham co-op this spring. She drove in seven runs and scored 14 runs.

Tigerton's Abby Swartz was also a tough out, finishing the year with a .596 average and .691 on-base percentage. She scored 25 runs, drove in 31 runs and had 10 extra-base hits among her 31 total hits.

DeCleene wasn't the only Pulaski player to shine this spring. Cassie Benberg hit for a .480 average and drove in 26 runs. Morgan Vertz hit for a .419 average and also was the team's top pitcher, striking out 137 batters in 116 1/3 innings.

Team of the year

Bonduel posted a perfect record in the regular season and then won a regional title. The Bears were named the area's Team of the Year for their memorable spring.

Bonduel won the CWC-East title by three games and simply dominated opposing conference teams, outscoring them 99-14. Only two players from this year's roster were seniors.

BOYS GOLF

Witt-Birn's Scheurer named top player

Senior golfer advanced to state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School golfer Calvin Scheurer came into the spring season with plenty of memorable experiences already on his side.

Scheurer enjoyed a strong regular season as a senior before turning things up a notch to eventually reach state. NEW Media named Scheurer the Boys Golfer of the Year after his strong finish to the season.

"This season it definitely helped to have the great guidance of my coaches, but my teammates also helped out to keep me levelheaded," said Scheurer.

"The summer after junior year, I played lots of golf and really tried to find that consistent swing," added Scheurer. "But I was able to find that substituting a round of golf for a range session could be more beneficial in the long run."

Scheurer served as Witt-Birn's top golfer all season and was one of the top golfers in the Central Wisconsin Conference. He ended up placing second as an individual at the end of the conference season.

Despite trying to keep pace with the CWC's best golfers, Scheurer wasn't paying too much attention to anyone but himself.

"I try to focus on my game and block out what everyone else was scoring," said Scheurer. "I mainly tried to focus on my next shot knowing it was more important than the last."

Scheurer continued to deploy that mindset as the postseason started up, and it worked for him.

Scheurer advanced to sectionals after finishing as the seventh-highest individual golfer at the Clintonville Regional. He shot a 44 on the front nine before dialing things in on the back nine for a 38 to advance.

With his season on the line again at the Marinette Sectional, Scheurer turned in one of his best rounds of the season. He fired a 78 and then beat a pair of other individuals for medalist honors.

"My favorite memory from this year definitely was the postsea-

son, starting with sectionals," said Scheurer. "After that it was just an amazing experience."

Scheurer ended his season and high school career at state, where he placed 32nd after the two-day event. He fired a round of 85 before improving to an 84 on the final day.

Along with his strong golf season, Scheurer also did some pitching for the baseball team this spring.

Honorable mentions

Scheurer was one of several talented individual golfers in the area this spring.

Bonduel's Cooper Uelmen was the CWC's top individual golfer this season. Jake Dreyer was the CWC's fifth-best golfer, while Reed Luepke came in 12th and Reece Stoltenow 13th.

Nolan Fraaza was Witt-Birn's No. 2 golfer this spring and finished as the CWC's sixth-best golfer overall.

Gresham's Corbin Welch also had a strong season, and finished 11th in the CWC final standings.

Shawano's Kaden Marcell enjoyed a big season in the Bay Conference. He finished as the second-best golfer and then led the Hawks at regionals and sectionals before falling just short of state. Shawano's Owen Moesch and Gage Gorman were both honorable mentions in the Bay.

Kadyn Riel and Rease Hodkiewicz led Oconto Falls in the North Eastern Conference, landing on the second team and honorable mention team, respectively.

Pulaski's Connor Burant and Colin Schultz both made the honorable mention list in the Fox River Classic Conference.

Team of the year

Bonduel earned the Team of the Year honor for its big spring campaign.

The Bears ran out a lineup with five golfers all capable of finishing as the medalist that day, so it should come as no surprise that they comfortably won the CWC team title.

Bonduel then won the Iola-Scandinavia Regional and had all five golfers place in the top 22 that day. The team missed out on state by just a couple shots at sectionals.



Witt-Birn's Calvin Scheurer looks on after a swing during the Division 2 Clintonville Regional on May 24 at Riverside Golf Course in Clintonville.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Hawks' Rabideau snags top individual honor

Senior helped
her team to
successful season

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls soccer team had one of its best seasons in recent memory, going 12-9-1 overall.

A big part of that success was because of senior Abigail Rabideau, a leader on and off the field for the Hawks. Rabideau was tabbed the NEW Media Girls Player of the Year for her strong play.

After mentioning several things the team was doing as a whole to improve, Rabideau said, "I know for me I spent most of my free time going to the gym, going on runs, or practicing footwork outside or even in my room."

"I also had a personal motive to do so well this year because of COVID," added Rabideau. "Not having a season sophomore year really made me hungry to do so well and have the best season yet. I had put so much work in during COVID and I just wanted to show that no matter what happens, don't give up. COVID was a really depressing time for everyone so it was important to remember to do the things you love and soccer was the thing I loved to do the most."

Rabideau played in 21 contests for the Hawks this spring. She scored 17 goals and led her team with 11 assists.

She came up with several clutch goals during the season. Rabideau netted the game-tying goal that eventually helped the team tie Ashwaubenon. She scored twice in a comeback win over Peshtigo. In another comeback win, Rabideau scored once and assisted on another goal against Hortonville.

She also had some big games. She netted a hat trick against Antigo, while tallying a goal and two assists in a win over Little Chute. Rabideau recorded two goals against Green Bay West and had a goal and three assists against New London.

Rabideau scored twice and was credited with three assists in another win over Green Bay West. The senior netted a hat trick on three unassisted goals against Berlin.

"I think the most important thing for people who play my position is



Shawano's Abigail Rabideau passes the ball in during the team's win over New London on May 16 in Shawano.

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speed and awareness," said Rabideau. "Being able to dribble the ball while

outrunning a defender is a hard task to do but mastering that will benefit the

team so much. If you're able to outrun the defensive line, you can easily get a

shot off yourself. So having that speed will help open up space for options.

"But even when you can't outrun or get past defenders, awareness is the next important thing. So making sure you know where other teammates are to get an easy pass and creating movement off the ball can help get past defenders and can get you goal opportunities. I think the thing that helped me get the most amount of assists was my speed of getting around defenders and through passes from other teammates."

When asked about her favorite moment from the season, Rabideau couldn't name just one.

"Bus rides were fun and filled with exciting memories, two-miles runs with smiles and laughs, hot and humid practices, weight room shenanigans,

FYI

A special sports section reviewing the entire school year will be published on July 22. The section will name a Girls and Boys Athlete of the Year, along with a School of the Year.

indoor practices, the list goes on," said Rabideau. "The more fun things we did as a team was a scavenger hunt around the school for bonding and cardio but she (coach Emily Stepanek) didn't tell us that.

"Some of the more euphoric memories were our mercies and most of our wins, along with my hat tricks. And the most memorable moments were senior night and the last game. For me personally those were the best games — my brother was able to watch those two games after never seeing me play soccer since sixth grade."

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Honorable mentions

With Pulaski serving as the only other area soccer team, one might think the players to choose from was limited. That was far from the case, as each team had athletes that turned in strong springs.

Pulaski's Gianna Logue had a big impact on the field for Pulaski, serving as the team's last line of defense before the goalie. Along with helping turn away opponent's attacks, she helped out on offense at times and led her team with six goals and six assists.

Ella Sasse was Pulaski's goalie for 13 matches this spring and she proved to be tough to sneak the ball past. She made 49 saves and helped the team win six games and tie in two others. Sasse posted seven shutouts.

Trinity Popelka was Shawano's

leader in goals scored with 28, while also assisting on seven other scores. Kaylee Rindt scored 16 goals and assisted on nine others. Kylie Teetzen helped anchor the team's defense.

Teams of the year

Pulaski earned the Team of the Year honor after turning its season around and eventually appearing in a sectional semifinal game.

It was an up-and-down start to the season for Pulaski before the team went 0-5-1 over a six-match stretch. The Red Raiders responded by going 4-0-1 to end the season.

Pulaski then topped Port Washington before upsetting West De Pere to win a regional title.

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