



Witt-Birn Legion splits doubleheader

Meverden, Salvesen
pitch team to win

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Witt-Birn's Ben Wesolowski swings at a pitch during the team's win over Omro on June 16 in Wittenberg.

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LEGION BASEBALL

Witt-Birn splits games with Omro

Offense leads way in game 1 win

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood Legion baseball team split a pair of games against Omro on June 16 in Wittenberg, winning game one 9-7 in seven innings before falling 4-0 in a pre-determined, five-inning game two.

The two games were almost polar opposites for the Witt-Birn offense.

In game one, the team posted six hits to go along with eight walks. In game two, Witt-Birn had just three hits and three walks.

"It's all about having fun. That first game, it was all fun. Everyone's cheering the whole time," said Witt-Birn's Pierson Potrykus. "The second game, it felt like everyone was past their bedtime a little bit. That first game we were all higher energy, and that's what wins baseball games usually."

After Witt-Birn starter Mason Meverden put up a zero in the top of the first inning in game one, the team put up four runs in the bottom half to take charge.

Ben Wesolowski doubled in Bryce Zorowski to start the scoring. Potrykus later singled in Wesolowski and Meverden before Austin Worzalla scored on a passed ball.

After Meverden put up another zero in the second, Zorowski singled in Carter Herb to make it a 5-0 lead after two frames.

Omro finally pushed a run across in the third, but the hosts responded with two more in their half. Nathan Waupekenay delivered a two-out, two-RBI single that scored Worzalla and Chase Krull.

Witt-Birn looked to be in cruise control, but Omro quickly got back within a run with a pair of bloop hits to right field in the fifth. The first hit produced two runs before a triple scored two more, and an error on the play made it a little league homer and a one-run contest.

The hosts regained control with two huge insurance runs in the fifth. Krull doubled in Worzalla for the first run before Herb drew a bases-loaded walk to force in Potrykus. Meverden was replaced by



Witt-Birn's Mason Meverden delivers a pitch during the team's win over Omro on June 16 in Wittenberg.

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Ian Salvesen in the sixth, and the righty got the final six outs to seal up the win.

After walking the first two batters he faced in the sixth, Salvesen was able to settle in, pitch to contact and let his defense make plays behind him to get out of the inning unscathed.

Omro loaded the bases in the seventh inning and plated one run on a one-out single to right field. Witt-Birn right fielder Evan Meverden threw out a baserunner at home for the second out in the frame, and then Salvesen got a popup to end the game.

"Well, I don't throw very hard and I don't pitch very often but we needed a pitcher so I went in and

tried to throw strikes," said Salvesen after earning the save. "All the defense, they make plays and are pretty good."

Mason Meverden got the win after striking out five batters over his five innings.

Serving as the away team for game two, Witt-Birn's best chance to score was in the top of the first when it loaded the bases. A ground-ball ended the threat, and Witt-Birn wasn't able to get much else going the rest of the game.

Zorowski posted two of the team's three hits, with Salvesen having the other. Worzalla was hit by a pitch, while Mason Meverden, Potrykus and Herb walked for the team's other baserunners in the contest.

"I don't think the intensity (or) the energy was there the second game," said Salvesen.

Waupekenay pitched all four innings for Witt-Birn. He struck out four batters while allowing five hits and four walks. Two of the runs he allowed were unearned after three team errors.

"It's about having fun, having each other's backs. When you have a bad play, when you're having fun it doesn't mean as much, you're not going to be down for a couple innings," said Potrykus. "We're just trying to have fun to start the year, then by the end we're going to try and run it up try to win a Legion state title."

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Pulaski duo cap careers in all-star games

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Pulaski's Gabrielle DeCleene and Olivia Kubiak capped their high school careers by playing in Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-star games.

Games took place June 13-14 at Woodside Sports Complex in Wisconsin Dells. The recent Pulaski grads played two games for the Division 1 green team.

"It was awesome to play one last game with Kubiak," said DeCleene. "She is one of my closest friends, so it truly meant a lot to play with someone so close in the all-star game."

"It was special because I got to represent Pulaski for one last time with one of my closest friends," said Kubiak.

After arriving in Wisconsin Dells, the all-star teams had meetings before

taking part in a practice. DeCleene and Kubiak then went to the Chula Vista Resort before attending a banquet that recognized all the senior players and their accomplishments.

The second day, DeCleene and Kubiak's team played in a pair of games.

"It's still hitting me that I won't play another high school softball game," DeCleene said. "To play for the last time wearing Pulaski across the front of my jersey at an all-star game will truly stick with me for a long time."

DeCleene and Kubiak both made the first team in the Fox River Classic Conference this spring. DeCleene played first base and also pitched on her way to being named the Co-Player of the year, while Kubiak was the team's primary catcher.

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Pulaski's Gabrielle DeCleene, left, and Olivia Kubiak pose for a photo during the two-day Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-star experience in Wisconsin Dells.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Pulaski's DeCleene, Bonduel's Thompson earn all-state honors

Red Raiders' Vertz, Kubiak, Bears' Zernicke also honored

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Pulaski's Gabrielle DeCleene and Bonduel's Hailee Thompson each were named to Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association all-state teams after monster spring seasons.

DeCleene and Thompson were also on all-district teams along with Pulaski's Morgan Vertz and Olivia Kubiak and Bonduel's Hailey Thompson.

DeCleene made the all-state large

school honorable mention team, which includes all Division 1 teams. She was on the District 2 large school first team.

DeCleene played in 22 games in her senior season, finishing with a .549 batting average. Twenty-four of her 39 total hits went for extra bases, including 11 home runs, and she drove in 37 runs while scoring 36 times.

DeCleene also pitched in four games, earning wins in each contest. She struck out 27 batters over 21 innings and allowed only six earned runs.

Thompson made the all-state small school second team, which includes all Division 4 and 5 teams. Thompson was on the District 2 small school first team.

Thompson led the Bears with a .475 batting average for the season. The sophomore shortstop got on base at a .584 clip after drawing 14 walks.

Thompson tallied 18 extra-base hits among her 28 total hits, including 12 doubles and five homers. She drove in 30 runs and scored 28 times.

Vertz joined DeCleene on the District 2 first team, while Kubiak was an honorable mention.

Vertz was Pulaski's primary option in the circle this spring. The sophomore earned 13 wins while striking out 137 batters over 116 1/3 innings. She had a 1.74 earned run average.

At the plate, Vertz had a .419 average, drove in 16 runs, posted 31 hits and scored 18 runs.

Kubiak caught for the Red Raiders

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and finished the season with a .408 average. Ten of the senior's 31 hits went for extra bases. She drove in 20 runs and scored 19 times.

Zernicke was on the District 2 honorable mention list.

Zernicke was primarily Bonduel's first baseman this spring. The sophomore had a .400 average and .493 on-base percentage to go along with 21 RBIs and 17 runs scored.

Zernicke pitched in three games, covering 10 innings and picking up one win.

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Spring turkey season a wild one

The 2022 spring turkey hunting season was a memorable but odd one for me and my family, and apparently it was a successful one for the state as a whole.



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On June 10, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources put out a press release that announced “preliminary totals show Wisconsin turkey hunters registered 39,007 birds during the 2022 spring turkey hunting season, a 5% increase from the 37,266 birds registered in the spring 2021 season.”

While the youth season (April 16-17) saw nearly a 25% decrease in birds harvested, with some winter-like weather serving as a reason why, the weather steadily improved as the six one-week time periods carried on.

My first time period was the third week, but I planned on making the trip up to Chippewa County to tag along with my brother Sawyer, who was able to obtain a harvest authorization for the first period for our family land.

My trip was planned for Friday, but those plans were dashed when my brother tagged a tom during an afternoon hunt on the first day of the season. It wasn't the typical turkey hunt, with no gobbling and on an overcast day right before rain came through, but Sawyer was more than thrilled to harvest his first-ever bird.

After having his season end after just a couple hours, Sawyer was eager to get back in the woods again shortly after, so he decided to come visit me and tag along as I hunted in Shawano County and attempted to tag another public land gobbler.

We drove to what I consider my No. 1 spot before daylight, only to have a vehicle already in the parking lot. We made our way to option two and made our way back to the heart of the chunk of land.

For some backstory, I had some turkey encounters at this place two springs ago, but struggled to even hear one there in 2021. So going into the hunt that day, I wasn't exactly optimistic, especially because I had been battling an illness and couldn't do my usual scouting.

To my surprise, there were some gobblers as we walked in. After hearing a hen close by, we briefly



Sports editor Morgan Rode poses for a photo with the tom he harvested on public land in Shawano County on the first day of time period three.

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set up off the main trail going through the woods.

After about 15 minutes and hearing no more gobblers, we decided to make a loop around the public land to try and see if there were any other gobblers nearby.

After striking out on that plan, we started walking down the main

trail that goes through the woods — toward the direction of the gobblers early on.

We both hit our slate calls at the same time and were cutoff by a gobbler. We quickly made a setup and began using mouth calls to try and lure the birds in.

It took maybe three minutes for

me to catch movement in the woods ahead of us, and a minute or so later, a whole flock of turkeys was walking right down the path toward us.

Knowing how difficult public land hunting can be, I picked out the first bearded bird I could find and settled in for a shot. After yelping to get the tom to break strut, I successfully took him down at just under 30 yards!

And just like that, my first turkey season was over. Again, it wasn't the picture-perfect hunt, with the birds barely making a peep on their way in, but it worked in our favor again.

My brother's day turned out to just be getting started. After taking some great photos of me and the tom and helping me get it taken care of, he made the trek back to Chippewa County, where my dad Paul also had the third season.

Sawyer convinced my dad to go hunting in the middle of the day, and they were out for a matter of minutes before taking down another gobbler. So that made it three toms on our first days of hunting, something that likely won't ever happen again.

At this point, my imagination was running wild on just how great the turkey season could be. I still had five tags left — the final three seasons on public land and two tags for our private land. My goal coming into the season was to get two turkeys for the first time ever, but it quickly changed to trying to get six birds.

As the sport often does, the final three weeks of the season humbled me in a big way. I wasn't able to locate a hard-gobbling bird on public land until the last day I could hunt this spring, and the lone chance I had on our family land I blew after missing a giant strutter at over 35 yards.

Looking back on the season now, it definitely didn't go as planned, but it was by far the most productive our family has ever been in a single spring. The hunts that were successful lasted a matter of minutes, while the ones that ended eating tag soup were the ones with better action and ones I'll recall easier in the years to come.

Just when you think you have turkeys figured out, you have a season like my family and I did. I'm thankful we were able to contribute to the 39,007 birds harvested and am already counting down the days to the 2023 season.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Bonduel has 3 players make CWC-East 1st team

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Menominee Indian athletes also recognized

By **MORGAN RODE**
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Bonduel High School junior Macy Niles and sophomores Hailee Thompson and Hailey Zernicke each earned spots on the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division first team after strong spring softball seasons.

Bonduel sophomore Lila Pleshek and junior Nakiyah Henning made the second team, while senior Claire Gehm and freshmen Audrey Weier and Tatum Sporisky all were honorable mentions.

Junior Ashlee Corn was Menominee Indian's lone player recognized, making the second team. Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior Kaylee Schram and junior Jami Wendler made the second team, while senior Jadalynn Davids was an honorable mention.

In conference play, Thompson led the Bears with a .424 batting average and .568 on-base percentage. She legged out seven extra-base hits among her 14 total hits, drove in 15 runs and scored 15 times. The sophomore shortstop also swiped nine bases.

"Earning a spot on first team is something I work for year-round. Without coaches and my teammates, I wouldn't be the player I am," said Thompson, who added she's excited for an even bigger junior season for herself and the team. "I put in time year-round to excel in this sport, and it's great to finally see it all paying off."

Zernicke was second on the team with a .421 batting average and added a .500 on-base percentage in CWC-East play. She led the team with 16 hits, three of which went for extra bases. The sophomore drove in 13 runs and scored 11 other times. "It really means a lot to me," said

Zernicke, of receiving all-conference honors. "I struggled quite a bit last season hitting, so I worked to improve in any way possible and seeing all the work I put in come through this season has been great.

"I have really enjoyed working at first base this year, and to be recognized for that really motivates me and makes me want to work even harder for next year."

Niles played third base for the Bears. She had a .324 batting average and .342 on-base percentage in her junior season.

Niles drove in 10 runs on 12 hits and scored 11 times. She also stole four bases.

"Getting a spot on first team motivates me so much more for my senior season next year, because I know I still have more in me and can still improve on both my offense and defense," said Niles. "I am determined to work on contacting the ball even harder and play an even stronger defense next year.

"Both first team and the success of my team this year motivate me to better myself every day starting in the offseason, so that we can take our season another step further next year. I am motivated to work 10 times harder and to just put everything into every play, because it's my last year and I don't want to leave any regrets behind of not working hard enough."

Bonduel went 12-0 in conference play to win the CWC-East title and then went on to win a regional title. That strong season helped Chris Reinke be named Coach of the Year in the conference. Reinke served as a co-coach with Brad Grayvold.

Witt-Birn's Schram landed on the second team after posting a .417 batting average in CWC-East play. The senior doubled four times and homered once among her 15 hits,



Bonduel's Hailee Thompson looks on after hitting the softball during a CWC-East game against Weyauwega-Fremont on May 9 in Bonduel. Thompson made the CWC-East first team this spring.

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while driving in five runs and scoring six times.

"I feel like it was a great way to end my senior year," said Schram. "We didn't have the best season and I played at a completely new position, so it was really cool to receive recognition and end on a high note."

Wendler was the Chargers' primary pitcher, covering 63 innings in 12 conference games. She struck out 66 batters over that span.

At the plate, Wendler posted a .333 average, doubled four times among her 10 hits and drove in three runs.

Corn earned her second-team honor for the Eagles after tally-

ing a .370 average and .433 on-base percentage.

Corn legged out three extra-base hits among her 10 hits, while also driving in four runs and scoring seven times.

"Honestly, earning a spot on second team was very surprising to me, considering it's not even my first sport. But it means a lot knowing others (have) seen me and thought, 'Oh, yeah. She's good,'" said Corn.

"That definitely inspires and motivates me to want to try and do even better next year. Not just in the way I play, but also as a leader to my teammates. I want to help them become better as individuals

and as a team. That is my goal for next year.”

Henning was one of two pitchers Bonduel used in conference play this spring. Henning worked 37 innings and allowed 10 earned runs to record an earned run average of 1.89. She struck out 31 batters while walking 12.

At the plate, Henning posted a .276 average and .389 on-base percentage. She tripled and homered among her eight total hits, while also driving in nine runs and scoring seven times.

Pleshek was the Bonduel team's catcher. She recorded a .306 average and .432 on-base percentage. She doubled four times in her 11 hits, drove in seven runs and scored 12 times.

Dauids earned an honorable mention nod in her senior season at Witt-Birn after batting .387 in conference play.

Dauids drove in seven runs on 14

hits, stole 12 bases and scored nine runs.

Gehm was the second pitcher Bonduel used in CWC-East play. She worked 35 innings and allowed just two earned runs for a 0.4 ERA. She struck out 27 batters and walked only nine.

Gehm had 12 plate appearances in conference play, and she was able to get on base four times while also driving in a run and scoring twice.

Sporisky played the outfield and led off for the Bears. She had a .368 average to go along with a .415 on-base percentage. Sporisky drove in four runs on her 14 hits and also scored 13 times.

Weier also played in the outfield for Bonduel. The freshman finished with a .370 average and .500 on-base percentage. Three of her 10 hits were doubles, and she drove in 14 runs and scored eight times.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kaylee Schram swings at a pitch during a conference game against Menominee Indian on April 19 in Wittenberg. Schram, a senior, landed on the second team all-conference with junior teammate Jami Wendler.

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BABA HIGHLIGHTS

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East-West Division

Gresham 3

Marion 1

Gresham toppled Marion behind an unbelievable pitching performance from Paul Murphy on June 19 in Marion.

Murphy struck out 22 batters in a complete game effort. He struck out the side in order in the first, fourth and ninth innings.

Tom Nietzer led Gresham at the plate with four hits, including two doubles.

Nate Reynolds had two of Marion's hits. Nick Schoen took the loss on the mound.

Tigerton 15

Leopolis 5

Tigerton cruised past Leopolis during a June 17 matchup in Tigerton.

Brandon Sivertson belted a grand slam for Tigerton. Pat Provoast and Conner Harris also homered, with Provoast finishing with three hits. Dylan Berg and Justin Sivertson had two hits each.

Paul Sellner picked up the win for Tigerton. Alex Zimmerman was the losing pitcher.

Kasey Kristof had two of Leopolis' seven hits.

Caroline 8

Shawano 6

Caroline snuck past Shawano in a tight June 19 clash in Shawano.

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Austin Hoffman, Justin Reminger and Tyler Marquardt all posted two hits for Caroline. Travis Verg picked up the win on the mound.

Noah Jones tallied four hits for Shawano. Daryl Wilber chipped in three hits, while Jacob Springborn had two. Ray Lemieux Jr. was dealt the loss on the hill.

Neopit 12

Clintonville 8

Neopit outlasted Clintonville in a high-scoring June 19 matchup in Neopit.

Lowell Chevalier led Neopit at the plate with two hits. Alex Peters IV earned the win on the mound.

Aaron Morse and Jordan Koeppen had two hits each for Clintonville, while Keenan Doornink hit a homer. Jaden Doornink suffered the loss.

Little Falls 18

Tilleda 1

Little Falls cruised to a lopsided win over Tilleda on June 19 in Tilleda.

Carter Kurki earned the win on the hill after striking out 11 batters. Hunter Gruenwald, Jenner Gullixon and Scotty Aasen all tallied three hits for Little Falls.

Teagan Lehman led Tilleda with two hits. Lane Schultz was the losing pitcher.

Northern Division

Hatley 8

Birnamwood 6

Hatley edged Birnamwood in a tight June 19 matchup in Hatley.

Hatley's Nick Cotter led the team with three hits, while Josh Matushak, Kyle Zblewski and Hayden Davidowski had two hits each.

John Breske picked up the win for Hatley, while Austin Reed was dealt the loss.

Hatley outhit Birnamwood 13-7.

Antigo/Polar 9

Elderon 0

Antigo/Polar cruised to a win on June 19 in Elderon after holding the hosts to two hits.

Eli Fleischman earned the win for Antigo/Polar. Fleischman also led the team at the plate with four hits, including a home run.

Nick Marshall added three hits for Antigo/Polar, while Alex Fritsch, Dylan Schielke and Jordan Arrowood had a pair of hits each.

Trevor Groshek was the losing pitcher.

Eland 17

Aniwa 2

Eland picked up a convincing win over Aniwa on June 19 in Eland.

Blade Niewandomski, Jacob Ligenza and Jeremy Jensen led Eland's offensive attack with three hits each. Tyler Nelson, Bo Niewandomski, Joe Buss, Kyle Groshek and Jarod Richter all chipped in two hits.

Nelson was the winning pitcher for Eland. Nolan Hoppe suffered the loss.

Hoppe and Wade Farmer posted four hits each for Aniwa, while Hunter Gipp added two knocks.

South Central Division

Plover 8

Green Lake 5

Plover took down Green Lake in a June 17 game in Green Lake.

Eric Flowerette drove in two runs for Plover. Zack Hintz earned the win on the mound.

Jared Danke and Damien Netzler had two hits each for Green Lake. Hunter Netzler was the losing pitcher.

New London 15

Weymont 5

New London cruised past Weymont in a June 19 matchup in Weymont.

Andrew Parker and Dylan Moeller led New London at the plate with five hits each. Parker homered, drove in two runs and scored four times, while Moeller drove in four and scored three times.

Austin Warren drove in two runs and had two hits for New London. Myles Parker got the win on the mound.

Collin Jorgensen had three hits for Weymont, while Jacob Doede added two hits. Andrew Wildner took the loss.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

3 area teams have 2 players make CWC-North 1st team this spring

Marion's Korth the Coach of the Year

By **MORGAN RODE**
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The Marion, Tigerton and Bowler/Gresham softball teams all had two players earn first-team honors in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division this spring.

Marion senior Ashley Fischer and sophomore Morgan Schwartz, Tigerton juniors Abby Swartz and Skyler Hauser and Bowler/Gresham sophomores Emma May and Bertina Dodge were all unanimous selections to the first team.

Marion senior Eden Brennan and junior Dacotah Yonker, Tigerton senior Bethany Jobe and sophomore Elizabeth Stueck and Bowler/Gresham seniors Morgan Paiser and Tia Kroening were all named to the second team. Earning honorable mention recognition was Marion sophomore Hailey Krueger, Tigerton sophomores Maycee Carlson and McKenzie Hoffman and Bowler/Gresham junior Brandi Spencer.

Marion's Jenny Korth was the Coach of the Year after guiding the Mustangs to a 6-2 mark and second-place finish in the conference. Tigerton was third at 4-4, while Bowler/Gresham took fourth with a 2-6 mark.

Fischer earned her spot on the first team after posting a .478 batting average in conference play. She drove in 12 runs on 11 hits, three of which went for extra bases. The senior third baseman also stole three bases.

"The moment my coach told me I was voted first team during my senior year after personally not having my greatest defensive season brought so much joy to the end of my softball career," said Fischer. "As I finished the season with my highest batting average, I still knew I couldn't do it without my team. This season, we had played as a whole and it truly showed on our records compared to my past seasons.

"This being my last season, it was a very memorable season, and to be



Marion's Ashley Fischer follows through on a swing during a CWC-North matchup against Manawa on May 12 in Marion. Fischer made the all-conference first team this spring.

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named to the first team helps show me that my hard work both on and off the field has helped me tremendously and others are able to see the work that I put in to make these accomplishments happen."

Schwartz was the team's primary pitcher. She struck out 55 batters over 41 innings and picked up all six conference wins.

At the plate, Schwartz drove in seven runs on four hits, including two triples.

"Getting first team all-conference means the world to me," said Schwartz. "With only being a sophomore and coaches seeing that much potential, it makes me feel honored. It means all of my hard work paid off in the end.

"This honor will definitely motivate me to keep proving my potential in softball. I'm excited to see where my hard work will take me in life."

Hauser had a strong season at the plate and was Tigerton's primary pitcher in the circle.

She finished the CWC-North portion of the season with a .458 batting average and .629 on-base percentage. Hauser drove in four runs on 11 hits, stole 11 bases and scored 17 times.

In the circle, Hauser earned three wins and pitched 38 innings. She struck out 31 batters.

"Receiving a first-team honor means a lot to me because not only my coaches noticed my ability, but so did the other team's coaches," said Hauser. "It is a great honor, because I try my

best to work hard, especially at sports. This is definitely going to motivate me for my senior season, as it has given me more confidence and inspires me to only go up from there."

Swartz turned in an almost unbelievable stat line in the Tigers' eight conference games. She posted a .625 batting average and got on base at a .727 clip. The junior drove in 15 runs on 15 hits, scored 11 runs and stole seven bases.

"It means a lot to get first team this year considering all of the trials as a team we faced," said Swartz. "This year was a rebuilding year for us with girls in new spots all over the field. That resulted in errors being made sometimes and frustration. To be able to still get first team through this sea



Bowler/Gresham's Emma May awaits a pitch during a CWC crossover game against Menominee Indian on May 17 in Keshena. May landed on the all-conference first team after a strong sophomore season.

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son makes all the hard work pay off."

Bowler/Gresham's May also enjoyed a huge year at the plate, recording a .636 average after tallying hits in 14 of her 22 at-bats. She got on base at a .724 clip, drove in five runs and scored 11 times.

"Making first team all-conference really means a lot to me. Having my hard work pay off and being recognized is incredible," said May. "I am very thankful for all of my coaches and teammates as well for challenging me and helping me to get where I am now. This will definitely motivate me to keep working hard in the coming seasons, doing what I love, and maybe achieve this honor again."

Dodge posted hits in six of her 16 at-bats, including a home run. She drove in 10 runs and scored eight times.

"I had a rough start to the beginning of the season after having knee surgery and sitting the first couple games, but I really pushed myself to be better than I was and I did and still am," said Dodge, who had a goal of making the first team this spring.

"Now as for how that will motivate me for my next seasons, I really just look at it as a stepping stone to what's next. With two years left in high school I will be looking forward to all the ups and downs of the game. I will push myself to be better than yesterday and I will eventually take myself to a higher level."

Brennan finished her senior year with a .357 batting average to earn her spot on the second team. She drove in seven runs on five hits and

stole four bases.

Yonker tallied nine hits in 19 at-bats for a .474 average. She drove in five runs and also stole five bases.

Jobe batted .400 in conference play for the Tigers, while getting on base at a .455 clip. She legged out five extra-base hits among her 12 total hits, drove in 15 runs and scored seven times.

Stueck hit for a .562 average and posted a .731 on-base percentage. She drove in nine runs, tallied nine total hits and scored eight runs.

Paiser had six hits in her 16 at-bats for the co-op this spring. She also walked five times and was hit by three pitches. The senior drove in eight runs and scored nine times.

Kroening recorded hits in six of her 15 at-bats, driving in eight runs and scoring six times. She played the outfield for the co-op.

Marion's Krueger ended the season with five hits and four steals in conference play. She made the most of those hits, driving in six runs for her team.

Carlson posted a .440 average and .517 on-base percentage for the Tigers. She drove in four runs, stole nine bases and scored eight runs.

Hoffman hit .333 and got on base at a .500 clip in CWC-North play. She finished with eight hits, eight RBIs, nine runs scored and five steals.

Spencer collected five hits in conference play for the co-op. She drove in nine runs and scored six times. Spencer also did some pitching for Bowler/Gresham.

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Tigerton's Abby Swartz gets ready to swing at a pitch during a CWC crossover game against Menominee Indian on April 26 in Tigerton. Swartz made the CWC-North first team unanimously this spring.

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DAIRYLAND LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Pulaski 10

Hortonville 6

Pulaski used a six-run eighth inning to rally past Hortonville in a June 19 clash in Pulaski.

Easton Vertz led Pulaski at the plate with two hits, including an RBI double. He also started on the mound and pitched 6 2/3 innings. Nick Dagneau and Cody Pangrazzi helped seal the win for Pulaski.

Pulaski is now 5-2 overall, while Hortonville dropped to 4-3.

Nichols 3

Hofa Park 2

Sam Blank belted a two-run home run to lift Nichols to a tight win over Hofa Park on June 19 in Nichols.

The win was the first for Nichols on

FYI

Statistics for other Dairyland games were not available by press time. Visit teams' Facebook pages for more details on this past week's games.

the season, and now the team owns a 1-7 mark. Hofa Park slipped to 1-5.

Waupaca takes 2nd at own tournament

Waupaca earned wins over Kewaskum (7-5) and River Falls (6-5) while losing to Appleton (4-0) during the Battle of the Chain Tournament on June 17 and 18.

Jason Ellie and Adam Kennedy earned wins on the weekend for Waupaca, while Jacob Pankratz took the loss. Ryan Makuski earned a save, while Luke Behm pitched two innings.

Walker Smith and Behm led the team with six hits over the three games. Pankratz had five hits.

AUTO RACING

Swedberg battles through adversity in heat race, goes on to win Late Model feature

Whitman, Raab, Mullen, Wedde take other feature wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Johnny Whitman, Zackery Raab, Brett Swedberg, Mike Mullen and Brad Wedde all earned feature wins during Hall of Fame Night at Shawano Speedway on June 18.

Whitman won the IMCA Modified race after taking first in one of the heat races earlier in the night.

Mullen took second, while Lucas Lamberies, Brekken Kleinschmidt and Marcus Yarie rounded out the top five. Lamberies moved up eight spots from his starting position for the strong finish.

Raab claimed first in the IMCA Sport Mod feature after also taking first in a heat race earlier in the night.

Jeffery Teske moved up six spots



Ron Berna (66) and Brett Swedberg (35) battle for position during a Late Model heat race on June 18 at Shawano Speedway. Berna went on to win the heat race, while Swedberg later had to have his car towed off, but Swedberg bounced back to win the feature race later in the night. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

to take second place. Kory Kemkes worked up seven spots to come in third, while Teagan Wudstrack moved past five other cars to claim fourth. Matthew Radtke rounded out the top five.

Unlike Whitman and Raab, Swedberg didn't have a strong heat race, with his car having to be towed off. In the feature race, he worked past eight cars to come out with the win.

Kyle Raddant started in fifth and moved up three spots to finish in second place. Tim Rothe claimed third, with Luke Postl in fourth and Ron Berna in fifth.

Mullen started in seventh in the IMCA Stock Car feature race and ended up taking first to cap his strong night of racing.

Travis Van Straten finished second, while Jordan Barkholtz claimed third. Brandon Czarapata

took fourth after starting in ninth, while Luke Lemmens moved up 12 spots to grab fifth.

Wedde capped the night with a feature win in the Mighty 4 Division.

Tanner Westphal claimed second, while Bailey Tate grabbed third. Carl King and Justin Haufe rounded out the top five.

Doug Blashe and Brad Rohloff were inducted into the speedway's Hall of Fame during intermission.

LEGION BASEBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano 12 Clintonville 0

Shawano scored in five of seven innings while cruising to a win over Clintonville on June 14 in Clintonville.

Tom Keszó drove in four runs on three hits to power Shawano at the plate. Bryce Popp drove in two runs, while Zac Jurmu and Andrew Popp had two hits each.

Carson Popp, Ashton Henning, Jacob Polzin and Andrew Popp all scored two runs. Shawano walked nine times and posted 12 hits.

Ashton Henning struck out 11 batters while allowing just two hits and a walk over six innings to earn

the win. Andrew Popp tossed a scoreless inning to seal the win.

Shawano 16 Hartford 2 (5 inn.)

Shawano routed Hartford during a Waupun Tournament game on June 17 in Waupun.

Ashton Henning and Andrew Popp each drove in three runs on three hits to lead Shawano at the plate. Carson Popp drove in two runs on four hits and Carsen Herm had two RBIs on two hits.

Zac Jurmu and Henning scored three runs, while Carson Popp, Bryce Popp and Braedyn Kowalkowski scored twice each. Shawano scored nine runs in the second inning and five more in the fourth.

Jacob Polzin earned the win on

the mound after pitching all five innings. He struck out six batters along the way.

Shawano 13 Ahnapee 4

Shawano cruised past Ahnapee in its second game of a tournament in Waupun on June 18.

Zac Jurmu led the offensive charge for Shawano with four hits, three RBIs and two runs scored. Andrew Popp tallied three hits and two RBIs, while Braedyn Kowalkowski had two RBIs and two hits.

Bryce Popp scored three runs for Shawano, while Carson Herm and Ashton Henning scored twice each.

Henning got the win after striking out six batters over five innings.

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Legion baseball statistics and results can be emailed to sports@newmedia-wi.com.

Bryce Popp struck out five batters and got the last six outs.

Waupun 7 Shawano 1

Shawano was limited to two hits in a tournament-ending loss to Waupun on June 18 in Waupun.

Ashton Henning had both of Shawano's hits and scored the team's lone run.

Brady Glysch took the loss after pitching four innings and allowing six runs, only two of which were earned. Bryce Popp worked the final two innings.

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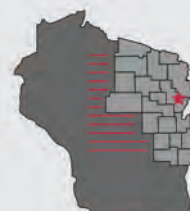
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