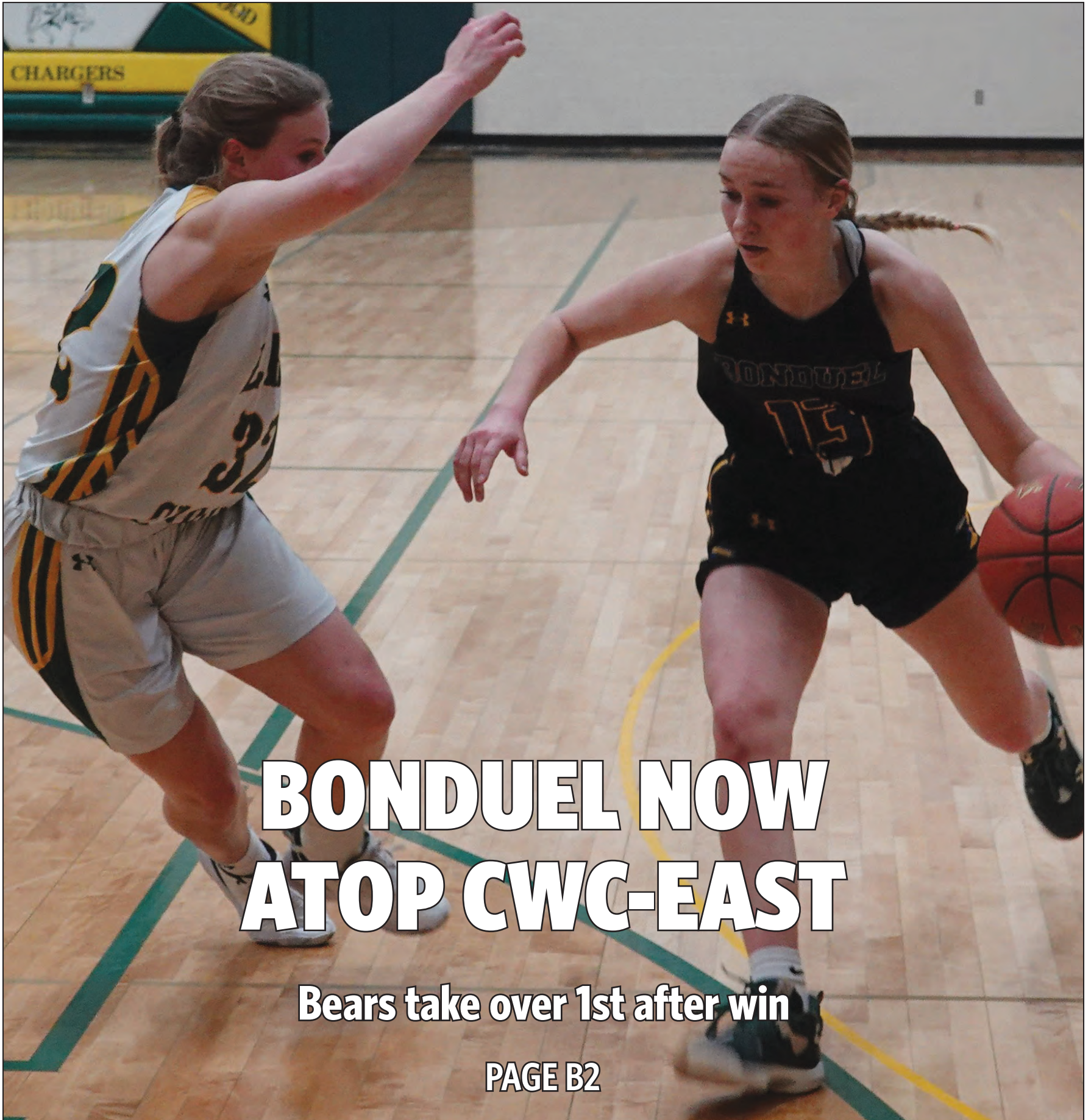
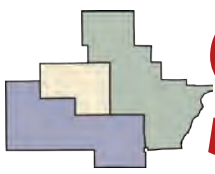




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Bears take over 1st after win

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Bonduel's Tatum Sporisky, right, dribbles toward the rim as Witt-Birn's Faith Resch defends during a conference game on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel girls grab control of CWC-East lead

Bears take down Witt-Birn after big 2nd half

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team prevailed over Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a battle of the two top teams in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division.

The Bears outscored the Chargers 30-17 in the second half to come away with a 53-38 victory on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg. Bonduel now sits alone atop the conference standings with one loss, while Witt-Birn fell back into second with a pair of losses.

Ella Hischke guided the Bears in the first half before Hailey Zernicke took over in the second half to help the visitors pull away and avenge their only conference loss so far. Both girls finished with 13 points.

"It feels good," said Zernicke. "We spent the last however many weeks preparing for them — obviously, we had games before this that we had to prepare for but we spent a lot of time in practice (on Witt-Birn). We practiced a triangle-and-two (defense) to help stop Reese (Rogowski) and Rory (Salvesen)."

"I mean, we wanted revenge... They beat us in our house, we came in, we were hyped the whole game, in the locker room we were hyped, we were just all ready this time," said Hischke.

In the team's meeting back on Dec. 9 in Bonduel, Witt-Birn topped Bonduel 55-49 behind 22 points from Salvesen and 20 from Rogowski.

This time around, Salvesen had 12 and Rogowski tallied nine against the triangle-and-two defense Bonduel ran.

While the Bears were making life tough on the Chargers' offense, Bonduel was also efficient on its offensive end. When Bonduel wasn't hitting shots, it was racking up offensive rebounds to get second, third and sometimes even more chances. Bonduel finished the game with 13 offensive rebounds and 37 total boards. Witt-Birn had just 24 total rebounds.

In the early going, Bonduel's Hailee Thompson scored the first points in the game before Witt-Birn went on an 8-0 run. Witt-Birn's Melaina Granquist scored the first five points on two bas-



Bonduel's Hailee Thompson, right, defends Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski during a CWC-East contest on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg.

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Bonduel's Audrey Weier dribbles the ball during a conference win over Witt-Birn on Jan. 19 in Wittenberg.

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kets around the rim — one of which turned into a three-point play. Allison Linke hit a 3-pointer for the other points on the run.

The game tightened up after that and remained that way until halftime.

Hischke hit a couple 3-pointers to jumpstart Bonduel on the offensive end and hit two more shots later in the half to finish with 10 points in the opening 18 minutes. Audrey Weier and Thompson also hit multiple shots in the opening half for the Bears.

Rogowski had seven points by the halftime break, while Salvesen hit a pair of shots.

"They did a triangle-and-two, which we haven't seen before," said Rogowski. "Our shots just weren't falling like they usually do..."

The biggest story at halftime was the foul trouble each team was in. Zernicke missed the final 15:36 of the first half after two early fouls. Granquist also had two fouls early in the contest and then picked up her third with under a minute to go until halftime. Faith Resch and Rogowski were each at two fouls.

Granquist began the second half on the bench with her foul trouble, and Bonduel took advantage, scoring a couple buckets down low while pushing the lead out to six, 30-24. Weier and Zernicke scored for Bonduel down low before Zernicke buried a triple.

Rogowski had a field goal to make it a four-point contest, but Bonduel tallied the next 10 points to take control.

Weier got the run started with a

basket before Hischke hit a 3-pointer. Kendra Troxel had the next two baskets, including a 3-point play.

Salvesen scored to stop the run, but Thompson and Zernicke each converted shots to push the Bonduel lead out to 16, 44-28. After a free throw from Linke, Tatum Sporisky connected on a 3-pointer for the Bears to make it an 18-point game.

In the final five minutes, Witt-Birn was able to score at a little better clip, but Zernicke helped Bonduel seal up the win by scoring the team's final six points.

"Not gonna lie, I was getting a little antsy on the bench in the first half hoping to go back in," said Zernicke. "It is what it is, and when I got back out in the second half, I was all rested up so that helped."

For Witt-Birn, it was a disappointing showing, but Rogowski believes the setback will only serve as motivation for the team going forward.

"It's definitely going to fuel us and make us work harder and come out stronger to keep winning the other conference games and hope that we can stay on top with them," said Rogowski.

Bonduel 23 30 — 53

Witt-Birn 21 17 — 38

Bonduel (53): Kendra Troxel 2-5 8, Ella Hischke 0-2 13, Audrey Weier 0-1 8, Tatum Sporisky 0-0 5, Hailee Thompson 0-1 6, Hailey Zernicke 0-0 13.

Witt-Birn (38): Reese Rogowski 0-1 9, Allison Linke 1-2 7, Rory Salvesen 0-0 12, Jami Wendler 0-1 0, Faith Resch 3-4 5, Melaina Granquist 1-1 5.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano boys hold on late for big Bay win

Hawks do just enough to top New London

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball did just enough in the final minutes to fend off a New London comeback attempt and pick up a much-needed 72-68 Bay Conference win on Jan. 21 in Shawano.

The win bumped the Hawks to 4-2 in conference play, which is good enough for a tie for second with West De Pere and New London. The victory also keeps the team's chances of a conference title alive, as Shawano has yet to play conference leader Xavier, which is 6-0.

"We knew coming in, if we want to win conference, we have to have this one," said Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman. "We started out hot, playing well, had a 15-point lead at one point, I think. We can't do what we did (late) where we turned the ball over that much, but we were able to pull through and got the win."

Shawano's hot start saw the team convert shots on its first six possessions, building a 13-3 advantage. Brandon Reed, Jacob Landon and Logan Sipple hit the team's first three shots. Sipple also had the fourth make before a Reed 3-pointer and another bucket by Landon.

Over the next five minutes, Shawano went cold from the field, with just a pair of Metcalf-Grassman free throws in that time.

Sipple hit a shot to snap the team's cold streak before Metcalf-Grassman had a steal and dunk to get him going offensively.

A Landon basket was followed by a New London triple. Metcalf-Grassman had the next basket before New London answered on the opposite end of the court.

Shawano took control of the game on the back of Metcalf-Grassman, who made three 3-pointers over about a minute stretch to turn a four-point lead into a 32-19 advantage.

New London scored a couple times over the next minute, but Shawano threatened to run away with the game after Landon and Sipple



Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman, center, holds his follow-through after taking a 3-pointer during the team's win over New London on Jan. 21 in Shawano.

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combined for six points to make it a 38-23 lead. The visitors answered with the final five points of the half.

The teams traded baskets at the start of the second half. After New London briefly cut it to a nine-point game, 45-36, Sipple converted a shot and Reed had an alley-oop dunk off an inbound pass to give Shawano some momentum.

The visitors scored next, but seven straight points from the Hawks had them threatening to run away with the game again. Deacon Carroll had five points on the run, while Reed scored again.

New London again had an answer, scoring 12 of the next 15 points to get back within eight, 59-51.

It was Shawano's turn to answer, and it did with a 7-0 spurt, with Reed, Landon and Sipple scoring.

New London turned up its defensive intensity at that point, and Shawano had trouble simply getting the ball into the frontcourt for the next few minutes. Several turnovers allowed New London to catch right back up.

"I think we were relaxing a little bit," said Metcalf-Grassman. We just

had a rough stretch from about six minutes all the way down to that minute mark where we just fell apart. We can't do that."

Sipple had a big basket to briefly halt the comeback effort, but a missed free throw on a one-and-one chance kept Shawano from sealing things up.

Sipple had another clutch basket with 1:30 to play, making it a 70-65 lead, but yet another Shawano turnover got New London back within three with just under a minute to play.

The next sequence in the game was a wild one. After a New London player fouled out, the player wasn't immediately pulled from the game after the referees didn't halt play for a substitution to be made. The refs allowed Shawano to re-shoot a free throw in a one-and-one chance, but Shawano missed both opportunities.

New London missed on the other end of the floor, but got an offensive rebound and was fouled. The first free throw was good, but the second missed.

Shawano grabbed the loose ball and had another chance to seal the

game with two free throws, but instead missed twice. New London turned the ball over on its next possession.

The Hawks missed two more free throws with 8.9 seconds left, but Julian Perez grabbed an offensive rebound and got the ball to Metcalf-Grassman, who finally sank two free throws to seal the contest with 4 seconds left.

Reed said the team was able to prevail by "continuing to play our game, and our heart really helped us win that."

"This should really set the tone for next week," added Reed. "We got Menasha whose been playing good and then West De Pere — hopefully we can go take one there."

New London 28 40 — 68

Shawano 38 34 — 72

Shawano (72): Logan Sipple 0-0 18, Julian Perez 0-2 0, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 5-7 23, Jacob Landon 3-4 15, Brandon Reed 0-3 11, Deacon Carroll 1-1 5.

New London (68): Michael Helsten 0-0 2, Tyler Gerrits 0-0 13, Kyle Wisniewski 0-0 19, Jonah Schlueter 6-9 20, Ayden Kanaman 2-3 2, Brayden Fehrman 1-2 6, Ian Oberstadt 0-1 6.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Marion boys stun Bowler after big comeback

Mustangs erase 17-point deficit, remain perfect in conference

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Marion High School boys basketball team overcame a 17-point second half deficit and topped Bowler 64-63 in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division thriller on Jan. 17 in Marion.

The furious comeback kept Marion atop the conference standings. The Mustangs are now 5-0 in CWC-North games and are the only conference team without a loss.

While Marion's comeback efforts didn't begin until about five minutes into the second half, senior Ryan Malueg said it was a halftime message that woke the team up.

"We had a coach tell us that we have to come out and we have to want it," said Malueg. "In the first half, they wanted it more than us. We had to come out and get it more. We obviously showed that we wanted it more."

"Just get rid of the first half and start a new game in the second half," said Marion's Izan Bueno. "We came out flat-footed in the first half."

Bowler led 39-30 at halftime and then scored 10 of the first 12 points in the second half to grab a 49-32 advantage.

Malueg got Marion going with a couple baskets, including a 3-pointer. Parker Miller tallied the next couple baskets to get the team back within single digits, 49-41.

After Bowler missed a free throw, Bueno hit a shot to cap a 11-0 Mustang run.

Beau Brunner stopped a six-plus-minute scoring drought for Bowler with a basket, but Marion scored the next seven points to get back within a single point. Miller and Malueg made shots before Miller converted an and-one.

Bowler appeared to settle back in after a bucket from Emmitt Kietlinski and free throw from Tristan Thiex, but a 7-0 run from Malueg alone powered Marion to a three-point lead, 57-54, with 3:06 to play.

Malueg hit back-to-back 3-pointers



Marion's Parker Miller, right, and Sam Gueths, left, battle for a loose ball with Bowler's Connor Kaquatosh, second from left, and Damian Terrio during a CWC-North battle on Jan. 17 in Marion.

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to give the hosts the lead before making a free throw.

"The first one (3-pointer) went in and then the confidence starting going up," said Malueg.

Kietlinski continued his big game with a clutch three-point play to tie things up with 2:49 to play, and then made another shot with just over two minutes to play to give Bowler the lead back. His second basket gave him 1,000 career high school points.

"It was really special," said Kietlinski of the milestone. "When you're a freshman and sophomore, you never even think about getting there, it never even really crosses your mind. Then as you get older, like the start of senior year, it gave me something to look forward to the whole year and I was excited for that."

Malueg continued his red-hot shooting with a 3-pointer to give Marion a 60-59 lead with about 1:45 to play.

Bowler's Damian Terrio scored the game's next basket, setting off a wild final minute of play.

Marion missed on the ensuing possession, but Malueg converted a

second-chance opportunity to push the Mustangs back ahead with about 40 seconds to play. Fifteen seconds later, Kietlinski scored to propel the visiting Panthers back ahead.

The hero of the game turned out to be Bueno, who hit a floater from near the free throw line with roughly 14 seconds to play.

Marion then turned away a couple Bowler opportunities in the closing seconds to finish off the entertaining contest.

"We were really hyped up thanks to the crowd and to the band, we were just really high. We're so excited to keep going and keep winning," said Bueno.

Malueg ended up hitting five 3-pointers in the contest to score a team-leading 24 points for Marion. Bueno and Miller had 13 points each, while Sam Gueths chipped in seven points.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-4 lead early on before Bowler took control.

Kietlinski led the Panthers' first-half charge, scoring 15 points. He finished with a game-high 26 points.

"Well, we played really well in stretches, and really well in that stretch (at the start of the second half), but then they made a really good run on us and we got really cold," said Kietlinski. "We couldn't really do anything, and they took advantage. Just a lot of missed opportunities by us."

Even though Bowler was handed its second conference loss, Kietlinski is still convinced that the Panthers can win the conference title. Bowler and Marion will match up again on Feb. 23 in the regular season finale.

Brunner also had a strong first-half showing for Bowler, scoring nine of his 11 points in the first 18 minutes.

Thiex finished with 10 points in the game, while Danian Schultz added eight and Terrio had six.

Bowler 39 24 — 63

Marion 30 34 — 64

Marion (64): Jack Van Kooy 1-4 5, Jaden Stuhr 0-0 2, Izan Bueno 0-0 13, Sam Gueths 1-2 7, Ryan Malueg 1-2 24, Parker Miller 3-3 13.

Bowler (63): Danian Schultz 0-0 8, Connor Kaquatosh 0-2 2, Emmitt Kietlinski 4-5 26, Beau Brunner 2-3 11, Tristan Thiex 2-4 10, Damian Terrio 0-1 6.

ATHLETE PROFILE: TRENTON GIBBONS

Pulaski senior one of the best wrestlers in state

The Pulaski High School wrestling team has been one of the top-ranked Division 1 teams over the past couple years. Trenton Gibbons, now a senior, is one of the wrestlers who has led the charge for the Red Raiders over that span.

Gibbons is a perfect 5-0 in Fox River Classic Conference matches this winter after landing on the all-conference first team last year. To cap his junior season, Gibbons placed second in the Division 1 182-pound weight class at state.

At the Bi-State Classic on Dec. 29-30, Gibbons placed third. His 6-1 record at the tough event was accomplished with four pins and two decisions.

Gibbons took second at the Marquette Challenge on Dec. 17 in Marquette, Michigan. He won a pair of tight decisions at the challenge.

The senior was ranked third at 182 pounds in the state in the latest version of the www.wisconsinrappler.com Division 1 rankings.

Q: When did your interest in wrestling begin?

A: My interest in wrestling started in first grade when my brother (Derek) started wrestling. I started wrestling the following year when I was in second grade.

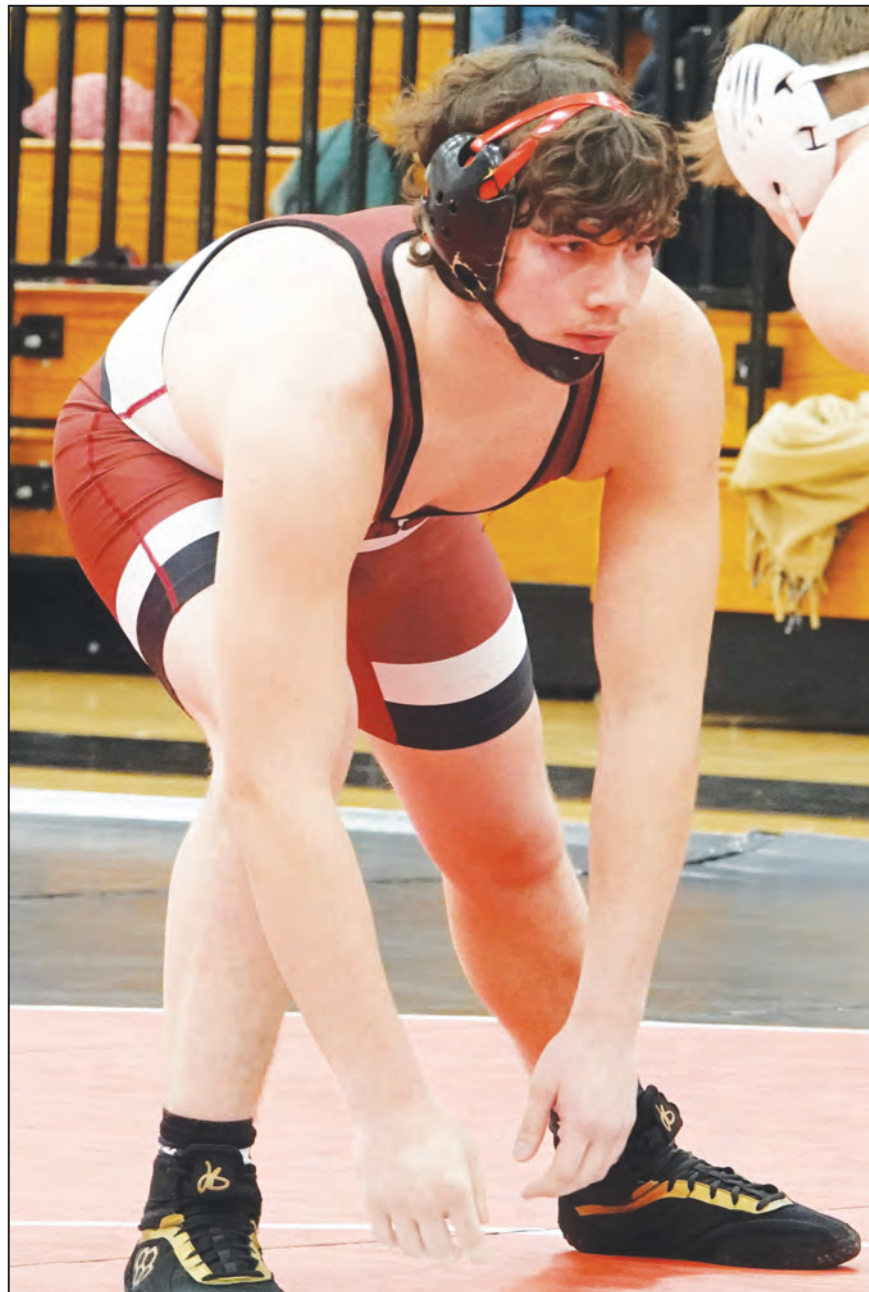
Q: What has wrestling taught you over the years?

A: Wrestling has taught me that no matter how hard things get, just always keep pushing through and never give up.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the wrestling mat, and why?

A: Double leg, because it's fun to pick people up.

Q: After placing second at state last year, do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those goals?



Pulaski's Trenton Gibbons wrestles during the team's triangular against Oconto Falls and Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

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A: My individual goal is to make it back to the finals at state. To achieve this goal I need to just keep working hard in practice and listen-

ing to my coaches to get better.

Q: While wrestling is primarily looked at as an individual sport, your team is also in the

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Trenton Gibbons

Sport: Wrestling

Weight class: 182 primarily, but also 195/220

School: Pulaski High School

Year: Senior

hunt for a conference title. What does the team need to keep doing over the final weeks of the regular season to secure the FRCC title?

A: As a team, we need to keep working hard in practice and doing our jobs during our dual meets.

Q: What would you consider your best strengths on the mat?

A: I think my best strength on the mat is staying calm even if I am losing and wrestling through every position and fighting for every point.

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

A: I just try to always do what's right and help them when they are wrestling.

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

A: My routine before every match is just to listen to music and I usually pace before my matches.

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

A: One of my favorite memories is winning the Pulaski invite — just all my teammates being there to support and cheer me on.

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

A: I really enjoy waterfowl hunting.

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

A: Just keep working and get a degree once I know exactly what I want to do.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: KAYSHA WILBER

Eagles' senior helps in every aspect on court

The Menominee Indian High School girls basketball team already has earned more wins in Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division play than it did a season ago. Senior Kaysha Wilber is a big part of the team's improvement.

Wilber is averaging double digits as a scorer this winter.

She opened up the season by scoring in double figures in the first four games. Wilber had 18 points in a season-opening game against Oconto and then tallied 17 in a contest against Oconto Falls.

The senior has scored in double digits in six games since then, with a 21-point showing against Amherst and 31-point performance against Weyauwega-Fremont.

She's hit multiple 3-pointers in a game on seven occasions, with four triples against Amherst and Weyauwega-Fremont.

The senior also leads the team in rebounds per contest. Wilber had a season-high 13 boards against Marion and followed that up with 12 rebounds against Crandon and 11 more against Wabeno/Laona.

Wilber has the most steals on the team and is second in assists.

The senior had eight steals against Marion and seven against Weyauwega-Fremont. Her top assist game with a five-assist performance against Pacelli early in the season.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: Elementary school.

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

A: Keep working hard to be better.

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

A: Euro.

Q: Do you have any individual

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Kaysha Wilber

Sport: Girls basketball

Position: Guard, point guard

School: Menominee Indian High School

Year: Senior

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

A: I want to start taking more mid-range shots. Getting to the gym and putting up those shots will help me achieve that goal.

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

A: We want to improve on boxing out.

Q: Your team is in the thick of the CWC-East title hunt after finishing near the bottom of the conference a season ago. What's changed for the team this season to have that improvement in conference play?

A: We work hard at practices. We watch film and study on the teams we are playing.

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

A: No.

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

A: Beating the teams that always blew us out.

Q: Favorite movie and TV show?

A: Movie — "Shrek." TV show — "Greys Anatomy."

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

A: I want to go to college for nursing.



Menominee Indian's Kaysha Wilber holds the ball and looks for an open teammate during a nonconference matchup against Oconto Falls on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls boys fall against Lux-Casco

Panthers' late comeback comes up short

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School boys basketball team had a valiant comeback effort come up a little bit short in a 77-64 North Eastern Conference loss to Luxemburg-Casco on Jan. 20 in Oconto Falls.

Slow starts to each half had the Panthers playing from behind all night. Oconto Falls trailed by around 20 points for much of the second half and were down 67-43 with under nine minutes to play, but the hosts whittled that deficit down to nine eventually, and might have come even closer had it not been for some ill-timed infractions.

After falling behind 67-43, Alex Haines got Oconto Falls going with a free throw before Caden Birr hit a shot.

After a Lux-Casco basket, Oconto Falls scored nine unanswered points. Carter Hill hit two shots before a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws from Birr.

Hill had another basket sandwiched between two field goals from the visitors, making it a 15-point contest with about 4:20 to play.

Oconto Falls continued to apply heavy pressure on defense and then attack the rim on offense, and scored six straight points to trim it to a nine-point game with two minutes to play still. Hill hit another shot before Haines made back-to-back buckets.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, that's where the comeback effort stopped. Oconto Falls was tagged with a pair of technical fouls in a 32-second span, which took away all the team's momentum, and allowed Lux-Casco to push its lead back up to 12. The hosts didn't score after the technical fouls were assessed.

"It's tough losing a lot of games, especially at home. It was a big night (including parent's night, a fan giveaway and a cancer collection) — we didn't want it to be a 20-point blowout like that," said Oconto Falls' Kody Vorpahl of the team's comeback effort. "It gave us all the heart for us to kind of battle back there towards the end there, get



Oconto Falls' Carter Hill, right, follows through on a shot during a North Eastern Conference game against Luxemburg-Casco on Jan. 20 in Oconto Falls.

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Oconto Falls' Alex Haines locks in on defense during a conference clash against Luxemburg-Casco on Jan. 20 in Oconto Falls.

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it a close game. The two techs at the end ruined the whole momentum, but otherwise the fans, student section gave us the energy to keep playing, keep playing for each other."

In what's been a tough year for

the team, which has its senior players playing under their fourth different head coach in four years, Haines called the comeback effort "progress."

"We're working towards next year," said Haines, a junior. "Those

young guys are starting to get good and stuff is starting to come together. I'm looking forward to next year and seeing what we can come to."

Haines was the Panthers' top scorer on the night with 19 points. His 10 points paced the team in the first half and kept Lux-Casco from getting too far ahead. Vorpahl scored eight of his 10 points in the opening half to also help out.

Haines and Vorpahl each hit free throws in the early going, but the team's first field goal didn't come until about four minutes into the game when Braden Vandermoss converted a fastbreak chance. By then, the visitors already had an 11-5 advantage. A couple more 3-pointers made it 17-5.

Oconto Falls finally got going offensively with a 6-0 run. Haines and Vorpahl made shots before Vorpahl hit two free throws.

Vorpahl also made the team's next shot, but by the time the Panthers scored again, the visiting Spartans were up 20 points, 34-14.

"I think we just get lazy on defense, that's really all it is," said Vorpahl. "We focus a lot on scoring on offense and kind of are out of breath on the defensive end, don't want to work as hard, don't want to rebound. That's what really kills us ..."

Vorpahl hit a free throw to halt the Lux-Casco run, and Haines followed with a 3-pointer. Vandermoss later scored on a fastbreak, while Hill and Haines combined for four free throws to help the team go into halftime down just 13, 36-23.

Things spiraled out of control quickly in the second half though, as Lux-Casco scored on its first four possessions to go ahead 47-23. The teams then traded baskets for the next several minutes before Oconto Falls went on its strong run in the final eight minutes.

Hill and Birr joined Haines and Vorpahl in double figures with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Vandermoss was the only other Panther to score, finishing with six points.

Lux-Casco 36 41 — 77

Oconto Falls 23 41 — 64

Lux-Casco (77): Braeden Schley 1-2 3, Joshua Parins 0-0 8, Chase Bukouricz 5-6 18, Jack Rollin 3-6 17, Lance Cherovsky 0-1 8, Ethan Vandenhousten 1-2 7, Caleb Blohowiak 0-2 16.

Oconto Falls (64): Alex Haines 8-11 19, Braden Vandermoss 0-0 6, Kody Vorpahl 4-6 10, Caden Birr 3-4 14, Carter Hill 1-2 15.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano High School graduate Tori DePerry had a memorable week on the court and helped the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to a pair of wins.



TORI DEPERY

In a win over Ferris State on Jan. 19, DePerry posted 22 points, nine rebounds, one assist and one steal across 31 minutes.

DePerry had 14 points, four boards, three assists and one block across 26 minutes in a victory over Lake Superior State on Jan. 21. She reached 1,000 points for her college career on a layup early in the contest.

UW-Stevens Point

Oconto Falls grad Joe Adams, Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn and Pulaski grad Lindsey Jossie all competed for the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Corn competed in the women's shot put (12.84 meters) and weight throw (13.18 meters), placing third and 12th, respectively. Jossie placed eighth in the women's long jump (4.55 meters) and 60 hurdles (10.95 seconds).

Adams ran in the men's 1-mile, taking 36th in 4:44.09.

Oconto Falls grad Graeson Pankratz wrestled a couple times for UW-Stevens Point last week.

Pankratz picked up a forfeit win in the team's win over Carthage on Jan. 19. He wrestled in two extra matches against UW-Whitewater on Jan. 20, losing by major decision and decision.

Pulaski grads T.J. Shaw and Gracie Mihalski each swam in multiple events for the UWSP swim teams during the Point Invite on Jan. 20-21.

Shaw placed 12th in the men's 200 freestyle with a time of 1:56.19. He was also on the seventh-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:28.13) and ninth-place finishing 200 medley relay (1:47.9).

Mihalski took 13th in the women's 50 freestyle (27.62). She was on the ninth-place finishing 200 medley relay (2:05.08) and 11th-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (4:12.58).

St. Martin's University

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner helped the St. Martin's men's basketball team to a pair of wins last week.

In a win over Alaska Fairbanks on Jan. 19, Haffner played 12 minutes, tallying three points, one rebound and one assist.

Haffner totaled 17 points, three boards and four assists in a victory over Alaska Anchorage on Jan. 21. Five of his six field goals made were 3-pointers.

Ripon College

Gillett grad Angela Mosconi ran in the 3,000-meter run for the Ripon women's track and field team at the Red Hawk Opener on Jan. 21.

Mosconi placed seventh in the event with a time of 11:59.2.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Lauren Bahr competed in three events for the Ripon women's swim team in a dual against St. Norbert on Jan. 21.

Bahr placed third in the 50 free-style (27.09) and fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:07.11). She was on the third-place finishing 200 medley relay team (2:10).

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett graduate Aubrey DeBauch continued to produce for the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team last week across two games.

In a loss to UW-Parkside on Jan. 16, DeBauch played 23 minutes, tallying four points, seven rebounds and two steals. DeBauch then had six points, six boards, one block, one assist and one steal across 27 minutes in a loss to Trinity Christian on Jan. 18.

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn grad McKenna Metropulos has several strong finishes while swimming for the UW-Green Bay women's team during a dual against Northern Michigan on Jan. 20.



MCKENNA
METROPULOS

Metropulos placed second individually in the 100 butterfly (1:00.54) and 100 freestyle (53.56). She was on the second-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:40.42) and third-place finishing 400 medley relay (4:01.31).

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski graduate Jasmine Litt dished out an assist in her minute on the court during the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's win over Sioux Falls on Jan. 21.

Litt has now played in 17 games this season.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel started and helped the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball team to two wins last week.

Troxel posted 14 points, one rebound and one assist across 16 minutes played in the team's win over Marian on Jan. 18. She totaled seven points, four boards and one assist in 24 minutes against Concordia Chicago on Jan. 21.

Bonduel grad Carson Robaidek played four minutes in the WLC men's basketball team's win over Finlandia on Jan. 18. He grabbed a pair of rebounds while on the court.

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering both represented the St. Norbert women's track and field team at two different events last week.

Marquardt ran on the 4x400 relay team that placed seventh in 4 minutes, 13.94 seconds at the Gladstein Invitational on Jan. 20-21.

Gonnering placed third in the weight throw with a toss of 12.59 meters and was sixth in the weight throw with a mark of 9.58 meters at the Lake Michigan Open on Jan. 21.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski grad Sheridan Flauger and the UW-Parkside women's basketball team won two games last week.

Flauger recorded 18 points, six rebounds, three steals, one block and one assist across 33 minutes in a win over Cardinal Stritch on Jan. 16. In 34 minutes and a tight win over Purdue Northwest on Jan. 21, Flauger contributed seven points, four boards, two assists and one steal.

Concordia University

Bonduel graduate Kalleigh Schroeder turned in a third-place finish in the long jump while representing the Concordia women's track and field team at the Karl Schlender Invitational on Jan. 21.

Schroeder earned her finish with a top jump of 4.78 meters.

Shawano grad Rachel Reed played 12 minutes in the Concordia women's basketball team's loss to St. Norbert on Jan. 18.

She grabbed a rebound and dished out an assist during her time on the court.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman, Oconto Falls grad Autumn Canavera and Gillett grad Ryann Wagner all

competed for the UW-Eau Claire track and field teams during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Stegeman finished second in the men's 60 hurdles (8.61 seconds) and eighth in the high jump (1.9 meters).

Canavera ran in the women's 1-mile, taking eighth in 5:30.5. Wagner came in 32nd in the 1-mile run with a mark of 6:10.05.

University of Dubuque

Pulaski graduate Aaron Hawpetoss took part in two events for the Dubuque men's track and field team during the Moco Mercer Open on Jan. 21.

Hawpetoss placed 16th in the shot put with a top throw of 11.75 meters. He did not record a distance in the weight throw.

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano grad Isabel Roloff had a strong day of competition for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at the John Tierney Classic on Jan. 21.

Roloff placed second in the 60-meter dash (7.82 seconds) and pole vault (3.3 meters). She took seventh in the 200 dash (27.37 seconds).

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis played double-digit minutes in both of the Bemidji State women's basketball team's games last week.

Across 13 minutes and a loss to Wayne State on Jan. 20, Theis posted two blocks and a rebound. Theis had three points, two steals and a block across 12 minutes during a loss to Augustana on Jan. 21.

Grand Canyon University

Witt-Birn grad Wyatt Dickman earned three top-five finishes while swimming for the Grand Canyon men's team during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Dickman placed third in the 400 IM (4:07.84) and was fifth in the 100 breaststroke (56.89) and 200 breaststroke (2:06.65).

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduates Kayla Lipsey and Eian Ziemer each competed for the UW-Platteville track and field teams during a triangular on Jan. 21.

Lipsey earned third in the women's 60 hurdles (9.62 seconds), sixth in the long jump (4.76 meters) and eighth in the 200 dash (27.68 seconds).

Ziemer ran in the men's 60 (7.71) and 200 (24.98), placing 12th and 18th, respectively.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Joe Guenther named Shawano head coach

Pending formal approval, Dr. Joe Guenther will be the new head track and field coach at Shawano Community High School in the 2023 season.

Guenther replaces Erin Cornelius, who resigned after the conclusion of the 2022 season.

Guenther is a familiar face to the Hawks track and field program. He's been an assistant coach in the program since 2019, being primarily responsible for coaching the distance and middle-distance runners and relays. This past fall, he was the head coach of the Shawano Community Middle School cross-country program. He has also coordinated the Brener Running Club and the Shawano Summer Running Club since 2015.

"I am happy to continue help-



JOE GUENTHER

ing the Shawano track and field program in any way possible," said Guenther. "Going out for track as a freshman in high school was life-changing for me. I found a sport where everyone has a chance to participate. It's a sport where it was possible for someone to work hard in practices and then get the chance to prove themselves in the meets."

"We are excited to promote coach Guenther to the position of head track coach," said SCHS Activities Director Joel Wondra.

"Joe is a student-centered coach, and he is a great role-model for our student-athletes to learn from. We believe our athletes will have a great experience competing on a team coached by coach Guenther."

Guenther has experienced firsthand the powerful impact that interscholastic athletics can have on a young person.

"Running is a sport that teaches patience and the importance of hard work that allows us to achieve amazing things," said Guenther. "Learning to push myself on a track helped me excel in the classroom, and helped me develop skills that got me through college and medical school."

Guenther believes that the sport of track has something to offer for

any athlete.

"Track can be someone's passion and primary sport, or it can be complimentary to other sports. Athletes can develop greater speed and power through field and sprinting events and build endurance in distance events," said Guenther. "There really is a place for everyone. Working as a part of a team helps people push themselves harder, and is more fun than training alone. My hope is that we can get more kids involved and give them opportunities to discover what they are capable of."

Track practice begins on March 6, and Guenther is already working to finalize the team schedule and develop training plans with his assistant coaches for the season.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Shawano boys 8th, Oconto Falls 11th at invitational

Area girls wrestlers shine in Wausau

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

Area wrestling teams and individuals turned in strong results across the state on Jan. 21.

Shawano and Oconto Falls sent boys teams to Sheboygan for the Herb Tyler Invitational. The Hawks took eighth place, while Oconto Falls was 11th.

Bonduel, Pulaski, Suring/Gillett and Oconto Falls all had girls place at the Wisconsin Challenge Series in Wausau.

Shawano

The Shawano boys accumulated 95 points to earn its eighth-place finish at the Herb Tyler Invitational.

Drake Herm and Caden Young led the team with second-place finishes at 138 and 170 pounds, respectively.

Herm won by pin in his first

match before two decision wins. He was defeated by major decision in the first-place match.

Young pinned his first opponent and then won by major decision. He was topped 5-3 in the title match.

Carson Herm (152) placed third for Shawano after going 3-1 on the day. All of his wins were by pin. Dane Hodkiewicz (106) placed fifth for the Hawks with a 4-1 record.

Three Shawano girls placed in the top six in Wausau.

Hatty Fritz (235) took third with a 3-1 record, with all three wins by pin.

Onna Hermann (120) had three pins on her way to a 3-2 record and fourth-place finish. Piper Novitski (138) went 2-2 to take sixth.

Oconto Falls

Garrett Ganter (106) and Cole Bozile (132) each placed first in their respective weight classes to help the Oconto Falls boys team earn 77 points for its 11th-place finish.

Ganter opened his day with two major decision wins before a pin in 3 minutes, 21 seconds in the first-

place match.

Cole Bozile pinned his first three opponents before claiming a 9-0 major decision win in the first-place match.

Hunter Bozile (126) was the third and final Panther to place at the invitational, coming in fifth. He won three decisions and by pin after dropping his opening match.

Taylor Whiting (107) was one of three girls competing in Wausau, and finished first in her weight class.

Whiting won three matches by pin and the other by technical fall.

Bonduel

All three Bonduel girls that competed placed in the top five.

Maddy Sokolski (138) won her weight class with a 4-0 mark. Three wins came by pin, with the other by decision.

Kaitlyn Kroening (100) went 3-1 to take fifth. Two wins came by pin, while the other was by major decision.

Hailey Berg (120) posted a 2-2 mark to claim sixth place. Her wins came by pin and decision.

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Full results can be found on trackwrestling.com.

Pulaski

Twelve Pulaski girls were in action in Wausau, with fifth placing.

Leah Kapla (126) and Marna Andre (235) each placed second for the Red Raiders.

Kapla won two matches by pin and another by decision before being pinned in the first-place match. Andre went 2-1, with all three matches ending in pin.

Noelle Manning (165) and Ellie Neosh (185) each placed sixth. Manning's two wins were by decision, while Neosh had a pin.

Ellie Nygren (126) placed eighth, also pinning an opponent on the day.

Suring/Gillett

Two of the three Suring/Gillett girls competing in Wausau placed.

Shylah Hisey (165) came in fourth with a 1-2 mark. Her win was by pin.

Parker Zahn (145) took sixth with a 2-2 record, with both wins by pin.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gresham 55

Menominee Indian 44

Gresham pulled away in the second half to pick up a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover win over Menominee Indian on Jan. 17 in Gresham. The Wildcats outscored the Eagles 29-20 in the final 18 minutes of play.

Maddie Haffner knocked down seven field goals and four free throws to score 20 points for Gresham. Janay Pecore-Kirkland added 10 points.

Chloe Bohl and Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes each chipped in six points for the Wildcats.

Mariah Fish led Menominee Indian with 16 points. Emma Komaneikin hit three 3-pointers to finish with nine points, while Ashlee Corn had eight points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bonduel 66

Witt-Birn 48

Bonduel knocked off Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a CWC-East clash on Jan. 20 in Bonduel.

Ryan Westrich led a quartet of Bonduel players in double figures with 15 points. Noah Weier added 13 points.

Charlie Tauchen chipped in 11 points for the Bears, while Colin Margelofsky hit three 3-pointers and finished with 10 points.



Gresham's Jessa Jensen, left, looks for an open teammate while being defended by Menominee Indian's Lena Waukau during a CWC crossover game on Jan. 17 in Gresham.

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Michael Miller tallied 12 points to lead Witt-Birn offensively. Oliver Fraaza added 11 points, while Mason Meverden had 10.

Tigerton 53

Bowler 46

Tigerton outscored Bowler 30-23 in the second half to claim a CWC-North clash on Jan. 20 in Tigerton.

Colby Wanta tallied 17 points, 10 steals and three assists to lead Tigerton. Ryder Graham had 12 points.

Asher Michaelis chipped in seven

points, eight boards and four assists for the Tigers. Sam Anheuser and Joey Zimdars each scored six points.

Gillett 64

Suring 32

Gillett doubled up Suring in a Marinette & Oconto Conference clash on Jan. 17 in Suring.

Jesse DeBauch converted 11 field goals and scored 25 points for Gillett. Austin VandeCorput tallied 13 points, while Tyler Frank had 11.

Ashtyn Edwards led Suring

High team scratch games: Golfside 762, Farmall Fanatics 730, Brother's 677.

High individual scratch games: Brad Weisnicht 287, Jeff Arndt 268, Carson Malueg 268, Dave Hackbarth 267, Mark Schachtschneide 267, Brian Schultz 259, Jeremy Pederson 256, Dave Druckrey 247, Zack Ruehle 246, Todd Schertz 246.

High team scratch series: Golfside 2,063, Farmall Fanatics 2,001, Brother's 1,977.

High individual scratch series: Carson Malueg 754, Brad Weisnicht 730, Mark Schachtschneide 723, Jeremy Pederson 720, Brian Schultz 715, Todd Schertz 694, Jeff Arndt 649, Dave Druckrey 644, Don Pedersen 643, Zack Ruehle 639.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	34	18
Schairer Farms	31	21
Stadler Farms	21	31
M and J Harvesting	18	34

High team scratch games: Schairer Farms 604, Rightway Propane 563, Stadler Farms 555.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 204, Susan Zeinert 169, Tricia Schairer 166, Darcy Hille

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with 12 points. Trent VanDenElzen chipped in seven points.

Menominee Indian 74

Bonduel 66

Menominee Indian outscored Bonduel 45-35 in the second half to claim a CWC-East battle on Jan. 17 in Keshena.

Isaiah Moss hit nine shots and five free throws to score 24 points for Menominee Indian. Lloyd Reevis buried five 3-pointers and had 23 points.

Kenehsaeh Waukau contributed 14 points for the Eagles, while Barron Waupoose tallied nine points.

Bonduel was paced by Cade Johnson, who made three 3-pointers and scored 19 total points. Ryan Westrich had 14 points, while Noah Weier had 12. Charlie Tauchen chipped in seven points, while Brodie Hartmann and Race Anvelink had six points each.

Niagara 61

Lena 50

A 40-point second half wasn't enough for Lena in an M&O setback to Niagara on Jan. 17 in Lena.

Reed Hosking led Lena with 15 points, while Anthony Seefeldt tallied 10 and Mason Spice nine. Spice made three 3-point baskets.

Logan Graef tallied eight points for the Wildcats. Caleb Schlosser added seven points.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	10	6
Banner Banks	10	6
Cady Home	7	9
Star Campsite	5	11

High team handicap games: Cady Home 748, Chet and Emil's 711, Banner Banks 709.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 213, Jen Duranceau 205, Tracy Anderson 191, Alicia Schinzel 177, Christy Clark 166, Cindy Mortenson 159.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,074, Chet and Emil's 2,072, Banner Banks 2,053.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 587, Jen Duranceau 532, Tracy Anderson 516, Christy Clark 468, Alicia Schinzel 466, Cindy Mortenson 426.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Clark Construction	9	3
Chet and Emil's	8	4
Kautza Excavating	7	5

White Insurance	7	5
Schmidt Schulta	4	8

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

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 280, Brian Rew 279, Jared Szews 266.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,010, Clark Construction 2,833, Kautza Excavating 2,821.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 747, Doug Kunst 654, Dan Rew 641.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	112	32
Farmall Fanatics	100 1/2	43 1/2
Dearco Distributors	84	60
Brother's	82 1/2	61 1/2
Launching Pad	76 1/2	67 1/2
Bamboo	69	75
Lakeshore Lanes	66	78
Northern Advantage	64 1/2	79 1/2
Full Service Tents	54	90
Pin Pricks	54	90
Rosie's Railway	52	92
Shawano Auto Sales	49	95

162, Carol Schairer 162.

High team scratch series: Schairer Farms 1,758, Rightway Propane 1,674, Stadler Farms 1,600.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 567, Susan Zeinert 466, Darcy Hille 458, Tricia Schairer 450.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	9	3
Kropf's Meat	9	3
CWAA	8	4
TLC Auto Body	6	6
Kessen Auto Body	6	6
Chet and Emil's	5	7
Rew Motors	3	9
S and M Tool	2	10

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,138, Karcz Lending 1,090, CWAA 1,011.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schmidt 254, Brandon Trzebiatowski 244, Tyler Krull 233.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,051, S and M Tool 3,015, CWAA 2,854.

High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 809, Stephan Miller 623, Doug Kunst 612.

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