

HAWKS CAN'T COMPLETE COMEBACK

Shawano eliminated after
regional final loss to Mosinee

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Shawano's Brandon Reed, left, takes a shot during a regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Hawks' season ends after regional final loss

Hawks topped Wausau East in previous round

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team wasn't able to finish off a second-half comeback effort in a 77-65 Division 2 regional final loss to Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

After trailing by double digits at halftime and for a good chunk of the second half, the second-seeded Hawks got back within two after a 9-0 run. A Luke Guenther 3-pointer, Michael Metcalf-Grassman three-point play and Jacob Landon triple provided the points on the run.

Third-seeded Mosinee answered back with the next five points, but Shawano wasn't done yet. Metcalf-Grassman converted a shot and Julian Perez hit a triple to get the Hawks within four with still over six minutes to play.

The visitors responded with a 3-pointer of their own, but buckets from Landon and Logan Sipple brought Shawano within three, 58-55, with over four minutes to play.

"Every time we'd get close, they'd come down and hit another tough shot and answer back," said Shawano's Brandon Reed. "They just kept answering."

The back-and-forth theme continued for the next couple minutes. Mosinee went back up seven before a Guenther basket. Mosinee scored about 20 seconds later before Sipple scored a quick basket on the other end. Mosinee scored on its end before Sipple scored again for the Hawks.

With just 1:40 left in the contest, Shawano decided to put the pressure on Mosinee at the free-throw line, where the visitors had struggled most of the second half. When the shots counted the most, Mosinee came through, making 11 of its 18 attempts in the final 100 seconds of the contest. While the seven misses left the door open for Shawano, the hosts were only able to convert one field goal in that span.

Mosinee made one free throw on the first chance at the charity stripe,



Shawano's Jacob Landon, left, drives to the rim during a regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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and Landon made two on the other end to get Shawano within four. The next time the Hawks scored, Mosinee had built a nine-point advantage, and Metcalf-Grassman's bucket with under 50 seconds to play proved to be the team's final points of the contest and season.

"I mean, I give credit to our team. We had a heck of a comeback, we were battling, we battled to the end," said Metcalf-Grassman. "They just made plays. I mean, we got it within two a couple times and they

just hit 3s and made plays. They are good."

The true turning point in the contest came about halfway through the opening half.

Shawano trailed for much of the early going, but was able to stick within a couple points. Mosinee led 17-16 before an 8-2 spurt created some separation.

The Hawks appeared to settle back in, but a 7-0 run briefly pushed the Mosinee lead to 13 before Shawano scored late in the half to make



Shawano's Logan Sipple follows through on a shot during the team's regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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it an 11-point game.

Mosinee hit six 3-pointers in the first half. When the visitors weren't hitting a triple, they always seemed to be grabbing offensive rebounds and getting second-chance points.

"I think as a team, we were playing good on-ball defense. I think where we started to sleep a little bit was that off-ball (defense) — I think we helped off the ball a little too much. They heated up fast and it allowed them to stretch that lead going into the second half," said Perez.

"I would say switching into that zone, that was a good move," said Landon on what gave the team some trouble offensively. "We struggled with that even last night too. We weren't as confident and as witty as we are against that 2-3 zone that we

normally were. We weren't moving very fast, the ball wasn't moving very well. We didn't finish shots, a lot of missed layups, so that's the result that's going to come of that."

While the regional title loss meant the team finished a bit short of some of its goals, the Hawks' entire season was nothing to their heads about.

Shawano capped the season with a 19-7 overall record, including a 9-5 mark that placed the team third in a loaded Bay Conference.

The season was a fun way for a team dominated by seniors to cap their playing careers together. All five starters from the team were seniors.

"It was a blast for sure," said Guenther. "Grew up together, played together since we were in first grade, it's been fun for sure."

"There's not a group I'd rather do it with, not a coaching staff I'd rather do it with," said Metcalf-Grassman. "These were some of the best moments of my life. Obviously we wanted to make it farther, but we have a season we can look back on and everyone can be proud of. Hopefully these juniors, sophomores and freshmen can keep it going for us."

Shawano picked up win No.



Shawano's Julian Perez defends during the team's regional title game against Mosinee on March 4 in Shawano.

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19 with a thrilling 75-70 regional semifinal win over seventh-seeded

Wausau East on March 3 in Shawano.

Metcalf-Grassman powered Shawano with 28 points. Landon added 20 points, while Reed had 17.

The Hawks made 18 of their 25 free throws to prevail.

"We've played all our lives together and this is really what it leads to for all of us, so that means so much to us," said Perez while recapping the season. "Coming out here, I think we really affected Shawano basketball as a whole and that's really nice to see, and I hope Shawano basketball continues to grow. It sucks that we have to end here, but it was one good ride with all my teammates."

"Just playing with my teammates, bus rides home — just spending time and growing up with all these guys and the coaches," said Reed. "It's been a blast and I loved every moment of it."

Mosinee 37 40 — 77

Shawano 26 39 — 65

Mosinee (77): Aidan Shaughnessy 0-0 11, Keagen Jirschele 7-11 19, Blake Nichols 4-6 13, Garrett Shupe 0-0 9, Landon Thomer 2-5 13, Davin Stoffel 2-9 12.

Shawano (65): Logan Sipple 0-0 12, Luke Guenther 0-1 8, Julian Perez 0-0 3, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 3-5 14, Jacob Landon 5-6 19, Brandon Reed 1-2 7, Deacon Carroll 0-0 2.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bears fall short in sectional semifinal

Bonduel ousted by Mishicot

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team had its state dreams dashed by Mishicot in a Division 4 sectional semifinal playoff game on March 2 in Oconto Falls.

Bonduel fouls and Mishicot free throws were a big theme in the second half and proved to be the deciding factor in the final seconds. Bonduel was whistled for a foul with 1.9 seconds left, allowing Mishicot to make two free throws and come away with a 42-40 win.

It was another heartbreaking finish to a season for Bonduel, which was ousted from the playoffs on a last-second 3-pointer against Westfield in a sectional title game last winter.

Much like that contest, Bonduel needed a comeback effort just to potentially send the game into overtime. This time around, Bonduel led for a good portion of the game.

Bonduel was up 34-30 with over six minutes to play, but Mishicot cut into the deficit with a field goal with roughly five minutes to go. Mishicot only hit one more field goal in the contest, but got to the free-throw line several times to surge ahead.

By the end of the game, Mishicot attempted 18 more free throws than Bonduel. The Bears were whistled for 18 fouls, while Mishicot had just six.

A free throw with 4:05 to play and another with 3:16 to play tied the game at 34. Mishicot grabbed the lead with another free throw with 2:09 to play and then were awarded two more free throws after an offensive rebound and foul after a missed free throw that appeared to not make contact with the rim.

After Mishicot made those two free throws, Bonduel turned the ball over, leading to a breakaway layup and a five-point deficit.

The Bears continued to fight and got back within a point after a bucket from Audrey Weier and two free throws from Ella Hischke. Mishicot made a free throw to go back up two with 31.6 seconds to play, but Weier made another shot with about 15 seconds left to tie it.

Mishicot moved the ball into the



Bonduel's Audrey Weier converts a layup during a sectional semifinal playoff game against Mishicot on March 2 in Oconto Falls.

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frontcourt before calling timeout with 6.8 seconds left to set up the final sequence. Mishicot missed its initial shot attempt, but got an offensive rebound and was fouled on the follow-up attempt.

Bonduel wasn't able to get a shot off in the final 1.9 seconds after a timeout of its own.

The Bears overcame a slow start to the game by working the ball into the post and getting some good looks around the basket. Bonduel led by as many as seven before taking a five-point break into halftime.

Bonduel continued to attack the paint in the second half, but the shots weren't falling nearly as frequently. The Bears had several great looks roll off the rim, sometimes two or three in

a single possession.

"Obviously, we really wanted to make those shots, especially because they were so close, but whatever happens, happens," said Kendra Troxel, one of three seniors on Bonduel's roster.

"Yeah, it was frustrating. I mean, we could have done a little better on the boards too, me included," said Hailey Zernicke. "But it is what it is, shots didn't fall."

Mishicot started the second half by scoring five of the first seven points before Bonduel's Ella Hischke hit a 3-pointer. Mishicot responded with the next five points to tie it up.

Hischke hit a couple jumpshots before Zernicke and Troxel scored to make it 34-30.

In the first half, it was Weier who led the Bears, scoring 12 of the team's 21 points. She finished with 16 points and three steals.

Bonduel struggled to get going offensively at the start of the game, with Josie Anvelink coming off the bench and getting the team's first points about 3½ minutes into play.

Weier had the next four points before a Zernicke triple and basket from Weier tied it at 11. Another Weier basket with about five minutes to play in the half gave the Bears their first lead.

More strong defense led to a fastbreak layup from Bonduel's Hailee Thompson. After a Mishicot 3-pointer, Weier hit two more shots before Anvelink capped the team's scoring in the opening half with a basket.

The loss left Bonduel with a 22-5 record on the season, which included a 13-1 mark to win the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division by a game. The Bears last loss before the sectional semifinal was back on Dec. 29.

Coach Jerry Reinke thanked his three seniors — Troxel, Macy Niles and Bella Delzer — for their contributions and leadership over the year and their careers.

He then laid some of the groundwork on what the team needs to focus on in order to help the program take the next step and reach state.

"We gotta get out and work in the offseason. I think we gotta be able to shoot a little bit more from the perimeter, obviously we can get in the paint and play through that but it's going to take work in the offseason to get to that next level," Reinke said.

The Bears will return their top four scorers and hope to use the feeling of the sectional semifinal loss to fuel them.

"We'll all use it as motivation," said Hischke. "It ended the same way last year, just one game farther. We're all in the gym in the summer, we all go to summer league games. Our team works hard in the summer, so I think it'll pay off."

Bonduel 21 19 — 40
Mishicot 16 26 — 42

Mishicot (42): Kailey Tulachka 6-10 16, Julie Koeppel 8-8 12, Cora Stodola 1-2 5, Grace Willems 0-0 6, Christina Moyle 1-2 3.

Bonduel (40): Kendra Troxel 0-0 2, Ella Hischke 2-2 9, Audrey Weier 2-2 16, Hailee Thompson 0-0 2, Josie Anvelink 0-0 4, Hailey Zernicke 0-0 7.



Pulaski's Lincoln Simons defends the net for the Ashwaubenon co-op during a Fox River Classic Conference matchup to Notre Dame on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon. Simons landed on the FRCC second team this winter.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Pulaski pair honored for play on ice

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A pair of Pulaski High School boys hockey players earned spots on Fox River Classic Conference teams for their play on the Ashwaubenon co-op this winter.

Senior Lincoln Simons landed on the second team for his play as a goaltender. Senior Anthony Steffen made the honorable mention list for his efforts as a forward.

"Pretty disappointed as my goal was to be first team all-conference again, but still was an honor to be all-conference all four years of high school hockey," said Simons of the honor.

"Being named honorable mention on my final high school season makes me feel accomplished of what I've done this season," said Steffen. "Being recognized for all the hard work and

determination I put in this season feels great to be part of the honorable mention team with many others who worked hard this season."

Simons spent nearly 1,200 minutes defending the goal this winter across 23 total games. He stopped 525 of the 564 shots on goal for a save percentage of .931, one of the top marks in the entire state. He posted eight shutouts.

In seven conference games, Simons had 173 saves across 193 chances, with a pair of shutouts to his name.

Steffen finished the season with 12 points, scoring eight goals and assisting on four scores.

In FRCC action, Steffen had one goal and two assists.

The Ashwaubenon co-op finished the season 14-8-1 overall and 3-4 in conference action.

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Gillett boys fall in regional title game

Pulaski, Bonduel, Marion lose in regional semifinals

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Gillett Secondary School boys basketball won a pair of playoff games to advance to a Division 5 regional title game last week, but saw its season end there after a loss to Three Lakes.

Pulaski, Bonduel and Marion all won regional quarterfinal games before being ousted in regional semifinal action. The rest of the area teams were eliminated after regional quarterfinal losses.

Division 5

Third-seeded Gillett opened the postseason with a 70-23 rout of 14th-seeded White Lake in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Gillett.

Jesse DeBauch hit four 3-pointers and led Gillett with 26 points. Austin VandeCorput made 10 field goals to add in 20 points. Tyler Frank posted eight points for the Tigers.

The Tigers then pulled away in the second half for a 56-42 win over sixth-seeded Wabeno/Laona in a regional semifinal on March 3 in Gillett.

Aydin Franti led a balanced Gillett offensive attack with 15 points. VandeCorput added 14 points, while DeBauch had 13.

Ben Matczak chipped in nine points for Gillett, which led 17-15 at halftime.

In the regional final against second-seeded Three Lakes, Gillett lost 62-54, leaving the Tigers with a 17-10 overall record on the season.

Gillett will only graduate four seniors from the roster. VandeCorput was the only senior in the starting lineup.

Tenth-seeded Marion pulled off a 69-51 upset of seventh-seeded Northland Lutheran on Feb. 28 in Kronenwetter before falling 68-29 to second-seeded Pacelli in a regional semifinal on March 3 in Stevens Point.

The playoff win was the first in 11 years for Marion. The Mustangs capped the year with a 14-12 record.

Parker Miller led Marion against Northland Lutheran with 17 points, while Jaden Stuhr had 16. Izan Bueno added 14 points for the Mustangs. Ryan Malueg chipped in 12 points.



Gillett's Austin VandeCorput, right, defends during the team's regional semifinal win over Wabeno/Laona on March 3 in Gillett.

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Stuhr tallied nine points for Marion against Pacelli. Miller chipped in eight points.

Tigerton, a No. 11 seed, lost 76-43 in a regional quarterfinal against sixth-seeded Port Edwards on Feb. 28 in Port Edwards. Tigerton went 16-9 this winter season.

Ryder Graham scored 10 points to lead Tigerton offensively. Colby Wanta tallied nine points, five assists and three steals, while Loghan Wanta had nine points and seven boards.

Sam Anhueser contributed seven points for the Tigers. Asher Michaelis grabbed nine rebounds and dished out three assists.

Gresham, a No. 15 seed, fell 83-35 to No. 2 Pacelli in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Stevens Point. Gresham finished the season with a 1-24 record.

Bryson Nelson scored 14 points to pace Gresham. Blade Hoffman contributed 10 points.

Bowler, a No. 12 seed, lost 89-35 against fifth-seeded Almond-Bancroft

in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Almond. The Panthers finished the year with a 10-15 overall record.

Tenth-seeded Suring dropped its regional quarterfinal playoff game by a final score of 68-46 against seventh-seeded Elcho on Feb. 28 in Elcho. Suring finished the season with a 7-18 overall record.

Lena, a No. 15 seed, lost 82-24 against No. 2 Three Lakes in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Three Lakes. Lena posted a 1-24 mark this winter.

Division 4

Sixth-seeded Bonduel rolled to an 87-56 regional quarterfinal win over 11th-seeded Crandon on Feb. 28 in Bonduel before being eliminated after a 62-43 setback to third-seeded Kewaunee on March 3 in Kewaunee.

Bonduel hit 19 3-pointers to roll past Crandon. Noah Weier powered Bonduel with 17 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. He hit four 3-pointers.

Race Anvelink and Cade Johnson

each hit four triples on their way to scoring 12 points for the Bears. Charlie Tauchen made three triples to tally nine points.

Colin Margelofsky tallied 14 points for Bonduel, while Ryan Westrich had 12. Brodie Hartmann contributed eight points in the well-rounded effort.

Against Kewaunee, Bonduel was outscored 39-23 in the second half.

Westrich tallied 12 points to lead Bonduel, while Weier had 11. Johnson recorded nine points for the Bears. Tauchen contributed seven points.

Bonduel ended the season with a 19-7 mark.

Ninth-seeded Menominee Indian fell just short in a 65-62 regional quarterfinal loss against Manawa on Feb. 28 in Manawa. The Eagles capped the year with a 14-11 record.

Division 2

Eighth-seeded Pulaski was a 79-62 winner over eighth-seeded Luxemburg-Casco in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Pulaski before falling 77-67 to top-seeded West De Pere in a regional semifinal on March 3 in De Pere.

Derek Shaw hit three 3-pointers and eight total field goals on his way to a 23-point showing for Pulaski against Lux-Casco.

Colin Schultz added 17 points for the Red Raiders, while Brady Wotruba had 12. Gatlin Robaidek and Ethan Schmidt scored 11 points each.

Pulaski caps the winter season with a 10-16 overall record.

Division 3

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, a No. 11 seed, lost 74-53 to sixth-seeded Wrightstown in a regional quarterfinal on Feb. 28 in Wrightstown.

Mason Meverden scored 14 points to lead Witt-Birn in the losing effort. Jett Rogowski and Michael Miller tallied 12 points each.

Witt-Birn went 8-17 this winter.

Oconto Falls, a No. 13 seed, had its season come to a close after a 78-58 regional quarterfinal loss to fourth-seeded Peshtigo on Feb. 28 in Peshtigo.

Carter Hill tallied 13 points for Oconto Falls, while Caden Birr had 12 and Braden Vandermoss 11. Jameson Beaman chipped in eight points, while Alex Haines had six.

Oconto Falls finished the season with a 3-22 mark.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Pulaski's Ella Wiese takes a jumpshot during a Nov. 21 nonconference game against New London in Pulaski. Wiese made the FRCC honorable mention team for a second straight season. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

2 Pulaski girls make FRCC honorable mention team

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Ella Wiese and Madeline Christenson each earned spots on the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team in their senior basketball seasons.

It marks the second straight honorable mention nod for Wiese, while Christenson earned a conference honor for the first time.

"It means a lot to be named all-conference in my final season, especially because my high school basketball journey has not been easy from start to finish — with having one knee surgery when I was a freshman to having another one this past February and missing the last half of my senior season," said Wiese. "So for me this really means a lot to be all-conference

again this year."

"It means a lot to receive honorable mention for all-conference — as a senior and as my last year ever playing basketball it is such a fulfilling accomplishment," said Christenson.

Wiese and Christenson led the Red Raiders in scoring this winter.

Wiese also finished in the top 15 in the conference with 2 steals per conference game. She also was in the top 15 in 3-point percentage, finishing at 29.6%.

Christenson was inside the FRCC top 15 in free throw and 3-point percentage. She shot 72.7% from the free-throw line and 29.9% from behind the 3-point line.

Pulaski finished 5-13 in conference play this winter.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Bay Area girls win state title

Pulaski trio lends hand in Ice Bears' triumph

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Briana Anundsen, Olympia Simons and Faye Brunke helped the Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team win the state title on March 4 at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena in Middleton.

Bay Area capped a special winter season with a 3-0 win over Superior/Northwestern in the championship game. The Ice Bears topped the Middleton co-op 4-1 on March 2 in the state semifinal.

"Being a part of this team means a lot to me," said Brunke. "It really is a special thing, and it's an amazing feeling knowing we as a team won the state title. This team has put so much effort and hard work into practices, games and the offseason, and truly every single player got us to this point."

"Being part of this year's team has been so special to me," said Simons. "This team is a co-op high school sport, which means we don't typically get a lot of recognition and some of our achievements can go unnoticed. This year, after we qualified for state, we finally started to get a lot of recognition through our schools and got to feel the true high school sport experience."

"We were posted on our school's social media, more students came to watch our game, teachers congratulated us. This state title has been so memorable, and I wouldn't want to share this success with anybody else but these teammates. We all worked so hard to get to this point and to finally see all of our hard work pay off has been so amazing."

Bay Area scored a goal in each period against Superior/Northwestern to prevail.

The Ice Bears were outshot 32-23, but they got strong play from their defense, which includes Anundsen and Simons. Anna Byczek, the team's goalie from Bay Port, posted the shut-out between the pipes.

After a fairly evenly matched first two periods, Bay Area's defense



The Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team celebrates after winning a state title on March 4 in Middleton.

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shined in the third period when the team was outshot 14-2.

When the Ice Bears were on the attack, Brunke was leading the charge on several occasions. She finished tied for second on the team with three shot attempts. Simons was credited with a shot in the second period.

Bay Port's Kristina Kruse, Notre Dame's Addison Dahl and De Pere's Claire Bradford scored Bay Area's goals. De Pere's Rachael Beeck and Julianne Bradford were credited with assists.

The win pushed Bay Area to a 25-3 overall record for the season.

It was the second time a co-op team including Pulaski won a state title, with the other coming in 2014. A co-op including Pulaski lost in the state title in 2017.

In the team's state semifinal win over the Middleton co-op, Brunke got Bay Area going with the contest's first goal.

"Getting the puck in the back of the net is an amazing feeling itself, but at a state tournament makes it so much more special," said Brunke.

"Our team has grown so much since the start of this season, and we have really bonded and boosted our teamwork. We really all do work together so well, and that's one of the biggest things a team can have."

Brunke ended up attempting four shots in the game. Kruse and Julianne Bradford assisted on her goal.

Bay Area added a goal in the second period to go up 2-0 before Middleton scored to tighten things up. The Ice Bears scored twice in the final period to pull away.

Beeck, Julianne Bradford and Ashwaubenon's Emily Bill scored the team's final three goals. Kruse, Claire Bradford, Julianne Bradford, Seymour's Addy Gady and Green Bay Preble's Hannah Von Haden were all credited with assists.

Despite it taking until the third period to pull away, Bay Area dominated most of the way, holding a 36-11 advantage in shots.

This winter's state title could be the start of big things to come for the Ice Bears, as only a handful of players from the team will be graduating in

the spring. There are more sophomores and freshmen on the team than juniors and seniors. Simons and Anundsen are both sophomores, while Brunke is a freshman.

"Knowing this feeling of such a huge success will forever be a core memory for all of us," said Simons. "After last year's loss to Fox Cities, all of the returning players, including myself, knew how it felt to just fall short of our goals. The loss pushed us all to get better and work harder so it didn't happen again. Now that we have succeeded and felt this experience, we will want it again for ourselves and for the upcoming players."

"We now know that this state title isn't just a fantasy that we can dream about, but a real life thing that is achievable if we work together and try our hardest. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience and will always be a core memory, and hopefully our team will be able to relive this moment again in the upcoming seasons."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

3 named to WFCA All-Star Game rosters

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s David Gauderman and Lena’s Josh Kristof and Sam Marquardt were all named to Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game rosters. Gauderman is on the North Small roster, which will take on the South Small all-stars at noon on July 15 at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh. Kristof and Marquardt are part of the South 8-player roster, which will battle the North 8-player team at 6 p.m. July 14 on the same field. Each of the three area players named to all-star rosters enjoyed

big high school careers on the football field. In his senior season, Gauderman made the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division first team as a running back and linebacker. He was also the Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Gauderman rushed for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns during the season. He also caught three touchdown passes and had 157 receiving yards on 12 receptions. Gauderman racked up 96 total tackles during the nine-game regular season, with 22 stops going

for losses. He also had 7½ sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Marquardt, the quarterback for the Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op, made the Peninsula Conference first team as a running back and second team as a defensive back. He was also tabbed the conference’s Offensive Player of the Year. Kristof landed on the first team for his play as a linebacker. He was named the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year. Marquardt rushed for 1,563 yards

and 25 touchdowns while throwing for an additional 491 yards and nine scores. On defense, Marquardt totaled 54 total tackles, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions — one of which he returned for a touchdown. Kristof racked up 124 total tackles, 22 of which went for losses. He also forced two fumbles. On offense, Kristof tallied 129 total yards and had a rushing touchdown. Gauderman, Marquardt and Kristof also landed on WFCA All-State teams after their performances this past fall.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Several area boys and girls earn academic honors

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

High school basketball players from Bonduel, Oconto Falls, Shawano and Wittenberg-Birnamwood earned Academic All-State nods from the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. To qualify for a spot on the Academic All-State list, athletes

must be varsity players and hold a grade-point average of at least 3.5. The recipients will receive a WBCA certificate from their school. Nomination information was provided to all coaches, and recognition on the list is dependent on coach nomination and possible verification with schools. Bonduel’s Josie Anvelink, Bella

Delzer, Ella Hischke, Ashlyn Kurey, Macy Niles, Tatum Sporisky, Hailee Thompson, Kendra Troxel, Audrey Weier and Hailey Zernicke all were honored, as was Witt-Birn’s Reese Rogowski. On the boys side, Shawano’s Deacon Carroll, Jacob Landon, Michael Metcalf-Grassman and Brandon Reed and Oconto Falls’ Grayson Cahak,

Easton Engel, Alex Haines, Emerich Skarban, Braden Vandermoss and Evan Yuma were all recognized. The WBCA will also release the Elite Academic All-State list at a later date. The recognition will be for seniors only and be judged on an athlete’s work in the classroom and play on the court. Only 15 boys and 15 girls will earn recognition across the state.

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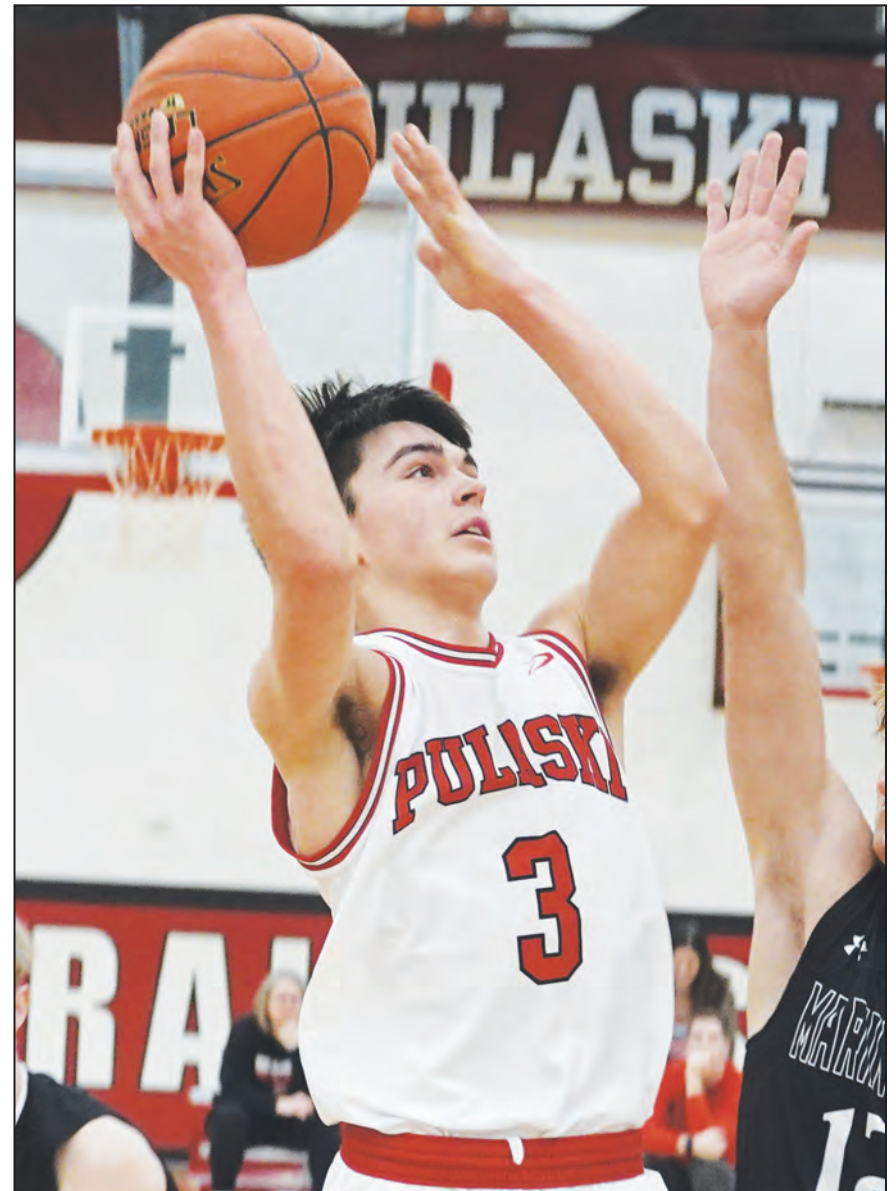
BOWLING			
Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes			
Team	W	L	
Golfside	60	20	
Farmall Fanatics	53	27	
Launching Pad	50 1/2	29 1/2	
Bamboo	50	30	
Northern Advantage	48	32	
Brother’s	44	36	
Lakeshore Lanes	41	39	
Rosie’s Railway	33	47	
Full Service Tents	32 1/2	47 1/2	
Dearco Distributors	26	54	
Pin Pricks	25 1/2	54 1/2	
Shawano Auto Sales	16 1/2	63 1/2	
High individual scratch games: Mark Cornish 300, Dan Poels 276, Bill Grosskreutz 268, Don Pedersen 266, Jeff Arndt 266, Brian Schultz 265, Zack Ruehle 256,			

Brad Weisnicht 256, Mark Schachtschneide 255, Tom Hoffman 249.			
High individual scratch series: Jeff Arndt 751, Don Pedersen 749, Bill Grosskreutz 727, Dan Poels 725, Mark Schachtschneide 715, Mark Cornish 698, Blake Schuebel 688, Brian Schultz 683, Dave Hackbarth 662, Todd Schertz 660.			
Chet and Emil’s Thursday Early Birds			
Team	W	L	
Rightway Propane	46 1/2	29 1/2	
Schairer Farms	41	35	
M and J Harvesting	35	41	
Stadler Farms	29 1/2	46 1/2	
High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 215, Kristine Beran 187, Kim Zeller 176, Darcy Hille 165.			
High individual scratch series: Susan Zeinert 534, Kristine Beran 506, Kim Zeller 496, Darcy Hille 461.			
Chet and Emil’s Tuesday Commercial			

Team	W	L	
Kautza Excavating	21	9	
Chet and Emil’s	21	9	
Clark Construction	19	11	
White Insurance	16	14	
Schmidt Schulta	12	18	
High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 267, Dave Schultz 257, Jared Szews 245.			
High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 782, Dave Schultz 696, Jared Szews 651.			
Chet and Emil’s Wednesday Business			
Team	W	L	
CWAA	19	11	
Kessen Auto Body	17	13	
Kropf’s Meat	16	14	
Karcz Lending	15	15	
S and M Tool	13 1/2	16 1/2	
Chet and Emil’s	13 1/2	16 1/2	

Rew Motors	12	18	
TLC Auto Body	11	19	
High individual scratch games: Rhett Matz 255, Doug Kunst 246, Paul Hanke 237.			
High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 714, Jeremy Praslowicz 680, Tyler Krull 669.			
Chet and Emil’s Monday Women’s League			
Team	W	L	
Cady Home	24	16	
Star Campsite	21	19	
Chet and Emil’s	18	22	
Banner Banks	17	23	
High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 191, Tracy Anderson 190, Alicia Schinzel 182, Sheila Humblet 175, Julie Stewart 171, Courtney Tryba 171.			
High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 536, Alicia Schinzel 507, Tracy Anderson 504, Julie Stewart 467, Courtney Tryba 465, Christy Clark 445.			

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Pulaski's Derek Shaw takes a shot during a team's nonconference game against Marinette on Feb. 10 in Pulaski. Shaw made the FRCC second team in his senior season.

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Pulaski's Shaw makes FRCC 2nd team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School senior Derek Shaw earned a spot on the Fox River Classic Conference second team after a big winter season on the basketball court.

It was the second all-conference honor of Shaw's career after making the honorable mention list as a junior.

"I feel like I made a step up this year in terms of an overall player. Got some recognition from coaches and made a jump from last year's honorable mention," said Shaw. "It means a lot to me to be all-confer-

ence considering all the great players in the FRCC."

Shaw was one of the best scorers in the conference, averaging 18.8 points per game across 17 games.

The senior was efficient too, shooting at just under 50% from the field overall. He also posted an 81.4 percentage from the free-throw line.

Shaw wasn't just a great scorer though, averaging 3.4 rebounds, 3.5 assists and about a steal per FRCC game.

Pulaski finished 5-13 in FRCC action this winter.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

St. Norbert College

Oconto Falls High School graduate Emily Gonnering competed in two events while representing the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the Ripon Final Qualifier and Multi on March 3-4.

Gonnering placed sixth in the weight throw with a top toss of 14.03 meters. She took 15th in the shot put with a mark of 8.59 meters.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski grad Sheridan Flauger played 36 minutes in the UW-Parkside women's basketball team's conference tournament loss to Ferris State on March 1.

Flauger posted seven points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal during her time on the court.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski graduate Kayla Lipsey turned in two strong finishes while representing the UW-Platteville women's track and field team at the UW-Platteville Final Qualifying Meet on March 3.

Lipsey placed sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 8.26 seconds. She was fourth in the 60 hurdles with a mark of 9.62 seconds.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry contributed two big games for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team last week during the conference tournament and then capped the week by earning a big award.



TORI DEPERY

DePerry totaled 14 points, seven rebounds and three steals across 39 minutes in a win over Northern Michigan on March 1. She then provided 19 points, six boards, one steal and one assist across 35 minutes in a setback to Grand Valley State on March 4.

DePerry was named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first team on March 3.

For the season, DePerry averaged 17 points, 8 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game. She shot 46.3% from the field overall, 32.5% from behind the 3-point line and 70.9% from the free-throw line. Her 8 rebounds a game led SVSU, while finishing fifth overall in the confer-

ence for points scored (460) and rebounds (225).

UW-Stevens Point

Menominee Indian graduate Guadalupe Corn represented the UW-Stevens Point women's track and field team at the Ripon NCAA Final Qualifier and Multi on March 3-4.

Corn placed fifth in the shot put with a top throw of 12.3 meters.



GABRIELLE DECLEENE

Pulaski grad Gabrielle DeCleene played in three games for the UWSP softball team last week.

DeCleene doubled in a win over Edgewood on March 2. She walked, stole

a base, reached on an error and scored a run against Mount Mary on March 3. DeCleene also had one at-bat during a win over Augustana on March 3.

Northern Michigan University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Abi Fraaza played eight minutes during the Northern Michigan women's basketball team's conference tournament loss to Saginaw Valley State on March 1.

Fraaza recorded one steal, one assist and one rebound during her time on the court.

St. Mary's University of Minnesota

Shawano graduate Peyton Buerman had a busy week of competition for the St. Mary's University women's tennis team during the program's spring trip.

Buerman and No. 3 doubles partner Ella Boomgaarden fell 8-2, while Buerman lost 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 singles action in a dual loss to Calvin on Feb. 27.

Buerman and Kara Hand teamed up for an 8-4 win in No. 3 doubles play in a dual win over Adrian on March 28. Buerman was also a 6-4, 6-4 winner in No. 5 singles play.

Buerman and Hand claimed an 8-3 win at No. 3 doubles in a dual win over Albion on March 2. Buerman also won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 singles play.

Pulaski graduate Brinton Anderson appeared in two games for the St. Mary's baseball team last week.

Anderson reached on a fielder's choice across three at-bats in a loss against Grove City on March

3. He walked twice, drove in a run, scored twice and stole a base in a win over Russell Sage on March 4.

St. Martin's University

Gresham grad Christian Haffner played double digit minutes in both of the St. Martin's men's basketball team's conference tournament games last week.

Haffner totaled three points and a rebound across 11 minutes in a win over Central Washington on March 3. He then had 10 points, three rebounds and an assist across 21 minutes in a loss to Northwest Nazarene on March 4.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski graduate Connor Heezen competed in a pair of matches for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's tennis team during a dual loss to UW-Superior on March 5.

Heezen and No. 3 doubles partner Matt Bass lost 8-0. At No. 6 singles action, Heezen fell 6-2, 6-1.

College of Lake County

Pulaski grad Logan Hochevar and Menominee Indian grad Jamison Besaw each played for the College of Lake County baseball team in a loss to Chesapeake College on March 4.

Hochevar recorded hits in both of his at-bats. He doubled once and drove in a run.

Besaw was dealt the loss on the mound after pitching one inning. He allowed four runs while striking out a batter.

Bryant and Stratton College

Menominee Indian graduate Wendell Waukau Jr. has played in three games for the Bryant and Stratton College baseball team so far this season.

Waukau served as the designated

hitter and drew two walks during the team's win over Frederick Community College on Feb. 25. He had one at-bat in a loss to Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Feb. 28.

Waukau delivered a hit across three at-bats during a win over Minnesota North College-Mesabi Range on March 2.

Bay College

Oconto Falls grad Jake Sager played in four games for the Bay College baseball team last week.

Sager had a hit and run scored in the team's loss to The Apprentice School on March 3. Sager pitched

two innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out one, during another loss to The Apprentice School on March 3.

Sager had one at-bat in a loss to Northampton Community College on March 4. He recorded a hit, stole a base and scored once in a win over Penn State Hazleton on March 5.

UW-River Falls

Shawano graduate Jewel Waupekenay and the UW-River Falls softball team got the spring season started with four wins last week.

Waupekenay totaled two hits and a run scored in a victory over Minnesota-Morris on March 3. In another game against Minnesota-Morris that day, Waupekenay had three hits, including a double, three RBIs and a run scored.

Waupekenay doubled and scored a run in a lopsided win over Crown on March 4. She added another single in a second win over Crown that day.



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