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Hortonville's Maggie Werner defends Appleton East's Logan Lowry during Friday's game in Hortonville. The Polar Bears won 80-64 and secured the outright Fox Valley Association title. DAN POWERS/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Cementing their status

Defense drives No. 1 Hortonville in showdown, and other takeaways

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HORTONVILLE - Maggie Werner completely buys into the Hortonville philosophy of hustle and defense equals offense.

It's those traits that have made the Polar Bears the top team in the state with the postseason just around the

corner.

Werner, a senior post player, had six points and 14 rebounds in the top-ranked Polar Bears' 80-64 victory over second-ranked Appleton East on Friday. Her performance shone just as brightly as leading scorers Rainey Welson (22 points), Kallie Peppler (19) and Lyric Johnson (14).

Hortonville trailed 22-7, but a surge in defensive play led to extra scoring

opportunities the Polar Bears took advantage of to embark on a 29-6 run to close out the first half and seize control of the Fox Valley Association showdown.

The victory nets Hortonville the outright FVA championship and improves its record to 21-1 overall and 17-0 in the FVA.

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Kewaskum's Stolz gains insight in placing 13th

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BEIJING - Speedskater Jordan Stolz did not medal in the Olympic 500 meters Saturday, but the 17-year-old from Kewaskum learned something important: how the ice feels in the 2022 Beijing Games.

For him, that's a very specific condition, and it felt different during the race than it had in the many days of practice leading up to his first Olympic event.

"It's so different in practice every day. It's just ... every day it's changing," said Stolz, who finished 13th. "And I sharpen my skates a certain way; like last night for today. And then it was different."

When he prepares for the 1,000-meter race scheduled for Friday, he will remember this ice.

"Now I'm guessing they'll have it like how it is today," he said.

Stolz was the youngest in a field of 30 of the fastest 500-meter skaters in the world. He finished as the top American with a time of 34.85 seconds.

China's Gao Tingyu won the gold medal in an Olympic-record time of 34.32. Korea's Cha Min Kyu won the silver (34.39) and Japan's Morishige Wataru took the bronze (34.49).

Stolz's race was clean, without any glaring flaws.

"I'm pretty happy with the lap. The opener just wasn't quite there. But everything else was good," Stolz said.

"Great race," said Stolz's coach, Bob Corby, who was with Jordan's parents and family at a 3 a.m. watch party in the West Bend area. "Thirteenth is not bad for a 17-year-old."

Stolz arrived in China on Jan. 25, giving him 2½ weeks to get acclimated to the time change, the food and the surroundings at the National Speed Skating Oval. He remained focused and kept

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Jordan Stolz competes in the men's speed skating 500-meter event during the Olympic Winter Games at the National Speed Skating Oval in Beijing. MICHAEL MADRID/USA TODAY SPORTS

Marshfield's 'Steno' makes name for himself

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MARSHFIELD - When Marshfield native Adam Stenavich was named offensive coordinator of the Green Bay Packers on Jan. 31, it came as little surprise to many who knew him during his formative years.

"We always admired the coaches that he had in Marshfield, they were always good people and good teachers," said Stenavich's mother, Cindy. "He had good examples of what good coaching could be, even from an early age."

Stenavich, who joined the Packers as an offensive line coach in 2019, replaces Nathaniel Hackett, who was hired as head coach of the Denver Broncos. Stenavich becomes the second Wisconsinite to serve as Packers offensive coordinator, joining Milwaukee native Jeff Jagodzinski,

who held the position in 2006.

Despite being rumored to join Hackett in Denver as its offensive coordinator, Stenavich ultimately decided to stay put after being offered the same role in Green Bay. He said staying with the hometown team was a popular choice among friends and family from Marshfield.

"I've gotten a lot of really good texts and conversations with a lot of people back home, and they're all really fired up, it's just awesome," Stenavich told Larry McCarren in an interview posted during Pro Bowl week to the Packers' official website.

One of those exchanges was with his former Marshfield football coach, recently announced National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee Len Luedtke.

"I sent him a text and congratulated

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Marshfield native Adam Stenavich is replacing Nathaniel Hackett as offensive coordinator of the Green Bay Packers. AP