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## Germain wins triple jump, Hodag girls 6th at GNCs

By Jeremy Mayo

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ANTIGO — The Rhinelander High School girls' track team wound up sixth in a competitive Great Northern Conference field Tuesday in Antigo.

Emma Germain defended her title in the triple jump and the Hodags had four other all-conference performances in a tightly contested meet.

Mosinee won the meet going away, with 198 1/2 points. Less than 22 points separated third-place Lakeland from last-place Northland Pines.

"I'm very proud of the way we responded," Hodag coach Aaron Kraemer said. "They came in tonight and had a few issues. We had a couple of thigh issues and things we are working through."

Germain, a senior, was the top seed in the triple jump after a leap of 33 feet, 1 3/4 inches in the preliminaries rounds. She upped that mark to 33-10 in the finals to beat Mosinee's Kate Fitzgerald by nine inches for the victory.

"Emma, all she wanted to do was win the conference in the triple jump," Kraemer said. "She wanted to make sure she was the one standing on the pedestal at the end and, ultimately, she is. I'm excited for her. Once she truly gets over this now and says, 'I'm the conference champ,' and goes into next week and says, 'I can be here with these girls and deserve to go to sectionals and state,' I think she'll do it."

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PHOTOS BY JEREMY MAYO/RIVER NEWS

Rhinelanders track coach Aaron Kraemer raises the Great Northern Conference championship trophy in front of his boys' team following the conference meet in Antigo Tuesday, May 17. The Hodags won their second GNC title in four years, defeating Lakeland by 18 points for the GNC title.

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Hodag boys reclaim GNC track title, Worrall runner of the year

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ANTIGO — The Rhinelander High School boys' track team went 52 years between conference championships before it won the Great Northern Conference title in 2019. The wait for another conference title was not nearly as long for the Hodags, though one could not blame them if it felt like another half century.

COVID-19 canceled the 2020 season and prevented a talent-rich Hodag squad from defending its title. Last year, a couple of missed chances and Mosinee's all-in strategy in the sprints and the jumps left the Hodags five points short of the championship.

Finally, Tuesday afternoon, everything fell into place and the Hodags were once again back on top of the GNC.

The Hodags won five events, including three by senior Cole Worrall, as they held off Lakeland by 18 points for



Rhinelanders' Cole Worrall pumps his fist as he crosses the finish line to win the 200-meter dash at the Great Northern Conference track meet in Antigo Tuesday, May 17. Teammate Caleb Olcik, far left, finished second in the event.

the conference championship at Antigo's Listle Field.

"It feels really, really good to be a conference champion again," Hodag coach Aaron Kraemer said. "Last year,

to have it end the way that it did under the circumstances, I really felt like we needed this redemption tonight."

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## Hodag golfers take 2nd in final GNC meet

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The Rhinelander High School golf team finished the Great Northern Conference season with a flourish on Tuesday. The Hodags shot 323 as a team and took second in the conference finale at Bass Lake Golf Club in Deerbrook.

The performance came on the heels of a fourth-place finish with a solid round of 342 Monday in Eagle River. Overall, the Hodags finished third in the final GNC standings.

Tuesday's performance at Bass Lake was a breakout event, however. It marked the first time

Rhinelanders had all five of its players break 90 in a meet this season. Freshman Brody Kowieski and senior Koldyn Gechas each shot in the 70s to secure second-team all-conference recognition.

"The boys really played really well," Hodag coach Adam Schmidt said. "Everybody played good. It just worked out today. Brody, Cal (Laggis) and Andrew (Henrichs) said they had no penalties today. That's the big thing, just keeping the ball in play."

Kowieski fired a career-low round of 4-over 75 on Tuesday that included a hole-out eagle from roughly 80 yards on Bass Lake's

par-4 14th hole. That was good enough to finish in a three-way tie for second on the day.

"Brody just played awesome all the way through. Brody was all excited, he did the Mrs. Zierden," Schmidt said, referencing a celebration by Hodag junior varsity golf coach Carole Zierden. "She got an eagle a couple of years ago out on 17 (at Northwood Golf Club) and she threw her club up in the air and jumped up and down. That's what Brody did. He said, 'I did the Mrs. Zierden!' He was super excited."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rhinelanders' Koldyn Gechas, left, and Brody Kowieski pose with their All-Great Northern Conference certificates following the final round of the GNC tournament at Bass Lake Golf Club in Deerbrook Tuesday, May 17.

# Hodag baseball can't keep up with No. 2 Mosinee

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Heading into Monday's home contest against Great Northern Conference-leading and second-ranked Mosinee, Rhinelander skipper Joe Waksmonski said his team would have to bring its A-game in order to compete.

The Hodags didn't on Monday and it was reflected in the result. The Indians scored in every inning but the fourth and Rhinelander aided the effort with six errors in an 11-0 loss at Stafford Field.

The miscues led to five unearned runs, and Mosinee (19-2, 10-1 Great Northern) stung starter Jackson Smith for nine runs on seven hits over five innings. On the flip side, the



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Rhinelanders' James Heck is thrown out at second base trying to stretch a single into a double during the fifth inning of a GNC baseball game against Mosinee at Stafford Field Monday, May 16.

Hodags (7-5, 6-5 Great Northern) managed only two hits off Mosinee's Keagen Jirschele as they were shut out for the second time this season.

"They came as advertised and when you start trying to do too

much, that's when the mistakes happen," Waksmonski said of Mosinee, which clinched a share of the GNC title with the victory. "You start forcing the issue. We did a little bit too much of that tonight."

Mistakes loomed large from the start of the game as Jirschele singled, moved from first to third on a hit and run groundout and scored on a wild pitch. Davin Stoffel singled and the Hodags misfired on a chance to re-

tire him at second on a grounder by Tanner Unertl. Both Stoffel and Unertl scored when Gavin Obremski hit a single to left and the Hodags misplayed the relay back to the infield, giving Mosinee a quick 3-0 lead.

Stoffel hit a two-run double in the second and Obremski tripled in a run in the third before his courtesy runner, Seann Bryant, scored on a Drake Grod grounder.

Trevor Garski was hit by a pitch in the fifth and scored when Obremski's single to right got by the outfielders. Obremski wound up at third on the play and Bryant, running for him again, scored moments later on a Grod sacrifice fly.

In all Smith allowed six earned runs, struck out four and walked two as he fell to 2-3 on the season.

"There were just a couple of mistake pitches that we made and Mosinee just stung the ball and made us pay for those couple of mistake pitches," Waksmonski said. "For the most part, he got a lot of pop ups off their front foot. He induced some ground balls as well. I thought he did a nice job keeping them off balance. There were a couple of pitches here and there, but with hitters like that, a couple of mistake pitches are a couple too many with them."

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## Hodag tennis closes out dual meet season with wins over Shawano, Wausau West

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The Rhinelander High School boys' tennis team used its final two dual meets of the season on Monday to better position itself for WIAA tournament play, which begins next week.

The Hodags knocked off two teams in their subsectional, Shawano and Wausau West, by matching 7-0 scores in a triangular at the RHS tennis courts. The Hodags completed dual meet play 15-4 overall and now have wins over four of the teams it will see this coming Monday when they host a WIAA Division 1 subsectional.

"Two 7-0 victories is nice going into that, especially when we think about seeds," Hodag coach Matt Nichols said. "West had a wonky lineup but, with Shawano, it looked like their standard lineup, so it was nice to get wins across the board and it's another school we have comparables when we look at some of the other subsectional teams."

Rhinelanders cruised against the Hawks, winning all seven flight in straight sets. Luke Ring, Elijah Evers, Dalton Fritz and Nicholas Lesch swept singles play. Fritz and Lesch bumped up to the Nos. 3 and 4 flights with John Currie unavailable for Monday's play.

"We saw Nick get another varsity start and he's really worked hard over last summer and this winter. It was nice to see all his strokes come to fruition and get a varsity win," Nichols noted.

In doubles, the pairings of Joey Belanger/Layne Roeser, Leo Losch/Charlie Heck and Eli Lundt/Dawson Pontell all cruised to victory.

It was a similar story



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Rhinelanders' Elijah Evers hits a return during a No. 2 singles match in a non-conference dual meet against Wausau West at the RHS tennis courts Monday, May 16. Rhinelander defeated Shawano and Wausau West by matching 7-0 scores Monday to conclude the regular season 15-4 in dual meet play.

against Wausau West. Evers was pushed by Ethan Steinbach at No. 2 singles, but won a first set tiebreaker and went on to take a 7-6 (5), 6-2 victory. Ring and Fritz won handily in straight sets while Lesch won unopposed at No. 4 singles.

"Elijah was hitting more consistent and it looks like he's a little more comfortable, getting into the groove of singles versus doubles, which he played earlier this year," Nichols said. "Dalton was really strong. Luke was playing strong, finishing a lot of shots, developing a lot of points."

Rhinelanders combined to drop a total of eight games in the three doubles matches against the Warriors.

"I think our doubles are really starting to click, especially No. 2 doubles, they had a lot of very

nice angled shots from the net," Nichols noted. "No. 1 doubles, they've worked really on two up, and that was nice to see, both of them coming to the net and finishing points together as a unit. They're really starting to play well together and their chemistry is just growing each and every match."

The Hodags were set to take part in the GNC tournament in Antigo on Thursday and entered the tournament with a 32-point lead in the conference standings over Antigo, which defeated Medford 5-2 on Monday. Play concluded after press time for today's edition as the Hodags needed only 12 points to lock up their seventh straight GNC title.

Rhinelanders will host Bay Port, D.C. Everest, Green Bay West, Pulaski, Shawano, Wausau East

and Wausau West in an eight-team subsectional Monday at the RHS tennis courts. Prior to the start of the season, Nichols said one of the team goals was to repeat last year's postseason performance and advance all seven flights through to next Wednesday's sectional round at Wausau West.

With four entries advancing to sectionals out of the No. 1 flights and two entries advancing out of the rest, Nichols said, the Hodags have done as much as they can to put themselves in position for favorable draws despite being the lone GNC team in the field.

"I think our lower flights are vying for the No. 1 spot — No. 4 singles, No. 2 doubles, No. 3 doubles," he said. "No. 3 singles, we're looking at a top two. No. 1 singles, we'll probably sit behind Everest at that flight, probably getting the two seed. No. 2 singles, it really depends on how Thursday goes, but we're probably going to get a lower one there and then No. 1 doubles, there's solid teams there and it's probably going to come to a lot of debate and votes and we'll just see how it goes but, hopefully, get the No. 1 seed there."

"Seeds are great but, at the end of the day, it's who plays the best that day. We'll work for the seeds that we deserve but then it's up to the boys to finish the matches and move on. I'm looking forward to it. I think today really brought some more drive and energy into it, looking at some of these (subsectional) teams and making the dream more of a reality."

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## Hodag soccer needs PKs to take down Pines

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The Rhinelander High School girls' soccer team ultimately came out victorious Tuesday afternoon on the road, but it proved to be a victory that put the Hodags in more a precarious position as they fight for the Great Northern Conference title.

Northland Pines benefited from an own goal as it drew with Rhinelander 1-1 in regulation in Eagle River. The Hodags won the penalty kick shootout 3-1 to earn two conference points instead of one, but the win lessened Rhinelander's margin of error in the GNC title fight.

Rhinelanders (12-5-1, 7-0-1-0 Great Northern) led Lakeland by five points in the conference standings entering Thursday's rematch between the two sides in Minocqua and put the Hodags in a position that, if they were to lose that game in regulation, they would no longer control their own destiny in the GNC.

"It's just one of those games. I can't say the girls played a bad game, because they didn't play a bad game," Hodag coach Nathan Bates said. "They did everything they were supposed to be doing, it's just the shots weren't going where they were supposed to unfortunately tonight."

Rhinelanders dominated play, outshooting Northland Pines 37-5 in the match. The Eagles had only three shots on goal, and their score was not even of their own doing.

The Eagles scored off a corner kick in the 30th minute when Rhinelander defender Audrey Schiek tried to clear the ball inside the box and inadvertently deflected it into her own goal.

"It's just a scramble in there. Audrey was where she was supposed to be, it was just a mishap where she went to clear the ball, it went off the side of her foot wrong and it went into our goal. Just something that happens," Bates said. "Audrey went for the ball and it was a bad spin back into the net. It hit off her foot wrong and it went in."

McKenna Brown leveled the match for Rhinelander scoring on a pass from Aubrey Younker in the 51st minute, but that was the only score the Hodags could muster in regulation. Of the Hodags' 37 shots, only 16 finished on target.

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## Track

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Worrall took home conference runner of the year honors as he not only swept the 110 and 300-meter hurdles, but added a win in the 200-meter dash as well. Caleb Olcik was won the 100 and finished second to Worrall in the 200.

It all came full circle for Worrall, Olcik and the rest of the Hodags' senior class. The entered as champions their freshman year and they will go out as champions again their senior year.

"Last year, we had some unfinished business," Olcik said. "This year we came in with the mentality that we knew we could win if we did our best. Coach always says 'your best is good enough.' Today, our best was good enough and we took home that dub."

This year's meet did not have nearly the tension of last year's, when Rhinelander and Mosinee were neck and neck the whole way. Mosinee was in contention early, but faded to fifth. By the time the Hodags took three of the top five spots in the 100, they had a lead they would never relinquish.

Rhineland all but clinched the championship in the 200 with Worrall and Olcik's 1-2 performance. That put the Hodags 32 points ahead with three events left to score. Freshman Greyson Gremban's sixth-place finish in the 3,200 was enough to put the Hodags over the top and mathematically clinch the title.

Going into the meet, Kraemer said there would be plenty of weight on the shoulders of his former state qualifiers, Worrall and Olcik. They delivered the maximum 58 points they could score in their six events.

"They're the guys that needed to score points when we needed them," Kraemer said.

Going into the meet, the question seemed to be whether Worrall would run the 200 or the 300 hurdles to go along with his signature event, the 110 hurdles. He ended up doing all three, dusting the field in every race.

Worrall went 15.69 seconds in the 110s to beat Northland Pines' Andrew Hartwig by 0.53 seconds. He beat Hartwig again by 0.87 seconds to win the 300 hurdles (41.95). With only a short break to catch his breath, Worrall went 22.72 in the 200 a few minutes later. He and Olcik (22.92) were the only runners in the field to break the 23-second mark.

"At first, it was a little tiring but, if you get the proper rest that you need,

you can do any event," Worrall said. "Overall, I'm happy with how I performed in the 110, looking to break 15 again this year. Other than that, the other two races were not that bad."

Olcik ran away with the 100 meters, posting a time of 11.49 seconds to beat Mosinee's Kyle Miller by 0.17 seconds.

"The 100's my event. I knew if I did my best, or close to my best, I could take the victory," Olcik said, taking the 100 after finishing second in a photo finish to Mosinee's Cyle Kowalski last year.

"Caleb, champion in the 100, that to me is the ultimate champion," Kraemer said. "If you're the champion in the 100, you're the big man on campus. You walk around with your chest popped out and you know you're the fastest person in the school, fastest person in our area. Very, very proud of him and he did everything I asked of him after last year. He was hungry with Cyle Kowalski beating him out last year."

Overall, it was a great day for the Hodags in the sprints. Senior Beau Howard was third in the 100, junior Brenden Eckrich was fifth. Those two, along with Olcik, teamed with Payton Campbell to win the 4x100 (45.72). Eckrich, Campbell, Howard and Arik Beske added a runner-up showing in the 4x200.

"That's a big part of our program. We're a 'feed the cats' program. We want the fastest kids to be in our program, and to make sure they're happy and healthy," Kraemer said. "We've had some of the fastest sprinters in the GNC. A lot of it is genetics. They are fast but, at the same time, we've seen a lot of improvement with our kids too. That's something they buy into. It has nothing to do with me. I'm not making them any faster, other than working on their form and small things. It's them that run faster. They do it because they like being at practice."

Tuesday's meet provided some redemption in the throwing events for senior Brock Snyder, who was the top seed in the discus last year but failed to make the finals after not getting any of his preliminary throws in bounds. That wasn't the case this year. He popped off a big throw of 131 feet, 1 inch in the preliminaries to easily make it into the final nine. While he could throw no farther in the finals, that mark held up for a runner-up finish in the event. He added a fourth-place effort in the shot put and teammate Conner Jensen finished third in the discus.

"Any person that should be holding



Rhineland's Beau Howard crosses the finish line to win the 4x100-meter relay during Great Northern Conference track meet in Antigo Tuesday, May 17.

the trophy and saying to themselves they redeemed themselves is Brock," Kraemer said. "Last year he put a lot of pressure on himself and then took it really, really hard at the end because of what happened in the disc. I told him to go out and have fun tonight, to not even worry about it. I was there for his big throw. It was awesome. He's in the 130s, that's great. Hopefully, next week we get into the 140s for him so that he can keep his season going. This means a lot to him. This is what he does. I'm just really proud that he was able to get some redemption."

Rhineland had strong performances across the board on Tuesday, scoring points in every event except the 800-meter run. Freshman Truman Lamers took second in the triple jump with a leap of 39-10 3/4, Jaden Beske cleared 6 feet in the high jump for the first time this season to finish second in the event and Kaleb Winter was second in the pole vault, clearing 11 feet.

Rhineland ended up with all-conference recognition in all four relay races. Ty Welk, Cody Ruetz, Jack DeNamur and Gremban took third in the 4x800. Jaden Beske, Welk, Winter and Ruetz were third in the 4x400.

"This team has put a lot of work in," Worrall said. "We might not have the best athletes but we have a lot of decent athletes. That's what we need to win these. Everyone's been putting in as much as they could this year. I'm very proud of everybody."

In addition to Worrall's wins, the Hodags racked up additional points in the hurdles. Peter Danh was fourth in

the 300 and fifth in the 110s while Abe Barlog finished sixth in both events. Shane Petrick, out for the team for only a couple of weeks, busted off a jump of 18-9 3/4 in his last attempt to take fourth in the long jump. Welk was fifth in the pole vault and eighth in the 400, Ruetz was sixth in the 400 and Gremban added a seventh-place finish in the 1,600.

"We scored in the events that we needed to score in," Kraemer said. "Would we have liked some better performances? Of course, but that's what happens in meets like this. The tension gets high. Some people overperform. Some people underperform and the team has to pick each other up. I'm very proud of the way we responded."

The Hodags now turn their attention to postseason competition, beginning with a WIAA Division 1 regional at Wausau West this coming Monday. The top four finishers from each event will advance to Thursday's sectional round in Marshfield. That will be easier said than done for Rhinelander, which will be the plus-one in what will essentially be a re-run of the Wisconsin Valley Conference meet.

"I'd love to be going to a D2 regional but we can't control that," Kraemer said. "Being one of the smallest teams in Division 1 is always going to be tough, but we have some really great athletes. We might change some things up, we'll see. Now it's not about winning, it's about getting them to the next level."

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## Girls

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Germain and fellow senior teammates Megan Brown and Sage Flory could not quite defend their title in the 4x100, or pull off the win in the 4x200. The three teamed with junior Gussie Gruett in the 4x200 and led going into the final exchange, but conference 100-meter champion MacKenzie Wissbroecker of Antigo ran down Flory over the final 200 meters to claim a 0.48-second victory for her squad.

It was a similar story in the 4x100 as Germain, Brown, Flory and freshman Reese Gehrig were in the mix down the stretch, but Wissbroecker turned on the after burners over the final 100 to give Antigo the win and Medford edged out Rhinelander for the runner-up spot.

"Sage has just been battling all year long. She's just trying to get herself back to last year's form and it's been tough for her. But they took second in the 4x2, third in the 4x1 against some of the



Rhineland's Emma Germain triple jumps during the Great Northern Conference meet in Antigo Tuesday, May 17. Germain defended her conference championship in the event, winning with a jump of 33 feet, 10 inches.

fastest girls in the conference," Kraemer said. "I can't say enough about Emma Germain. I said this about Rebecca last year and I say this about Megan and Sage a lot, if my daughter turns out like them, I've done good and I'll be very proud. They're just great kids. They're competitors."

Rivers Eagleson tied for second in the pole vault with a personal-best performance of 8 feet, putting her only three inches off of Meghan Kelley's school record set back in 2008. Junior Abby Swanson for Rhinelander's other all-conference performance, finishing third in the shot put (31-8 3/4).



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Rhineland's Sage Flory, right, races Antigo's MacKenzie Wissbroecker to the finish line in the girls' 4x100-meter relay during the Great Northern Conference meet in Antigo Tuesday, May 17.

Swanson added a fourth-place finish for Rhinelander in the discus while freshman Callie Hoerchler was fifth in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the 100 hurdles. Brown was fifth in the 200.

Averie West finished seventh in the 300 hurdles, Gehrig qualified for the finals in the 100, finishing eighth. Luna Grage was eighth in the 800. Kyleah

Hartman took ninth in the 100 hurdles, after qualifying for the finals in the event.

Rhineland was fifth with its 4x400 squad of Grage, Gruett, Hartman and Eagleson. The Hodags took sixth in the 4x800 with West, Alyssa Smiths, Maria Hubler and Brynn Teter.

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# LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

The Hodag Little League baseball and softball program got its 2022 season underway with an opening day celebration at Hodag Park Saturday, May 14. The day began with a parade of teams and recognition speeches at Hodag Park before all teams in the program played 30-minute games at Mel Mode and Minor Fields. "Thank you to everyone who came to today's Opening Day Celebration!," the organization stated in a Facebook post Saturday evening. "Thank you to the generous donations for our raffle drawings. Thank you to the volunteers who helped out with concessions, raffle tickets sales, and watching the bouncy houses! Thank you to the coaches and players for being engaged and flexible to meet the challenges of the changing schedule! Thank you to the Estabrook family for coming out today to help us thank and honor your father for starting this organization. Thank you to the parents for signing your kids up to play the greatest sport in the world! Let's have an amazing season!" Pictured, Hodag Little League's 12U softball team and 12U Bluejay and Cardinal baseball teams play during opening day.

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# Soccer

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"The first half, the girls were just passing the ball," Bates said. "They weren't shooting. I think we had maybe five shots in the first half. We had some good shots. We had a couple ring off the bar, but we just weren't shooting in the first half. We were possessing.

"We had a lot of shots in the second half. They were just far right. We just couldn't seem today, for whatever reason, we just weren't putting them on frame."

Brown, Emma Chiamulera and Ava Lamers all converted for the Hodags in penalty kicks. Rhinelander missed its first two chances, but still rallied back to take the shootout.

"We practice, quite often, penalty shots at the end of our practices to finish up the night," Bates said. "We had a couple of misfortunes in the beginning, but (goalkeeper) Mya (Krouze) came right back and made a big save and kept us right in it. Then McKenna and Ava finished up the game for us."

A lot of scenarios were in play in the conference race heading into Thursday night's rematch at Lakeland, which concluded after deadline. Rhinelander could clinch the conference title outright with a regulation win, and clinch a share of the conference title if it won in a shootout. A shootout loss would give the Hodags the ability to win the title with any sort of victory Tuesday at Mosinee, while a regulation loss would mean the Hodags would have to beat Mosinee in regulation, and hope Lakeland drops at least a point in one of its last two conference games to earn a piece of the title.

The Hodags upset Lakeland, the preseason GNC favorite, 1-0 April 28 in Rhinelander.

Tuesday's game against Mosinee has been moved to the Marathon County Sports Complex in Wausau and will kick off at 7 p.m.

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## LOCAL SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

#### PREP BASEBALL

**Great Northern Conference Standings as of Tuesday, May 17**

Team	GNC	Ovr
x-Mosinee	10-1	19-2
Medford	9-2	17-5
Rhinelander	6-5	7-5
Antigo	5-5	7-10
Northland Pines	4-6	8-8
Lakeland	3-8	6-14
Tomahawk	0-10	1-11

#### Monday's Games

Mosinee 11, Rhinelander 0  
 Antigo 11, Lakeland 10  
 Medford 10, Tomahawk 0  
 Merrill 10, Northland Pines 2 (NC)

#### Tuesday's Games

Northland Pines 5, Tomahawk 4  
 Lakeland 11, Marathon 3 (NC)  
 Edgar at Mosinee (NC), ccd.

#### Thursday's Games

Antigo at Lakeland, late  
 Tomahawk at Medford, late  
 Rhinelander at Mosinee, late  
 Northland Pines at Three Lakes (NC), late

#### Friday's Games

Marshfield at Antigo (NC), 4:30 p.m.  
 Mosinee at Stratford (NC), 4:30 p.m.  
 Abbotsford/Colby at Lakeland (NC), 5 p.m.

#### Saturday's Games

Merrill at Medford (NC), 5 p.m.  
 Antigo at Wisconsin Rapids (NC), 10 a.m.  
 Green Bay Notre Dame at Rhinelander (NC), 11 a.m.  
 Northland Pines at Northland Pines Invite (NC), 1 p.m.  
 Rice Lake at Rhinelander (NC), 4 p.m.

#### Monday, May 23

Tomahawk at Rosholt (NC), 4:30 p.m.  
 Rhinelander at Merrill (NC), 4:30 p.m.  
 Medford at Stratford (NC), 4:45 p.m.  
 Antigo at Northland Pines, 5 p.m.

#### Mosinee at Rhinelander Monday, May 16

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Lemanski rf	4	1	1	0	-JSchnrd ph	1	0	0
Stoffel 1b	3	2	2	2	Jamison ss	3	0	0
Unertl 3b	4	1	1	2	SSchnrd c	1	0	0
Ganski cf	2	2	0	0	Ratty dh	2	0	0
Obremski c	3	0	3	2	-Mirssn 1b	0	0	0
-Bryant cr	0	2	0	0	Kurtz lf	2	0	1
Grod ss	2	0	2	0	Schmgr 2b	2	0	0
Dorn dh	2	1	0	0	Heck 3b	2	0	1
-Schupe 2b	0	0	0	0	Everson rf	2	0	0
Miland lf	3	1	0	0	Turek cf	2	0	0
Totals	27	11	8	8	Totals	19	2	0

#### Mosinee IP H R ER BB SO

Jirschele, W	6	2	0	0	1	3
Rhinelander IP H R ER BB SO						
Smith, L	5	7	9	6	2	4
Ratty	1	1	2	0	1	0

LOB: Mosinee 3, Rhinelander 2. 2B: M\_Stoffel. 3B: M\_Obremski. SB: M\_Lemanski. SF: M\_Grod.

#### BABE RUTH BASEBALL

##### Northwoods Prep League as of Tuesday, May 17

Team	W-L
Crandon	0-0
Eagle River	0-0
Lakeland	0-0

### CYCLING

#### HODAG BMX CLUB

##### Results — Friday, May 13

**9-10 Local Open:** 1, Brennan Polaski. 2, Trevor Martin. 3, Dominic McCarty. 4, Vincent Breyspraak.

##### 10 Intermediate: 1, Alec Pilat. 2, Danny Sheldon. 3, Jacob MacFarland. 4, Vincent Breyspraak.

##### 11 Novice: 1, Jason Laursen. 2, Dylan Brownell. 3, Kaiden Meyer.

##### 12 Cruiser: 1, James Wergin. 2, Alec Pilat. 3, Jackson Wergin.

##### 12 Intermediate: 1, Brody Haff. 2, Trevor Martin. 3, Dalton McCarty.

##### 14 Intermediate: 1, Max McConnell. 2, Marshal Durkee. 3, Wyatt Underwood. 4, James Wergin.

##### 14 Novice: 1, Cole Biermeier. 2, Lain Mahner. 3, Jaycob Jackson.

##### 17-20 Intermediate: 1, Cameron Goetz. 2, Brandon Anderson. 3, Brad Kallio. 4, Alex Matushak. 5, Brennan Polaski.

##### 3 Balance Bike: 1, Autumn Frisch. 2, Amelia Jeske.

##### 4 Balance Bike: 1, Drak Deede. 2, Evelyn Jeske.

##### 5 & Under Novice: 1, Greyson Schubbe. 2, Winston Houlette. 3, Lilly Franklin.

##### 7 Novice: 1, Ivan Crass. 2, Madelyn Jeske. 3, Noah Kallio.

##### 8 Novice: 1, Tucker Matushak. 2, Brynly Anderson. 3, August McGeshick.

##### 9 Expert: 1, Jackson Wergin. 2, Dominic McCarty. 3, Carter Schubbe.

##### 9 Novice: 1, Jacob Messenlehner. 2, Emmerich Crass. 3, Hailey Jackson.

### GOLF

#### PREP GOLF

##### Great Northern Conference Standings as of Tuesday, May 17

Team	Points
Lakeland	49
Medford	40
Rhinelander	35
Antigo	29
Mosinee	23
Northland Pines	15
Tomahawk	7

##### Individual All-Conference

##### FIRST TEAM

Pos. Player	Team	Pts.
1 Kaeden Normm	Lak	64.5
2 Jack Rubo	Lak	49.5
3 Matt Haggart	Lak	46
4 Cody Olson	Lak	39.5
5 Joe Volpentesta	Ant	32.5

##### SECOND TEAM

Pos. Player	Team	Pts.
6 Caleb Heckel	Med	27
7 Jett Walters	Mos	26.33
8 Connor Lingen	Med	20
9 Koldyn Gechas	Rhi	20
10 Brody Kowieski	Rhi	18

##### HONORABLE MENTION

Pos. Player	Team	Pts.
11 Zachary Hintz	Med	17
12 Cody Parsons	Ant	11.83
13 Teag Wagner	Lak	4.5
14 Riley Viergut	Med	3

### SOCCER

#### PREP GIRLS' SOCCER

##### Great Northern Conference Standings as of Tuesday, May 17

Team	Pts.	W-L	SL	W-L-T
Rhinelander	23	7-0-1-0	12-4-1	
Lakeland	18	6-1-0-0	10-2-0	
Mosinee	12	4-4-0-0	5-6-0	
N'lnd Pines	10	3-3-0-1	6-5-1	
Medford	6	2-5-0-0	2-12-1	
Antigo	0	0-8-0-0	0-11-1	

##### Monday's Game

Northland Pines 2, Three Lakes 0 (NC)

##### Tuesday's Games

Mosinee 6, Antigo 0

Rhinelander 1, Northland Pines 1

Rhinelander wins in PKs, 3-1

Lakeland 7, Medford 0

##### Lakeland 7, Medford 0

Medford at Antigo, late

Mosinee at Northland Pines, late

Rhinelander at Lakeland, late

##### Friday's Game

Spooner at Northland Pines (NC), 4:30 p.m.

New Richmond at Medford (NC), 6:30 p.m.

##### Saturday's Game

Mosinee vs. Howards Grove, at Appleton West (NC), 11 a.m.

##### Monday, May 23

Lakeland at Northland Pines (NC), 5 p.m.

Mosinee at Marshfield (NC), 6 p.m.

Hayward at Medford (NC), 7 p.m.

##### Rhinelander at Northland Pines Tuesday, May 17

Rhinelander 0 1 — 1

Northland Pines 1 0 — 0

Rhinelander wins shootout, 3-1.

### SOFTBALL

#### PREP SOFTBALL

##### Great Northern Conference Standings as of Tuesday, May 17

Team	GNC	Ovr
x-Medford	10-2	17-4-0
x-Mosinee	10-2	16-4-0
x-Antigo	10-2	14-4-1
Tomahawk	5-7	7-10-0
Lakeland	3-9	3-11-0
Northland Pines	2-10	6-15-0
Rhinelander	2-10	4-16-0

##### x-Clinched GNC share

##### Monday's Games

Mosinee 14, Tomahawk 0

Lakeland 14, Northland Pines 6

Phillips 3, Medford 0 (NC)

Antigo 7, Wausau West 6 (NC)

##### Tuesday's Games

Antigo 7, Northland Pines 0

Tomahawk 9, Lakeland 4

##### Wednesday's Game

Mosinee at Pacelli (NC), late

##### Thursday's Games

Medford at Wausau West (NC), late

Rib Lake at Tomahawk (NC), late

WIAA Division 2 Regional Quarterfinals

Colby/Abbotsford at Rhinelander, late

Lakeland at Shawano, late

##### Friday's Games

New Richmond at Medford, 1st game (NC), 4 p.m.

Wausau East at Antigo (NC), 4:30 p.m.

New Richmond at Medford, 2nd game (NC), 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

#### PREP BOYS' TENNIS

##### Great Northern Conference Standings as of Tuesday, May 17

Team	W-L-T	Dual	Pts
Rhinelander	8-0-0	52-4	104
Antigo	5-2-1	36-18	72
Medford	4-3-1	29-25	58
Lakeland	2-6-0	14-42	28
Pacelli	0-8-0	6-48	12

##### Monday's Matches

Medford 5, Antigo 2

Lakeland 4, Pacelli 3

Rhinelander 7, Shawano 0 (NC)

Rhinelander 7, Wausau West 0 (NC)

##### Tuesday's Matches

Medford at D.C. Everest (NC), late

Lakeland 5, Ashland 2 (NC)

##### Thursday's Match

GNC Tournament, at Antigo, late

##### Hodag Triangular Monday, May 16

##### Rhinelander 7, Shawano 0

Singles: 1, Luke Ring, Rhi, def. Leo Liu, 6-2, 6-0, 2, Elijah Evers, Rhi, def. Josh Bergman, 6-1, 6-2, 3, Dalton Fritz, Rhi, def. Andrew Vandenheuevel, 6-1, 6-1, 4, Nicholas Lesch, Rhi, def. Ryan Buerman, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles: 1, Layne Roeser/Joey Belanger, Rhi, def. George Buerman/Tris-

### TRACK & FIELD

#### BOYS' RESULTS

**Team:** 1, Rhinelander, 164 points. 2, Lakeland, 146. 3, Northland Pines, 121. 4, Medford, 95. 5, Mosinee, 88. 6, Antigo, 49. 7, Tomahawk, 72.

**4x800:** 1, Antigo, 8:29.99. 2, Medford, 8:48.57. 3, Rhinelander, 8:56.76.

**110 Hurdles:** 1, Cole Worrall, Rhi, 15.69. 2, Andrew Hartwig, NP, 16.22.

**300 Hurdles:** 1, Worrall, Rhi, 41.95. 2, Hartwig, NP, 42.82. 3, Talon Haling, Lak, 44.86. 4, Danh, Rhi, 48.16. 6, Barlog, Rhi, 48.79.

**800:** 1, S.Gremban, NP, 2:03.12. 2, Clark, Lak, 2:04.35. 4, Isaac Kramer, Ant, 2:08.19. 11, Jack DeNamur, Rhi, 2:15.59.

**200:** 1, Worrall, Rhi, 22.72. 2, Olcikas, Rhi, 22.92. 3, Peterson, Lak, 23.32.

**3200:** 1, Sullivan, Med, 10:19.09. 2, Clark, Lak, 10:45.29. 3, Kaemyn Heritage, NP, 10:56.32. 6, G.Gremban, Rhi, 11:09.53.

**4x400:** 1, Lakeland, 3:33.73. 2, Northland Pines, 3:41.78. 3,

# Golf

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The two got him back to 1-over on the day. He gave the strokes back with bogeys on the following two holes and dropped one more shot on the par-4 1st hole, his 17th of the day.

Tuesday's performance came on the heels of Kowieski's worst showing of the season Monday, a 91 at Eagle River Golf Course.

"He definitely bounced back. At Pines he said his back was a little sore and he just wasn't really feeling it," Schmidt said. "Just the be able to turn it around in one day, that really tells that he's a good player and he likes to play golf. He knows he's got to play it shot by shot and it worked out. He's going to be a good player."

Gechas' only real misstep Tuesday was a double bogey on the par-5 13th hole. Otherwise the senior was steady, with birdies on the par-5 fourth and par-3 17th to shoot 76 and finish tied for fourth.

"Kole just worked at it all day long," Schmidt said. "I watched him on a couple of holes and he scrambled. His short game was really good. He was getting up and down."

The result moved Gechas into a tie for eighth in the final conference point standings, allowing him to earn second-team all-conference honors for a second straight



Rhinelanders' Koldyn Gechas hits his second shot on the par-4 11th hole during a GNC golf match at Eagle River Golf Course Monday, May 16.

year. He also earned honorable mention in the GNC as a freshman in 2019. The 2020 season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kowieski entered Tuesday's play just outside the second-team cutline, sitting in 11th place overall. His runner-up performance allowed him to vault into 10th in the standings, earning the final second-team spot.

Andrew Henrichs, Garrett Kulhanek and Cal Laggis all needed top-10 finishes Tuesday, and a little bit of help,

to work into the all-conference mix. Kulhanek and Henrichs tied for 14th with rounds of 86 while Laggis was 17th with a career-best 87.

Lakeland shot 302 Tuesday following a 303 on Monday to complete the clean sweep of all seven conference events. Medford had finished runner-up in the first six conference matches, but finished fourth Tuesday behind Rhinelanders and Antigo. The Hodags ended up five points behind Medford for second, and six



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Rhinelanders' Brody Kowieski chips from in front of the green on the par-4 14th hole during a GNC golf match at Eagle River Golf Course Monday, May 16.

points ahead of Antigo for third in the GNC standings. That matched third-place showings in 2016 and 2017 as Rhinelanders' best team result in conference since winning the GNC title back in 2011.

On Monday in Eagle River, Gechas and Kulhanek both shot 9-over par rounds of 81 to tie for 10th on the day. Henrichs shot 89 while Kowieski and Laggis both shot 91s as Rhinelanders finished four strokes behind Antigo for third.

The Hodags are set to host a non-conference invitational at Northwood today to close out the regular season. WIAA Division 1 regional play takes place Tuesday at RiverEdge Golf Course in Marshfield. According to the latest numbers compiled by

the WIAA, the Hodags are currently the third seed in the eight-team regional with a nine-hole team scoring average of 171.45 strokes.

"I know the boys are really excited and really jacked. We're playing our best golf coming into the tournament, which is exactly how you want to do it," Schmidt said. "We might even be good enough to be in the top four, be in the second wave. That would be kind of nice. We'd get to sleep in a little bit."

Going off in the second wave would buy the Hodags 50 extra minutes Tuesday morning, with its first tee time at 9:50 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

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## WIS. SPORTS GLANCE



### EASTERN CONF. SEMIFINALS (Bucks lose 3-4)

- May 1: Milwaukee 101, Boston 89
- May 3: Boston 109, Milwaukee 86
- May 7: Milwaukee 103, Boston 101
- May 9: Boston 116, Milwaukee 108
- May 11: Milwaukee 110, Boston 107
- May 13: Boston 108, Milwaukee 95
- May 15: Boston 109, Milwaukee 81

### PLAYOFF GLANCE

- CONFERENCE FINALS (Best of 7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 (1) Miami leads (2) Boston, 1-0  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 (3) Golden State tied with (4) Dallas, 0-0

- CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best of 7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 (1) Miami def. (4) Philadelphia, 4-2  
 (2) Boston def. (3) Milwaukee, 4-3  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 (4) Dallas def. (1) Phoenix, 4-3  
 (3) Golden State def. (2) Memphis, 4-2

- FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
 (1) Miami def. (8) Atlanta, 4-1

- (4) Philadelphia def. (5) Toronto, 4-2  
 (3) Milwaukee def. (6) Chicago, 3-1  
 (2) Boston def. (7) Brooklyn, 4-0  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
 (1) Phoenix def. (8) New Orleans, 4-2  
 (4) Dallas def. (5) Utah, 4-2  
 (3) Golden State def. (6) Denver, 4-1  
 (2) Memphis def. (7) Minnesota, 4-2

- PLAY-IN TOURNAMENT**  
 Brooklyn 115, Cleveland 108  
 Minnesota 109, L.A. Clippers 104  
 Atlanta 132, Charlotte 103  
 New Orleans 113, San Antonio 103  
 Atlanta 107, Cleveland 101  
 New Orleans 105, L.A. Clippers 101



### SCHEDULE

- May 15: Milwaukee 7, Miami 3
- Monday: Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 0
- Tuesday: Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 0
- Wednesday: vs. Atlanta, late
- Friday: vs. Washington, 7:10 p.m. (BSWI)
- Saturday: vs. Washington, 6:10 p.m. (BSWI)
- Sunday: vs. Washington, 1:10 p.m. (BSWI)
- May 23: at San Diego, 8:40 p.m. (BSWI)

### MLB STANDINGS AS OF MAY 17

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE					
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Mets	24	14	.632	—	N.Y. Yankees	27	9	.750	—
Miami	17	19	.472	6	Tampa Bay	22	15	.595	5½
Philadelphia	17	19	.472	6	Toronto	20	17	.541	7½
Atlanta	17	20	.459	6½	Boston	14	22	.389	13
Washington	12	26	.316	12	Baltimore	14	23	.378	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	23	14	.622	—	Minnesota	21	16	.568	—
St. Louis	20	16	.556	2½	Chicago White Sox	18	18	.500	2½
Chicago Cubs	15	20	.429	7	Cleveland	16	18	.471	3½
Pittsburgh	15	21	.417	7½	Kansas City	13	22	.371	7
Cincinnati	10	26	.278	12½	Detroit	13	24	.351	8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	24	12	.667	—	Houston	24	13	.649	—
San Diego	23	13	.639	1	L.A. Angels	24	15	.615	1
San Francisco	22	14	.611	2	Texas	16	19	.457	7
Arizona	18	20	.474	7	Seattle	16	21	.432	8
Colorado	17	19	.472	7	Oakland	16	23	.410	9

## Baseball

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Mosinee tacked on two more in the sixth off reliever Max Ratty. Eli Miland took two bases on errors on a mishandled and misfired ground ball to third. After Stoffel walked with two outs, a misfire on a throw back attempt to second advanced the runners and Unertl hit a two-run single to make it 11-0.

Rhinelanders had only three base runners against Jirschele the entire game, and two of their best offensive chances were nullified by right fielder Taylor Lemanski. After Sam Schneider walked in the first inning, Lemanski made a diving catch on a soft line drive to right by Ratty to end the inning. Lemanski robbed Ratty again in the fourth on a ball hit to the right center gap and he threw out James Heck, who tried to turn a single on a slicer down the right field line into a double.

"He definitely looks like a veteran outfielder out there, just the way he positioned himself swing to swing, hitter to hitter," Waksmonski said.

The Hodags made contact against Jirschele, a sophomore who transferred from Wausau West last summer, but only



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Rhinelanders' Max Ratty hits a fly ball to right field during the first inning of a GNC baseball game against Mosinee at Stafford Field Monday, May 16.

Owen Kurtz and Heck were able to get hits off the hard-throwing righty.

"It was just a steady diet of fastballs. I was hoping we would add just a little bit better. We did hit a couple of balls out to right field," Waksmonski said. "They had their right fielder stationed pretty close to the infield. But, like we said afterward, until we start hitting the ball the way we should, hitting over the outfielders heads, that's where the outfielders are going to be playing."

Rhinelanders was set to face Mosinee again Thursday to close out conference play and

there's a chance the Hodags could see the Indians again in the WIAA playoffs. The regional seeding meeting was scheduled for Wednesday evening, after press time for today's edition. The top four teams in the GNC — Mosinee, Medford, Antigo and Rhinelanders — figured to be the odds-on favorites for the top four seeds in the seven-team bracket. Though Rhinelanders had a better conference and overall record than Antigo going into the seeding meeting, the Red Robins had a bargaining chip over the Hodags by virtue of

sweeping their regular season series in a pair of one-run games.

"I'm sure that will lock in quite a bit. I'm not sure what's going on (Tuesday) night as far as some of the matchups, but we'll see what happens," Waksmonski said.

Rhinelanders plays three more games to close out the regular season, beginning with a home triangular against Green Bay Notre Dame and Rice Lake today, followed by a non-conference contest at Merrill on Monday.

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