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Bangor's Madelyn England secures a fly ball during a conference match-up at Woneewoc-Center. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Langrehr, Bangor top Brookwood to finish SBC 14-0

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

There can be no debate when it comes to discussing who the best softball team in the Scenic Bluffs Conference is this year: it's the Bangor Cardinals and then everybody else. The Cardinals (14-1 overall, 14-0 Scenic Bluffs) completed their perfect spring campaign in Scenic Bluffs play by defeating the Brookwood Falcons (8-13, 5-9) 15-5 in six innings to wrap up the conference portion of their schedule Monday, May 16 in Ontario.

Bangor 15 Brookwood 5 (6)
Bangor got started on a stellar note with a six-run rally in the top of the first that included a Madelyn England RBI single, a Gabby Schroeder two-run double and an Ella Janisch RBI triple. The Falcons answered with three runs in the bottom of the second that featured Kristin Berg's two-run double.

An Aliyah Langrehr solo home run in the top of the fourth briefly made it 7-3 Cardinals, but Brookwood got a Kymber Kaiser RBI double and a Kylie Powell RBI groundout in the bottom half of the inning cut the deficit to 7-5.

The top of the sixth saw a huge Bangor rally that included RBI singles by England and Schroeder and RBI doubles by Nora Tucker and Madeline Janisch that helped propel them to a mercy rule win once the sixth inning ended.

In the win for Bangor, England went 3 for 4 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored, while Schroeder finished her evening 3 for 4 with a double, three RBIs and a run.

Additionally for the Cardinals, Aliyah Langrehr was 2 for 4 with a home run, a triple, a walk, an RBI and two runs scored, Madeline Janisch finished 2 for 3 with a double, a walk, an RBI and two runs and Tucker went 2 for 4 with a double, an RBI and two runs.

As for the Falcons, Kaiser helped lead the way by going 2 for 3 with a double, an RBI and two runs, while Kylea Brueggeman went 2 for 3 with a triple, a walk and two runs scored.

Luther 15 Bangor 5 (6)
One day later, Bangor suffered its first loss of 2022 in its final game of the regular season, falling 15-5 in six innings to Onalaska Luther (12-11) Tuesday, May 17 in Onalaska.

In that loss, Ella Janisch finished 2 for 3 with a home run, an RBI and a run scored, Madeline Janisch went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run, Taylor Jacobson was 2 for 4 with a run scored and Samantha Nelson finished 2 for 3.

Brookwood, a No. 9 seed in the Division 4 playoffs, will kick off the postseason against the eighth-seeded Augusta Beavers (10-10) in a regional quarterfinal clash Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m. in Augusta.

The winner advances to the regional semifinals to take on top-seeded Bangor Tuesday, May 24 at 5 p.m. in Bangor.

Westby 2 Brookwood 0
The Bangor softball team ended the regular season with a shutout loss to Westby, marking their second straight defeat after a 14-0 start to the year.

The Norsemen (15-2) kept the Bangor bats quiet in a 2-0 non-conference win over the Cardinals (14-2) Thursday, May 19 in Bangor.

Westby scored a run in both the top of the first and the fourth, but the Cardinals were ultimately unable to push any across themselves. Bangor's Nora Tucker doubled while both Madeline Janisch and Gabby Schroeder singled at the plate. In the circle, Aliyah Langrehr pitched all seven innings, giving up two runs on five hits and three walks while striking out four.

The top-seeded Cardinals will open the playoffs against either No. 8 seed Augusta (10-10) or No. 9 seed Brookwood (8-13) in the Division 4 regional semifinals Tuesday, May 24 at 5 p.m. in Bangor.

Cardinals clinch share

Bangor (13-0 overall, 13-0 Scenic Bluffs) finished with a flourish to blank the Necedah Cardinals (5-9, 4-8) 18-0 in six innings in a Scenic Bluffs matchup Thursday, May 12 in Necedah.

The two teams battled through three scoreless innings before the Bangor onslaught began in the top of the fourth with a five-run rally. Another run in the fifth made it 6-0.

The floodgates truly opened in the top of the sixth with a 12-run Bangor rally. It was an outburst that included RBI singles courtesy of Aliyah Langrehr, Madelyn England, Madeline Janisch, Gabby Schroeder and Bella Langrehr along with an RBI double by Aliyah Langrehr once the team batted around.

Aliyah Langrehr helped lead the way by going 3 for 4 with a double, a walk, three RBIs and two runs scored while Bella Langrehr also went 3 for 4 with three RBIs and three runs.

In the circle, Aliyah Langrehr pitched six shutout innings, striking out 11 while surrendering five walks and two hits.

TOMAH SOFTBALL

TO THE VICTORS, THE SPOILS

Tomah puts finishing touches on second-straight MVC crown

By MAURICE SAVAGE Sports Writer

The Tomah softball team dominated conference rival Sparta on their way to their second straight conference title as they won 19-0 on Tuesday, May 17 at home.

The game lasted just three innings as the 15-run rule went into effect as Timberwolves were able to score fifteen runs in the second inning alone after scoring four in the first. Tomah's two offensive innings were highlighted by 12 hits.

Sparta wasn't without threat in Tuesday's game. Payton Eilers singled with one out in the first

inning which eventually led to a bases loaded situation for the visiting Spartans. Payton Jones walked and Lucy Schwarz also singled. A ground ball was converted into the final out before Sparta could drive in a run, though.

Hannah Van Treese singled on a leadoff bunt for Tomah in the first inning and took second on an error. Van Treese took third on a wild pitch, but wouldn't have needed to leave second in retrospect as Olivia Wall tripled to drive in the first run of the game.

Wall would score on a grounder by Lexi Hagen. Lauren Noth and Madison Johnson would also both score in the frame as THS built a 4-0 lead.

Sparta went down in order in the top of the second.

Tomah's second inning started with a trio of walks. Maddie Johnson drove in two after singling on a hard ground ball. Peyton Foster single picked up an RBI by driving in a run on a single later in the inning.

The Timberwolves were just getting started however.

In the next at-bat, Asha Eckelberg singled on a ground ball to left field which scored Johnson and Libby Mathison. Van Treese walked to keep the bases juiced. Wall and Lauren Noth each had RBI singles.

Hagen popped out for the second out, but THS didn't turn tall.

Johnson earned a free trip to first after being hit by a pitch which was followed by a bases clearing double by Kennedy Noth. Tomah's lead moved to 15-0.

This validates the growth of the kids over the year. The kids on the team have been working hard to get to this point for years to make a huge contribution at the varsity level.

DAN WALL TOMAH SOFTBALL HEAD COACH

Mackenzie Kohn doubled on a line drive next, which allowed Kennedy Noth to score. Tomah picked up three-straight walks to add another run and Wall cleared the bases with a double to bring the score to 19-0.

Sparta's Payton Jones reached on an error in the top of the third, but the visitors couldn't stop the 15-run mercy rule from coming into effect.

Sparta's Eilers and Schwarz were the only two batters to record a hit against Tomah.

For Tomah, Olivia Wall finished the night with 3 hits, 3 runs and 4 RBIs. Kennedy Noth finished with 2 hits, 1 run, and 4 RBIs while Madison Johnson went 2-2 with 4 RBI and 3 runs scored.

On the mound, Johnson struck out 5 of the 12 batters faced across her three innings of work.

Sparta's Greta Anderson pitched 1.2 innings while Elivia Shepherd came in for relief. Anderson allowed 11 hits and 19 runs.

This win for the Timberwolves seals up the Mississippi Valley Conference for the second-straight year after finishing league play 11-1.

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Tomah's Hannah Van Treese

Tomah's Payton Foster

Tomah's Lexi Hagen

SPARTA SOFTBALL

Sparta ends season 0-18



Sparta's Payton Jones hit 2 out of 4 bat attempts against Wisconsin Dells on Thursday, May 19. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

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Sparta softball closed out the season (0-18, 0-12) with a WIAA regional tournament trip to Wisconsin Dells on Thursday, May 19.

The ninth-seeded Lady Spartans fell 18-8 against the eighth-seeded Chiefs in

six innings. Hallie Burton and Payton Jones each went 2 for 4 at the plate with a triple. Emma Blackdeer and Elivia Shepherd went 1 for 3 at the plate. Sparta gave up 17 runs in the second inning. Wisconsin Dells will go on to play Mount Horeb (#1) on Tuesday, May 24.

BROOKWOOD SOFTBALL

Falcons falter; go 1-3 just ahead of final week

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

The high school softball regular season is winding down, but that certainly doesn't mean it was a quiet weekend for the Brookwood softball team. The Falcons played four games in three days to cap off the previous week of play.

To start, Brookwood (8-12 overall, 5-8 Scenic Bluffs) saw its six-game winning streak snapped with a 15-5 loss to the Hillsboro Tigers (11-4, 9-3) in six innings Thursday, May 12 in Hillsboro.

Hillsboro 15 Brookwood 5 (6)
The Tigers raced out to a big early lead with five runs in the bottom of the first. The Falcons scored twice in the top of the third on RBI singles courtesy of Emily Cunitz and Deanna Wallace, followed by Hillsboro answering with a run in the bottom half of the inning and three more in the fourth inning to make it 9-2.

Each team scored a run in the fifth — with Brookwood's coming on a Wallace sacrifice fly — and the Falcons got RBI singles from Kylie Powell and Kristin Berg in the top of the sixth to cut the deficit to 10-5. However, the Tigers tacked on a five-run rally in the bottom half of the inning to bring the mercy rule into effect.

Brookwood's Vanessa Anderson finished 3 for 4 with two runs scored, Cunitz went 3 for 3 with a double and an RBI. Powell was 2 for 3 with a walk, an RBI and a run and Willow Pasch finished 2 for 3 with a double and a run scored.

Brookwood 14 Kickapoo 9
The Falcons successfully bounced back the following day with a 14-9 non-

conference win over Kickapoo (6-8) Friday, May 13 in Viola. Anderson scored on a wild pitch in the top of the first, Powell drove in one run in the second with an RBI single and Kylea Brueggeman smacked a two-run double in the third to open up a 4-0 Brookwood lead.

The Panthers got one run back in the bottom of the third, but Kymber Kaiser cleared the bases with a three-run double in the top of the fourth. The Falcons got RBI doubles by Powell and Cunitz in the fifth and then a Brueggeman RBI single in the sixth to push the lead to 10-1.

Kickapoo put together a four-run rally in the bottom of the sixth, Brookwood answered with its own four-run rally featuring RBI singles from Cunitz and Wallace in the top of the seventh and the Panthers again scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh to round out the contest.

Brueggeman led the way for Brookwood by going 4 for 5 with two doubles, three RBIs and a run scored, Kaiser went 2 for 5 with two doubles, four RBIs and three runs, Powell finished 2 for 4 with a double, two RBIs and a run, Cunitz was 2 for 5 with a double, two RBIs and a run and Anderson went 2 for 4 with a walk and two runs scored.

VIROQUA TOURNEY Iowa-Grant 21 Brookwood 3 (3)

Viroqua 6 Brookwood 1

The Falcons then capped off their weekend by participating in a tournament along with Black River Falls (7-12), Iowa River Falls (12-10) and host Viroqua Youth Initiative (8-7) Saturday, May 14 in Viroqua. Iowa-Grant beat Brookwood 21-3 and Black River Falls topped Viroqua 12-5 in the opening round, then Iowa-Grant blanked Black River Falls 10-0 in the championship and Viroqua defeated Brookwood 6-1 in the consolation game.

Cunitz was 2 for 2 with a double, an RBI and a run scored in the loss to Iowa-Grant. Against Viroqua/Youth Initiative, Wallace finished 2 for 3 with a double and Anderson went 2 for 4.