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Mosinee wins GNC over Lakeland boys' hockey

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The top two teams in the Great Northern Conference met up in Medford to decide the conference championship. A high-scoring third period defined the game.

Mosinee beat Lakeland 6-3 Saturday night at Simek Recreation Center in Medford. Due to the new tournament format with points, the win gave Mosinee the regular season and conference tournament championship.

"A good, hard fought game tonight from both teams," coach Jake Suter said. "We look forward to learning from tonight and are excited to start playoffs on Thursday."

No goals were scored in the first period after 16 total shots. Both teams had power

play chances with Mosinee having a 13-3 shot advantage.

Mosinee broke through early in the second period. Jaegar Dhein scored with assists to Daniel DeCaluwe and Tyler Baars.

Aaron Wanta responded with a goal a minute and half later to tie things up. Jack Rubo and Brayden Warchol received the assists.

Once again, no team could take advantage of their power play opportunities.

After two periods, the score was knotted up at 1-1.

Lakeland goalie Max Masayesva had seen 29 shots thus far. He had 28 saves through two periods to keep the Thunderbirds in the game.

A total of seven goals were scored in the third period.
Caden Schmirler put the puck in the back of the net



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Kort Meyer races to a loose puck with Mosinee's Elliot Yirkovsky in the first period of the GNC Tournament final Saturday, Feb. 11 at Simek Recreation Center in Medford. Meyer scored a goal in the third period.

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Max Masayesva makes a save late in the first period of the GNC Tournament final against Mosinee Saturday, Feb. 11 at Simek Recreation Center in Medford. Masayesva recorded 45 total saves.

for Mosinee just 13 seconds into the third period. Cooper Zastrow had the assist. Next, Gavin Obremski scored unassisted for Mosinee.

Just like that, Mosinee led 3-1. The Thunderbirds would need another comeback if they were to beat Mosinee, just like they did back in December.

Aden Thiessen got Lakeland in the right direction. He scored for the second straight game with the assist to Rubo 6:59 into the period.

Mosinee and Lakeland started to convert their power play goals. Obremski got Mosinee's goal back with a power play goal, the assists to Zastrow and Grant Kuklinski

With less than seven minutes to go, Kort Meyer took advantage of a power play with a goal. Wanta got the assist as the Thunderbirds were within one goal again. Mosinee led 4-3 with plenty of time left.

Mosinee finished the game off with two more goals. Kuklinski scored his first goal before Schmirler scored unassisted with less than a minute left. They outshot Lakeland 51-20 in the win.

"The floodgates started to open up a bit for both teams. We got behind, and started taking more chances, and Mosinee capitalized," Suter said. "They're a good team, and hopefully we're lucky enough to face them again this year."

Masayesva saved 45/51 shots for a save percentage of .882.

The one-seeded Thunderbirds (16-4, 8-2) turn their attention to postseason play. Up next, they'll host eighthseeded Pacelli in a Division 2 regional final game Thursday, Feb. 16 at Lakeland Ice Arena. The game will start at 7 p.m.

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LUHS boys' hoops loses heartbreaker to Hodags

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A big crowd, student sections, the LUHS band and a rivalry game between two teams all came together for a high-intensity game between the Lakeland boys' basketball team and the Rhinelander Hodags.

The Hodags came away with a 57-53 win at the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse on Friday.

"Disappointing obviously. I thought we were the better team, and I still think we are," coach Rich Fortier said. "I think we're the better team, and yet we're 0-2 against them."

Both teams swapped points early on in the first half. Rhinelander's Will Gretzinger (28 points) and Kyle Brown (13 points) had made baskets. Brayden Wiczek (13 points) scored two points in the post. Ashton Anderson found the scoring column on an assist from Ryan Carlson in transition.

Brown and Gretzinger had their 3-point jumpers falling. They each had two triples in the game's first 10 minutes.

Layton Larsen matched their points with five of his own—two at the free throw line and a triple from the wing. He then assisted Nate Ariola in the paint for two points.

Rhinelander led 18-13 with eight minutes to go in the first half. They started to pull away in the final eight minutes of the half, led by Gretzinger and Brown once again.

"I don't know what it was to start the game. That was the hole we tried to dig out of the entire game," coach Fortier said.

Brown had a jumper while Gretzinger nailed a triple at the top of the key. Meanwhile, the Thunderbirds were missing some makable shots on the inside. Lakeland called a timeout.

"We weren't hitting our outside shots, missed some on the inside we could've made," coach Fortier said.

Before the half ended, Gretzinger went coastto-coast with the ball to beat the buzzer for two more points. He had 15 first half points. Together with Brown, they combined for 25 of Rhinelander's 29 first half points.

"We talked bout Rhinelander being plucky. They play hard. They're aggressive defensively, aggressive rebounding. They play

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Brayden Wiczek drives in the paint for a layup defended by Rhinelander's Kyle Brown in the first half Friday, Feb. 10 at Ted Voigt Court in Minocqua.

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Lakeland sends six wrestlers to sectionals

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The Lakeland wrestling team looked to send as many wrestlers as possible to sectionals when they went to Merrill for a regional meet.

The Thunderbirds finished sixth out of eight teams with 100 points in a WIAA Division 1 regional in Merrill on Saturday. Six Thunderbirds qualified for sectionals.

"I was proud of our guys. A huge change going from the GNC and tapping into that Wisconsin Valley Conference and for us to get six guys out of there is a huge accomplishment," coach Adam Bremer said. "Our growth piece is getting more of those guys into semifinals — proud of the effort we had"

The top four finishers from each weight class moved onto Saturday's sectional meet.

Landon Saglin (220 weight class) had the top result for Lakeland with a second place finish. In the semifinals, he got a sudden victory win over Aidan Haugen of Wausau East by a

score of 2-1 that put him in the first place match. Saglin made a move that got him the win he needed.

"(Landon's) biggest match of the day (was his) semifinal match. Wausau East beat him at our dual," coach Bremer said. "Landon hit an unbelievable (move), was able to turn his hips and get himself in great position. It set the tone for him in the day. This is the time of year to be nine-minute ready. You have to be able to go six minutes plus bonus time, and he was able to do that, and it paid off. Practicing those situations really came through for him, and he had a phenomenal tournament.'

Wausau West's Cayden Kershaw beat Saglin in a 6-3 decision in the first place match. Though it was a loss, Saglin went all six minutes with Kershaw.

"Earlier in the year at the Bluejay (Challenge) ... (Cayden) got us pretty good, pinning us in that match," coach Bremer said. "(This time, Landon) wrestled a phenomenal match, went all six minutes with him.

(Thought maybe he) might've been able to catch him and score some points."

Saglin got the opportunity to wrestle in the second place match. It what turned out to be another gritty match, Saglin beat Noah Klug of Merrill by a 3-1 decision.

"Landon kept himself in phenomenal position, just wrestling unbelievably well," coach Bremer said.

A few Thunderbirds finished in third place.

Zane Grams (160) had a third place finish. In the semifinal match, Grams fell 6-2 in a decision to Bennett Weidman of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln. Coming back in the third place match, Grams beat Henry Galang of Wausau West by a 13-2 major decision.

"(Zane had a) hiccup in the semis. (He) wrestled well but not good enough, and didn't get a wrestle back to get in the second place match so he'll be going at third place," coach Bremer said. "Exciting ... see what kind of chance he'll have there."

Leonard Chosa (195) proved he could wrestle at a high level last



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Logan Gray-Ives picks up a win over Merrill's Dustin Schmirler at a WIAA Division 1 regional meet Saturday, Feb. 11 at Merrill High School. The win helped Gray-Ives move onto sectionals.

week at the GNC Meet, even with a shoulder injury. He finished third place in Merrill as well to move on.

Like Grams, Chosa fell in the semifinal match. Kyle Schmidt of D.C. Everest beat Chosa with a pin in 4:26. Chosa felt a little bit of pressure on his shoulder. Chosa came back to beat William Ford of Wausau West with a 6-3 decision.

"Semifinal match (Leonard) got caught in a move that put too much pressure on his shoulder," coach Bremer said. "Third place match was fantastic. (I'm) happy about where he's at, see what we'll do next week."

Ashton Bremer (126) finished in third place. Carter Freeman of Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln beat Ashton Bremer in the semifinal match with a pin in 5:21. Ashton Bremer rebounded in the third place match, taking down Brett Suchocki of Merrill with a pin in

1:34.

"The two kids in (Ashton's) weight class are the top two kids in his weight class in his sectional as well," coach Bremer said. "Carter Freeman is ranked in the state."

Logan Gray-Ives (106) advanced to sectionals with a fourth placed finish. As the four-seed, Gray-Ives had a pivotal quarterfinal match. He came up

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Lady Thunderbirds clinch GNC title

First conference championship since 2017-18

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The goal for the Lakeland girls' basketball team is to go undefeated in conference play. First, they officially won the Great Northern Conference title on Friday.

The Thunderbirds beat Rhinelander 74-27 in Minocqua. The win moved the Thunderbirds to 11-0 in conference play. It was also Lakeland's first conference title since the 2017-18 season.

"We got to go up there and take care of business as usual. I didn't give it any more thought than walking away with victory," coach Melissa Ouimette said. "(Rhinelander head coach) Ryan Clark does (try to switch up things) as far as changing his defenses, his press so I'm always a little more cautious playing Rhinelander cause of Ryan Clark."

Kristina Ouimette stayed hot with a 3-pointer coming off a screen to open the scoring. Saylor Timmerman kept the play alive with an offensive rebound.

Rebounding became a theme for the Thunderbirds all night. They used their height to their advantage, gobbling up offensive rebound after offensive rebound. "We are significantly taller than Rhinelander. We probably average four-six inches taller than their players. That gives us an advantage," coach Ouimette said. "Our team came out fired up cause they understood this was the team we had to beat to win conference. They were not going to hold anything back."

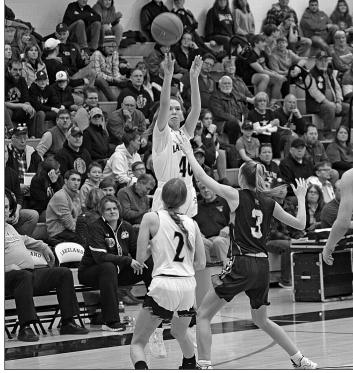
Saylor Timmerman (18 points) grabbed two more offensive rebounds for a total of four points early. She tied Julianna Ouimette for a teamhigh in points.

'(Saylor) had a great night. She gets open in the middle of that triangle, and we found her. She's a nice big target, at the rim. She got some nice rebounds and some nice blocks and just her presence on the inside of our zone defense changes the shot of a lot of players," coach Ouimette said. "Saylor wears the badge of honor of being a shot blocker. It makes people think twice (before) shooting the ball when going into the paint."

Rhinelander got points early from Tori Riopel and Lily Treder, a 3-pointer.

Cale Quade grabbed another rebound on the offensive end for two points. Lakeland held a 12-5 lead after six minutes of play.

Julianna Ouimette dished it off to Ava Evenhouse for two points. Then, Julianna Ouimette took it herself for two points. Saylor Timmerman used a hook shot in the paint for two more points. A



BRETT LABORE/LAKELAND TIMES

Ava Evenhouse takes a jumpshot in the second half against Rhinelander Friday, Feb. 10 at Ted Voigt Court in Minocqua. Evenhouse had 12 points and 11 rebounds, helping Lakeland to a 48-16 advantage in rebounding.

Julianna Ouimette steal and assist led to a basket by Kristina Ouimette.

Rhinelander called their second timeout.

The Hodags took advantage of their timeout. Treder scored four straight points. She led Rhinelander with 12 points. Rhinelander was in shouting distance, down 21-12 with eight minutes to go in the half.

Lakeland continued to push the pace, stretching out their lead before halftime. Kristina Ouimette scored two points in the paint, the assist to Julianna Ouimette.

Ava Lamers, averaging 25.3 points per game, didn't get on the board until she made two free throws with 6:54 left in the half. She had just three points in the first half.

The Thunderbirds scored a flurry of points towards the end of the half. Evenhouse had two second chance points. Kristina Ouimette scored two points in the paint.

Julianna Ouimette drove to the rim for two points with

the foul. She made her free throw to complete the 3-point play.

Lakeland ended the half on an 18-5 run to lead 39-17 at halftime.

It was Teacher Appreciation Night for both games of the doubleheader Friday night. The Thunderbirds were excited to celebrate their favorite teachers and to have them in the crowd.

"I also think it means a lot to the players to have their favorite teachers there," coach Ouimette said. "Having someone you care about, and they care about you in the stands pulling for you — it lifts them up higher. (It) really lifted the spirts of our team helping us win in victorious fashion."

Saylor Timmerman and Julianna Ouimette got Lakeland out to an early 10-0 second half start. All six of Saylor Timmerman's points were second chance points. Julianna Ouimette made a layup and a couple of free throws.

Lamers scored her first field goal at the 13:45 mark of the second half. She finished the game with 10 points and two field goals. She had just 17 total points in the two games vs. the Thunderbirds.

"That's us just playing our tough defense. Just our normal zone defense and make sure (we get to the) shooter on the perimeter," coach Ouimette said.

Kristina Ouimette (16 points) knocked down another 3-pointer. She then

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Northern Edge shuts out Beaver Dam for second time this season

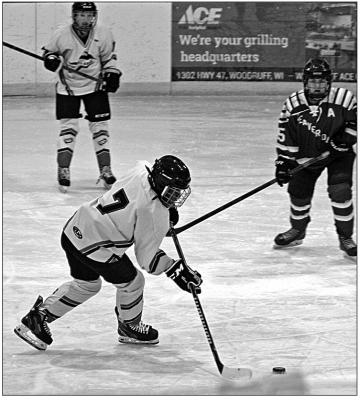
Opens up playoffs at Wisconsin Valley Union, Thursday at 7 p.m.

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It's playoff week. Before their playoff game vs. Wisconsin Valley Union, the Northern Edge girls' hockey team had one final tune-up Saturday night.

The Rhinelander/Lakeland/Antigo/Wabeno/Three Lakes co-op defeated Beaver Dam 10-0 at Lakeland Ice Arena in Minocqua. It was the second straight game the Edge scored 10 goals.

"This is a good win. Even though we only beat them 1-0 the last game, it's a little more difficult this time around," assistant coach Brian Heleniak said. "They actually had not a goaltender in their net tonight. They had a girl dressed as a skater as playing goalie.



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Mia Tulowitzky looks to shoot the puck in the third period against Beaver Dam Saturday, Feb. 11 at Lakeland Ice Arena in Minocqua.

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Taylor Heleniak splits two Beaver Dam defenders before scoring a goal in the third period against Beaver Dam Saturday, Feb. 11 at Lakeland Ice Arena in Minocqua. Heleniak totaled four goals and two assists in the game.

We still got to show up, still got to play hockey.

Beaver Dam did not have the same goaltender they had when the Edge won 1-0 back on Jan. 28. Addy Damon, not a goalie, filled in in net. Still, the Edge capitalized on their chances throughout the night

The Edge controlled the puck for much of the game, totaling 37 shots to the Golden Beavers' 10.

Taylor Heleniak, coming off her five goal performance vs. Northland Pines, didn't waste any time scor-

ing Saturday night. She scored 52 seconds into the game, the assist to Wyndi Saari.

Maddi Roeser scored a goal for the second straight game. She shot the puck right between the legs of Damon. Taylor Heleniak had the assist.

Ella Koca fired a shot right into the net, the assist to Emalee Detienne. The Edge held a 3-0 lead.

The Edge switched up their power play a little bit. It worked throughout the night with two power play

goals. Maria Gironella had the first one, taking a shot that defected off a Beaver Dam defender and into the net. Kassidee Linssen picked up the assist.

"Power play was good. We changed personnel around again. We're still kind of tweaking a few. We did manage two power play goals again today. That was again helpful,' coach Heleniak said. "So that's something that makes a difference in a

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Thunderbirds pick up several PRs at sectional meet

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The Lakeland boys' swim team brought just three swimmers to the sectional meet on Saturday. There were a number of PRs among the swimmers.

The Thunderbirds finished 11th out of 11 teams with 27 points at the WIAA Division 2 sectional meet in Ashwaubenon. Rhinelander won with

419 points. Dave Meier, Brady Koehler and Kasper

Erickson swam for the

Thunderbirds.

"I think I can say my kids ... enjoyed themselves and swam their absolute hardest," coach Jack Mc-Cormick said.

There are four sectionals in the state for Division 2. The winner in each event is the automatic qualifier, and then the next 12 fastest times amongst all sectionals make the top

Dave Meier had Lakeland's top finish of the night. He finished sixth overall with a time of 24.09 in the

50 freestyle, a new PR. He beat his seed time of 24.32.

"He wasn't feeling the best at the time, and he still came out and put up (some good times) and gave his best," McCormick said.

Brady Koehler also had a PR in the 50 freestyle. He swam a time of 29.04 for 24th place, beating his seed time of 29.5.

Koehler set a PR once again in the 100 freestyle. He finished with a time of 1:06.62, good for 14th. He beat his seed time by over



Dave Meier takes a breath in the 100 breaststroke at a WIAA Division 2 sectional meet Saturday, Feb. 11 at Ashwaubenon High School. Meier beat his seed time by over a second with a 1:12.26.

JEREMY MAYO/RIVER NEWS

Brady Koehler swims in the 100 freestyle at a WIAA Division 2 sectional meet Saturday, Feb. 11 at Ashwaubenon High School. Koehler set a new PR with a time of 1:06.62.

two seconds.

"(The) 100 free was pretty good. (The) 50 free he got a best time," McCormick said. "I think he had a good day.'

Kasper Erickson had his first event in the 100 freestyle. He finished 19th with a time of 1:10.91.

Meier finished eighth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.26. He beat his seed time by over a second.

Erickson finished with a PR in the 100 breaststroke. He finished 18th with a time of 1:37.16, two seconds better than his seed time.

"I think he did a very good job. He did a good job keeping up with the people in his heat," McCormick said. "Both of his swims were good. He did a good job picking up people in his heat.

The Thunderbirds' season ends at the sectional meet. Mc-Cormick mentioned how much experience the Thunderbirds can take from this meet.

"It gives them a good idea of what to expect from other teams. When we go to duals and double duals and invitationals, it gives them kind of an idea of how ... to perform in tough assignments," McCormick said. "That's why I enjoy sectionals — it prepares them for next season."

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Lady Tigers soundly beat LCO

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The Mercer girls' basketball team looked for a few more wins before the upcoming seeding show for the WIAA girls' basketball tournament. The Tigers got one win in convincing fashion.

The Tigers beat LCO 44-19 on the road Thursday night. Then on Friday, the Tigers returned home, losing to Hurley 67-24.

LCO

LCO had an early 4-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game. The Tigers had been struggling to score coming into Thursday's game.

Hana Joustra knocked down a jumper, opening up the scoring for the Tigers. They ended the half on a 214 run.

"It looked like the last two games against Winter and Drummond. We shot the ball very, very poorly, couldn't get any offense going, just kind of standing around," coach Adam Miller said. "Our first shot was Hana hitting a sideline jumper and all of a sudden our team went back to normal. We got into a press, and we passed very, very well."

KD Knipp had a whopping 33 points, scoring 75 percent of the Tigers' points. She did so on 15 field goals, all inside the arc. She made three of her four free throws.

Knipp scored 17 points in the first half and 16 points in the second. She was able to turn steals into points throughout the night.

April Klopatek and Joustra assisted Knipp in her scoring throughout the night. They had a number of passes that led to buckets.

"Hana and April were really looking for KD to have the opportunity to have a high-scoring game, but they also had a lot of assists," Miller said.

Klopatek scored four points on two field goals. Joustra, Marta Company and Thais Bellec had two points each.

Mercer's defense paid off in a big way. They held LCO to just eight points at halftime, 11 points in the final 18 minutes of the game.

The Tigers focused on Savanah Larson. She had four points by half-time, six in the second half to finish the game with 10 points. She led LCO in scoring.

"She's a senior, a great ball player," Miller said. "I was really nervous about her, and KD covered her and basically denied her the ball, forced her left when she had the ball, and we got out on her 3s."

LCO did not make any 3-pointers, the first time coach Miller and the Tigers have held them to zero triples.

"First time I've ever

coached against LCO, and they've never had a 3," Miller said. "Usually multiple 3s, and they didn't really get their shot off on the 3 cause we were right in their face."

Company and Bellec thrived in their role as they continued to get more comfortable on the court.

"Marta did her thing. She's probably averaging five blocks a game since she's been in for Eiley (Schoeneman)," Miller said. "For Thais, the game's coming a little bit easier. The light bulb kind of turns on knowing that she's just go to do her role, rebound the basketball, swing the basketball when she's on offense - just be a great role player, and that's what she was as well."

Hurley

After scoring 44 points against LCO, the Tigers went back to struggling to score the

basketball. They had just eight first half points vs. Hurley in the first half — six points by Knipp and two by Company.

"Played uninspired tonight," Miller said. "Hopefully we can turn it around."

Melissa DiGiorgio led Hurley (14-4, 12-1 Indianhead) with 10 first half points. Courtney Corullo had eight points in the first half, knocking down two triples.

DiGiorgio led all scorers with 18 total points, followed by Corullo with 15 points. Sydney Saari had 12 points, the third player in double figures for Hurley.

Mercer picked up their offense a bit in the second half with 16 points. Hana Joustra had a 3-pointer and Amber Eith a basket too.

Knipp led the Tigers with 15 points on six field goals and three free throws. Company had four points on two field goals.

Seeding

The WIAA tournament seeding show for the playoffs took place on Sunday. The Tigers ended up with the eighth-seed, hosting ninth-seeded Shell Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

"We beat Butternut two of three times, Washburn and Mercer split, Butternut and Washburn split so it's muddy waters," Miller said on Friday. "We lost to Winter and Butternut beat Winter. Interesting to see basically who gets seven, eight, nine, 10-seed. It's between, in my eyes, four teams and any four teams can go anywhere."

Up next, the Tigers (8-13, 4-10) play at Mellen on Thursday, Feb. 16. The game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

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Hurley too tough for the Tigers

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Taking on one of the strongest teams in the league, the Mercer boys' basketball team fell in a lopsided contest.

Hurley (17-4, 14-1 Indianhead) beat the Tigers 90-48 Friday night in Mercer.

"The boys played well. Hurley is a tough team this year," coach Mike Guild said.

Hurley set the tone with a big first half. Eli Talsma (27.4

ppg) scored 18 first half points on eight field goals and two free throws to lead the way.

Hurley also had their 3-point jumpers falling. Dominic Croci had 11 points with three triples. As a team, Hurley had seven triples in the game.

The Tigers had just three scorers in the first half — Kyler Breunig, Josh Klopatek and Conrad LaBarge scored all 20 Mercer points in the first half.

"Every single guy on our roster has improved from the beginning of the year," Guild said. "I'm proud of them for fighting in every game and tonight was no exception."

The points were spread out evenly. Breunig and Klopatek had seven points each while LaBarge had six. Each player did so on three field goals.

A total of 11 players scored for Hurley. Talsma finished with 26 points on 12 field goals and two free throws. Croci had 17 points while Brett Van Epern had 10 points on five field goals.

Mercer continued to have balanced scoring in the second half with a few new scorers. Breunig finished with 14 points to lead the Tigers, followed by Klopatek with 13 and LaBarge with 12. The three of them combined for four triples as well.

"We moved the ball well, and took some open looks," Guild said. "There's still games left, and I can only expect every one of them is going to be a battle."

Laken Walker scored five points, all in the second half. He did so on a 3-pointer and two free throws.

Dylan Eith and Carson Mc-Peak scored a basket each.

Up next, the Tigers (3-18, 3-13) host non-conference Prentice tonight at Coach Leverson Court in Mercer. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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bigger than they are, they're physical," coach Fortier said.
"At times we matched it ... especially Ryan and Ashton they matched that. I don't know. We weren't able to do that with our whole team."

Rhinelander led 29-18 at the

After just three first half points, Lakeland's leading scorer Will Fortier (16 points) got going in the second half. He had 10 of Lakeland's first 13 points of the half.

The Hodags had the answer every time. James Heck had a bucket while Brown knocked down a 3-pointer. Gretzinger stayed hot with a triple coming off an offensive rebound. The Hodags had a big advantage in shots from beyond the arc.

"(Gretzinger and Brown) beat us. That, too, is hard to take, having their two best players dictate what would happen, especially Gretzinger," coach Fortier said. "I thought we did a much better job in the second half. The second half we won by seven (points) and so that helped — that adjustment happened at halftime instead of three-five minutes into the game."

The Hodags shot 9/19 on 3-

point field goals while the Thunderbirds shot just 2/18. Rhinelander led 43-33 with

7:45 left in the game.
Lakeland and Rhinelander continued to swap baskets for much of the second half. If the Thunderbirds had aspirations of winning Friday night, they

would have to make a run.
Carlson made two free
throws before connecting on
a floater. Carter Quade
scored two points on a second
chance basket.

Still, Lakeland only cut into their halftime deficit by two points. Rhinelander led 50-41 with four minutes to play.

The final four minutes of play became frenetic.

Both teams were in the bonus, both making free throws. Larsen and Anderson calmy made two free throws each.

Lakeland cut the lead to six points with three minutes to go.

Wiczek got the crowd fired up with a basket plus the foul. He completed the 3-point play by making his free throw. Then, Rhinelander turned the ball over on a charge. Ted Voigt Court got louder and louder.

"Great effort by our guys, (playing) hard, playing uphill the whole game and shot's not dropping," coach Fortier said. "With as many things (that) didn't go our way ...



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Carter Quade looks for a basket against the defense of Rhinelander's Will Gretzinger in the second half Friday, Feb. 10 at Ted Voigt Court in Minocqua.

shots weren't going in ... we're still sitting there a play away from taking the lead."

Larsen (12 points) grabbed an offensive rebound that led to a basket. All of a sudden it was a one-point game at 51-50 with 1:45 left in the game. The Thunderbirds were in the midst of a 21-11 run.

One of the biggest plays of the game came after Rhinelander's timeout. Carlson got a steal, went to the basket for a layup. Brown contested the shot on a bangbang play. Carlson missed the shot, and no foul was called.

Instead, Rhinelander's Jordan LeGere made two free throws in the double bonus. It turned into a four-point swing, with the advantage going to the Hodags. LeGere made 5/6 free throws on the

night, scoring all seven of his points in the second half.

Following a Lakeland timeout, Will Fortier shot a 3pointer down by three points. He missed, and Lakeland fouled again.

"Ryan's steal was huge, and we come down, we thought we'd take the lead and we don't and then they come down and go up 53-50," coach Fortier said. "We rushed into a 3-pointer, and rushed into one we didn't need there — all or nothing shot."

Gretzinger nailed both free throws.

The Thunderbirds didn't panic. They ran a play that resulted in a Will Fortier triple. Lakeland called a timeout down 55-53 with 6.5 seconds left.

Lakeland needed the Hodags to miss at the free throw line. Instead, Gretzinger made two clutch free throws to end the game.

"Give Will Gretzinger credit (to) make four straight free throws and he does," coach Fortier said. "He makes all four free throws at the end and things could've been different. He made every one of them. The best guy on the team (getting the) ball in his hands and dictating how the game ends."

Looking ahead

Now 4-6 in the GNC, the Thunderbirds will need to beat Northland Pines on the road and Mosinee at home to finish .500 in conference play.

"This loss stings a ton. This is as bad as it gets. Just as bad as it gets. Personally our boys are resilient. That's a win that's hard to swallow, a loss that's hard to swallow for me," coach Fortier said.
"Even with that, the silver lining is we got more games, and we still have a chance to do what we want to do. Now we have to beat Pines and Mosinee. Again, we're playing well coming into this game."

Up next, the Thunderbirds (10-9, 4-6) go back on the road to play non-conference Crandon tonight starting at 5:45 p.m.

Edge

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closer game is the power

After one period, the Edge led 4-0.

The puck found the back of the net four more times for the Edge in the second period. Taylor Heleniak fired one past Damon for a goal. Detienne had her second assist of the game.

A few minutes later, Taylor Heleniak took another

shot. Wyndi Saari cleaned it up with a rebound goal, her first goal of the night. Gironella also had the assist.

"We wanted to put pucks on net to work on net front presence. That's big moving forward on any goaltender that's going to give up rebounds. We did ... pull back a couple pucks and put in some rebound goals. It's the same concept regardless of what goalie you have," coach Heleniak said. "Obviously we did sneak a

couple in there that went in just two periods of play. from the blue line that probably would be saved on a typical goaltender, but it's still the same concept. Like I told the girls, we're not going to not take the shooting solution if it's there so it worked."

Saari and Taylor Heleniak tacked on a goal each before the period ended. Saari had two goals and one assist thus far. Taylor Heleniak had the hat trick with three goals to go along with two assists in

The Edge scored two more times in a quick third period. Taylor Heleniak split two defenders before scoring her fourth goal of the night, a power play goal. Saari and Roeser had the assists. Taylor Heleniak has now scored nine goals in the past two games.

Gironella gave the Edge their 10th goal of the night, this one unassisted.

Kristiina Kunelius saved all 10 shots she saw in the

evening, picking up her second win vs. Beaver Dam this season.

"We get a little more confidence, especially in our goaltending with Kristiina in net. She only faced 10 shots tonight, but was pretty solid," coach Heleniak said. "So that's where that momentum kind of builds from the back to the front. We keep some of those pucks out of our net that sometimes have gone

See Edge. . . page 17

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

PREP BOYS' BASKETBALL

GNC Standings				
as of Saturday, Feb. 11				
Team	GNC	0vr		
x-Medford	11-0	17-4		
Northland Pines	8-2	16-5		
Mosinee	7-3	15-5		
Lakeland	4-6	10-9		
Rhinelander	4-6	6-14		
Antigo	2-8	3-18		
Tomahawk	0-11	4-16		
x-Clinched GNC title				
Friday's Games				
Medford 59, Northland Pines 58				
Antigo 51, Tomahawk 41				
Rhinelander 57, Lakeland 53				
Saturday's Game				
Marathon 69, Rhinelander 55 (NC)				
Monday's Game	,	,		

Eau Clarie Memorial at Mosinee (NC), Tuesday's Games Lakeland at Crandon (NC), 5:45 p.m. D.C. Everest at Medford (NC), 7:15 p.m. Thursday's Games Bonduel at Tomahawk (NC), 7:15 p.m. Lakeland at Wausau East (NC), 7:15

Rhinelander at Lakeland Friday, Feb. 10 Rhinelander 29 28 — 57

Lakeland 18 35 — 53 RHINEL ANDER (**) Earkeland 16 33 — 53 RHINELANDER (57): LeGere 1-2 6-8 8, Winter 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 5-9 0-0 13, Gretzinger 8-16 7-9 28, Heck 1-1 0-0 3, Quinn 1-2 0-2 3, Mork 0-2 0-0 0, Noftz 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 17-35 14-21

57. **LAKELAND (53):** Wiczek 6-10 1-3 13, Quade 1-5 0-0 2, Carlson 1-5 2-2 4, Fortier 6-20 3-6 16, Anderson 1-1 2-2 4, Larsen 3-7 5-6 12, Ariola 1-1 0-0 2, Gahler 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-51 13-

3-Point Goals: Rhinelander 9-19 (Gretzinger 5-10, Brown 3-6, Quinn 1-1, LeGere 0-1, Nofftz 0-1), Lakeland 2-18 (Larsen 1-2, Fortier 1-10, Gahler 0-1, Carlson 0-2, Quade 0-3). Fouled Out: Heck, Anderson. Rebounds: Rhinelander 20 (Gretzinger 5), Lakeland 31 (Fortier 9). **Assists:** Rhinelander 14 (Winter 4), Lakeland 14 (Anderson 4). **Total Fouls:** Rhinelander 19, Lakeland 21.

PREP GIRLS' BASKETBALL

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Feb. 11 Team 11-0 16-6 9-2 12-9 7-4 10-11 6-5 9-12 4-7 5-15 x-Lakeland Mosinee Antigo Rhinelander

Medford Northland Pines Tomahawk x-Clinched GNC title Thursday, Feb. 9 Edgar 69, Medford 27 (NC) Friday's Games
Lakeland 74, Rhinelander 27
Medford 46, Northland Pines 41
Antigo 64, Tomahawk 31
Monday's Games Seymour at Antigo (NC), late

Mosinee at Freedom (NC) late Tuesday's Games Medford at Chippewa Falls (NC), 5:45

p.m. Stevens Point at Rhinelander (NC), 7:15 p.m. Rib Lake at Tomahawk (NC), 7:15 p.m Thursday's Games

Lakeland at Wausau East (NC), 5:45 p.m. Tomahawk at Bowler (NC), 6 p.m. Medford at Crandon (NC), 7:15 p.m.

Rhinelander at Lakeland

Rhinelander 17 10 — 27 Lakeland 39 35 — 74 **RHINELANDER (27)**: Van Zile 0-1 0-1 0, Jamison 0-4 0-0 0, Treder 5-9 0-0 12, Lamers 2-17 6-8 10, Riopel 2-4 1-2 5, Barkus 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 9-32

LAKELAND (74): J.Ouimette 6-11 6-7 18, Quade 2-4 2-4 6, Fortier 0-1 0-0 0, S.Timmerman 9-18 0-0 18, 0, 5. Illillielliain 9-16 0-0 16, K. Ouimette 7-19 0-0 16, Evenhouse 6-12 0-0 12, A. Timmerman 0-2 2-2 2, Lee 0-0 1-2 1, Erickson 0-0 1-2 1, Barton 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-68 12-17

3-Point Goals: Rhinelander 2-11 (Treder 2-4, Lamers 0-3, Jamison 0-4), Lakeland 2-15 (K.Ouimette 2-8, A.Timmerman 0-1, Quade 0-1, S.Timmerman 0-1, J.Ouimette 0-2, Evenhouse 0-2). **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** Rhinelander 16 (Treder 5), Lakeland 48 (Evenhouse 11). **Assists:** Rhinelander 6 (Van Zile 2, Lamers 2), Lakeland 11 (J.Ouimette 5). **Total Fouls:** Rhinelander 15, Lakeland 15.

BOWLING

Friday Nite Flunkies

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Friday, Jan. 27	
Men Scratch Game	000
Cliff Krentz	269
Scott Ward	248
Frank Sterzinger Men Scratch Series	213
Eric Hadley	713
Troy Dorner	713
Davie Prieenitz	573
Men Handicap Game	3/3
Jim Ellis	253
Dan Cardinal	247
Ken Gabe	240
Men Handicap Series	2.0
Jeffrey Willoughby	684
Jim Olsen	673
Charlie Quimette	639
Women Scratch Game	000
Bobbi Dorner	233
Heather Viergutz	180
Tammi Viegut	176
Women Scratch Series	
Tammie Buhs	524
Julie Sterzinger	494
Kristen Augitto	454
Women Handicap Game	
Mary Jo Whitlock	239
Linda Deyoung-Olse	237
Tinka Simpson	237
Women Handicap Series	
Katie Willoughby	666
Laurie Erdman	650
Olivia Chapman	640
Standings as of Jan. 27	
Team	W-L
Doolittle King Pins	61-16
Ouimette Painting	50-27
Big Bear Hideaway	48-29

Thursday Men's Major Bowling League Thursday, Feb. 9

41-36 39-38 37-40

31-46

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High Game

Scott Ward

Larry Schaefe

Vannatta Plumbing

High Series	
Larry Schaefer	769
Scott Ward	746
Eric Hadley	707
Team High Game	701
Little Brown Jug	1146
Quality Heating	1142
Misfits	1054
Team High Series	1004
Quality Heating	3216
Little Brown Jug	3094
Misfits	2904
Standings as of Feb. 9	
Team	W-L
Team Dave & Dean's Tire	W-L 28-14
Team Dave & Dean's Tire Little Brown Jug	W-L 28-14 28-14
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WOODRUFF LANES

Woodruff Country Girls Wednesday, Feb. 8

High Game

Barb Koester	200
Robin Vanderschaegen	185
Sonya Deja	185
High Series	
Robin Vanderschaegen	518
Dawnzy Kuhlmann	515
Sonya Deja	480
Team High Game	
Furry Kids Grooming	645
Team High Series	
Robins Team	1787
Standings as of Feb. 8	
Team	W-L
Total Image	29-13
Robins Team	00 44
	28-14
Lakeland Monument	28-14 28-14
Lakeland Monument	28-14

GYMNASTICS

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PREP GYMNASTICS

GNC Small Division Standings

as of Saturday, Feb. 11				
Team	Pts.	GNC		
Ashland	8	4-0		
Antigo	4	2-1		
Mosinee	4	2-2		
Lakeland	2	1-3		
Rhinelander	0	0-3		
Saturday's Meet				
Ashland 3rd, Antigo 5th, F	Rhinelan	der		
9th/9 Achland Invito (NC				

Saturday, Feb. 18 GNC Meet at Marshfield, 10 a.m.

HOCKEY PREP BOYS' HOCKEY

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Feb. 11 **Great Northern Overall**

W-L-T 15-6-0 16-4-0 17-5-0 17-5-0 10-14-0 **Reg Trny**18 21
18 18
15 15 x-Mosinee Lakeland Rhinelander 15 7 5 Tomahawk Antigo N'land Pines 6 6-16-1 3 5-17-0 0 7-15-0 x-Clinched GNC title Thursday, Feb. 9 Rhinelander 8, East/Merrill 0 (NC)

Pacelli 11, Antigo 7 (NC) Tomahawk 13, Burnett 1 (NC) Saturday's Games GNC Tourney Final Round, at Medford 7th-Place game: Waupaca 6, Medford 5 5th-Place game: Tomahawk 6, North-

3rd-Place game: Rhinelander 4, Antigo Championship game: Mosinee 6, Lake land 3

Thursday's Games
WIAA Division 2 Regional Finals
Pacelli at Lakeland, 7 p.m. Northland Pines at Tomahawk, 7 p.m. Waupaca at Mosinee, 7 p.m. Antigo at Rhinelander, 7 p.m. Medford at Rice Lake, 7 p.m

Mosinee vs. Lakeland GNC Tournament Final Simek Recreation Center, Medford Saturday, Feb. 11

Mosinee 0 1 2 — 3 Lakeland 0 1 5 — 6 First Period: No scoring Second Period: 1, Mos, Jaegar Dhein (Daniel DeCaluwe, Tyler Baars), 3:27. 1, Lak, Aaron Wanta (Jack Rubo, Brayden Warchol), 4:54.

Third Period: 2, Mos, Caden Schmirler

(Cooper Zastrow), 0:13. 3, Mos, Gavin Obremski (unassisted), 1:28. 2, Lak, Aden Thiessen (Rubo), 6:59. 4, Mos, Obremski (Zastrow, Grant Kuklinski), 9:07 (pp). 3, Lak, Kort Meyer (Wanta), 10:35 (pp). 5, Mos, Kuklinski (Zas-trow), 12:10. 6, Mos, Schmirler (unas-cited), 16:01.

Shots: Mosinee 13-16-22 51, Lakeland 3-7-10 20. Goalies: Mosinee, Aiden Karst 20 shots-17 saves. Lakeland, Max Masayesva 51-45. **Penalties:** Mosinee 8-16, Lakeland 6-12. **Power** Plays: Mosinee 1-5, Lakeland 1-7.

PREP GIRLS' HOCKEY

Beaver Dam at Northern Edge Beaver Dam at Northern Edge Saturday, Feb. 11 Beaver Dam 0 0 0 — 0 Northern Edge 4 4 2 — 10 First Period: 1, Edge, Taylor Heleniak (Wyndi Saari), 0:52. 2, Edge, Maddi Roeser (Heleniak), 10:01. 3, Edge, Ella Koca (Emalee Detienne), 12:59. 4, Edge, Maria Girnnella (Kassidee Edge. Maria Gironella (Kassidee

Edge, Maria Gitonena (Nassidee Linssen), 14:43 (pp). Second Period: 5, Edge, Heleniak (De-tienne), 4:50. 6, Edge, Saari (Heleniak, Detienne), 7:03. 7, Edge, Saari (unas-sisted), 11:50. 8, Edge, Heleniak

(Gironella), 13:00. Third Period: 9, Edge, Heleniak (Saari, Roeser), 4:30 (pp). 10, Edge, Gironella (unassisted), 5:56.

Shots: Beaver Dam 5-2-3 10, Edge 14-14-9 37. **Goalies:** Beaver Dam, Addy Damon 37 shots-27 saves. Edge, Kris-tiina Kunelius 10-10. **Penalties:** Beaver Dam 3-6, Edge 2-4. **Power Plays:** Beaver Dam 0-2, Edge 2-3.

SWIMMING

PREP BOYS' SWIMMING

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Feb. 11
Pts. Duals x-Rhinelander 22 5-0 422 177 4-1 3-2 2-2 Tomahawk 18 10 Medford 135 1-4 0-5 x-Clinched GNC Title Saturday's Meet
WIAA Division 2 Sectionals Rhinelander 1st, Tomahawk 5th, Med-

ford 7th, Antigo 8th, Shawano 9th, Lakeland 11th/11, at Ashwaubenon Friday, Feb. 17 WIAA Division 2 State Rhinelander, Tomahawk at Waukesha.

WIAA Division 2 Sectionals Ashwaubenon High School Saturday, Feb. 11 Team Scores: 1, Rhinelander, 419

points. 2, Ashwaubenon, 341. 3, Menomonie, 218. 4, Rice Lake, 217 5, Tomahawk, 182. 6, Wausau East, 164. 7, Medford, 131. 8, Antigo, 115. 9, Shawano, 104. 10, Notre Dame, 37. 11. Lakeland, 27. (State standard in parentheses)
Diving (229.50): 1, Dylan Norby, Meno,

460.45. 2, Carson Donze, RL, 325.10. 3, Jacob Jondreau, RL, 296.80. 200 Medley Relay (1:47.66): 1, Rhinelander, 1:38.69. 2, Ash-waubenon, 1:44.87. 3, Tomahawk,

200 Freestyle (1:54.03): 1, Andrew Hodek, Ashw, 1:48.91. 2, Nick Welso, ND, 1:50.32. 3, Mathias Fugle, Rhi,

200 Individual Medley (2:07.38): 1, Daniel Gillingham, Rhi, 2:00.18. 2, Zach Hanse, Tom, 2:00.83. 3, Jack

Zach Hanse, Tom, 2:00.83. 3, Jack Antonuk, Rhi, 2:03.26.
50 Freestyle (22.77): 1, Carter Gaber, Rhi, 22.34. 2, Charlie Heck, Rhi, 22.51. 3, Adam Anderegg, RL, 22.54... 6, Dave Meier, Lak, 24.09. 24, Brady Koehler, Lak, 29.04.
100 Butterfly (57.56): 1, Gillingham, Rhi, 53.71. 2, Trevor Dietzler, Ashw, 57.49. 3, Gavin Hall, Meno, 57.56.
100 Freestyle (50.91): 1, Fugle, Rhi, 49.76. 2, Ryan Jadin, Ashw, 50:10. 3, Heck, Rhi, 50.13... 14, Koehler, Lak, 1:06.62. 19, Kasper Erickson, Lak, 1:10.91.

500 Freestyle (5:15.13): 1, Andrew Hodek, Ashw, 4:46.76. 2, Weslo, ND, 5:00.50. 3, Brady Wallace, Ashw,

200 Freestyle Relay (1:36.74): 1, Rhinelander, 1:28.27. 2, Ash-waubenon, 1:35.24. 3, Menomonie,

100 Backstroke (58.27): 1, Zacha King, Rhi, 52.63. 2, Gaber, Rhi, 56.26. 3, Alexander Smiths, Ashw, 57.39. Alexander Smiths, Ashw, 57.39.
 Breaststroke (1:04.18): 1, Hanse, Tom, 1:00.48. 2, Anthony Hendrickson, Ashw, 1:00.65. 3, Shawn Denis, Rhi, 1:01.26... 8, Meier, Lak, 1:12.26.
 Erickson, Lak, 1:37.16.
 Freestyle Relay (3:31.95): 1, Rhinelander, 3:22.05. 2, Ashwaubenon, 3:25.80. 3, Rice Lake, 3:37.55.

WRESTLING

PREP WRESTLING

GNC Standings as of Saturday, Feb. 11 Team Pts. Duals 5-0 4-1 486 344 x-Medford 22 18 14 10 6 Lakeland 3-2 2-3 1-4 Tomahawk 258 Antigo Rhinelander 0-5

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X-Clinched GNC title
Saturday's Meets
WIAA Division 1 Regionals
Lakeland 6th, Rhinelander 8th/8, at

Merrill
WIAA Division 2 Regionals
Medford 2nd, Tomahawk 9th, Antigo
10th/13 at Osceola
Mosinee 9th/13 at Oconto Falls
Saturday, Feb. 18
WIAA Division 1 Sectionals
Lakeland, Rhinelander at Shawano, 10

WIAA Division 2 Sectionals Antigo, Medford, Tomahawk at Amery, Mosinee at Wrightstown, 10 a.m.

WIAA Division 1 Regionals

Merrill High School
Saturday, Feb. 11
Team Scores: 1, Wisconsin Rapids,
210.5 points. 2, D.C. Everest, 204.0.
3, Wausau West, 193. 4, Merrill, 156.
5, Stevens Point, 147.5. 6, Lakeland, 100. 7, Wausau East, 57. 8, Rhinelander, 55.

106: 1, Thai Yang, WW. 2, Gavin Jacob, WR. 3, Jake Roberts, SP. 4, Logan Grav-Ives. Lak.

113: 1, Landyn Freeman, WR. 2, Henry Ruffi, WW. 3, Taylor Dillion, DCE. 4,

120: 1, Warren Soik, SP. 2, Jacob Bender, WR. 3, John Hart, Mer. 4, Tyler Modjewski, DCE.

126: 1, Easton Cooper, DCE. 2, Carter Freeman, WR. 3, Ashton Bremer, Lak. 4, Brett Suchocki, Mer. 132: 1, Maddox Rye, WE. 2, Deakin Trotzer, DCE. 3, Aiden Armagost, WR. 4, Brady Norton, Mer.

138: 1, Blake Heal, DCE. 2, Jake Hall, SP. 3, Lucas Bean, WR. 4, Callum Wheeler, Mer.

145: 1, Gabriel Galang, WW. 2, Cameron Saari, DCE. 3, Riley Seavers, SP. 4, Mason Tristz, WR ... 5, Jerome

LaBarge, Lak. **152:** 1, T.J. Schierl, SP. 2, Blake Bangston, DCE. 3, Cole Black, WR. 4, Timothy Gospodarek, WW ... 6, Tyson Skubal Lak

160: 1, Kale Roth, SP. 2, Bennett Wiedman, WR. 3, Zane Grams, Lak. 4,

Henry Galang, WW. 170: 1, Connor Calmes, WW. 2, Kailar Tritz, WR. 3, Tanner Rickman, DCE. 4, Brian Ball, Mer ... 6, Tommy Howard,

Lak. **182:** 1, Daytona Pagel, DCE. 2, Evan Raboin, WW. 3, Austin Depies, Mer. 4,

Mark Jeske, WR.

195: 1, Ryder Depies, Mer. 2, Kyle
Schmidt, DCE. 3, Leonard Chosa, Lak.
4, William Ford, WW.

220: 1, Cayden Kershaw, WW. 2, Landon Saglin, Lak. 3, Noah Klug, Mer. 4, John Woznicki, SP.

285: 1, Owen Kurtz, Rhi. 2, Tanner Gormanson, WR. 3, Oscar Latendresse, DCE. 4, William McCorison, WW ... 6, Esaube Brown, Lak.

Want to see more photos?

To see photos from games, check out the Lakeland Times SmugMug page at https://the-lakeland-times.smugmug.com.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 14 Lakeland boys' basketball at Crandon -5:45 p.m.

Mercer boys' basketball vs. Prentice -7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

<u>Thursday, February 16</u> Lakeland girls' basketball at Wausau East - 5:45 p.m. Mercer girls' basketball at Mellen - 6

Northern Edge girls' hockey at Wisconsin Valley Union (Regional Final) - 7 p.m. Lakeland boys' hockey vs. Pacelli (Regional Final) - 7 p.m. Lakeland boys' basketball at Wausau

East - 7:15 p.m.

Friday, February 17 Mercer girls' basketball vs. Drummond - 5:45 p.m. Mercer boys' basketball at LCO - 6 p.m. Lakeland girls' basketball vs. Northland Pines - 7:15 p.m. Lakeland boys' basketball at Northland Pines - 7:15 p.m.

<u>Saturday, February 18</u> Lakeland Nordic ski at Minneapolis (JNQ) - TBD Lakeland gymnastics at Marshfield (GNC Meet) - 10 a.m. Lakeland wrestling at Shawano (Sectionals) - 10 a.m.

Sunday, February 19 Lakeland Nordic ski at Minneapolis (JNQ) - TBD

> Monday, February 20 -Off-

2023 youth softball registration with Lakeland Youth Softball

Welcome and thank you for your interest in Lakeland Youth Softball. LYS is open to ages 7-14 (as of January 1). We are planning on four regional teams and two travel teams (14U and 12U travel). Regional team participation is open to all (no tryouts); we participate in the Northwoods League against teams like Rhinelander, Three

Lakes, Wabeno, Crandon and Laona. Regional teams may/not participate in a tournament based on family interest and availability. Practices begin in April or May (dependent on weather/age group) with games to begin May or June.

We are an all-volunteer program run by board members, coaches and parents. We appreciate your help and look forward to creating a family of supporters that will keep LYS strong.

Quick Info

* Registration deadline March 3

*Go to http://www.lakelandyouthsoftball.com to register

* Jerseys provided for regional teams



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Wrestlers

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clutch, beating Merrill's Dustin Schmirler with a 7-4 decision.

"Phenomenal first match, kept himself in good position, had a couple of nice takedowns in the match and really proud of the growth that (Logan's) had," coach Bremer said. "For a first year wrestler to qualify for sectionals is a huge accomplishment."

Justin Funmaker (113) was in a similar position as Gray-Ives. As the four-seed, Funmaker won a big quarterfinal match over Ryan Jaegar of Wausau East by a 4-2 sudden victory win.

"(Justin) had a good showing in the first match he had. He punched his ticket in that first match and coming out on top of that one,"

coach Bremer said.

Jerome LaBarge (145) finished fifth in the tournament. He opened with a 16-0 technical fall win over Jacob Anderson of Wausau East.

Tommy Howard (170) finished in sixth place. He won a consolation semifinal match over Nathan Bernstein of Stevens Point with a fall in 5:46.

Tyson Skubal (152) and Esaube Brown (285) also wrestled in Merrill.

"Win or go home"

Up next, the Thunderbirds move onto a WIAA Division 1 sectional meet Saturday, Feb. 18 at Shawano. Lakeland will work on situational wrestling as well as mentally prepare for the meet.

"(It's) win or go home at this time of the year. We're working on those high pressure situations. We don't have to panic, know exactly



BOB MAINHARDT/FOR THE RIVER NEWS

Jerome LaBarge looks to take down Wausau East's Jacob Anderson during a WIAA Division 1 regional meet Saturday, Feb. 11 at Merrill High School. LaBarge beat Anderson by a technical fall.

what's happening. Guys know the situation, not explain it to them on the fly," coach Bremer said. "A lot of mental preparation too. What does the tournament look like, and then physically trying to keep our weight in control which they did a great job this week."

The Lakeland girls — Olivia Brown, Micah Wright, Moriah Louis, Kady Lohoff — will also be wrestling in Shawano in the girls' tournament.

"It's based on how they finished in girls' only matches," coach Bremer said. "Only the winner moves onto the state tournament. We're going to go mix it up and see what can happen."

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found Saylor Timmerman in the paint with a slick pass for the score.

The Thunderbirds were in control, up to a 54-20 lead with 12 more minutes to go.

Evenhouse (12 points) continued to crash the offensive glass with more rebounds. It paid off as she scored four points, the second coming on a jumper. She led the Thunderbirds with 11 rebounds, finishing with a double-double.

"If we shot the ball and missed it, someone was there to grab the rebound and put it back in," coach Ouimette said. Defense led to offense as the Thunderbirds spread the ball around. Ali Timmerman had a steal that led to a Julianna Ouimette pass up to Evenhouse for two points.

Three different Thunderbirds got in the scoring column late in the game. Ali Timmerman made two free throws. Bobbi Lee and Alyssa Erickson had one free throw each. Eight different players scored for the Thunderbirds.

As a team, the Thunderbirds outrebounded the Hodags 48 to 16.

Seeding

The WIAA announced the seeding for the upcoming girls' basketball tournament on

Sunday. The Thunderbirds ended up with the two-seed while New London got the oneseed.

"We'll wait and see, but I do feel like to get to state we have to beat a team like New London," coach Ouimette said on Saturday. "If (we're) clicking and we're getting rebounds and attacking and pressing and getting to the rim and hitting our outside shots and hitting people outside the paint, we're a pretty tough team to beat. I like the way things look now."

Week ahead

Up next, the Thunderbirds (16-6, 11-0) play their final non-conference game of the season on Thursday, Feb. 16. They'll travel to play at Wausau East as part of a doubleheader with the boys again. The girls tip off at 5:45 p.m.

Then, Lakeland wraps up the regular season with their final GNC game at home vs. Northland Pines on Friday, Feb. 17. It'll also be Senior Night with tip-off at 7:15 p.m. at Ted Voigt Court in Minocqua.

"Our goal is to not only win conference, but to kind of go through it undefeated. We want to keep this going and take it all the way into playoffs and see how far we can get," coach Ouimette said. "The team is fired up to win conference, and that's what we did.



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Sarah Barton goes for the loose ball against Rhinelander's Morgan Van Zile in the second half Friday, Feb. 10 at Ted Voigt Court in Minocqua. The Thunderbirds won the conference championship for the first time since 2018.

We didn't do a lot of celebrating — we'll wait till Friday."

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in, and now we gain more momentum, more confidence moving forward."

Playoff opener

Up next, the Edge (7-12) play at four-seeded Wisconsin Valley Union in a regional final game Thursday, Feb. 16 at Marshfield Area Ice Arena. The puck drops at 7 p.m.

"Thursday it's going to be a coin flip. We didn't show up on our first period when we played them in Antigo, and it showed," coach Heleniak said. "If we manage like we did against (Central Wisconsin) Storm when we only lost that first period 2-0 to Storm which is a little bit more of a powerhouse than Valley Union. So I think if we can manage and keep it to a 1-0, a 0-0 period that has more favor for us."

Earlier this season, Wisconsin Valley Union beat the Edge 7-3 on Dec. 12.

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Ella Koca shoots and scores a goal in the first period against Beaver Dam Saturday, Feb. 11 at Lakeland Ice Arena in Minocqua. It was the second straight game the Edge scored 10 goals.

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The Trinity Lutheran Tigers 'A' team took on the Northern Lights 'A' team at the 19th annual Northwoods Classic Basketball Tournament Saturday, Feb. 4 at Trinity Lutheran School in Minocqua. The Tigers finished second in the tournament while the Northern Lights took fourth. Trinity beat Northern Lights 32-26 in their opening game. PHOTOS BY **BRETT LABORE**/LAKELAND TIMES



Trinity's Aiyana Gray-Ives makes a pass in the second half.



Northern Light's Jayce Wergin celebrates her basket with Ezra Crisco (12) in the first half.



Ezra Crisco makes a basket in the second half.

Jackson Burnett rises for a shot in the second half.



Trinity's Brody Wieting makes a floater in the first half.

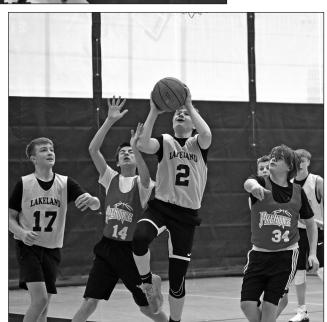
The Lakeland eighth grade basketball team went undefeated at a tournament Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Lakeland Union High School fieldhouse in Minocqua. They beat Prentice 51-40 in their opening game. Lakeland then beat Three Lakes and Wittenberg-Birnamwood. PHOTOS BY **BRETT LABORE**/LAKELAND TIMES



Henry Stepec gets fouled as he takes a shot in the paint dur-ing the first half.



Rowan Wiczek dribbles with the ball in the first half.







Osawa Durant possesses the ball in the second half.