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Lady Eagles show improvement as Mosinee continues hot streak

By CHRIS OATMAN
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The Northland Pines volleyball team welcomed Great Northern Conference (GNC) powerhouse and five-time defending league champions Mosinee to Eagle River last week to open the 2022 conference season.

With history working hard for Mosinee, whose last loss in conference play was back in 2017, Pines fell in four sets — 25-21, 25-16, 13-25 and 25-19.

Coach Julie Smith though was pleased with her team following the match, saying she saw a lot of positives and improvements from Tuesday to Thursday.

“I’m pleased with how they played,” said Smith of her team. “They played tough. They had energy and they hustled.”

Pines fell behind early in game one then rallied to get back before Mosinee held on to win 25-21. With the momentum on their side, Mosinee cruised to a 25-16 win in game two. Not about to get swept, the Eagles took control near the midway point of game three and rolled to a 25-13 victory.

“We made some serving and hitting errors in those first two games, but they fought back,” said Smith.

Mosinee started strong in game four, though Pines made them earn the win with some inspired play late, falling short 25-19 to drop the match three games to one.

Smith afterward said she felt encouraged about what’s to come the rest of the season.

“It’s exciting because this is just the beginning. I’m excited about this lineup,” she said. “I feel if we play like this against the other conference teams we’ll fare pretty well.”

Two days prior the team had opened the home portion of



Northland Pines hitter Paris Croker rises up for a serve during the fourth set of the team’s match with Mosinee last Thursday night in Eagle River. —Photo By Chris Oatman

their new season with a four-team invite alongside Florence, Ladysmith and Phillips.

Phillips is a team that returned a strong core of players from a State-ranked squad a year ago. They have started the season with a 5-1 record and are back in the coaches association poll once again this year. The Lady Loggers won the Pines quad going 3-0 on the day.

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Pines tops Mosinee in shootout to start GNC play out on right foot

By MICHAEL ANDERSON
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Following a streak of non-conference losses to start the season the Northland Pines boys soccer team prevailed in penalty kicks last week, defeating rival Mosinee to start Great Northern Conference play.

The game started out fast with both teams scoring in the first 15 minutes. Pines notched one first when at the 14-minute mark Ryan Muench stripped the ball from a Mosinee attacker and took the ball the length of the field to put it in the back of the Mosinee net.

Mosinee answered with a goal of their own seconds later which completed the scoring for the rest of the game, ending regular time at a 1-1 tie, resulting in a shoot-out to determine the winner.

“We held off a late rally with a number of solid cleared balls by our defense and a huge save by Sam Warner,” said Pines coach Rodney Sternhagen.

Warner stopped the first shot in the extra session, stonewalling the first Mosinee striker to give Pines an advantage.

The Eagles would go on to get conversions from Cody Vojta, Ryan Muench, A.J.



Cody Vojta takes a deep shot on the net early in the second half of the game against Rhinelander last week. Pines will host Antigo Sept. 8 at home. —Photo By Michael Anderson

Muench, Zach Ritter and finally Cameron Birchbauer to win the shootout 5-4 and secure their first league win of the season.

The Eagles continued conference play Thursday night with a road game against Rhinelander. Pines played a hard game but came out on the wrong side with a 2-5 loss.

The Muench brothers each scored in the contest as A.J. Muench scored in the

first half connecting in front of the net. Older brother, Ryan, scored in the second half on a penalty kick resulting from a handball in the box.

The game was tied going into the final six minutes, but Rhinelander scored on their own penalty kick late in the game which seemed to take the wind out of the Pines players.

“We will get better and hopefully the boys will swal-

low this and use it to motivate and improve,” said Sternhagen.

Medford was able to defeat Rhinelander on penalty kicks to open their league season and rests atop the standings with a 1-0-1-0 recording five points. Rhinelander (4) sits behind them followed by Mosinee (4), Lakeland (3), Pines (2) and Antigo (0).

Pines’ next contest will be To SOCCER, Pg. 10A

Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



Packers continue teasing fans who are on the edge

The Green Bay Packers – and specifically head coach Matt LaFleur – are soon to lose favor with some of us football purists who are tired of going 13-3 and losing in the first or second round of the postseason.

Maybe the thought doesn’t offend LaFleur as he enters his fourth season at the helm of the Packers. Mostly because he’s still regarded as one of the NFL’s brightest young offensive-minded coaches, with a four-time NFL MVP and future Pro Football Hall of Famer in Aaron Rodgers controlling the joystick.

With the focus in the draft and offseason squarely on getting a young receiver and bolstering the defensive side of the football, the Packers appear, on paper anyway, as a team that might be more of a grind-it-out, defensive-oriented, run-the-ball outfit this season.

When suggested with that assertion at a recent media gathering, LaFleur merely smiled.

“It’s all about winning games. I don’t care if we score 10 points or 40 points. It’s about getting that W — bottom line,” LaFleur replied. “We’re going to play to whatever strength we have.”

Green Bay is definitely suited to run the ball 40 times in a game, though certainly I don’t think they necessarily have to do that, especially when you have a quarterback of the caliber of Rodgers, who late in his career is still undoubtedly one of the top passers in the league.

At this stage of Rodgers career he’s going to do whatever it takes to get another ring, even if that means taking three steps and planting the ball in the midsection of running backs Aaron Jones and A.J. Dillon. The two-headed monster that is the Packers running game has turned heads across the league as a true one-two tandem that will likely split time until one person either loses favor or another stands out.

Defensively the talk has been all about the play of Jaire Alexander in the backfield and a linebacking core that has challenged one another weekly for a spot in the starting four. Both De’Vondre Campbell and Rasul Douglas return after outstanding seasons last year. And it’s weird to not even mention Kenny Clark, who in the last three seasons has set himself apart in terms of some of the best run-stopping defensive linemen in the game.

Preston Smith and 2019 first-round pick Rashan Gary are each able to post All-Pro numbers if called upon. Smith especially set himself apart as an edge rusher two years ago. Though a big reason was that he was opposite Za’darius Smith, who this year will be chasing the quarterback as part of the Minnesota defense after signing a large free-agent contract in the offseason following back surgery a year ago.

Overall I see Green Bay winning the NFC North again, though Minnesota is literally loaded from top to bottom once more and should be there at the end of the season.

In all, Green Bay seems built to turn the corner this year, and if they don’t I think a lot of faithful will lose patience quickly not just with Aaron Rodgers, but more specifically LaFleur and his style that will be proven to not win when it matters most.

Kingsford’s physical play helps drop Jays

By DOUG ETTEN
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The Three Lakes-Phelps boys soccer team met a physical and well-versed Kingsford team on the road last week, dropping a difficult nonconference test to the Flivvers by a score of 5-2.

“They’re a strong and athletic team, and they used their size and physicality to their advantage,” said coach Brad Volkman. “I thought we played very well, utilizing our speed to our advantage.”

That speed was on display early as the Three Lakes-Phelps team opened the game with the first goal on a through ball from Toby Volkman to Chase Melton.

“Chase was able to beat his defender and put a great shot in the back of the net,” said Volkman. “We had the majority of the possession in the first half, but Kingsford was able to counter-attack twice to make the score 2-1 at halftime.”

After getting ahead before the break, Kingsford came out with the momentum and scored early twice in the second half to go up 4-1.

After Melton was fouled hard in the penalty box, Volkman was able to put the penalty away to make it 4-2. From there though it was Kingsford who again used their size and physical play to keep the Bluejays down as they would score one more to win going away, 5-2.

“At this point in the game, Kingsford’s physicality wore us down a bit and they were able to tuck one more before the final whistle,” said Volkman. “We knew that Kingsford was going to be a tough matchup as they have a perennially strong program and they didn’t disappoint. We are looking forward to the turnaround game at our place later in the season.”

Late last week in a game played after deadline for this paper, the Bluejays were at home against Northland Lutheran. They’ll hit the road again this week, playing at Ironwood, Mich., Sept. 6 and then traveling north once more to face rival Bayfield-Washburn, Sept. 9.

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Bluejays looking for first home win of season

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Following a tough one-sided loss in the home opener against Newman Catholic, the Three Lakes-Phelps high school football squad is looking for a strong rebound game against Port Edwards this Saturday before the first Northern Border Conference game of the year against Goodman-Pembiné Sept. 17.

After taking on Bowler-Gresham this past Friday, in a game that took place after the newspaper's deadline, it looked as if a better matchup for the Bluejays would favor them, following their season opener with the defending 8-man State champions, Newman Catholic.

Going up against Port Edwards this Saturday at home, the Blackhawks will come to Three Lakes for a first-ever matchup with the Bluejays, and will bring some strong fire power demonstrated by a 44-point performance in their season-opening road win at Pembiné.

"We will definitely have to come out and play hard against this team," said

Three Lakes-Phelps head coach Tyler Maney. "They have a very good quarterback who threw for almost 200 yards in their season opener without an interception, are expected to finish second in their conference this year and have some really good skilled kids."

Maney said the key to winning against teams with a good offense is to control the ball with sustained drives that keep the opposing offense off of the field for as long as possible.

"And this can be a challenge with a team such as Port Edwards who last week showed good ball control of their own by scoring five rushing touchdowns on production of 7.2 yards per-rush average," he said. "It should be a very interesting game."

On the player front, Maney said L.J. Terlizzi practiced well last week with his hand still in a cast following a hairline fracture that he suffered in a preseason scrimmage game, and the entire team appeared focused and ready to move forward after the loss to Newman Catholic.

"We have several leaders on this team and they understand what it takes to win big



Bluejays defensive coach Pat George (right) works with the defensive line on drills at practice session last week. Three Lakes hosts

Port Edwards this Saturday at 1 p.m. before starting conference play next week. —Photo By William Zuelke

games," said Maney. "Players such as L.J. Terlizzi, Josh Cogar, McCain Graff and Jared Kaufman help guide our team in a positive direc-

tion." The Bluejays should also be in better shape moving forward from a manpower perspective as the team has

grown by three players since game one of the season.

"We are just shy of our full roster of 19 players," said Maney. "And this will allow

us to be better rested and more productive as we face some tough teams ahead."

Game time Saturday in Three Lakes is set for 1 p.m.

Soccer: Season starts with losses

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at home when Antigo comes to town Sept. 8. They'll then host rival Lakeland Sept. 13.

Opening games

The Northland Pines boys soccer team started their season traveling to neighboring rival Three Lakes, falling 7-2.

The game started out in Pines' favor, as they dominated possession for the first 12 minutes of play. Ultimately Sternhagen said the inexperience of the Pines defensive line paired up against the tough front line of the Bluejays created a matchup that Pines couldn't defend.

"We gave up a free kick, two deflected goals, and a penalty kick," he said. "That defined our game."

Statistically the Pines coach felt the game should have been closer as the Eagles outshot Three Lakes 18-13, putting 12 shots on frame and two in the net, compared to Three Lakes which put 11 shots on goal while sinking seven into the net. Pines took three corner kicks while Three Lakes took one.

"We learn and improve in every practice and game and that is what we did after the Three Lakes loss," said

Sternhagen. "We learned and will be much better when we see them later in the season."

Nicholas Boxrucker scored the first goal for Pines, assisted by Ryan Muench. A.J. Muench scored the second goal assisted by Zach Ritter. It was the first varsity goal for both Boxrucker and Muench.

The Eagles continued their losing streak through the opening weekend at an invite hosted by Mosinee.

Down a few players Pines fell 2-0 to Appleton Xavier in a back-and-forth game. Xavier scored in the first five minutes when a slow roller found the back of the net. With the game 1-0 Xavier came out strong in the second half scoring again in the first few minutes before the weather took over, causing a 30-minute delay for lightning.

With roughly 30 minutes of play remaining following the delay, Pines couldn't get any momentum going and would lose 2-0.

In the second game of the day Pines matched up with Shawano.

"They were the best team we have seen thus far," said Sternhagen.

Shawano scored early in the first half when a long throw-in found the head of

a Pines defender first, but ricocheted to the head of the Shawano attacker who directed it just out of reach of Warner to put them up 1-0.

Shawano's second goal came late in the second half when a slow roller slipped under Warner's knee and into the net.

"Sam made some great reactionary saves, but this one I know he wanted back," said Sternhagen.

Ryan and A.J. Muench then showed some promise and reminded the team of their potential as Ryan stole the ball from a Shawano attacker, then beat two more Shawano defenders, making a perfectly weighted through-ball pass behind the defenders where his younger brother, A.J., had to simply make a run in to convert a pass into the back of the net.

Though Pines lost the contest 2-1 Sternhagen felt his team showed they could stand tall with two good teams despite a very short bench.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in last week's News-Review that the Phelps High School volleyball team's assistant coach is Kayla Wilson.

The correct name of the assistant coach is Karol Wilson.

We apologize for the error.



Returning letter winners for the Northland Pines cross-country team are, from left, Kaemyn Heritage, Nora Gremban, Mac Williams, Samantha

Krueger, Jason Linn, Olivia Eliason and Nic Fluegel. Missing is Emma Weber. —Photo By Chris Oatman

Gremban wins again, Linn finishes in top 10 at Nine Mile

BY CHRIS OATMAN
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Northland Pines junior Nora Gremban was dominant again last Tuesday, recording her second consecutive victory to start the 2022 cross-country season.

As was the case a week earlier at Rhinelander, Gremban left little doubt as she led start-to-finish at the 11-team Mosinee Invitational which was held at Nine Mile Recreation Center in Rib Mountain.

Gremban ran the 5-kilometer course in a time of 18:37, a full minute ahead of Meredith Richter of Medford who came in second place in a time of 19:37. Rounding out the top five finishers was Britt Fitzgerald of Mosinee (20:49), Kayla Casperson of Stratford (20:52) and Taelyn Jirschele of Mosinee (21:03).

Following the meet, Pines co-head coach Amy Gremban said that her top female runner continues to push the envelope herself in an attempt to lower her time as the season moves forward.

"It's extremely difficult running alone if you are trying to PR (personal record), but Nora ran strong as she continues to look to break the 18-minute barrier," said

coach Gremban. "She has some very high goals this season and is determined to achieve them."

As a team the Pines girls finished eighth with 187 total points. Medford won the meet with 46 points followed by Stratford (82), Lakeland Union (92), Wautoma (106), Rhinelander (131), Edgar (178), Pines and Adams-Friendship (225).

Behind Gremban's win was Sloan Snedden who had a 52nd-place finish in a time of 27:09.

"Sloan ran amazing for her first 5-kilometer cross-country race," said Gremban. "She is an incredibly hard worker and I see great things coming from her this season."

Abby Congleton finished in 67th in a time of 28:14. Emma Thoma followed her with 72nd place with a time of 29:21. Taylor Maillette was right behind her in 73rd place in a time of 29:26. Rounding out the finishers for Pines was Olivia Eliason in 75th (29:50) and Samantha Krueger in 90th (34:31).

Moving over to the boys side sophomore Jason Linn had a good race as he cracked into the top 10 with a time of 18:37. He helped the Pines team to a fifth-place finish with his medaling run.

"Jason ran a fantastic race with a good strategy and a strong kick. I'm excited to see what he can accomplish this season," said Gremban.

Despite coming off a knee injury, Kaemyn Heritage fin-

ished just outside the top 10 with a 14th overall finishing time of 19:07. Nic Fluegel also placed in the top 20, finishing 18th overall in a time of 19:51.

Gremban noted Fluegel has improved tremendously from last year.

Mac Williams and Matt Milanowski finished in 35th and 38th place respectively with times of 21:54 and 22:24. Rounding out the scoring for Pines boys was Jonathon Miller who posted a 24:25, good for 47th place.

"This whole team is a delight to coach," said coach Gremban. "They are a very close-knit group with nothing but encouragement for each other."

Owen Clark of Lakeland Union won the race in a time of 17:06, ahead of Tanner Hruby (17:28) of Medford and teammate Ashton Bremer who was in third place with a time of 18 minutes. Cody Ruetz (18:04) of Rhinelander and Cree DeFoe of Stratford (18:11) rounded out the top five.

Lakeland won the boys team race with 47 points, followed by Stratford (63), Medford (63), Rhinelander (76), Pines (99), Edgar (157) and Mosinee (184).

Next up for the Northland Pines boys and girls cross-country teams is a competition in Neenah at Winagamie Golf Course where 24 teams will take part in the Nightfall Classic for Cancer Friday, Sept. 9.

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Windigo to host events, season underway Sept. 14

BY DOUG ETTEN
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The Wisconsin Windigo will open their home schedule with an exhibition game at the Eagle River Dome this coming Friday in hopes of building some community and team momentum heading into next week's North American Hockey League (NAHL) opener against the North Iowa Bulls.

Head coach Blake Hietala enters his first season at the helm of the league's newest franchise, which makes the move from Minnesota where last year the Magicians finished 25-26-9, (59 points) good for sixth in the Midwest Division.

The Magicians, who had been in the NAHL since the 2013-'14 season, missed out on the playoffs, but with a change in name and location Hietala is excited for the coming year which he feels should be a successful one.

"I'm really excited. We have a very good and dedicated ownership group, and I think people are going to realize very quickly that we have one of the best places to play in the league," he said. "The Dome has a lot of character and I think the atmosphere of the home crowd will be exciting once we are able to show them the level of play that the NAHL has."

This will be Hietala's first stint as head coach, having previously served as an assistant coach in the U.S. Hockey League for both the Green Bay Gamblers (2018-'22) and Madison Capitols (2017-'18). Hietala, who is originally from Houghton, Mich., played in the NAHL during the 2007-'08 season for the Bismarck Bobcats before going on to

play NCAA Division I hockey for Michigan Tech University.

"I think I've been able to take different things from each of the places I've been as an assistant and build them up to a point where I have this opportunity to be a head coach," said Hietala. "It's a challenge I think I am ready for and I am ready to put my own spin on things and ready to lead. It wasn't that long ago that I was playing in the NAHL and doing exactly what these players were doing, which is trying to develop, grow as a man, and make it to the NCAA. I will lean on that experience to help our players."

The Windigo just completed their main full-team training camp at Michigan Tech where Hietala said that the main components for this season were a focus.

"There will be a mix of returning veterans and some players we selected in the 2022 NAHL Draft (making up this year's team)," he said. "We didn't have a lot of picks in the early rounds, so we had to try and find some value later in the draft, which I think we did. We feel good about the Europeans we took in the draft. All bring experience and superb skills to our team."

The Windigo will also have some key players from last year's Magicians team who have made the move east to Wisconsin.

"We have a good core of returners who played last year with the Magicians," he said. "Jon Bell will be a guy that we rely on early for some leadership on the ice and in the locker room. I also look for forward Sam Jacobs to really take that next step as well, after having a great rookie season last year and earning an NCAA Division I commit-

ment to Air Force."

Bell, 20, who is committed to play NCAA Division I hockey for Army, took a big step forward during the 2021-'22 season, recording a career-high 26 points in 51 games played last season. He has almost 100 career NAHL games on his résumé, so he will be looked upon to have

a solid final season in the NAHL. Jacobs, 19, was fifth in team scoring during the 2021-'22 campaign with 43 points in 59 games played.

"We have worked hard on a lot of things here off the ice to get the team and season going, so it will be exciting when training camp and the season begins, so we can see

what we have on the ice and build from there," said Hietala. "We are really excited for the NAHL Showcase and taking the ice for the first time on Sept. 14. There's a lot of people who will have smiles on their faces because they have worked hard to get us to this point and make the Windigo a reality."

The team will host a meet-and-greet this Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Blue Heron Restaurant. The team will take the ice this Friday at 7 p.m. in the exhibition, after which they will invite fans onto the Dome ice to skate with the team.

For more information, visit wisconsinjuniorhockey.com.

Volk, Nafziger improve at Nine Mile; Potrykus also grabs top-10 finish

The Three Lakes-Phelps cross-country team had a busy week, combining the first day of classes last Thursday with a trip to Nine Mile County Park in Rib Mountain for a multi-school meet hosted by Marathon High School.

Despite temperatures approaching 90 degrees, three Bluejays runners scored top 10 finishing times while the middle school boys team won the boys championship trophy with a team score of 57 points.

The meet was the first of the season for the middle school and junior varsity runners, and the second meet for the varsity runners following the Rhinelander Invitational two weeks ago.

Highlighting the event was another strong finish in the girls high school division where Kallie Volk grabbed second place overall with a time of 21:25. Teammate Sophia Nafziger also finished very strong with a fourth-place run in a time of 22:14.

Both girls improved their 5,000-meter race times from the prior meet despite the difficult weather conditions.

"When you start to see

these girls knocking off 20 to 30 seconds from the last performance, especially in the high temperatures, you know the summer mileage and three solid weeks of practice time are starting to pay off," said head coach Laurie Levandoski.

On the boys high school side, freshman Ethan Potrykus finished in the top 10 with a time of 19:11 in a race that included 114 total competitors.

"In only his second high school meet, Ethan ran another smart race, getting out with the front pack of runners," said Levandoski. "With his sights on a medal, Potrykus was able to hold on for a 10th-place finish, knocking off more than 30 seconds from just a week ago."

Other Bluejays high school runners competing in this race included Melanie Stauffer, who finished in 34th place with a time of 27:32 along with Jesse Kleinhans and Eli Nafziger who finished in 93rd and 98th positions with race times of 26:14 and 27:15, respectively.

Perhaps the most excit-



Three Lakes runners, from left, Kallie Volk, Sophia Nafziger and Eli Nafziger each had solid runs last week at Nine Mile and continue to lead the Bluejays this season.

—Photo By William Zuelke

ing race for the spectators, according to Levandoski, was the combined boys and girls middle school 2-mile race. The field included 175 runners at the start line.

"The Bluejays have seen significant growth at this level with 14 middle-schoolers on the squad for the 2022 season," said Levandoski.

On the boys side eighth-grader Nolan Waltz paved the way for the Bluejay harriers grabbing an early lead and a first-place medal in 11:43.

"Nolan is a very self-motivated and driven athlete," said Levandoski. "He trained hard over the summer months and can expect some great performances in the coming weeks."

Teammate Cohen Welsh also ran a strong race finishing in sixth place with a run time of 12:30. Not far behind was sixth-grader Matthew Potrykus, who also had a strong race and finished in 8th

place with a time of 12:57.

Newcomer Masen Schoeneck finished his first cross-country race in 18th place with a solid time of 13:46. Sixth-grade runners Zach DeHaan and Charlie Welsh also ran strong races finishing in 24th and 35th places in 14:20 and 15:08, respectively. Matias Rodriguez also ran well as he finished in 56th place with a time of 17:26.

The cross-country meet had more than 300 runners representing schools from Abbotsford, Assumption, Athens, Auburndale, DC Everest, Faith Christian, Marathon, Merrill, Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rib Lake-Prentice, Tomahawk, Waupaca, Wittenberg-Birnwood and Three Lakes.

Runners competed at Winter Park in Minocqua Sept. 6. Following that another area meet will take place in Cranston, Sept. 13.

Four new members will be enshrined into Wisconsin Hockey HOF Saturday

BY DOUG ETTEN
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The 2022 class of inductees into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame (HOF) will be recognized Saturday, Sept. 10, in a reception to be held at Eagle Waters Resort.

This year's class includes the late Wally Akervik of Eau Claire, Pat "Duffy" Dyer of Duluth, Rebecca Hamilton Hildebrandt of Cottage Grove/Sauk Prairie and Ann Ninnemann of Plover.

The Wisconsin Hockey HOF was founded in 1975 and is housed in the Eagle River Sports Arena. The hall was established to honor outstanding individuals responsible for the development, growth and success of amateur ice hockey in Wisconsin.

Events for the day will begin with an invite-only movie premiere of "The Dome," a golf outing at Lake Forest Golf Club, followed by dinner and banquet at Eagle Waters Resort.

All events are for advance reservation. Questions about tickets can be directed to John Hack at (218) 391-2301 or john.hack1967@gmail.com.

2022 Inductees

Wally Akervik was born in Duluth, Minn., and was a four-sport athlete at Duluth Central High School, helping his Trojan team reach the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament. He had a football scholarship to play for the Minnesota Gophers but a head injury convinced him that hockey was his game, and he returned to Duluth to play collegiate hockey for University of Minnesota-Duluth. Simultaneously,

Akervik played for several senior league teams and the Green Bay Bobcats. He was a referee in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Akervik was inducted into the UW-Superior Hall of Fame in 1983, and one of the rinks at Hobbs Ice Center was named the Akervik Rink in his honor. He died July 4, 1993, survived by his wife, Loris, and children, Holly, Andy and Leah.

Pat "Duffy" Dyer was born in Virginia, Minn., and played youth hockey in that Iron Range community. After high school he graduated from UW-Superior with a bachelor's degree in Medical Technology and would go on to a long career at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

Dyer's officiating career led him to officiating in the Superior-Duluth area, and eventually to a position as the referee-in-chief for the Superior Amateur Hockey Association. The growth of hockey in Wisconsin would be paralleled by the growth and success of the Wisconsin Hockey Officials Association. Dyer quickly became the referee-in-chief for the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association.

Though well-known as an official, Dyer is even more well-known as an educator and mentor who has spent countless hours recruiting talent and developing new officials, both male and female.

In his decades of officiating, Dyer has served as an official at both the WIAA and Minnesota High School League state tournaments. He has also worked at the NCAA Division III levels for both men's and women's games, and as an off-ice official at the NCAA Women's



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Frozen Four.

Rebecca Hamilton-Hildebrandt (or "Coach Becky" as she is better known) was born and raised in Sauk Prairie and began playing hockey in 1982, the first year that Sauk Prairie had a hockey association.

She continued to play until her "parents wouldn't let her play with the boys." She began her life in hockey skating on the outdoor rink and would remain active as a player as she grew older. Her coaching career began when she was a senior in high school as she took the reins of the Sauk Prairie Mite team and led them to a successful season.

Following college, Hildebrandt returned to coach in her hometown in a new indoor arena, taking control of the 6U Cross-Ice program. She has overseen this program ever since and has had an enormous affect on players and parents coming into hockey, many for the first time. In turn, she has influenced outcomes for the skaters as they grow older and move on to 10U, 12U and 14U programs. Many adults, with no experience in hockey, are shepherded into the coaching ranks as a direct result of contact with Hildebrandt.

Ann Ninnemann was born in St. Paul, Minn., and began playing ringette at the

age of 4. By her own admission, she played ringette through the sixth grade and then hesitantly transitioned to ice hockey in the seventh grade.

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Area dartball begins soon, teams, players wanted

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Fri. 9/23 Clintonville	7 pm
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Fri. 10/7 Crivitz	7 pm
Fri. 10/14 @ Menominee Indian	3:30 pm

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Tue. 8/23 @ SPASH (InvtL)	5th
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Tue. 8/30 Florence (Quad)	4th
Thu. 9/1 Mosinee	L 3-1
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Tue. 9/13 @ Medford	7 pm
Sat. 9/17 Conference Tourn.	10 am

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THREE LAKES BLUEJAYS

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