

Ordinances 7740

Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Sec. 61.35 Wis. Stats. and Sec. 62.23(2) and (3), Wis. Stats., the Village of Bellevue is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in Sec. 66.1001(1) (a) and Sec. 66.1001(2), Wis. Stats.

Section 2. The Village Board of the Village of Bellevue, Wisconsin has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by Sec. 66.1001(4) (a), Wis. Stats.

Section 3. The Plan Commission of the Village of Bellevue, by a majority vote recorded in the official minutes dated November 15, 2022, has recommended to the Village Board the adoption of the document entitled Village of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan 2023 - 2043 containing all of the elements specified in Sec. 66.1001(2), Wis. Stats.

Section 4. The Village has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance in compliance with the requirements of Sec. 66.1001(4)(d), Wis. Stats.

Section 5. The Village Board of the Village of Bellevue, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document entitled, Village of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan 2023 -2043 pursuant to Sec. 66.1001(4)(c), Wis. Stats.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Village Board and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Bellevue this 11th day of January 2023.

Approved:
Steve Soukup, Village President
Attest:
Karen M. Simons, Clerk
Publication Date: February 10, 2023 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP

ADOPTED ORDINANCES
At the regular meeting of the Green Bay Common Council held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 the following ordinances were adopted. The ordinances in their entirety may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 100 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI.

Zoning Ordinance No. 02-23
An ordinance rezoning property located at 3251 Nicolet Drive, 3263 Nicolet Drive, and 3279 Nicolet Drive from a combination of General Commercial (C1) and Low-Density Residential (R1) to Public Institutional (PI). Miscellaneous Ordinance No. 02-22

An Ordinance adopting an amendment to the Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Green Bay pertaining to properties located at 3251, 3263, 3279 Nicolet Drive.

Miscellaneous Ordinance No. 01-23

An ordinance adopting an amendment to the Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Green Bay pertaining to properties located in the 600 Block South Adams Street.

Zoning Ordinance No. 01-23
An ordinance rezoning property located along the 600 Block of South Adams Street from Light Industrial (LI) and Public/Institutional (PI) to Downtown (D1) and Public Institutional (PI).

Celestine Jeffreys
Green Bay City Clerk Publish
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Division 2 state champs — is 16-2 this season.

The two teams have played one like opponent this season: Wisconsin Lutheran. Pewaukee has beaten its Woodland - West Conference foe twice, 75-67 on the road and 87-70 at home. De Pere downed Wisconsin Lutheran, 54-52, at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

The Redbirds are led in the scoring column by John Kinziger (18.7 points per game), followed closely by Hornseth (16.0) and Zach Kinziger (15.6). The team is averaging 75.7 points per game.

The Pirates are putting up 76.6 points a contest, nearly 46 combined from Momcilovic (23.4) and Janowski (22.8). Milan's younger brother, Luka, is adding 9.5 points.

"We're going to need a couple of the role guys to step up whether it's just hitting a couple shots or just on the defensive end, getting down and dirty and getting a couple stops," Milan Momcilovic said.

The key for De Pere is slowing down Pewaukee's Big 2.

"I think our ball pressure has to pick up and we have to take away their main guys," Zach Kinziger said. "They've got Milan Momcilovic and Nick Janowski, so we take them away as best we can and we can live with the other role players playing how they do."

"Defense is key to us," John Kinziger said. "Every night it just leads to our offense, and when we get after it on the defensive end, we get a few transition buckets and that kind of takes care of things."

The most likely one-on-one matchups will be Hornseth vs. Momcilovic in a battle of 6-foot-8 versatile post/perimeter players and Zach Kinziger vs. Janowski, who are similar wing players that are great at getting to the basket.

"We're just going to look to find our best matchups — if it's finding Will in the post, if it's that inside-out game, ball screen," John Kinziger said. "We're just going to try to find their weakness and attack it."

For Pewaukee, it has the chore of trying to control a great uptempo transition offense.

"They can shoot the [crap] out of the ball," Momcilovic said. "They've got a bunch

TEAM USA
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In the win over Japan, Mark scored a late first-period goal to give Team USA a 3-2 lead heading into the first intermission.

Adrian College's Sam Ruffin scored 1:12 into the 10-minute overtime period to give Team USA the semifinal victory.

A new voice

Hobart College coach Mark Taylor led Team USA, while St. Norbert alumnus Mike Szkodzinski was one of the assistant coaches and worked with the goaltenders.

"It was different — (Taylor) had a lot of different philosophies," said McChesney, who has 14 goals and 13 assists in 19 games for St. Norbert this season. "In a short time like that, it was difficult to set straight-line hockey things, but it was fun to see different ideas."
Mark, who has two goals



Players on De Pere and Pewaukee have been teammates and friends for years. Last summer in Kansas City, the AAU teammates took time for a photo — (l-r) Zach Kinziger, Milan Momcilovic, John Kinziger and Luke Momcilovic.

Photo courtesy of the Kinzigers

of shooters around and then they've got Will in the middle, so I've got to keep Will contained. We can't let them get free for a lot of open shots, that's what they want to do. They're going to run their offense and try and break us down on the defensive end. We've just got to communicate well and just be smart about it at the end of the day."

For bragging rights

Since De Pere and Pewaukee are in different divisions, the game doesn't have any implications for the post-season. However, it's a big matchup just in general for the players.

"It's obviously important to get in those bigger games down the road and they're a great team," Zach Kinziger said. "They've got two unbelievable players who we'll see players like them down the road, so it's good for us to get those experiences and to play them on our home floor is going to be fun on Saturday."

"It's going to get us ready for the Middletons, the Arrowheads or even Homestead again in our sectional," John Kinziger said. "This is going to be a really fun and good matchup that we need."

Winchester believes the game will be a good test with the playoffs just around the corner.

"We definitely want a really good opponent late in the season," Winchester said. "It's a really important game in a sense that it helps us prepare for the tournament."

One key reason De Pere wants to pull off a victory is to keep its record unscathed. The Redbirds program has

never had a team run the table during the regular season.

"That would be huge for this school," Zach Kinziger said. "To go undefeated is a pretty cool accomplishment for each and every one of us, and we're looking forward to trying to achieve that goal."

A little familiarity

When it's game time, it won't be the first time both teams' star players are on the court together. Far from it.

John Kinziger and Milan Momcilovic have played on the same AAU team, Phenom University, for four to five years. Zach Kinziger and Janowski — despite being one year apart in age — have played together a number of times.

"It's nice to know their tendencies and what they like to do to help us stop them," Zach Kinziger said.

John Kinziger and Momcilovic have developed a close bond over the years.

"I remember last year, I was trying to talk to Johnny a little bit on the court, but he doesn't talk at all — he's one competitive guy," Momcilovic said. "I think this year it's going to be the same, just locked in on the game, focused on our team, not the friendships so much on the court. Obviously, after the game we'll talk it out."

"We still stay in contact every single day," said John Kinziger about his relationship with Momcilovic.

"He's just a funny guy and fun to be around. But when we go up against him, I'm going to be full-on, this is no friendship anymore."

and five assists in 19 games in 2022-23 for the Green Knights, agreed with McChesney.

"The coaches let us be free," he said. "There wasn't a whole lot of firm structure, so we used our hockey IQ and creativity."

Returning home

While at the University Games, the three players each missed four games for St. Norbert.

"It wasn't too difficult getting back into the swing of things here," Mark said. "Michael and I are seniors, so we used the same philosophy at the tournament as we do here. It was good to get back home after a great experience."

Coghlin said it was less about losing those three players — it was what happened next that affected his team.

"In the first game we played without those three guys, we lost three defensemen immediately due to injury," he said. "We nursed

our roster those entire three weeks until we got those guys back. We played shorthanded with five defensemen and 11 forwards almost every night — you couldn't draw that up."

Peters Cup on the line

St. Norbert and Adrian face off this weekend at the Cornerstone Community Center for the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) regular-season championship.

The Green Knights (14-7-2 overall, 11-4-1 NCHA — 36 points) can win the Peters Cup with a win and by getting the other game to at least overtime, which would garner them four points total.

St. Norbert can also win the regular-season crown by earning a pair of overtime wins.

The Bulldogs (18-3-2, 12-3-1 — 37 points) are currently ranked No. 3 nationally in Division III.



De Pere senior Michael Alexander recently picked up his 100th career victory. He's the 14th wrestler in program history to achieve that milestone. Submitted photo

Bay Port wins FRCC

De Pere's Alexander gets 100th career win

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SUAMICO - Now that the Bay Port wrestling team officially wrapped up the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) title, it can turn its attention toward a bigger prize — a trip to the WIAA Division 1 team state tournament.

Fueled by six pins and three forfeits, the Pirates, who finished a perfect 7-0 in the FRCC, easily turned back De Pere on Feb. 2 with a 66-10 victory in front of their home crowd.

The win secured Bay Port's eighth FRCC crown since the conference was formed in 2007.

"It was good to finish the season with a win," Bay Port coach Brad Shefchik said. "It's good to be healthy going into regionals and the rest of the postseason."

It was the Pirates' first FRCC crown since 2018.

"It's been a while," Shefchik said. "We've been through a lot in the last few years with COVID and getting the kids to come back out."

The most competitive match of the night came at 113 between Bay Port's Alois Schlumpf and De Pere's Mycah Beckett.

With the match tied 5-5 at the end of regulation, Schlumpf recorded a two-point near fall in the first

overtime to win via decision.

The Redbirds got consecutive victories by Michael Alexander (major decision) and Brennan Kincade (pin) at 182 and 195, respectively, for their only points of the night.

The Pirates, the No. 2-ranked Division 1 team in the state, get their postseason underway on Feb. 11 at Green Bay West.

Other teams in Bay Port's regional include Ashwaubenton, De Pere, Green Bay Preble, Green Bay United (West/East/Southwest), Pulaski, Shawano and West De Pere.

For the first time ever in Division 1, the top two teams at regionals will advance to team sectionals.

"It's always only been the top team that advanced [to team sectionals]," Shefchik said. "The coaches wanted this for a long time, so I'm glad it's a reality this season."

Milestone win

Recently, Alexander picked up his 100th career win — becoming only the 14th De Pere wrestler to accomplish that feat.

"Getting to 100 was nice, but I think more about getting third place the last two years at state," he said. "Quite a few wrestlers win 100 career matches but not many win state. I think I can beat anyone when I'm on my game."

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Additionally, the 2023 seniors never felt defeat in FRCC dual meets — their entire four-year careers.

"It probably goes even further back [as a team] — like three more seasons," Schilz said.

With so much success, Schilz said it would be easy for his swimmers to get complacent.

"The kids work hard every day," he said. "We also race each other — both at practice and meets. If our competition is down for one meet, I pit our fast guys against each other. There are also spots on the line. Other coaches are probably envious of what we have, but I'm trying to weed through to figure out who not to swim — it's a good problem to have. I had to do it at conference, and I'll have to do it again at sectionals [this weekend]. We started the season with 27 swimmers, but now that's dwindling."

Schilz noted this is the deepest team he's had — both in talent and depth.

"Last season, we had Ozan Kalafat — a great swimmer," he said. "He was the state champ in the 200 and 500 freestyle and broke the state record in the 500. It's hard to believe we are a deeper team this season without having the state champ on our team."

Schilz thinks Bay Port's dynasty will continue.

"Oh, yes," he said. "We're going to try. We'll be losing six seniors after this season, but if I look at what we'll have coming in and the underclassmen coming back, I expect us to be right back in the mix next year."

The 2023 seniors are Aiden Beth, Caleb Laforbois, Turner Long, Lawson Meier, Will Nicol and Asa

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS Senior Spotlight

Chris Seals, Green Bay Southwest basketball, track and field

BY WILLIAM SOQUET
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Name: Chris Seals
Parents: Andrea Herm, Mario Charles (stepdad)
Activities: Basketball, track and field
Twitter: @Chris23Seals

Chris has quietly emerged as an offensive threat for Southwest this year, averaging about 14 points per game. He also participates in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and high jump during track and field season.

Southwest had a close game against Manitowoc Lincoln on Jan. 31. How did it go?

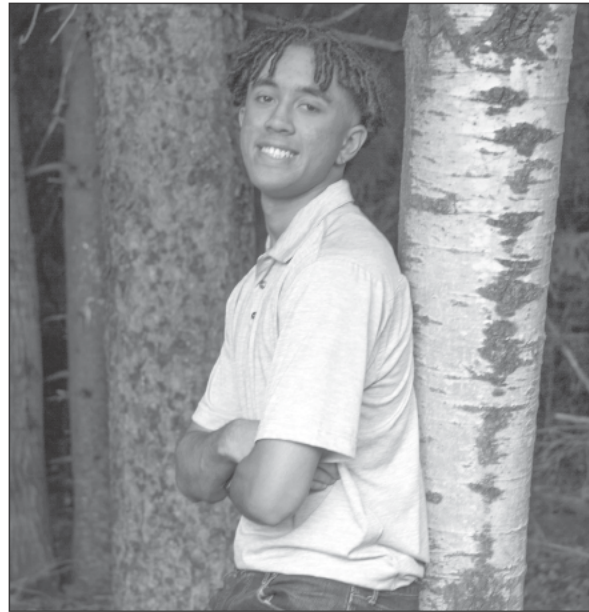
"I'd say I did pretty well. Basically all around, offense, defense, made around 12 points, had a steal and like three rebounds. [It was] a pretty good game for myself."

Southwest had to come back to win the game. What was the team's mindset like?

"It was definitely a grind. We had to work our butts off just to keep going. We knew that we could beat them, but we just had to have that defense. If we could just get the defense and work on our offense, find a good opening, a good cut, we knew we could get through. It was all mental in the last five minutes of the game."

You're playing with a core group of seniors this year. What is your connection like with them?

"It's more of a 'have fun, but be serious' type of mentality and connection. We like to have fun during our practices, but we also want to become better mentally and in strength. We also want to push ourselves, but sometimes push that away for a bit and have some fun for ourselves so that our connection doesn't mean always play-



ing basketball. We all know we can do something, we just need to make the right moves to do it."

How have you grown as a player throughout high school?

"I started off as a freshman just trying to be that guy that the team needed, that scorer or that person who could help the team grow. I was still new to this, since I was the only starter from the five back from middle school, so I had to work my way into being a leader. Another year went by, I was on JV, had some help this time with some other guys who knew what to do, so I still needed to be a little bit of a player and be a bit of a leader. Third year, I made it to varsity — I knew there were a lot of good people out there. I had to change my style and become a role player. It was a bit rough at first, since this was the first time in a very long time that I was a role player. It was hard, but I managed to make it work."

You're the second leading scorer for the Trojans this year. What is your role on offense?

"My role on offense is just trying to get into the lane, trying to get all the attention on me. That way

I can get people in the corners open to get their shots up, or get someone down open in the paint. I try to get everyone's attention as best I can, because when Connor [Pytleski] has the ball, everyone is going to be focusing on him, but when I get the ball, I want people to know that I will cut into the paint and try and score, or pass it out to get an open shot."

What is your favorite way to score a basket?

"Inside the paint. I just love dealing with contact, working my way and trying to get an and-1. It's always a great feeling to get an and-1 call."

What made you want to do high jump in track and field?

"I'm a leg guy, I always love doing leg workouts. I'm always good at jumping high and focusing on form. When I did track last year, I was one of two people [on the team] who did high jump. I was doing pretty well, but I unfortunately had injuries and I had to stop. But I was feeling good about jumping — it's my favorite, I just like jumping."

The 100-meter dash and high jump are both over in 15 sec-

onds. How do you focus for that short of a time?

"I always just try to motivate myself. 'You can do it. If other people can do it, so can you. You may be small, but you have the legs to do it.' Always just focusing on that goal, and keep on going."

Do you go out to eat after games or meets?

"We barely do it just because we all have other things going on, but we did it one time and we went to Chili's, which was a nice place to go after a basketball game."

Do you have any pets?

"I have a dog who is a king Corgi. He's about 8 months old and his name is Cobi."

Who is at the top of your music playlist right now?

"I would have to say NF, DaBaby, and that's about the only two. They're the only two that are always at the top of my playlist."

What are some of your favorite movies?

"I always watch Space Jam and the new Puss in Boots came out, that was pretty good."

What are some of your hobbies?

"Usually I just play games all day, but sometimes I sleep or work out when I feel like it."

Where is one of the favorite places you've traveled to?

"The last time I traveled, I went to Atlanta for AAU basketball with Team 1848. It was nice to visit a different area with a whole new different atmosphere — it was cool and interesting."

What are your plans after high school?

"I'm planning on going to college. I already got accepted to Carthage, and I'm also looking into UW-Stout and UW-Superior."



Bay Port senior swimmers (l-r) Caleb Laforbois, Turner Long, Asa Sadowsky, Aiden Beth, Will Nicol and Lawson Meier never lost a Fox River Classic Conference dual meet in all four of their years. Rich Palzewic photo

Sadowsky.

"Our success has much to do with our coaching and work ethic," Meier said. "We're here before school, after school and often lift during the day. There's that line at the bottom of the pool we sometimes stare at for an hour straight and

don't talk. It takes a big toll on your mental state — it's who can push themselves the hardest. Racing is 90% mental and 10% training."

Nicol said staying focused takes a conscious effort.

"There are some days — especially during those

early mornings — it would be easy to pack it in," he laughed. "Coach reminds us of that. We're all hungry, and we all like to win. It's relatively easy getting to number one, but staying there is the hard part — everybody wants to win and be the best. Once you achieve that, it's about maintaining that success. I think everyone on the team likes to operate on having that target on our back."

Bigger prize

Before Bay Port's WIAA Division 1 sectional defeat at the hands of Neenah last season, the team had won five consecutive sectional titles.

"We scored the most ever points at sectionals last season, but Neenah edged us by seven or eight points," Schilz said. "I'm not sure our mentality is to get Neenah back, but they did graduate a good portion of

their team — and we're still strong as ever. I'm expecting great things this Saturday."

The respective winners in each event at sectionals automatically advance to the WIAA state meet on Feb. 17-18 at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium.

"I'm thinking we'll have a couple of guys win their respective events," Schilz said. "After that, it's based on time. I'd like to get two relay teams in — whether that would be by winning the event [at sectionals] or getting in based on additional qualifiers."

Schilz said team finishes at state are hard to predict.

"It's like track and field," he said. "Some schools qualify 10 and some teams qualify two. I'd like to be in the top 10 as a team. We finished 11th last season."

De Pere's Rowland signs with Northern State football

Three-year starting center coveted by Division II school

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE — When the Northern State University football coaches started recruiting De Pere's Ross Rowland, he quickly became the program's top target on the offensive line.

After talks with coaches and an on-campus visit to the Division II school in Aberdeen, S.D., Rowland's interest in the school magnified.

On Feb. 1, he signed a national letter of intent to play at Northern State.

"The recruiter and I really connected and then their program was really nice to me and everything kind of fit well," Rowland said. "It was a good experience and I think I fit."

Rowland started at center as a sophomore, and he showed colleges his worth as a powerful big man.

He was named first-team Fox River Classic Conference all three years he started. As a senior, Rowland was a nominee for the Joe Thomas Award as the best offensive lineman in the state.

Northern State is mostly a run-oriented program, which is right up Rowland's alley.

"Their saying is, 'Win the A gap,' so obviously that's what they want me to come in and do," Rowland said.

De Pere offensive line

coach Matt Kincade is excited Rowland gets a shot at playing college football.

"I think the program fits exactly the kind of player he is," Kincade said. "He's one of the best that I've ever had the privilege of coaching. He's going to flourish in that environment. They have a solid program. Doing some really great things up there and Ross is going to be a big part of that. I'm looking forward to being able to watch him."

Throughout the recruiting process, De Pere coach Ben Strickland was in touch with Northern State coach Mike Schmidt, who was thrilled to sign Rowland.

"In talking with coach Schmidt, he's their top guy on the offensive line all the way through and through,"

Strickland said. "He did a great job of maintaining contact with him and developing a relationship, so just happy that he found a place that's the right fit for him."

"As far as off the field, he's going to be a young man that takes care of his business in the classroom and community. He's the type of young man you want representing your program off the field. On the field, he's an O-lineman through and through, so he breeds a level of toughness and aggressiveness and attitude that when he



De Pere center Ross Rowland — flanked by his parents, Jill and Mark, and his brother, Austin — signed a national letter of intent on Feb. 1 to play football at Northern State. **Greg Bates photo**

puts the helmet on, he flips a switch. He'll bring that to the table."

Northern State, which went 6-5 overall a season ago, inked seven offensive linemen during the latest signing period.

Rowland is being brought in to play center, but he is skilled enough to play either guard spots. Rowland's been trying at guard, but he's been a center for seven years, and it's the position where he's

most comfortable.

But having that versatility on the line will allow Rowland to see the field sooner.

"From a football-smart standpoint, he's one of the most intelligent guys I've ever coached," Kincade said. "He really understands the game, understands what the defenses are trying to do. He plays fast, so the game slows down for him because he is so smart."

Rowland had an offer from Minnesota State Mankato and was talking with Bemidji State as well as a few Division III colleges. He had also been in touch with Division I Northern Illinois and Division I FCS Presbyterian.

One reason Rowland picked Northern State was the chance to earn some playing time sooner than later.

"I think they want me to step in and play right away,

but I'm going to obviously have to prove that I can do that," Rowland said. "I don't think they want to redshirt me."

Rowland believes he offers Northern State a lot on the football field.

"I don't usually like to talk up my game or anything, but I think I'm a good player and I fit well in their offensive scheme," Rowland said. "I'm ready. I'm ready to go."

SNC's Mark, McChesney earn gold medals with Team USA

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE — "It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent your country, so it was a no-brainer."

Those were the words of St. Norbert College men's hockey coach Tim Coghlin regarding allowing three of his players — Brendan Mark, Michael McChesney and Adam Stacho — to participate in the 2023 Winter World University Games in January.

The seniors Mark and McChesney played for Team USA, while the junior Stacho skated for Team Slovakia in the 12-team tournament, which was held Jan. 11-22 in upstate New York.

Team USA's 23-player roster was comprised entirely of NCAA Division III players — the first time they have represented the United States at the World University Games.

"I was part of the setup committee when we decided to send Division III players," Coghlin said. "I supported the decision and was in charge of polling the western coaches. Some schools across the country did not allow their players to go. Slovakia reached out to us first to ask about (Stacho). Our guys showed well. The feedback I got back from the coaches

was they appreciated the leadership the St. Norbert guys showed. Nobody can convince it wasn't an absolute slam dunk to send our guys."

It was the first time the games were played in the United States since being held in Lake Placid in 1972.

"The University Games are not just about hockey," Coghlin said. "It's the second largest event held in the world — next to the Olympics. Twenty-two sports were going on — Lake Placid was crawling."

Team USA, which finished 5-2 overall in the tournament, advanced to the championship game on Jan. 22, falling 7-2 in the gold medal game to Canada at the Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid — the same venue where the Green Knights have won three of their national championships.

"I can't put into words how awesome it was to be there — especially with a couple of teammates," said McChesney, a forward from Dickinson, N.D.

The silver medal for Team USA was the highest ever finish in ice hockey at the World University Games.

"We couldn't pass up this opportunity," said Mark, a defenseman from Grand Rapids, Minn., and also a cap-

tain for Team USA. "It was my greatest hockey memory getting to put on the Red, White and Blue."

Team Slovakia started fast in the tournament, winning its first three games before dropping its last two to finish 3-2 overall — missing the medal round because of goal differential.

"It was an honor representing my country and St. Norbert," he said. "Off the ice, it was fun to hang out with (Michael and Brendan) a bit, too. There was a village area we could socialize."

Mark and McChesney played in all seven games for Team USA. Mark scored three goals and added an assist for four points, while McChesney recorded a goal.

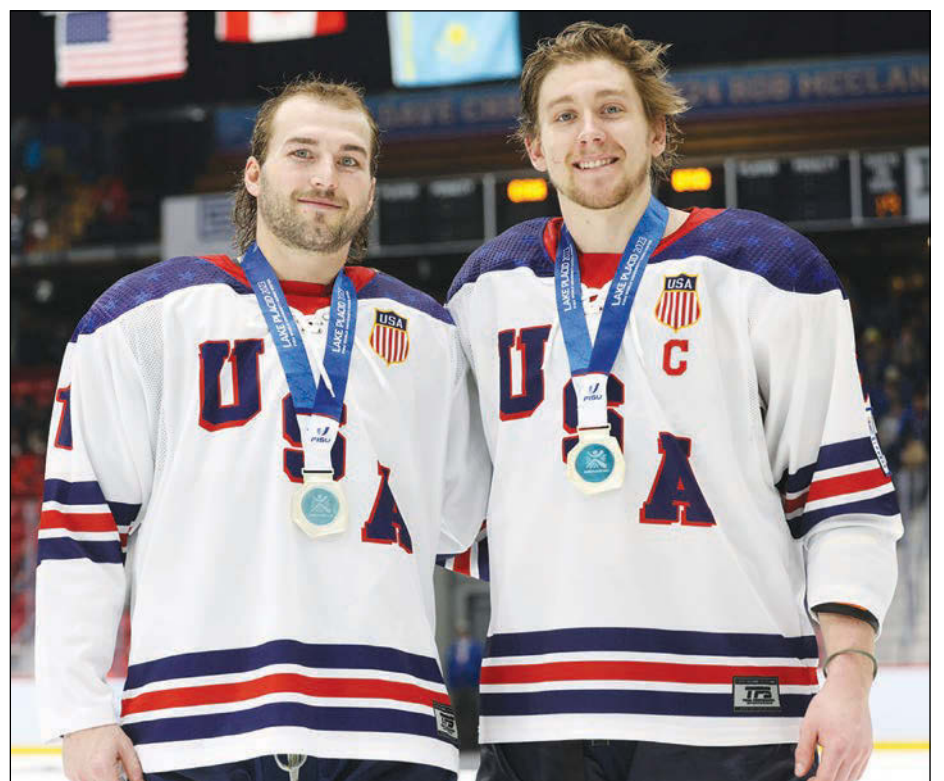
Playing on Team Slovakia's first line, Stacho recorded two goals and four assists in his five games played during the tournament.

Going for gold

In the gold medal game, Canada jumped out to a 4-0 lead and led 5-1 after two periods.

Mark scored a 5-on-3 power-play goal in the third period to cut the deficit to 5-2, but the Canadians added a pair of goals to secure the victory. Canada had a 47-19 shots-on-goal advantage.

"Canada was a great team," McChesney said. "They were big, fast and moved the puck well. Most people probably think we



Michael McChesney (left) and Brendan Mark earned silver medals with Team USA at the World University Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. **Gabe Dickens photo for St. Norbert Athletics**

were overmatched, but I think we just started slow. In the second period, it was more evenly matched before we took too many penalties."

Coghlin said Team Canada looked like a Division I all-star team.

"Canada had seven NHL picks on their roster and probably 12 guys with professional experience," he said. "Through one thing or another, those players found themselves out of the

pro path and were using their school opportunity to

go back to school."

Teammates face off

Earlier in the tournament, Team USA hammered Great Britain 18-0 before bettering the Republic of Korea, 8-0.

Team USA then fell to Stacho and his Slovakian teammates, 5-2.

"That was special," said Stacho, a Trnava, Slovakia, native. "All three of us chatted after the game."

Stacho has seven goals and seven assists in 18 games for St. Norbert this season.

"It was a Sunday afternoon game, so all the guys game to the locker room to watch," Coghlin said. "We catered some food in — we watched the game live. It was an eye-opener. It was the first time the U.S. got pushed in the tournament."

Team USA also recorded 4-1 and 9-1 victories over Kazakhstan and Hungary, respectively, in pool play before bettering Japan in the semifinals, 4-3.

ON THE HARDWOOD



BOYS' BASKETBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(Through Feb. 7 games)

Fox River Classic

	Conf	Overall
De Pere	14-0	19-0
Sheboygan North	11-3	17-3
Bay Port	9-5	13-6
Notre Dame Academy	8-6	11-8
Green Bay Southwest	8-7	10-10
Ashwaubenon	7-7	11-8
Manitowoc Lincoln	7-8	11-9
Pulaski	4-10	7-12
Green Bay Preble	2-12	4-15
Sheboygan South	1-13	5-15

Area teams' next games: GB Preble @ Xavier, Feb. 11; Pewaukee @ De Pere, Feb. 11; West De Pere @ Notre Dame, Feb. 11; Bay Port @ GB Preble, Feb. 14; De Pere @ GB Southwest, Feb. 14; Manitowoc Lincoln @ Pulaski, Feb. 14; Sheboygan North @ Ashwaubenon, Feb. 14.

Bay

	Conf	Overall
Xavier	9-2	18-2
West De Pere	8-3	10-8
Shawano	7-4	15-5
New London	7-4	14-6
Seymour	6-5	10-10
Menasha	5-6	7-13
Green Bay East	1-9	3-17
Green Bay West	0-10	4-15

Area teams' next games: West De Pere @ Notre Dame, Feb. 11; Green Bay East @ Green Bay West, Feb. 13; Seymour @ Shawano, Feb. 16.

Packerland

	Conf	Overall
Southern Door	10-1	16-3
Peshtigo	9-2	15-4
Kewaunee	9-2	12-5
Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran	8-4	14-5
Oconto	7-5	13-6
Sturgeon Bay	4-9	6-13
Gibraltar	3-8	5-12
Algoma	2-10	6-12
Sevastopol	0-11	2-17

Area teams' next games: N.E.W. Lutheran @ Oconto, Feb. 14.

AREA LEADERS

Points

Tristian Lynch, N.E.W. Lutheran 23.2
Connor Pytleski, Green Bay Southwest, 22.6
Emmett Lawton, Notre Dame, 21.1

Rebounds

Pytleski, 10.7
Ethan Wall-Atim, Notre Dame, 10.0
Thomas Michaels, Green Bay Preble, 9.2

Assists

Elijah Meerstein, N.E.W. Lutheran, 8.6
John Kinziger, De Pere, 5.1
Drew Tomaszek, Ashwaubenon, 4.5

N.E.W. Lutheran falls short at end

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY — With the game on the line, the N.E.W. Lutheran boys' basketball team had its best shooter with the ball in his hand.

Down one point with 25 seconds remaining, Tristian Lynch found himself open above the 3-point arc.

The senior launched a shot that rimmed out. Kewaunee got its hands on the loose ball.

N.E.W. Lutheran didn't get another shot the rest of the game as Kewaunee escaped with a 62-59 road win in Packerland Conference action on Monday night.

"We had a great look," N.E.W. Lutheran coach Mark Meerstein said. "I told [their] coach after, I said, 'Man, we couldn't have got a better shot.' We shoot 3s, we shoot bunnies, we shoot mid-range, it doesn't matter — but that one, four feet, five feet off of him, he had a good look at it. I would take that in a heartbeat again, and he's going to make it."

N.E.W. Lutheran, ranked No. 9 in Division 5 in the latest WisSports.net Coaches Poll, was possibly just that one basket away from pulling off an important victory. It would have pulled the Blazers into a tie with Kewaunee for third place in the conference race.

This N.E.W. Lutheran-Kewaunee game was tight compared to their matchup on Dec. 15 in which the Storm won, 73-50.

"It's just learning; we're still learning. Even though it's late in the season, we can always learn," Meerstein said. "The effort was there, we took care of things, we didn't turn the ball over like we did the first time against them and we had a shot. That's what we told ourselves, we wanted a shot to win it and we had a shot to win it."

N.E.W. Lutheran (14-5, 8-4 Packerland) got a 3-pointer from Lynch to put his team up 17-13 midway through the opening half. Kewaunee (12-5, 9-2 Packerland) answered with a 15-5 run to take a slim 33-32 lead into halftime.

The Storm took its biggest lead of the game at 10, 55-45, after an 11-4 spurt with just over 6 minutes remaining in the game.

The Blazers had a run of their own, scoring 12 straight



N.E.W. Lutheran forward Tristian Lynch puts a runner up over the Kewaunee defense on Feb. 6. Lynch scored a team-high 22 points, but the Blazers fell, 62-59. Greg Bates photos

points. Lynch and Jack Henschel each nailed 3-pointers and Griffin Steffel converted a layup to give N.E.W. Lutheran the lead back at 57-55.

"They were on cruise control. They were just doing stuff and making it easy and we turned up the gas a little bit," Meerstein said. "We put a little more pressure on them."

Lynch noted that during that critical run, N.E.W. Lutheran kept pushing the ball.

"We kept the pressure up," Lynch said. "We knew that they were going to miss shots or make mishaps — they threw a couple of turnovers — and we knew that if we sprinted on the floor we would have got easy buckets."

Kewaunee tied the game at 57-57, but Lynch came back and hit a transition layup. With 1:42 left on the clock, the Storm swung the ball over to guard Thomas Stangel, who buried a 3-pointer to put the visitors up, 60-59. He finished with a game-high 25 points.

"I think the reason we lost this game was lack of communication," Lynch said. "They had a wide open 3 at the end there, that just shouldn't happen. We just need to communicate more on the defensive side."

Steffel was fouled with 1:23 remaining, and in the 1-and-1, he missed the front end.



Griffin Steffel converted a layup to cap a 12-0 run by N.E.W. Lutheran to take a 57-55 lead. However, Kewaunee hit key shots down the stretch to pull off the victory.

Kewaunee got possession of the ball, but turned it over to N.E.W. Lutheran. That set up the open look where Lynch missed a 3-pointer.

Kewaunee made a layup with 14.2 seconds left to go up three points, and N.E.W. Lutheran promptly committed a turnover. A one-and-one free throw attempt with 6.6 seconds remaining was missed by Kewaunee, but it tracked down the rebound and ran out the clock.

Lynch led the way for N.E.W. Lutheran with 22 points. Elijah Meerstein tallied 10 points.

N.E.W. Lutheran is now in the backstretch of its regular-season schedule. Coach Meerstein knows it's time to really make a push right before the start of the post-season.

"I just told the guys at the end, I said, 'We've got five games left and this was a learning experience. We played well, unfortunately we didn't get the win, but we played hard. We did what we were supposed to do. There's not a lot of teams that are going to be able to keep with you when you play hard like that,'" coach Meerstein said.



West De Pere's Langdon Nordgaard (33) and Sutter Deschane (34) double team Little Chute's Drew Joten during their game on Feb. 3. Janelle Fisher photo

WDP falls at state-ranked Little Chute

BY JANELLE FISHER
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LITTLE CHUTE — Undermanned, the West De Pere boys' basketball team went on the road and couldn't quite pull off an upset victory on Feb. 3.

Missing two of its starters — top scorer Ethan Heck and sophomore Easton Deschane — the Phantoms had the tall task of taking on one-loss Little Chute.

West De Pere had to adapt and other players had to step up to fill the void. However, it wasn't enough as Little Chute won, 58-46.

"We just had to have the 'next man' mentality up and figure out a way to make it work for us and continue to play hard," West De Pere coach Todd Deschane said. "The guys that are out there as starters now have to probably contribute a little more than normal and just play through it. We can't use anything as an excuse. I mean, we're in

the middle of the season. We've just got to continue to play through whatever adversity strikes us."

Little Chute, ranked No. 8 in Division 3 in the latest WisSports.net Coaches Poll, got its first two points of the game from senior Drew Joten.

Senior Cal Maronek quickly followed suit, sinking a 3-point shot for the Mustangs just a minute later.

West De Pere (9-8) led 18-15 early as Andrew Baumgart was big inside.

In the last 3 1/2 minutes of the first half, Little Chute (17-1) went on a 9-0 run to go into halftime up, 24-18.

At the start of the second half, Little Chute bumped its advantage to nine points.

West De Pere cut into its deficit with two points from Langdon Nordgaard before both teams scored two points from free throws.

VandenBurgt snuck in another basket

for the Mustangs before the team called its second timeout of the game with nine minutes left in the second half.

Little Chute came out of the break scoring on a free throw, followed soon after by West De Pere's Nordgaard scoring a field goal.

The Mustangs scored two more free throws, followed by a basket for West De Pere from sophomore Riley Kraft and a 3-pointer for Little Chute made by Hunter Thiel.

West De Pere scored one more basket before calling its first timeout of the game with 4 1/2 minutes left in the second half.

The Phantoms earned three points via a basket and a free throw and Little Chute's Thiel scored another basket, increasing the Mustangs' lead to 51-41.

Thomas Walder made a 3-pointer for West De Pere, but the Mustangs added a pair of baskets to seal the victory.

ON THE HARDWOOD

In driver's seat for Bay crown

WDP seniors come through in clutch

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE — It was apt that on senior night the two lone seniors in the West De Pere girls' basketball team's starting lineup made two game-changing plays.

Katie Waukau picked up a steal and assist on a critical basket and Tori Karchinski knocked down a go-ahead 3-pointer to give the Phantoms the lead for good on Feb. 3.

Those two important plays helped West De Pere come back against visiting Menasha for a 52-45 victory in a key late-season Bay Conference matchup.

West De Pere coach Chris Abaray loved to see his two seniors come up clutch.

"I think it's a good moment for them," Abaray said. "That's what you want from your seniors in big games is they've been in the program for four years and they've got to make shots and they've got to make plays. Katie got a big steal down the stretch on a side-lines out of bounds play. That was kind of the clincher right there, that kind of put us ahead for good. It's just being in those situations, that's where that experience comes in and they just refuse to lose."

The win keeps West De Pere in the driver's seat to win the Bay Conference title. The Phantoms are 10-1 with New London in second at 8-1. If New London can win its next two conference games, it will set up a showdown for the conference crown. New London will travel to West De Pere on Jan. 16 in the regular-season finale.

"We knew coming into tonight with two conference games left we needed to get this one to have kind of a final showdown against New London to win the conference," Abaray said. "We feel like when we get to that game, it's going to be neck and neck for conference, so that's a must win. But tonight was a must win. We had to get through this first and we couldn't look ahead."

West De Pere — which has won seven of its last eight games — was dealt its lone conference loss by Shawano on Jan. 20.

"After the Shawano game, we were kind of down like, oh, conference is kind of on the line, but now we have our heads really high and we're really excited to go forward and play New London coming up," Karchinski said.

West De Pere (17-4, 10-1 Bay) led by as many as seven points in the opening half against Menasha and was up 28-25 at the break.

But a scrappy Bluejays squad went on an 8-0 run midway through the sec-



West De Pere's Madysyn Berggren throws a pass to Faith Walder during the opening half of their game against Menasha on Feb. 3. Greg Bates photos

ond half to take a 42-36 lead with five minutes remaining.

Karchinski knocked down a 3-pointer to pull within one and just a couple minutes later, Waukau got a steal. She pushed the ball up the court and connected with Faith Walder for a layup to give the Phantoms the lead 45-43 with 2:16 on the clock.

Menasha (12-7, 6-4 Bay) tied the game, but Karchinski again hit a big basket. She was open at the 3-point arc and drained the shot with 1:35 left to put her team up 48-45.

"Number 22 was just kind of sitting in the lane, so I just kind of took the shot and went with my gut," Karchinski said. "It was exciting in the end."

West De Pere's defense forced a missed shot by Menasha and the Phantoms pulled down the rebound.

With Menasha having three fouls to give until West De Pere would go to the free throw line, the Bluejays tried to force a turnover. However, the Phantoms kept control of the ball.

Ella Francois knocked down a pair of free throws with 15.9 seconds remaining to make it 50-45.

Menasha again had an empty offensive possession. Francois was fouled and converted two more free throws to ice the victory.

West De Pere ended the game on a 16-3 run. Abaray saw a calm group of players on his team in the final five minutes.

"They were calmer than I was, which is a credit to them," Abaray said. "They kept composed down the stretch, which is really important and they did a nice job. They did what was asked of them, plus some."

Waukau scored a team-high 13 points — hitting three first-half 3-pointers. Francois added 12 points and Karchinski 11 points with three big 3-pointers. Menasha big Mara Rie-



Phantoms senior Tori Karchinski tries to drive past Menasha's Mara Rieder in the second half.

der led all scorers with 19 points.

West De Pere has just two nonconference games before its showdown with New London (16-2). The Phantoms last won the conference title in 2020-21.

"We want the outright ti-

tle," Abaray said. "Obviously, we want to go into that game with our minds on the playoffs, because seeding is the weekend before. But bringing a conference title back here, we didn't get it last year and we want these girls to feel that."

Bay Port sweeps series vs. GBSW

BY JORDON LAWRENZ
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SUAMICO — The Green Bay Southwest girls' basketball team had no idea its 2-0 lead against Bay Port in Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) action would be its only lead of the game.

The Pirates went on a 15-2 run — with all their points coming from behind the 3-point arc — that helped them take down Green Bay Southwest 55-45 on Friday night.

Kyla Hendricks hit three 3-pointers during that stretch and Payton Dudra and Melia Lemorande hit the other two.

Bay Port knocked down nine 3-pointers on the night, compared to two for the Trojans.

It was Lemorande who led the way with 15 points for the Pirates, followed by Ellie McDermid with 14 and Hendricks added 13.

On the Green Bay Southwest side, Addie Pytleski led her team with 15,

while Margie Stevens added 10. Pytleski is in the top five in the FRCC in scoring, rebounds, assists and steals. She matched her points average during this loss.

Bay Port (11-9, 10-4 FRCC) didn't hit a field goal until there were five minutes left to play in the first half. A pair of buckets for Southwest cut the deficit to six going into halftime, 27-21.

Green Bay Southwest (13-7, 10-5 FRCC) stormed onto the scene in the second half with a 6-2 run. While they were only down two points, Pirates coach Dennis Gladwell's timeout allowed his girls to regroup and rebound with a 9-2 run of their own.

With just eight minutes left in the contest, a 7-0 run for the Trojans once again got them within two points. With the score in favor of Bay Port, 42-40, Hendricks once again made her presence felt. Hendricks had a team-high 11 points in the first half, but she went scoreless for the first 10 minutes

of the second half. Four consecutive points for the 5-foot-8 senior allowed Bay Port to keep its foot on the gas.

It was an 11-3 run for the Pirates that put this game on ice. With just two minutes remaining, Southwest still had four fouls to give. While doing so, 1:15 came off the clock. Even though Bay Port didn't score any points, the Trojans were down 10 with just 45 seconds remaining. Ultimately, Bay Port came out on top 55-45 to leapfrog Southwest in the conference standings.

The Pirates' 10-point victory allowed them to sweep the season series, and they have now won eight of the last 10 against the Trojans. This snapped a six-game winning streak for Green Bay Southwest, which finishes its regular-season schedule with three of four games at home. The opposite can be said for Bay Port, which will be on the road for three of its final four regular-season games.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(Through Feb. 7 games)

Fox River Classic

	Conf	Overall
Notre Dame	15-0	20-1
Sheboygan North	12-4	13-9
Bay Port	11-4	12-9
De Pere	11-5	12-9
Green Bay Southwest	11-5	14-7
Manitowoc Lincoln	6-10	9-12
Green Bay Preble	6-10	10-12
Ashwaubenon	4-12	8-13
Pulaski	2-14	3-18
Sheboygan South	1-15	2-20

Area teams' next games: Luxemburg-Casco @ GB Southwest, Feb. 13; Bay Port @ Notre Dame, Feb. 14; Ashwaubenon @ Menasha, Feb. 14; Manitowoc Lincoln @ GB Preble, Feb. 16; Pulaski @ Ashwaubenon, Feb. 16; Sheboygan North @ De Pere, Feb. 16.

Bay

	Conf	Overall
West De Pere	10-1	17-5
New London	9-1	17-2
Menasha	6-4	12-7
Xavier	5-5	7-15
Shawano	4-6	9-11
Seymour	2-9	5-16
Green Bay East	0-10	0-19

Area teams' next games: Menominee Indian @ GB East, Feb. 13; Manitowoc Lincoln @ West De Pere, Feb. 13; Seymour @ Antigo, Feb. 13.

Packerland

	Conf	Overall
Sevastopol	12-0	19-1
Peshigo	10-2	12-6
Oconto	10-3	15-6
Kewaunee	6-5	6-13
GB NEW Lutheran/Prov. Acad.	6-6	10-9
Southern Door	6-7	11-10
Algoma	5-8	9-12
Gibraltar	1-12	2-18
Sturgeon Bay	0-13	2-18

Area teams' next games: Sevastopol @ N.E.W. Lutheran, Feb. 13.

AREA LEADERS

Points

Gracie Grzesk, Notre Dame, 18.2
Trista Fayta, Notre Dame, 17.3
Ebony Sinclair, N.E.W. Lutheran, 17.1

Rebounds

Ellie McDermid, Bay Port, 9.4
Ebony Sinclair, N.E.W. Lutheran, 9.3
Margie Stevens, GB Southwest, 8.1

Assists

Elise Smith, GB Preble, 3.4
Addison Pytleski, GB Southwest, 3.1
Faith Walder, West De Pere, 3.0

(Some area teams don't log rebounds and assists.)

Fast start propels De Pere over NDA

Redbirds remain undefeated

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE — It didn't take long for the De Pere boys' basketball team to jump on rival Notre Dame Academy.

Scoring the first 14 points of the game, the Redbirds utilized their efficient offense and lockdown defense to perfection. The result was another win — this time 80-37 — to stay undefeated and earn a season sweep against the Tritons in Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) play on Thursday night.

"Our ball pressure I thought was really good from the start," De Pere sophomore guard Zach Kinziger said. "We were picking up full court, and they have (Emmett) Lawton, so we helped up to him pretty hard. ... Our post defense was especially good tonight as well."

De Pere held Lawton — the conference's leading scorer at 22.1 points per game — to just 12 points.

"Our energy level was really good on the defensive end and I thought our execution was really good," De Pere coach Brian Winchester said. "We had a couple different ball screen coverages on and I thought we executed those really well. Obviously, it starts with Emmett for them, and Zach did a good job on him early on and making it difficult for him to find easy looks. Our defense just sparks us every single night, and that was the case again tonight."

Lawton, who hit a game-winning 3-pointer two nights earlier to beat Bay Port, sprained his left ankle in practice the next day. Lawton said after the game his ankle felt OK during the game, but once he stopped moving it swelled up. The Tritons have a day off before trav-



De Pere's Gabe Herman drives for a layup over Notre Dame Academy's Max Augustine during their game on Feb. 2. **Greg Bates photo**

eling to Catholic Memorial on Saturday.

De Pere used the 1-2 punch of Will Hornseth and John Kinziger. Hornseth was effective inside and outside, scoring a game-high 22 points and three blocks. Kinziger added 21 points, five rebounds and four steals.

Kinziger had 11 of his team's first 27 points, attacking the basket at will. The senior has been locked down lately by defense. However, he scored 20-plus points for the second time in the last five games.

"He was just really aggressive on both ends of the floor and he comes to play every night," Winchester said. "This one, it's Notre Dame. With Emmett and Henry (Weber) and Max Augustine on their team, they grew up playing together and so there's a little bit extra in that you don't want to lose to your buddies and that probably

motivated him. You don't have to motivate John too much, that comes naturally, but this one was a little bit extra for him, I think."

Zach Kinziger said his brother had a little extra in him at the start to get going.

"We've got to get him going, especially in these games where we win by quite a few and sometimes he doesn't get the workload," Zach Kinziger said. "When we get to those bigger games, we've got to get him going, because he's obviously a huge part of our team, so that was good to see tonight."

De Pere (19-0, 14-0 FRCC) got three baskets from Hornseth and Zach Kinziger capped the early run with a jump shot to go up 14-0.

"Will was obviously a big help in the beginning, he got his j-hook going," said Zach Kinziger, who scored 14 points. "But it was just our energy com-

ing out and playing dearing out and playing dearing out, especially right away.

Notre Dame (11-6, 8-5 FRCC) didn't score its first points until 6:45 into the game as Lawton converted on a hoop.

"You want to try and stay with them for four-minute segments — hang around, hang around, hang around, hang around," Notre Dame coach Brian Bobinski said. "We did a decent job defensively for a while, but offensively we were a little sped up, which is what they do very well. They're very aggressive and very physical."

A Lawton 3-pointer made it 22-9, but De Pere ended the half on a 22-6 run, fueled by a five-point spurt by Pryce Gregoire off the bench.

De Pere scored the first seven points out of halftime to take a commanding 51-19 lead. The Redbirds never slowed down from there.

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so he had the Division I work ethic and his attention to detail in his game both on and off the ice since he was 15 years old, and a trend that would be Division I-like in all his habits. He needed to physically mature a little bit more after he finished up with high school hockey and then just show the schools that would be interested in him the kind of player he is. He's not sexy in the fact that you look at some of the offensive players that play that position, Jacob's a very steady, consistent pass-first defending player that gets you out of if you're under the rink, shuts down the line rush against and can add a little bit of offense as a two-way defenseman."

McCracken first got to know Conrad as a 15-year-old in the Notre Dame program. The longtime coach saw the potential in his young skater.

"I saw a really good hockey player six years ago, undersized, good brain, decent stick skills," McCracken said. "You don't know until the kids get a little bit older as far as how they're physically going to mature."

Honestly, to play at that level, you need to have a really committed work ethic in the things you have to get better at off the ice, and Jacob is an all-in kid when it comes to trying to achieve something from a personal standpoint."

Playing with the Ice Dogs in his final season of eligibility at the juniors level, Conrad had to find a home for next season.

Conrad, 20, didn't attract a lot of collegiate interest until he displayed his skills last fall in the North American Hockey League Showcase. That's when LSSU coaches started watching.

In 41 games this season, Conrad has two goals and 25 assists for 27 points. In 138 career games with the Ice Dogs, he has nine goals and 58 assists.

Lake Superior State — which has won three NCAA Division I national titles in its history, the last coming in 1993-94 — will have some turnover with its defensive corps after this season. That could free up a spot for Conrad to get on the ice as a freshman.

"I was looking at that a little bit and talking to their coaches and they said they had some guys moving on and that they would possibly see a role for me open up," Conrad said. "Obviously, nothing's given, so got to go there and earn it, but definitely excited."

McCracken believes the LSSU program is a great fit for Conrad.

"From a Division I standpoint, I think it's always good to go to a place that you're wanted, number one, and they wanted Jacob," Mc-

Cracken said. "Number two, it's an opportunity based on what's returning and what they're missing out of their roster next year. There were holes on their back end that they needed guys to come in and play minutes right away."

Conrad is hoping to step in and earn a spot as a third-line defenseman. The LSSU coaches are really impressed with certain aspects of Conrad's game.

"They just said they like my feet, like my brain," Conrad said. "They said that they see a spot for me coming in and they're really excited to have me and I'm really excited, too. Love their coaching staff and everything. I'm super excited."

Conrad knows going from junior hockey to Division I college hockey is a big step. He will continue to craft his game and get ready for high-level competition in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

"Each jump you're playing against bigger, stronger guys," Conrad said. "Going into college next year, I'm going to be playing against 23-, 24-, 25-year-olds, so I think for me just getting bigger and being able to hold my own. I think that's something I can really work on over the summer."

A tradition of excellence

When Conrad laces up his skates at LSSU in the fall, he will be the 17th Notre Dame Academy boys' hockey player to compete at the Division I level.

McCracken — who has coached all 17 — knows how important that tradition is for the program.

"It's special, every one is special," McCracken said. "Jacob is a kid that means a lot to me personally. I've invested a lot of time in Jacob personally, spent a lot of time around him and his family. So, for me it's a personal gratification and you're just excited and thrilled for the family and you're excited and thrilled for the kid. But from our program standpoint, we continue to do the right thing with helping players get to the next piece in their process, which means they're leaving our program in a better spot than when they entered it."

Being the 17th Division I commit means a great deal to Conrad.

"The program that Cory's built, it speaks for itself, it speaks volumes about how many guys have been able to achieve their dream and move on to play Division I hockey," Conrad said. "I'm just super honored to be one of those."



Conrad, far right, who plays defense, has 27 points (two goals, 25 assists) this season for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs of the North American Hockey League. **Kristen Pearson, Ice Dogs photo**

70TH ANNUAL MEETING

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Wednesday, February 15, 2023
7:00 p.m.

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▶ An email with instructions will be sent on Monday, February 13, and will contain a link to the virtual meeting. We will be hosting the virtual meeting via Webex. You can download the Webex app to your smartphone, tablet, or computer ahead of time (recommended), or you can join the Webex meeting through your computer browser as early as 6:40 pm.

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Zach Kinziger, far left, is one of three main weapons for De Pere. The Redbirds will rely on the sophomore during their big game against Pewaukee on Saturday. Pewaukee's Milan Momcilovic, above, is one of the top 50 recruits in the class of 2023. De Pere will have the task of trying to slow him down.

(At left) Greg Bates photo; (above) Dave Radcliffe/Waukesha Freeman

'GAME OF THE YEAR'

Two No. 1 teams in their divisions square off Saturday

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR



It's a matchup for the ages. Arguably, the two best boys' basketball teams in the state—regardless of division—will be facing off on Saturday night.

De Pere, the No. 1-ranked team in Division 1, will host Pewaukee, the top-ranked team in Division 2.

It's a clash basketball fans have been waiting for all season. By Monday morning,

five days prior to the show—err... game—tickets were already sold out for the De Pere gym that has a capacity of 1,800.

The game will feature at least five Division I college prospects. De Pere has three in senior guard John Kinziger, an Illinois State signee, junior Will Horns-eth and sophomore Zach Kinziger. Pewaukee has the 1-2 punch of senior Milan Momcilovic, who has signed with Iowa State, and junior Nick Janowski.

De Pere vs. Pewaukee
What you need to know

- * When: Saturday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.
- * Tickets: Sold out; no walk-in purchases will be available.
- * Doors: Those with digital tickets can get into the gym at 5 p.m. JV1 game starts at 5:45 p.m.
- * Livestream: www.youtube.com/@DePereRedbirds

"It's going to be the game of the year—number one in D-1, number one in D-2,"

said Momcilovic, a top 50 recruit nationally and the No. 1-ranked Wisconsin player in

the class of 2023. "You've got a lot of Division I prospects on the court and it's just going to be a great atmosphere."

"I think it's a great opportunity for our kids, for their kids," De Pere coach Brian Winchester said. "The environment in our gym is going to be phenomenal and it will be a tournament atmosphere against a really good team and they're going to challenge us in a lot of ways. Milan is a terrific player; Janowski is a terrific player and they're role guys are all

really solid and they're well coached and they do a lot of really good things.

"We look at it as just a great opportunity for us to get better and find out where we're at on that date. Win or lose, you get back, you get great film off of it and you try and improve in the areas that you need improvement in."

De Pere—which is off to its best start in program history at 19-0—won at Pewaukee last season, 81-79. Pewaukee—the reigning back-to-back

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NDA's Conrad commits to D-I Lake Superior State

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

When Jacob Conrad graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 2020, he had dreams of playing Division I hockey.

After three years skating for the Fairbank Ice Dogs in Alaska, Conrad's dreams will be coming true. The defenseman recently committed to Lake Superior State University (LSSU) in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Conrad is excited for the opportunity to play collegiately at the highest level at a true hockey school.

"After talking with my family and thinking about it, it's close to home and they have a great coaching staff that I definitely believe in and a very rich history," Conrad said. "For me and my family, I think it was a no-brainer."

Conrad's high school coach Cory McCracken couldn't be happier to see his former player move on to play college hockey.

"I'm really proud of him, number one," McCracken said. "We could see that in Jacob for quite some time, obviously. He's a late developing person,

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Jacob Conrad, a 2020 Notre Dame Academy graduate, recently committed to play Division I hockey at Lake Superior State University. Kristen Pearson Fairbanks Ice Dogs photo

Bay Port swimmers continue FRCC dominance

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SUAMICO – Over the past 17 years, many dominant teams have competed in the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC).

But one stands above them all: the Bay Port boys' swimming team.

The Pirates won their seventh consecutive FRCC title last weekend with a record-breaking performance at the Ashwaubenton Community Pool.

"I'd throw the Bay Port boys' swimming team's hat into the ring," coach Jim

Schilz said. "How can you argue with having won so many consecutive titles? I think that goes across all sports at any school."

The Pirates won the meet by a conference-record 228 points.

Bay Port finished with 606 points—which tied for the most ever at conference—followed by Sheboygan North (378) and Green Bay United (311).

"We swam great," Schilz said. "We had guys take seconds off their personal best times. We also had guys jumping up into all-conference honorable

mention positions—going from eighth to third place. Two of our B relay teams finished third."

Dating back to 2007 when the FRCC was created, Bay Port has now won 12 of the 16 years the meet has been held.

In 2021, no FRCC title was awarded because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pirates also won five consecutive conference titles from 2007-11 and then had a lull for four seasons before winning again to start the current streak—in 2016.

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