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Middleton's athletic department has become the bullies during a bullying investigation

Shhhhhh!
Keep quiet, don't talk to anyone. If you do talk, be prepared to face the repercussions.

This is the unofficial mantra of Middleton's athletic department in 2023, where A.D. Jamie Sims, associate A.D. Brad Crandall and athletic assistant Amy McCall are playing the parts of Tony Soprano, Paulie Gualtieri and Christopher Moltisanti.

And just think folks — this type of leadership is **ONLY** costing the community \$263,000 a year — a price tag far higher than any other athletic department in the state. And that's before benefits are included.

In the wake of the bullying scandal inside Middleton's football program and the resignation of coach Jason Pertzborn, Sims and his crew haven't looked for solutions. They haven't attempted to solve problems.

Instead, they've become bullies themselves and tried



ROB REISCHEL

silencing anyone and everyone around Middleton High School.

According to multiple sources, Sims, Crandall and even McCall have warned folks not to say a word to about the scandal. Instead of getting to the bottom of the problem, they've tried using scare tactics to muzzle building employees.

And it isn't winning a lot of points.

"The cover up is always worse than the crime," said one district employee. "And they're a lot more worried about keeping everybody quiet than they are about fixing the problems — and there's a lot of problems."

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Middleton athletic director Jamie Sims and his staff have tried silencing several MHS coaches in the wake of a bullying scandal inside the Cardinals' football program.

Bavery called to the Hall

Middleton's boys basketball coach earns ultimate honor

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

It was 10 a.m. Sunday, a time when much of society is at church, breakfast or simply lounging on their off day.

Not Kevin Bavery.

"I'm watching film of Baylor," said Bavery, Middleton's boys basketball coach since 2006. "I like some of the things they do offensively against certain zone defenses."

This, in a nutshell, Bavery.

Energetic. Passionate. And always trying to stay one step ahead of the competition.

It's why Bavery has lasted four-plus decades in a business that chews up and spits out most coaches. And it's why Bavery recently received the ultimate honor when he was voted into the Wisconsin Bas-

ketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Bavery was one of 12 coaches voted into the Class of 2023, a group that will be honored during a banquet at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Sept. 24.

"You look at some of the names of the guys that are in the Hall and it's pretty remarkable to think that you're going to be one of the guys, too," Bavery said. "It's a little overwhelming."

Bavery, who's leading Middleton to its best season in a quarter century, has a 439-272 career record, including a 223-141 mark with the Cardinals. He also held head coaching positions at Oregon and Cedarburg before coming to Middleton.

Bavery is the second boys basketball coach in Middleton history named to the Hall, joining 2007 recipient John Boyle.

Those that know Bavery best — like longtime assistant coaches Jerry Raffel and Tom Lesar — aren't the least bit surprised the Hall came calling. In fact, they're surprised it took this long.

"Kevin has always had vision," said Raffel, who's arguably Bavery's most trusted aide. "He's always looking for the newest ways. He always wants to be ahead of the trend, not behind the curve."

"He's just so innovative. The one thing about Kevin is he's always looking forward. He doesn't look back real often. He doesn't like to dwindle on

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Middleton boys basketball coach Kevin Bavery was recently voted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

MHS swimmers roll at sectionals

Madoch sets a new school record in 50-yard freestyle

BY DAN LARSON

Times-Tribune

VERONA — Success in the 50-yard freestyle — the likes of which Jack Murdoch strives for — requires perfection.

Or near perfection, anyway. Two laps. One there, one back.

Any little slip-up can add precious hundredths of seconds.

There were none for the senior on Middleton's boys swimming and diving team at Saturday's WIAA Division 1 sectional meet held at the Verona Area High School Aquatics Center — to the tune of a near-state record first-place time of 19.86 seconds.

"I was amazed," he said of coming close to the time of 19.81 seconds that Emilio Perez of Greenfield/Greendale/Pius XI Catholic set as the state bar in 2021. "I did not think I would go that fast."

"I was hoping for a (personal) best time but to be able to go 19.8 — and that was my first time under 20 — it was lots of fun."

The Cardinals had plenty of fun, as well.

Paced by Madoch's school-record time — which eclipsed his own mark of :20.42 — first-place finishes almost across the board and a bold display of depth, Middleton won the meet with 387 points, easily outpacing runner-up Madison Memorial (312 points) and third-place Madison West (284).

Winners in each event at the six sectionals received automatic berths in next Saturday's state meet at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium, while the rest of the field will be filled by the 18 best times across the state, regardless of sectional.

The state field hadn't yet been posted as of Saturday evening.

Other winners for Middleton punching their tickets to state without having to wait on pins and needles were senior Nick Chirafisi in the 200 freestyle (1 minute, 39.38 seconds) and 500 freestyle (4:34.00), freshman Sam Wolf in the 200 individual medley (1:52.62), Madoch in the 100 free (:44.52) and all three relay teams.

The 200 medley relay team consisted of senior Theo Wolf, Sam Wolf and freshmen Caden Van Buren and Max Carter (1:33.14). The 200 freestyle featured Van Buren, Madoch, Carter and Chirafisi (1:25.06). And the 400 freestyle was made up of Theo Wolf, Sam Wolf, Chirafisi and Madoch (3:04.50).

Needless to say, it was a great day for the Cardinals — the top-ranked team in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association D1 state poll ahead of second-place Hartland Arrowhead, third-place Memorial and fourth-place West.

"The boys came to swim today," said Chirafisi adding that excitement over his own success was trumped only by that of his excitement watching his teammates turn in fast time after fast time.

No one came up bigger than Madoch, who owed credit for his success to an interesting routine.

"Diet Coke in the morning," he said of having one every day. "I just like my Diet Cokes."

All kidding aside, Madoch said everything just clicked.

"It was just a really good taper," he said. "It felt pretty fast. I was hoping for a best time when I looked up, but to have one that fast is amazing."

"I knew good results were coming, I just didn't know if it would be this week or next. I'm pretty tapered this week but I think I've got a little taper to go for next week."

He certainly made a statement in the season's penultimate meet, that's for sure.

"Jack breaking the barrier of 20 is a huge barrier. It really kind of separates (you) out and becomes a big-boy swim, so to speak, when you can break that 20 barrier," Middleton coach Weston Lagerhausen said. "Knowing the state record's only five one-hundredths of a second away — any time you're approaching things that have never been done before, that looks really good."

Madoch also anchored the 400 free relay team, joining Chirafisi, Sam Wolf and senior Theo Wolf in setting a school record in that event as well, eclipsing the old mark of 3:04.62 that Chirafisi and Madoch had a hand in on last year's state-title winning relay.

Middleton took fourth at state in 2022. But thanks in large part to a talented freshman class, the Cardinals have their eye on gold this time around.

"Coach Wes kind of described it as, 'We can't win state this weekend, but we can lose it,'" Van Buren said of



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Jack Madoch was all smiles after setting a new school record in the 50-yard freestyle at sectionals.

the team's attitude going into sectionals. "So we just tried to get everyone through and put up some fast times."

"Get to that state meet and then next week is when we'll do everything we can — leave everything in the pool."

Chirafisi agreed that Saturday was about moving forward and about making progress toward achieving an even bigger goal next week in Waukesha.

"We treat it as a stepping stone. We're one more closer," Chirafisi said. "Our confidence is where it needs to be. We're not cocky going in but we know we have the team, so we just have to go in there knowing we're meant to be there and swim as hard as we can."

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Swimmers take aim at state title

BY DAN LARSON

Times-Tribune

VERONA — The prep work is over.

Now, Middleton's boys swimming and diving team gets to put its training to the ultimate test at Saturday's WIAA Division 1 state meet.

When the Cardinals dip their toes into the pool at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium, they'll do so as the favorites. And with top seeds in three individual events, all three relays and 20 entries overall, Middleton hopes to leave the pool as champions for the second time in program history.

It's a target on their back that they're embracing.

"If we all come prepared and show up — at this point it's a lot mental so I think the way we get there and we win this is everybody's got to move up," senior Nick Chirafisi, the top seed in the 500-yard freestyle (4 minutes, 34.00 seconds) and the No. 2 seed in the 200 free (1:39.38), said following Middleton's first-place showing at last Saturday's sectional meet. "You can't be content with your spot. You've got to want more."

"I think that's how we win. You've got to want more."

Wanting more might be difficult when it comes to the rankings, as Middleton enters as the No. 1 team in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association D1 poll.

But the gap has closed considerably. Middleton is in the

driver's seat with 528 points, but Hartland Arrowhead is right behind with 527. A week ago, Middleton had 532 and Arrowhead was chasing with 495.

Arrowhead has 17 entries overall, but only a pair of top seeds, both claimed by senior Lance Johnson (in the 100 breaststroke and 200 individual medley).

Still, the Cardinals are solely focused on themselves and what they can do to claim gold Saturday. They're not worried about what's going on around the state.

Middleton thinks its best is yet to come, a feeling only reinforced by the results at sectionals.

Senior Jack Madoch won the 50 freestyle in 19.86 seconds, only .05 seconds off the state-meet record of :19.81, to carry the torch but it was a banner day all around.

Middleton's state qualifiers in individual events include:

- Madoch in the 50 free and 100 free (seeded first; 44.52 seconds).
- Chirafisi in the 200 free and 500 free.
- Senior Jack Madigan in the 50 free (21st; 22.15 seconds).
- Senior Theo Wolf in the 100 backstroke (seventh; 52.10 seconds) and 100 butterfly (ninth; 51.87 seconds).
- Junior Jackson Esteves in the 200 free (10th; 1:43.60) and 500 free (third; 4:38.73).
- Junior Noah Dorn in the 200 free (22nd; 1:46.65).
- Freshman Max Carter in the 200 IM (18th; 1:58.94) and 100 free (17th; 48.12 seconds).

- Freshman Sam Wolf in the 200 IM (third; 1:52.62) and 100 breaststroke (sixth; 57.00 seconds).

- Freshman Caden Van Buren in the 100 butterfly (10th; 52.03 seconds) and 100 breaststroke (17th; 1:00.06).

- And freshman diver Dane Landretti, who was second in the diving competition.

"There were time drops everywhere, so I thought that was cool," Van Buren said of his team's showing at sectionals. "You feed off that energy and then you just get in and race."

"We had a lot of amazing swims," Madoch added, calling out Esteves in particular. "Pretty much everyone here that swam today had a really good meet. So I think we have lots of confidence going into next week and I think we can take it home."

The three freshmen have been particularly integral to Middleton's success this season, all lending a hand to the state title-contending relays in addition to their own individual efforts.

Sam Wolf joined older brother Theo, as well as Madoch and Chirafisi, on the 400 free relay that claimed the top seed with a school-record time of 3:04.50 at sectionals.

On the winning 200 medley relay (1:33.14) it was the three freshmen along with Theo Wolf, while on the winning 200 free relay (1:25.06) it was Van Buren and Carter joining Madoch and Chirafisi.

Wolf said camaraderie has played a big part in his success



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Nick Chirafisi and Middleton's boys swimming team will take aim at a state championship Saturday.

— and he thinks in the success of the team overall, too.

"Having fun with my teammates is a big reason," he said. "Toward the end of the season it gets to be a long season — at least it feels like it — so I think being out there with my teammates and we're all doing it together is really helpful."

It didn't take long at all for him, or any of the freshmen, to jell with the seniors, either.

"I've been pretty lucky. The amount of input I've had to give into certain specifics to jell hasn't really been necessary," Cardinals coach Weston Lagerhausen said. "Luckily these freshmen have been competing at a high level both in club and in other sports. Their other coaches during the year deserve a lot of praise. I'm really happy with how composed they are in high pressure situations."

That was on full display at sectionals.

"They were super composed and did all the right things with warm-up, cool down, talking to their coaches for advice before their races and still having fun with their teammates and cheering them on," Lagerhausen said. "That breeds more success, especially at higher level meets. So for them to do all of that as freshmen, and have this experience as freshmen, I really look forward to what they'll be able to do in the future. It looks really bright."

The future is now as far as what Middleton hopes to accomplish this season, and the outlook on that is also bright.

Asked to highlight any notable swims at the conclusion of sectionals, Lagerhausen pointed out Van Buren in the butterfly and breaststroke, Theo Wolf's season-best 100 split in

the 400 free relay shortly after going hard in the backstroke and Doren dropping a shade under 3 seconds in the 200 free a week after shaving off 2 seconds at the conference meet.

But then the coach added, "and the list goes on."

"Little things like that speak volumes for everything that we've worked for this season. I look forward to doing the same again next week."

Chirafisi agreed.

The time is now, he said. And the Cardinals are flush with the kind of confidence they need to finish the job.

"Wes is doing a great job setting us up for success," he said. "The timeline's been great — training is exactly what it needs to be. We're right where we need to be. We work hard and we're ready to go."



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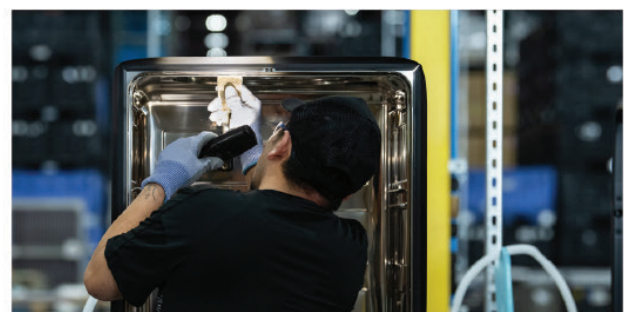
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Seven wrestlers advance to sectionals

Falk leads way with title at 170

BY DENNIS SEMRAU

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DEFOREST — When Bryce Falk sets his mind on accomplishing a goal, nothing will stand in his way.

Last fall, it was navigating his way into the end zone as an all-Big Eight Conference running back. During the winter, it's piling up points on a wrestling mat with the goal of winning a state championship.

A junior co-captain, Falk won the 170-pound championship at the WIAA Division 1 DeForest Regional last Saturday, overcoming his battle with asthma along the way.

That followed up winning the Big Eight Conference title a week earlier at Sun Prairie East High School.

"I have pretty bad asthma in the winter," Falk said. "For me to keep it easy and take breaks throughout the match really helps a lot. That's using the injury time out, to use my inhaler. I usually don't have any major injuries."

Reedsburg won the regional team title with 266 points, while Waunakee was second with 192 points. Both teams advanced to the team sectional, which was held on Tuesday. Sauk Prairie was third with 152 points, while Baraboo (145) and Middleton (123.5) rounded out the top five.

Falk (39-9) was the lone regional champion for the Cardinals, who advanced seven wrestlers to compete at a Division 1 sectional in Waunakee this Saturday.

"It was a good tournament," Middleton coach Joe Miller said. "But it's more of an individual portion of the season now. It's great to get to team state, but that didn't happen for us."

"Next week is now 100% an individual tournament. The goal is to get as many of the seven first or second and get them to the Kohl Center."

Leading the charge will be Falk, who received a quarter-final bye and then routed Sauk Prairie senior Alex Katers, earning a 17-3 major decision in the semifinals. Falk then cruised to a 10-4 victory over Devin Judd of Reedsburg Area in the first-place match.

"You've got to love it. Such a gutty performance," Joe Miller said of Falk, who was a sectional qualifier a year ago. "He's had bad asthma attacks for about the last month. We've been trying to regulate and conserve strength."

"That semifinal and finals, those were two really good wrestlers. The kid in the finals, was ranked top-10 in the state and is a returning state qualifier and to gut it out like that was impressive."

For Falk, the win over Judd



was a measure of revenge.

"He beat Bryce last year to go to state," Miller said. "That was the match Bryce got knocked out. He was up with about 30 seconds left, and the kid fell on his head and knocked him out cold. He ended up being DQ'd. To get a little revenge and win the regional final sets him up as the No. 1 seed to go to state. It was a pretty big day for him."

Falk agreed. "The key for me was taking things slower than I usually do," he said. "My asthma is a big factor in that. Just keeping a good pace, breathing when I need to, breathing when I can and just being as physical as I can."

"I have to remember to stay at a good pace. Don't overwork myself and just keep going."

Miller said while Falk was the Cardinals' only regional champion, he was impressed that Falk would have plenty of company at sectionals.

"We got seven through to sectionals, that was great. We improved on last year," Joe Miller said. "It's half the team. Certainly, anyone who finished in the top three will be right in the mix next week. The fourth-place kids will obviously have the other regional champ."

"But if they can win their first match, they've got a shot at state. Of our seven, five were third place or better, which means they're absolutely one or two matches away from going to state. I'm pretty happy it sets up real



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Bryce Falk (top) won a regional title at 170 pounds last Saturday, while Aiden Dowd (above, right) was fourth at 132 pounds. Both Cardinals advanced to this Saturday's WIAA Division 1 Waunakee Sectional.

nice for us next week."

Middleton had two runner-up finishes at regionals in freshmen Sam Zanton at 138 pounds and Finn Grauwels at 145 pounds.

"Out of the seven sectional qualifiers, four of them are freshmen. Unbelievable," Miller said.

Zanton, who missed the Big Eight Conference meet with an injury, was a meet-

time decision. But he won three of his four matches to continue an impressive debut varsity season.

Zanton (26-9) pinned Sauk Prairie's Torrian Ollie in 32 seconds in the quarterfinals before he was pinned by Reedsburg Area's Colton Hertritz in 3:23.

But Zanton bounced back to defeat Mount Horeb/Barneveld's Brooks Pernot

2-0 in their third-place match. Zanton then secured a 7-2 decision over Waunakee's Gabe Guralski in a wrestleback for second place.

Grauwels (32-13), who placed third at the Big Eight Conference meet, received a bye in the quarterfinals.

But Grauwels earned a 6-3 decision over Waunakee's Gabriel Metzler in the semifinals before his day ended when

he was pinned by Reedsburg Area's Drew Purifoy in 41 seconds in their first-place match.

"At 138, he's just a machine," Miller said of Zanton. "He's injured and makes it to second."

"And at 145, it's not a very common freshman weight. To make it to the finals, Finn

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Middleton's girls not happy with No. 8 seed

Cardinals open playoffs against Sussex Hamilton

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Surprise.
Disbelief.
Shock.

Middleton's girls basketball team felt all of the above when the WIAA Division 1 postseason seeds were released Sunday afternoon.

The Cardinals (13-9) received the No. 8 seed — far lower than they expected — and will host ninth-seeded Sussex Hamilton (8-14) in a regional semifinal on Feb. 24. The winner of that game would likely travel to top-seeded Brookfield East (21-2) for a regional final on Feb. 25.

"They were upset," said Middleton coach Rashard Griffith, who had gathered his team together for a watch party. "And I think a lot of teams in our conference got bad seeds."

"But I told them, understand that this doesn't matter. The seed is the seed. We're in the playoffs. Now it's time to play the hand we were dealt."

Middleton had won five games in a row and seven of eight before losing at Sun Prairie West, 50-46, on Friday. The Cardinals' recent hot streak allowed them to jump into fourth place in the always tough Big Eight Conference with a 12-6 league mark.

But the computerized seeding system didn't think as highly of Middleton as many others did.

Brookfield East earned the top seed, followed by Hartland Arrowhead (18-4), Verona (19-2), Sun Prairie West (17-4), Oregon (15-7), Waukegan (13-10), Madison La Follette (12-8), Middleton, Sussex Hamilton, Oconomowoc (8-14), Madison East (8-13), Brookfield Central (6-15), Sun Prairie East (8-13), Madison Memorial (7-15), Milwaukee Bradley Tech (6-11), West Allis Hale (5-17), West Allis Central (5-18) and Madison West (1-19).

"Some of the seeds don't make a lot of sense," Griffith said. "I mean, how is Verona the (No.) 3? Our league didn't get a lot of respect and now we all have an opportunity to show we're one of the top leagues and top conferences in the state."

The WIAA and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association switched to the electronic seeding formula in 2022, in large part to remove human

biases. While there is certainly logic to that, the WIAA and WBCA have drawn the wrath of many coaches and fans because they haven't been forthright with just how the seeding formula is determined.

The criteria the formula uses to determine seeds includes:

- Team's win percentage
- Opponents' win percentage
- Defeated opponents' win percentage
- Defeated opponents' opponents win percentage
- Historical conference playoff win percentage
- Historical team playoff win percentage
- Strength of loss game value
- Computer random draw

The WIAA and WBCA have refused to say what percentage each category is worth, though. That leaves coaches uncertain whether to schedule powerhouses, lightweights, or something in between.

Middleton believed it was in line for a much higher seed, but instead settled for the No. 8 seed.

The Cardinals are led by Loyola of Chicago recruit Audrey Deptula, who ranks second in the Big Eight in scoring at 25.2 points per game. Deptula has scored at least 30 points seven times this year, including a career-best 39 points against Madison Memorial on Jan. 14.

While Deptula's terrific year is no surprise, a major reason for the Cardinals' improvement has been the growth of their role players.

Senior forward Addy Gmur (8.1 ppg) has had a solid season, while freshman guards Brooke Michelotti (7.4 ppg) and Rowan Borne (5.3 ppg) have made dramatic leaps since November. Others such as forward junior Kenzie Zimmerman (5.4 ppg), senior wing Evin Jordee (5.0 ppg) and junior forward Steve Kraemer (4.8) have made substantial jumps, as well.

"Honestly, the girls all knew how to play basketball," Griffith said. "It was just them having confidence in themselves and believing they can do some good things. They've gotten better and better and now they have a chance to show it."

Middleton's first chance to "show it" will be against a Sussex Hamilton team that's



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Middleton girls basketball coach Rashard Griffith (top), Brooke Michelotti (above) and the Cardinals received the No. 8 seed in their sectional.

struggled mightily down the stretch.

After a 5-3 start to the year, the Chargers are just 3-11 since. Hamilton lost five straight games recently and has dropped seven of eight overall.

The Chargers were one of the top programs in the Milwaukee-area from 2009-2020 under former head coaches Dan Carey and Bill Scasny. Hamilton went 187-77 in that time (.708), won four Greater Metro Conference titles and finished in the top-three of the league for 11 straight years.

Scasny retired after the 2020 season, though, and the program has fallen on hard times under current coach Craig Machut.

Machut is just 26-42 during his three years at Hamilton, a

dismal .382 winning percentage. And all three of Machut's teams have had sub-.500 records.

Middleton hopes that works in its favor when the teams meet on Feb. 24.

"I think we have a golden opportunity to show who we are," Griffith said. "We didn't like the seeding, but there's nothing we can do about it anymore."

"Right now, it's time to start getting ready for the first game of the playoffs. And hopefully we'll get a date with the No. 1 seed after we play Hamilton."

• **Sun Prairie West 50, Middleton 46** — The Cardinals fell to the host Wolves on Feb. 10.

Senior wing Audrey Deptula led Middleton with 20

points.

Sun Prairie's Antonique Auston led all scorers with 23 points.

Middleton led, 24-22, at halftime and 39-30 midway through the second half, but couldn't hang on.

When the teams met earlier this season in Middleton, Sun Prairie West notched a 77-55 win.

"We're a much better team than back then," Griffith said. "The girls keep getting better and better."

• **On deck:** Middleton was scheduled to face host Verona Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

The Cardinals then head to Janesville Craig for their regular season final Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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Playoff magic?

Hockey Cards hoping to get hot this postseason

BY ROB REISCHEL

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Middleton's hockey team is headed to the postseason with a full head of steam.

The Cardinals rallied from an early 2-0 deficit and defeated host Sun Prairie, 4-3, on Feb. 11.

Middleton finished the regular season 16-8 overall and in sole possession of second place in the Big Eight Conference at 9-3.

All of Middleton's losses came against teams with winning records, a group that combined to go 132-52-4 (.713). In addition, seven of those losses were by just one goal.

"We played a really tough schedule to get us ready for the postseason," said Middleton coach Dan Truehl, whose trying to lead the Cardinals to their first state appearance since 2011. "I wouldn't do anything different. Now, we hope it pays off."

That's what the Cardinals will find out beginning this week.

Middleton is the No. 3 seed in its sectional, which gave the Cardinals a first round bye. Middleton hosts either sixth-seeded Waunakee or 11th-seeded Onalaska in a regional final on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The top three teams in the 13-team sectional received opening round byes. If seeds hold, Middleton would face sixth-seeded Waunakee in the regional finals, then travel to second-seeded Edgewood for a sectional semifinal on Feb. 21.

The sectional finals are in Sun Prairie, where a date with Verona would likely await on either Feb. 24 or 25.

"We're going to have to

be able to score some dirty goals," Truehl said. "We're going to have to limit turnovers in the neutral zone, and when we have the chance to get the puck deep, we have to do it. We've got to be really good at tightening things up between the blue lines."

"As a whole though, we have a pretty good body of work. I think we've learned a lot from our losses and we'll be ready to roll."

Middleton did a terrific job rolling back from its early deficit against Sun Prairie.

Trailing, 2-0, in the second period, Middleton's Charlie Jambor scored a power play goal at the 10:31 mark on assists from Brady Engelkes and Ethan Lam. Then at the 16:10 mark, Middleton evened things, 2-2, when Lam had a power play goal on assists from Engelkes and Drew Sjowall.

Just 2 minutes into the third period, Jambor scored the eventual game-winner — a power play goal that Engelkes assisted on to give Middleton a 3-2 lead. Then at the 6:45 mark, Middleton took a 4-2 lead on a goal from Engelkes.

Engelkes finished the night with a goal and three assists, while Lam a goal and an assist and Jambor had two assists. Goalie Cam Haynes had 28 saves and notched the win.

The finale capped a brilliant regular season for Engelkes, who posted 43 goals and 22 assists in 23 games — a remarkable average of 2.83 points per game. Engelkes also finished the regular season with six game-winning goals.

"He's been tremendous, but people have started rolling coverage to him," Truehl said of Engelkes. "But that's fine. I'll play 4-on-3 with our other guys. We have to find people



to take advantage of it."

For the most part, Middleton has done just that.

Wyatt Ehrhardt finished the regular season with nine goals and 36 assists, an average of 1.88 points per game. Jambor (12 goals, 15 assists), Sjowall (eight goals, 16 assists) and Lam (11 goals, 10 assists) all had solid regular seasons, as well.

Haynes also went 14-8 in net with a 2.44 goals against average and a .917 save percentage.

Add it all up and Truehl is optimistic about what could come next.

"Our depth has been great," Truehl said. "We have plenty of guys that can score goals. We just have to have that mindset."

"We need folks looking for their own shot rather than deferring, and we have no shortage of guys that can do that. It's time to go and get it done."



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On top, Thomas Sutcliffe (left), Garrett Ballweg (right) and Middleton's hockey team are the No. 3 seed in their sectional.

Above, Brady Engelkes heads to the postseason with 43 goals and 22 assists.

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Middleton rallies past Beloit

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

BELOIT — Middleton sophomore center Will Garlock looked at the scoreboard last Saturday afternoon.

The clock showed just under 12 minutes. The mighty Cardinals — ranked No. 2 in the latest WIAA Division 1 state poll — trailed host Beloit Memorial, 56-45.

And admittedly, Garlock was worried.

“Yeah, it wasn’t looking real good,” Garlock said. “But we kept fighting.”

Boy, did they ever.

Middleton played some of its best basketball of the season, embarked on an 19-3 run and rallied for a thrilling 69-63 win at historic Barkin Arena. The Cardinals improved to 18-1 overall, 15-1 in the Big Eight Conference and are just one win away from clinching at least a share of the league title.

The Purple Knights, one of the most improved teams in the state since November, fell to 4-15, 2-14.

“They’re clearly an upper tier team in the league in terms of talent,” Middleton coach Kevin Bavery said of Beloit. “So we knew it wasn’t going to be easy.”

The 6-foot-10 Garlock, who seemingly improves by the week, led Middleton with 19 points and added seven rebounds. Jack-of-all-trades Kaden Fosdick had 12 points, six assists, two steals and a monstrous dunk that sealed the win late.

Senior point guard Gavyn Hurley battled through a rough shooting game and finished with 11 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals. Senior sharpshooter Will Comerford had 11 points and senior forward Owen Cooney had six of his 10 points during the Cardinals’ late run.

Middleton’s starting five of Hurley, Comerford, Fosdick, Cooney and Garlock were on the floor for the majority of the Cardinals’ late run. And each player had huge moments during Middleton’s rally.

“That five we had on the floor, I think all of us were pretty huge during that run,” Hurley said.

They were. But the fact Middleton needed a late run was certainly surprising.

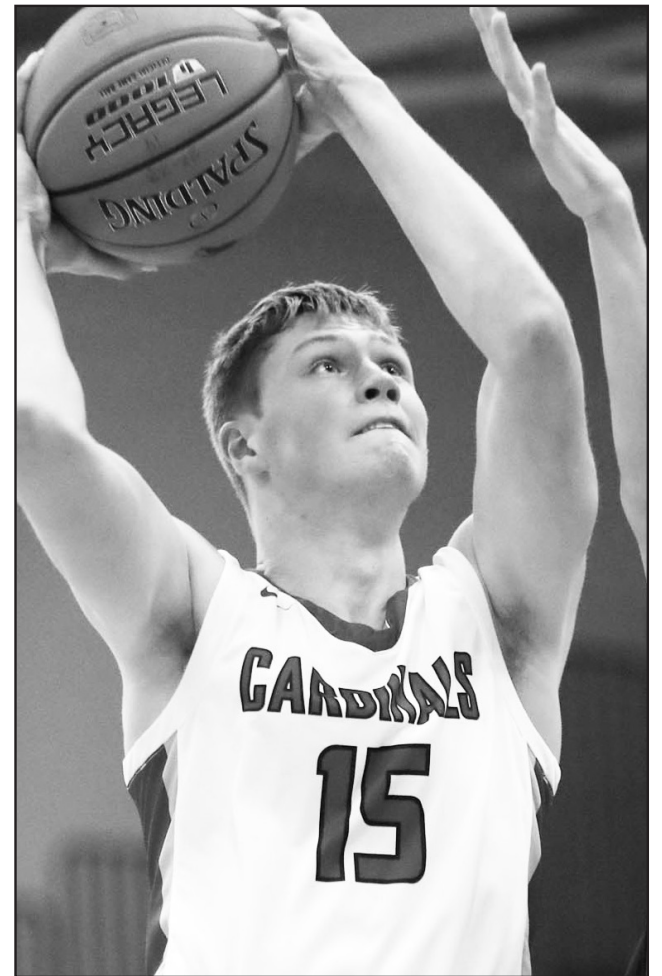
Beloit trailed just 35-34 at halftime. Then the Purple Knights opened the second half on a 22-10 burst to take a 56-45 lead with 11 minutes, 45 seconds left.

Beloit senior standout Rico Yarbrough put the Purple Knights on his back. Yarbrough had 17 first half points, then had 10 more during the Knights’ second half surge and as Beloit raced to an 11-point lead.

“We made a nice run and were up 11 and I look up and see there’s still all that time left,” Beloit coach Todd Marks said. “You wish it would have been at the 5-minute mark because you just know they are going to crank up the pressure.”

They did.

The first thing that keyed Middleton’s comeback was it finally slowed Yarbrough down.



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Will Garlock (left) and Owen Cooney (above) helped Middleton’s boys basketball team rally past Beloit Memorial last Saturday.

Employing a 1-1-3 zone, the Cardinals made sure Garlock stayed on the same side of the floor as the 6-foot-6 Yarbrough. Garlock’s length made it tough for Yarbrough to get the same clean looks he had been enjoying and neutralized Beloit’s best player.

After Yarbrough had 27 points in the first 24 minutes, he didn’t score again and missed his final seven shots from the floor.

“He couldn’t shoot his 3s as much,” Bavery said of Yarbrough. “And Will is surprisingly agile. He covers a lot of ground to where it looks like they might have an advantage, then all of a sudden he’s still right there. So that was a big key.”

Second, Middleton’s offense found another gear.

During the Cardinals’ 19-3 run, they scored on 9-of-12 possessions and turned a 56-45 deficit into a 64-59 lead over an 8-minute stretch. Beloit also shot 1-of-10 from the floor during that period and had four turnovers.

“I mean, yeah, it wasn’t looking good,” Cooney said. “But I’m really confident with our guys and my teammates and just getting the job done. And that’s what we did at the end.”

Middleton’s run started when Comerford drilled a 3-pointer from the Rock River that pulled the Cardinals within 56-48 with 10:30 remaining. Just 30 seconds later, Hurley had a steal and lay-up and Beloit quickly called a timeout.

“They’re the No. 2 team in the state and you know they’re going to come after you,” Marks said.

They didn’t stop.

A Garlock lay-up made it 56-52 with 9:10 left. And after a 3-pointer by Beloit’s Christian

Woods momentarily stopped the bleeding, the Cardinals answered with a 12-0 blitz.

First, Garlock scored inside to pull Middleton within 59-54. Then Cooney took over.

The Cardinals’ 6-foot-6 forward scored on three straight possessions — knocking down a pair of 5-footers and converting a lay-up after a nifty feed from Hurley — to give Middleton a 60-59 lead, its first advantage since the opening moments of the second half.

“I was just trying to post up hard and I got a few to go in,” Cooney said.

Added Bavery: “That’s his game in there. He struggled a little bit early, but really came up big when we needed him.”

The run continued when Fosdick dropped a 7-footer and Hurley got loose for a back door layup to make it 64-59 with 2:40 left.

Beloit pulled within three with 2 minutes left, then Fosdick seemed to extinguish whatever re-remaining life the Purple Knights had left.

The wiry, 6-foot-6 Fosdick curled across the top of the key, drove the left side of the lane and threw down a hammer dunk that gave Middleton a 66-61 lead. The play was reminiscent of Fosdick’s dunk at Hartland Arrowhead last year in a regional final.

“Where does that come out of?” Garlock wondered.

Bavery knew.

“He’s as unselfish as you can possibly be,” Bavery said of Fosdick. “He turns down open shots consistently to get other people shots. He rebounds both ends. He’s willing to guard anybody and he does guard everybody at some point. He just fricken’ brings energy and lifts everybody up.”

Beloit crept back within

four with 17 seconds left. But that was the closest the Purple Knights came.

“I thought we showed a lot of poise,” Bavery said. “Beloit’s a lot better than anyone thinks. I think they’ll make a run in their sectional. And we had to play some really good basketball to get out of here with a win.”

Beloit made Middleton sweat from start to finish.

The Cardinals led, 35-34, at halftime, thanks to an efficient offense that included 11 points from Garlock.

The Purple Knights stayed in their zone the entire first half and Middleton used a potent high-low game to pick it apart. Garlock made 5-of-7 shots from the field, and the Cardinals made 14-of-27 field goals overall (51.9%).

“Willy G’s a stud,” Cooney said. “We love him and we’ve got to get him the ball and we have full confidence he’ll put it in.”

Hurley agreed.

“We kept trying to ball fake and get it into the middle, like the high post area because we knew that if we got it there, we could get an inside-out and just dump it down to (Garlock) and get some easy lay-ups,” Hurley said. “And I think that worked really well because it was pretty open in there.”

On the flip side, though, Middleton had no early answers for Yarbrough — who was averaging 29.8 points in his last six games. Yarbrough led all scorers with 17 first half points, made 6-of-8 shots and kept the Purple Knights within shouting distance.

“Our offense wasn’t the problem,” Bavery said. “We’ll take 35 points in a half. We just couldn’t get a stop.”

Things got even worse to start the second half, when Yar-

Big 8-Greater Metro Conference Showcase
Feb. 18 (games at 3 locations)
AT MIDDLETON
 1 p.m. — Marquette vs. Beloit Memorial
 3 p.m. — Brookfield East vs. Madison La Follette
 5 p.m. — West Allis Hale vs. Janesville Parker
 7 p.m. — Mukwonago vs. Middleton

AT SUN PRAIRIE WEST
 2 p.m. — Wauwatosa East vs. Janesville Craig
 4 p.m. — Germantown vs. Sun Prairie West

AT VERONA
 5:45 p.m. — Brookfield Central vs. Madison East
 7:30 p.m. — Menomonee Falls vs. Verona

brought and the Purple Knights surged to an 11-point lead.

Like great teams often do, though, Middleton found the right answers in the nick of time.

“Beloit’s record doesn’t really show it, but they’re a really tough team and they obviously came to play today,” Garlock said. “The team kept fighting and we finally found a defense that worked in the second half and we strung together a couple stops from there and built a run. It was a lot of fun.”

• **On deck:** Middleton is at Sun Prairie West Friday at 7:15 p.m., then hosts Mukwonago Saturday at 7 p.m. as part of the Big Eight-Greater Metro Conference Showcase.

Games will take place all

day at three different locations — Middleton, Sun Prairie West and Verona.

Postseason seeds will then be released Sunday at 1 p.m.

MIDDLETON 69, BELOIT 63
Middleton ... 35 34 — 69
Beloit 34 29 — 63
MIDDLETON (fg ft-fta pts) — Hurley 4 3-3 11, Fosdick 5 2-2 12, Oliver 1 0-0 2, Cooney 5 0-0 10, Garlock 9 1-1 19, Comerford 3 2-3 11. Totals: 29 8-9 69.

BELOIT MEMORIAL (fg ft-fta pts) — Yarbrough 10 3-3 27, Woods 3 0-0 8, Farr 5 2-3 12, Herford 3 1-2 7, Denu 1 0-0 3, Karl 3 0-0 6. Totals: 25 6-8 63.

3-pointers: Midd 3 (Comerford 3), BM 7 (Yarbrough 4, Woods 2, Denu). **Fouled out:** none. **Total fouls:** Midd 9, BM 12.

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Gymnasts roll past Madison United

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Exit on a high note.

That was Alexis Lindahl's message to her Middleton gymnastics team last Friday.

The Cardinals hosted Madison United in their final dual meet of the season and made it an enjoyable evening. Middleton toppled United, 129.125-125.475, and closed the regular season in style.

"This last competition was a fun one," Lindahl said. "It was our last dual of the season and I told my girls to go out there and have fun and that's exactly what they did."

Middleton's Eva Szczepanski was third in the all-around competition with a 32.10, while Ava Bollig was fourth (32.025).

Bollig led the Cardinals on the vault with an 8.475, while Aubrey Anderson had an 8.325, Jaelynn Kemp had an 8.10 and Szczepanski had an 8.050.

Szczepanski led Middleton on the uneven bars (8.10), while the Cardinals also counted scores from Abby Arnold (7.80), Kenavan Lindner

(7.75) and Bollig (7.25).

Lucy Hellenbrand led Middleton on the balance beam (8.30). The Cardinals also counted scores from Kemp (7.95), Szczepanski (7.85) and Buna Karanezi (7.70).

And on the floor, Bollig led Middleton with an 8.825, while the Cardinals also counted scores from Kemp (8.35), Arnold (8.20) and Szczepanski (8.10).

"The energy was high and the girls proved themselves, once again," Lindahl said. "It's incredible how much all of the girls have accomplished and improved this season and I am so proud of each and every one of them."

• **On deck:** Middleton is at the Big Eight Conference meet Saturday at Madison Memorial beginning at 10:15 a.m.

"I know the girls are determined to shine," Lindahl said. "The pressure is on, really. With sectionals only two weeks away, the girls know what's at stake. Nonetheless, we're going to continue taking it day-by-day, with that 'big goal' in mind."



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Ava Bollig and Middleton's girls gymnastics team head to the Big Eight Conference meet on Saturday.

SIMS

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"When they're so worried about keeping us quiet, it makes you wonder what they're hiding?" the source continued. "And are they just trying to protect their own [tails]?"

Those are extremely fair questions. And ones on the mind of many inside MHS.

Sims, who was hired in June, 2020, followed in the footsteps of two elite athletic directors — Luke Francois and Bob Joers.

Both ADs were big on communication, treated people fairly and with respect, and didn't use fear as a motivator. That appears to have changed with Sims & Co.

"The stuff going on now would have never happened with Bob and Luke," another source in the district said. "I can tell you, people aren't happy. We're going to lose a lot of good coaches if they keep Jamie around. Heck, we already have."

Both Francois and Joers operated one-person departments and each had a secretary.

Francois, who was also an Associate Principal, was a man ahead of his time, a gifted problem solver who brought groups of people together. He left in July, 2011 to become the Superintendent at Mineral Point and is the Superintendent at Waterford today.

His departure is still being felt more than a decade later.

Joers was Middleton's athletic director from 1995-2004, left to run his own business, then stepped back into the job when Francois moved on. Joers was a man of the people and was a staple at events — no matter how big or small.

Joers, who oversaw all activities at MHS in addition to



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Middleton athletic director Jamie Sims makes \$125,640 per year. The three person athletic department is paid more than \$263,000, not including benefits.

athletics, died on May 15, 2020 of pancreatic cancer. Things haven't been the same since.

Sims was hired in June of 2020, Ben White was named associate athletic director and Mindy Ripp was hired as the athletic assistant. It marked the first time Middleton had a three-person department — two athletic directors, as well as an athletic assistant.

White, Middleton's long-time boys volleyball coach and a trusted confidant of Joers,

knew the inner workings of MHS and seemed like a natural choice for the A.D. job. But after settling for second place, White eventually went looking for greener pastures and resigned after 18 months.

Ripp lasted one month less than White in a department that was beginning to trend downward. Sims replaced them with Crandall and McCall.

Several coaches said they didn't trust Crandall, and two called him the "Mr. Smithers"

of the department in reference to "The Simpsons" character. McCall is widely seen as intrusive, and someone who continually oversteps boundaries.

Sims himself was set to jump ship and accepted a principal position at Sun Prairie West in March, 2022. But the Middleton-Cross Plains School District gave Sims a substantial raise to stay in a job he had held for just 21 months.

The logic of that is currently questionable, at best.

Most athletic departments across Wisconsin have one single A.D. There is no associate. Roughly half of the state's athletic directors have an athletic assistant.

Middleton has a three-headed monster with the largest payroll of any athletic department in Wisconsin. Sims leads the way with a hefty contract of \$125,640, while Crandall earns \$89,291.30 and McCall makes \$48,318.40.

They receive various benefits

in addition to these salaries.

Despite having a bloated department, many agree that communication is dramatically worse today and more things have fallen through the cracks than ever before.

"There's just too many cooks in the kitchen," one source said.

For example, Middleton's boys basketball team did several hours of fundraising so they could afford a coach bus for a recent four-hour trip to northern Wisconsin to play in the prestigious 'Battle of the Border.' To the basketball Cardinals, this was their Super Bowl.

Instead, the paperwork was never submitted and Middleton's players and coaches spent more than eight hours round trip on a yellow school bus.

"It's sloppy," one source said of the department. "And things move slower than they used to because you have people getting in each other's way now."

What has many coaches more upset than anything, though, is an athletic department that's tried solving a bullying issue by becoming bullies themselves.

As Alanis Morissette once sang, "Isn't It Ironic?"

Just 10 months ago, Sims resigned his position as A.D., had one foot out the door, cashed in on a hefty pay raise and told the Times-Tribune: "What's been great is 100 percent of the coaches, 100 percent of the community members that I've heard from have told me they're happy I'm staying."

Today, those opinions have changed.

And many wish Sims would have kept walking when he had the chance.



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Middleton boys basketball coach Kevin Bavery (right), shown with trusted assistant coaches Jerry Raffel (standing) and Tom Lesar (sitting), was named to the WBCA Hall of Fame recently.

BAVERY

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losses and is always looking to the next day.”

Lesar, who coached with Bavery in Oregon and is on the Cardinals’ current staff, agreed with Raffel.

“As a coach, he has all the qualities you look for in a leader,” Lesar said of Bavery. “He’s humble, gracious, a relentless competitor, but grounded in the things that really matter when the game and seasons are over.

“Lifelong lessons of what it means to be a good teammate and accepting responsibility when life gets a little tough. Overall, he’s been a great mentor of kindness, which is one of the greatest attributes any person can pass along.”

Bavery got his start as the sophomore coach at Watertown High School in 1982-’83 under the leg-endary Eli Crogan, who went into the Hall of Fame himself in 1996.

Bavery went to Oregon High School in 1985 and spent five years coaching the lower levels there, then was named the Panthers’ head coach in 1991-’92. Bavery went 184-107 with Oregon over the next 13 seasons, and led the Panthers to the WIAA Division 2 state tournament in 2000.

Bavery spent two seasons at Cedarburg where he went 20-24, then he replaced the legendary Boyle at Middleton in 2006.

Raffel, who played for Boyle at Madison East before joining his Middleton staff, stayed on to work for Bavery. And what Raffel immediately noticed was Bavery’s willingness to embrace change and to grow in a sport where many coaches become set in their ways.

Bavery has taken his staff across the country to study and learn from coaches such as John Cailpari and Mark Few. Bavery certainly has offenses and defenses he likes best, but has no problem making sweeping changes to fit his personnel.

“Change gets harder the

older you get,” Raffel said. “But Kevin seems to embrace it.

“Anybody that says they have a system and they just run their system and every player that comes in has to fit that mold, those teams are the ones you see that go up and down. We’ve been pretty consistent and I think it’s because Kevin’s so good at adapting.”

The results at Middleton have been stellar.

Bavery led Middleton to the sectional finals in both 2006 and 2009, and guided the Cardinals to a Big Eight Conference title in 2015-’16.

This year’s Middleton squad is 17-1 overall, 14-1 in the Big Eight Conference and ranked No. 2 in the state. The Cardinals are trying to make their first trip to the state tournament since Boyle’s 1998 team reached the state championship game and finished second.

When Bavery’s team found out last week he was named to the Hall, they were giddy — to say the least.

“He’s a great coach and he always tries to get the whole team better,” said sophomore center Will Garlock. “He has great energy and he keeps us fighting down the stretch. He never gives up on us and it’s great to see that in a coach.”

While Bavery played high school basketball nearly a half century before these current Cardinals, they all marvel at his daily energy and passion for the game.

“I’ve never seen the dude without a Middleton basketball shirt in my life. He loves this program,” said senior point guard Gavyn Hurley said. “And he has a lot of energy man. He comes to practice with more energy than you’d think. He comes in with energy like he’s in his 40s. I just think he loves to do it.”

Senior forward Owen Cooney raved about Bavery’s knowledge and passion for

the game. More importantly, though, Cooney said it’s about more than wins and losses with Bavery.

“We had a big team huddle recently and he asked us what we think the coaches should do, like what is their job?” Cooney said. “And the big thing we all came up with is that they love us and I think that’s really evident in coach Bavery. He really cares about us and about our team.”

Bavery was quick to credit the terrific assistants, as well as lower level coaches he’s worked with at Middleton. That group includes Raffel, Lesar, Tim Simon, Gordon Enderle, Antonio Hoye, Tim Davis, Clint Steigenberger, Keith Vogt, Blaine Mueller, and Chris Zais, among others.

Bavery also thanked the three athletic directors he’s worked with at Middleton — Luke Fran-cois, Bob Joers and now Jamie Sims.

“I haven’t won any games. We’ve won games,” Bavery said. “It really is about having great people surrounding you and staying loyal.”

Bavery has certainly stayed loyal to the game he started coaching 40 seasons ago.

Back then, Bavery was simply trying to learn as much as possible, while keeping his boss — the legendary Crogan — happy.

Bavery passed that test — and every one that’s come his way since.

And the Hall of Fame took notice.

“You don’t get into this business thinking about stuff like that,” Bavery said. “You do it because you love the game.”

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VILLAGE OF CROSS PLAINS Village Board – Public Hearing Notices

Pursuant to Section 84.159(e) and 84.158(c) of the Village of Cross Plains Code of Ordinances, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at Village Hall, located at 2417 Brewery Road, Cross Plains, WI 53528 at 6:00 pm or earliest extent possible, on February 27, 2023 before the Village Board regarding the following item:

1. An Ordinance Amendment pertaining to changes within Chapter 52.06 Snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles (C) (4) and (C) (5), Hours of ATV/UTV Operation and removal of language pertaining to ATV/UTV Routes.

All persons interested in reviewing the specific language or would like to ask further questions, may contact Village Administrator, Brian Mooney, at (608) 798-3241 or bmooney@cross-plains.wi.us.

All persons interested are invited to attend these public hearings and be heard. Please note that due to current restrictions regarding COVID-19, the facility will have limited seating. Interested parties are encouraged to participate by Zoom. You may join the meeting by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88215999241> or by calling 1-312-626-6799 and entering the meeting ID; 882 1599 9241

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Brian Mooney
Village Administrator

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WRESTLE

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was actually winning and got caught. I think it was a fluke thing. I think next week, he can absolutely beat him.”

Finishing third for the Cardinals were sophomores Reese Miller, the coach’s son, at 126 pounds and Corben Falk at 152.

Reese Miller (28-10), a returning sectional qualifier, received a first-round bye before he pinned DeForest’s Errol Romeis in the semifinals in 1:14.

But Reedsburg’s Trenton Curtin pinned Miller in 5:29 in the first-place match. Miller then lost a 4-0 decision to Baraboo’s Nolan Owen in a wrestleback for second place.

At 152, Corben Falk (12-16) was a last-minute addition to the lineup and earned his first trip to sectionals after winning two of his four matches.

In the quarterfinals, Corben Falk pinned DeForest’s Karsen Gear in 2:31.

Baraboo’s Talan Pichler pinned Falk in 1:45 in the semifinals. But Falk rebounded with a vengeance to pin Mount Horeb/Barneveld’s Ryan Errthum in 2:52 their third-place match.

In a wrestleback for second-place, though, Waunakee’s Dane Spencer earned a 7-4 decision over Falk.

While Joe Miller was disappointed the Cardinals were unable to advance to a team sectional, he was pleased overall with his team’s performance.

“It was a great meet,” Joe Miller said. “Reedsburg’s a really good team. They showed it. They’re probably one of the best five or 10 best teams in the state.

“We were shorthanded. The goal was I thought we had an outside shot at second. Down three varsity guys due to various issues, we had to call up a couple of kids last minute. One of them ended up quali-

fying for sectionals in the younger Falk. That was awesome for him.

“At 106, Tavish Frank, a first-year wrestler, takes fourth, and at 132, Aidan Dowd, another freshman, beats two higher-seeded kids to take fourth.

Bryce Falk said he couldn’t be happier with the Cardinals’ overall program.

“We’ve put in a lot of hard work throughout the year,” he said. “A lot of our guys are new. It’s pretty cool to see them work and get rewarded for it and go to sectionals.”

Joe Miller said the future does indeed look bright for the youthful Cardinals’ program.

“We had four freshman advance and a sophomore at 126 and a sophomore at 152 and a junior at 170, they will all be back,” Joe Miller said. “The future is very, very bright. We also had three fifth-place finishers, who were all sophomores. I couldn’t be happier with the team.”

Middleton will have an additional three wrestlers competing next week at Waunakee when sectional competition will be held for the second annual WIAA girls’ individual state tournament.

“When you factor in that we will have three girls wrestle next week, we will have 10 at sectionals,” Joe Miller said. “Jessica (Bristol) is at 132, Mattie (Papenthien) at 138 and Katrina (Clark) at 170. All three of them could go to state.

“Combined, I don’t know the last time Middleton has had 10 kids at sectionals. It will be busy and fun day.”

• **On deck:** Middleton will compete at the Waunakee Sectional on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

**Feb. 11
DeForest Regional
Team scores:** 1, Reeds-

burg Area, 266; 2, Waunakee, 192; 3, Sauk Prairie, 152; 4, Baraboo, 145; 5, Middleton, 123.5; 6, Mount Horeb/Barneveld, 118; 7, Madison Memorial, 65; 8, DeForest, 60.

Middleton individual results

106: Tavish Frank (10-22) placed fourth and scored 7 team points.

Quarterfinal -- received a bye; Semifinal -- lost by pin to Mason Spear, Waunakee, 2:17; Third Place Match -- lost by pin to Dezmen Severson, Baraboo, 2:20; Fourth Place Match -- Tavish Frank by rule.

120: Joe Cristoforo (9-26) placed sixth and scored 3 team points.

Quarterfinal -- lost by pin to Kade Parrish, Reedsburg Area, 3:43; Cons. Semifinal -- received a bye; Fifth Place Match -- lost by pin to Chase Urban, Sauk Prairie, Fall 2:34.

126: Reese Miller (28-10) placed third and scored 17 team points.

Quarterfinal -- received a bye; Semifinal -- pinned Errol

Romeis, DeForest, 1:14; First Place Match -- lost by pin to Trenton Curtin, Reedsburg Area, 5:29; Second Place Match -- lost by dec. to Nolan Owen, Baraboo, 4-0.

132: Aiden Dowd (14-16) placed fourth and scored 10.5 team points.

Quarterfinal -- won by tech fall over Travion Flowers, Madison Memorial, 16-0 (4:21); Semifinal -- lost by pin to Coltan Nechvatal, Waunakee, 2:35; Third Place Match -- lost by dec. to Brogan Mittelsteadt, Reedsburg Area, 9-2. Fourth Place Match -- Aiden Dowd by rule.

138: Sam Zanton (26-9) placed second and scored 17 team points.

Quarterfinal -- pinned Torrian Ollie, Sauk Prairie, 0:32; Semifinal -- lost by pin to Colton Herritz, Reedsburg Area, 3:23; Third Place Match -- won by dec. over Brooks Pernot, Mount Horeb/Barneveld, 2-0. Second Place Match -- won by decision over Gabe Guralski, Waunakee, 7-2.

145: Finn Grauwels (32-13) placed second and

scored 18 team points.

Quarterfinal -- received a bye; Semifinal -- won by decision over Gabriel Metzler, Waunakee, 6-3; First Place Match -- lost by pin to Drew Purifoy, Reedsburg Area, 0:41; Second Place Match -- Finn Grauwels by rule.

152: Corben Falk (12-16) placed third and scored 16 team points.

Quarterfinal -- pinned Karsen Gear, DeForest, 2:31; Semifinal -- lost by pin to Talan Pichler, Baraboo, 1:45; Third Place Match -- pinned Ryan Errthum, Mount Horeb/Barneveld, 2:52; Second Place Match -- lost by dec. to Dane Spencer, Waunakee, 7-4.

160: Eli Quesada (8-10) placed sixth and scored 3 team points.

Quarterfinal -- lost by pin to Payton Kirchstein, Mount Horeb/Barneveld, 4:33; Cons. Semifinal -- received a bye; Fifth Place Match -- lost in OT to Harrison May, Waunakee, SV-1, 5-4.

170: Bryce Falk (39-9) placed first and scored 23 team points.

Quarterfinal -- received a bye; Semifinal -- won by maj. dec. over Alex Katers, Sauk Prairie, 17-3; First Place Match -- won by dec. over Devin Judd, Reedsburg Area, 10-4.

182: Karston Crute (4-9) didn’t place.

Quarterfinal -- lost by pin to Brock Weiler, Madison Memorial, 0:49; Cons. Semifinal -- lost by pin to Dakota Mayr, DeForest, 2:19.

195: Tiem Nguyen (8-11) didn’t place.

Quarterfinal -- lost by pin to Brian Mora, Madison Memorial, 1:39; Cons. Semifinal -- lost by dec. to Tristen Miller, Mount Horeb/Barneveld, 10-8.

220: Gavynn Cooper (11-11) placed fifth and scored 9 team points.

Quarterfinal -- lost by pin to Tyler Endres, Waunakee, 1:46; Cons. Semifinal -- won by injury default over Jahad Lewis, DeForest; Fifth Place Match -- pinned John Rogers, Baraboo, 3:23; Fourth Place Match -- Tyler Endres, Waunakee, by rule.

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At the Spring Primary to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the Town of Middleton, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
Town Hall 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd Verona, WI 53593	Wards 1 through 4
West Middleton Lutheran Church 3763 Pioneer Rd Verona, WI 53593	Wards 5 through 8

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

**Barbara Roesslein
Middleton Town Hall
7555 W. Old Sauk Rd.
Verona, WI 53593
608-833-5887
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fridays**

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O1595 Ordinance to Amend Fees Relating to Dog Licensing.

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Village of Cross Plains
2417 Brewery Road, P.O. Box 97
Cross Plains, WI 53527

Town & Country Engineering, Inc.
6264 Nesbitt Road
Madison, WI 53719

Copies of the Contract Documents and the Construction Plans may be obtained at the office of Town & Country Engineering, Inc., 6264 Nesbitt Road, Madison, WI 53719 via appointment only. There is a \$60 non-refundable copying and distribution charge for these documents. Electronic bidding documents are available on-line at Questcdn.com, Project No. 8389388 for \$42. This fee includes access to submit a bid on-line via Questcdn.

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