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## MHS golfers come up aces

### Cardinals lead fundraiser that brings in \$44,000 for American Cancer Society

BY DENNIS SEMRAU

For the Times-Tribune

When Mackenzie Sloan was diagnosed with Leukemia nearly two years ago, her prep golf career took a backseat to focus on her recovery.

Fast-forward to the current season and the Middleton senior is not only back on the course, but Sloan is also helping raise awareness for the fight against cancer.

On Monday, the Middleton and Waunakee girls golf programs hosted the inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer high school golf fundraiser at Maple Bluff Country Club benefiting the American Cancer Society. And amazingly, the participating golfers raised approximately \$44,000 in the first year of the new event.

Sloan, who had to sit out her sophomore year while undergoing chemotherapy, was excited to be able to participate in the new event.

“The second I got diagnosed, all of a sudden I realized how many people in my life had had cancer whether it was an aunt of a friend or a teammate in a different sport,” said Sloan, who is still undergoing treatment that is expected to last until February 2023. “There were all these connections. It was kind

of everywhere. You just never realized it.

“It’s all for a good cause. We use our competition to raise more money for the cause. It’s a win-win.”

Middleton junior Vivian Cressman, who earned third-team all-state honors a year ago for the Cardinals, agreed.

“You have a lot of great golfers coming together for a great cause,” Cressman said. “It’s nice to see everyone putting the competitiveness aside and raising money and being there for our loved ones who have cancer.”

“Cancer has touched every single one of us. It means a lot for (coach) Becky (Halverson) to raise money for this after her brother battled cancer. It’s just one more reason to try to fund-raise.”

### Taking the next step

For the past 11 years, Madison Edgewood High School hosted ‘Crusade Fore a Cure,’ a prep golf tournament that raised over \$146,000 to fight breast cancer.

But the event ended after long-time Crusaders’ coach Peggy Gierhart retired from Edgewood following the 2021 season.

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Middleton’s girls golf team hosted the inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer high school golf fundraiser at Maple Bluff Country Club Monday. The event raised approximately \$44,000 for the American Cancer Society. From left are Maddy Wilcox, Abby Schroeder, Amanda Beckman, Vivian Cressman and Ellen Close.



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Will Whiteis and Middleton’s boys cross country team won the Hartland Arrowhead Prime Time Timing Night Race last Saturday.

## Life in the fast lane

### Middleton’s boys & girls cross country teams win titles at Arrowhead

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

#### TOWN OF MERTON

— Middleton’s girls cross country team — the defending WIAA Division 1 state champions — look as strong as ever.

The Cardinals boys — a staple at the state meet — appear stacked with talent once again.

And it was all on display last Saturday night.

Middleton’s boys and girls went to the Hartland Arrowhead Prime Time Timing Night Race and won a pair of championships.

Middleton’s boys finished with 51 points and easily outdistanced runner-up Mukwonago (84). Muskego (109), Arrowhead (113) and Pewaukee (124) rounded out the top five at the 12-team event.

“I talked to other coaches during and after the meet and many were surprised by us,” Middleton boys coach Brian Finnel said. “But, our squad worked really hard all summer and hats off to them.”

“It’ll be a good point to bring up, especially with our younger runners. This is what happens when you put in the

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# Girls spikers open with a bang

## Cardinals win Beasts of Northeast Tournament

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Several of the state's elite girls volleyball programs descended on Appleton East High School last Friday and Saturday for the Beasts of the Northeast tournament.

And Middleton showed it was the biggest beast of all.

The Cardinals went 6-1 overall at the two-day tournament and defeated Freedom in the championship match.

"I was extremely happy with how the girls played this weekend, especially considering it was our first tournament," Middleton coach Maddie Vogel said. "Overall it was a fun and successful weekend."

Middleton went 3-0 during pool play on Friday. Then after falling to Hortonville early on Saturday, the Cardinals rallied back with wins over Fox Valley Lutheran and Freedom to capture gold.

"We went 3-0 on day one, finishing all of our matches in two sets," Vogel said. "We have talked a lot about taking care of business quickly, and we definitely accomplished that on day one."

"Against Hortonville, we struggled in serve receive, which prevented us from getting our offense going. Going into our second match, we knew we had to turn it on in order to stay in the running for gold, and I was really happy with the drive and focus the girls showed in that match."

Here's a recap of the Cardinals' weekend:

### FRIDAY

• **Middleton 2, Appleton East 0** — The Cardinals rolled to a 25-16, 25-18 win in their season-opener.

Jordan LaScala led Middleton with nine kills, while Sierra Pertzborn and Annika Van Buren both added six kills. Evin Jordee had 22 assists and Elianna Ross added four assists.

Ross added 13 digs, while Jordee and LaScala both had five digs and Amber Wahlgren had four. Pertzborn also added two aces.

• **Middleton 2, Pulaski 0** — The Cardinals cruised to a 25-13, 25-10 win.

LaScala had seven kills and six digs, while Jordee had 11 assists. Pertzborn added five kills, three digs and two blocks, while Amelia Frautschi had four kills.

Amber Wahlgren had six aces and three digs, Haley Stoffregan had five assists, Ross had five digs and Laina Gustafson had two kills.

• **Middleton 2, Oconto Falls 0** — The Cardinals completed pool play with a 25-12, 25-22 win over Oconto Falls.

Pertzborn had a big match with nine kills, a .615 hitting

percentage, and two digs, while Bryn Larson added four kills and two digs. Jordee had 12 assists and six digs, while Stoffregan added 11 assists and three digs.

Ross had 13 digs and two aces, while LaScala had three kills, two aces and five digs. Keaten Davis, Van Buren and Frautschi both chipped in with two kills, and Abby Tubbs had two digs.

### SATURDAY

• **Middleton 2, St. Mary's Springs 0** — The Cardinals rolled to a 25-8, 25-11 win.

LaScala had four kills, two aces, and two digs, while Pertzborn had four kills and two digs. Jordee had 11 assists, five aces and five digs, while Ross added five digs and three aces. Wahlgren had a pair of digs, Tubbs had two aces, and Frautschi and Davis both added two kills.

• **Hortonville 2, Middleton 1** — The Polar Bears edged the Cardinals in a thrilling three set match, 25-23, 9-25, 16-14.

LaScala had nine kills and six digs, while Pertzborn had eight kills and two digs. Jordee had 20 assists, nine digs and three aces, while Van Buren had four kills and two digs, and Frautschi added four kills and two blocks.

Ross had four aces, nine digs and three assists, while Wahlgren had two digs.

• **Middleton 2, Fox Valley Lutheran 0** — The Cardinals toppled the Foxes, 25-16, 25-19.

LaScala had a stellar game with 10 kills, six digs and a .409 kill percentage, while Pertzborn had eight kills, a .538 kill percentage and five digs. Jordee had 22 assists, three digs, a kill and an ace, while Van Buren had four kills.

Ross added 10 digs, while Tubbs had seven digs.

• **Middleton 2, Freedom 0** — The Cardinals handed the Irish their first loss of the year, 25-8, 25-22, in the championship match.

Jordee had 18 assists, three kills, two digs and two aces, while LaScala had nine kills and two digs. Frautschi added six kills, while Pertzborn had four kills and two digs.

Ross had four aces, nine digs and two assists, while Wahlgren added five digs and four aces, as well.

"We finished out the day strong, passing well and executing efficiently on offense," Vogel said. "Eliana Ross was instrumental in our serve receive, and we executed really well offensively across the board."

• **On deck:** Middleton hosts Beloit Memorial Thursday at 7 p.m., then is off until Sept. 8 when it hosts Madison La Follette at 7 p.m.



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Middleton's girls volleyball team won the Beasts of the Northeast Tournament last Saturday.

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# Waunakee edges Cards

## Middleton falls to 0-2

BY DAN LARSON

For the Times-Tribune

**WAUNAKEE** — Call it a gut punch. Call it a splash of cold water to the face. Call it a wake-up call.

Call it what you want, Robert Booker's 2-yard touchdown catch on fourth-and-goal with 2 seconds remaining before half-time certainly got the attention of Middleton's football team.

Now trailing Waunakee by 10 points, the Cardinals responded to open the second half, methodically orchestrating a promising drive that, if fruitful, would flip momentum back in their favor.

But after chewing up nearly 8 minutes, the Cardinals turned it over on downs, with Gabe Passini's pass attempt on 4th-and-12 from Waunakee's 30-yard-line falling incomplete.

As a result, momentum remained with the Warriors, who would ride it out for a 17-14 victory Friday night in a non-conference match-up between two of the premier prep football programs in the Madison area.

"We're a power football team, a run football team, and in the second half we got it going — especially when we got into our big package and we were able to shove it right down their throat," Middleton coach Jason Pertzborn said. "But we took way too much time off the clock on that one drive to come away empty. We can't do that. If we finish that first drive of the second half it's probably a different ball game."

"That comes down to us believing we can get it done and going out and getting it done. They need to insert their will when there's an opportunity."

Middleton, which suffered a 38-21 Week 1 loss to Bay Port — ranked third in Division 1 in the first WisSports.net coaches poll of the year — did, for the most part, impart its will on defense, pitching a shutout in the second half to keep the Cardinals' comeback hopes alive.

And those dreams got a jolt of energy following Passini's 1-yard TD run on a quarterback sneak with 9 minutes, 43 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

That drive began at the Cardinals' own 25-yard line and wasn't particularly methodical, with Passini running for 12 yards on the first play and Bryce Falk ripping off 13 yards on the next. Waunakee was penalized 15 yards on that run after a late hit, then Falk took a screen pass for 20 more yards on the third play of the drive.

A sack threatened to snuff out the march, but on third-and-19 from the 24-yard-line, Passini ran for 19 yards to move the ball into the red zone, ultimately setting up his QB sneak.

Middleton's defense couldn't get a timely stop after that, however, allowing Waunakee to march down to the Cardinals' 5-yard-line before a turnover on downs.

Getting the ball back — as opposed to falling behind by two scores again — did breathe life into the Cardinals' hopes for a victory. But the poor field position was too deep of a hole to climb out of and they had to punt.

And when they couldn't force a three-and-out after burning their two remaining timeouts, all they were able to do was get the ball back with 16 seconds to go, pinned deep in their own territory.

The game ended without any excitement, and Middleton dropped to 0-2 on the year, while Waunakee — the defending WIAA Division 2 state champion and winners of 22 straight games dating back to the pandemic-impacted 2020 season — improved to 2-0.

"That's a big game. They're a good football team," said Waunakee coach Pat Rice, whose Warriors — the top-ranked team in Division 2 — fended off DeForest's second-half comeback attempt in Week 1 for a 42-34 victory. "This gauntlet we're going through right now, it reveals the character of these guys. We've had two in a row and five like this last year at the end, and our kids keep battling."

Waunakee took the early lead on a 25-yard field goal by Austin DeAmicis that knuckle-balled just above the crossbar with 3:01 gone by in the contest.

And after a three-and-out by Middleton, the Warriors threatened again. But this time DeAmicis' 32-yard field goal try doinked off the crossbar and Waunakee's 12-play drive went for naught.

Middleton struck next thanks to a special teams miscue by Waunakee.

Faced with fourth-and-1 at midfield, the Warriors bluffed like they were going to go for it before quarterback Garrett Lenzendorf retreated back to punt at the last moment. But the snap sailed over his head and he was forced to cover it up at his team's own 29-yard-line.

Six plays later, Passini ducked under center and snuck in from a yard out to give the Cardinals a 7-3 lead.

Waunakee answered right back with an 11-play, 80-yard scoring drive capped off by Booker's 27-yard TD catch on a post route that made it 10-7 with 3:46 left in the first half.

Later in the half, Booker gave his team a 17-7 lead when he pulled in a pass in traffic running a crossing route along the goal line on that fourth down play.

Booker finished with four catches for 60 yards while David Emerich had seven for 115, the primary targets for Lenzendorf, who had an effective night completing 18-of-27 passes (66.6%) for 249 yards, the two TDs and no interceptions.

Ben Lindley had 31 carries for 117 yards for Waunakee, which was balanced all night long and finished with 362 yards (249 through the air and 113 on the ground).

Middleton, meanwhile, mustered only 160 yards of offense (63 rushing and 97 passing).

"Their running back is good so we needed to start there," Rice said of the focus of the game-plan being to slow Falk. "We needed to make them fairly one-dimensional. We were able to do some front things to put numbers in our favor, and we tackled well. We understood that they had some play (action) passes off of that, and I think our kids handled it consistently all night."

"We wanted to get them into predictable situations where we could bring our pressure packages at them. The kids executed really well."

The Cardinals did in a lot of areas, too. But it wasn't enough to end Waunakee's long winning streak.

Still, the two games against state powers to kickoff the 2022 campaign should pay dividends down the road for Middleton.

"These are two good teams that we just saw, and hopefully guys are mature enough now to handle the fact that they've been tested and they've battled and they've worked hard and learned a lot of good things," Pertzborn said. "It's going to be a sucky weekend again, but the ultimate prize is winning that conference title and then moving into the postseason."

In other words, iron sharpens iron.

"We should be ready for any adversity that comes at us, we should be ready for any opponent that comes at us. We're trying to get better, and how do you get better? You go against



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Bryce Falk and Middleton's football team fell to Waunakee, 17-14, last Friday.

good competition," Pertzborn said. "So that's what we have to do. By the postseason, who cares about these two games?"

Pertzborn saw a lot that he liked in this game, especially after halftime. Now, the Cardinals need to parlay that into a victory, with their next chance coming at home in their Big Eight Conference opener against Madison La Follette Friday at 7 p.m.

"It's easy to fall apart when things aren't clicking," Pertzborn said. "But guys dug deep and they found a way and we had a chance at the end."

"We just need to find a way to win at the end of close ball games. It's as simple as that."

**Aug. 26  
WAUNAKEE 17,  
MIDDLETON 14**

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Waunakee — Austin DeAmicis 25 field goal, 8:59, 1st  
Middleton — Gabe Passini 1 run (Owen Halverson kick), 7:12, 2nd  
Waunakee — Robert Booker 27 pass from Garrett Lenzendorf (Austin DeAmicis kick), 3:46, 2nd  
Waunakee — Robert Booker 2 catch from Garrett Lenzendorf (Austin DeAmicis kick), 00:02, 2nd  
Middleton — Gabe Passini 1 run

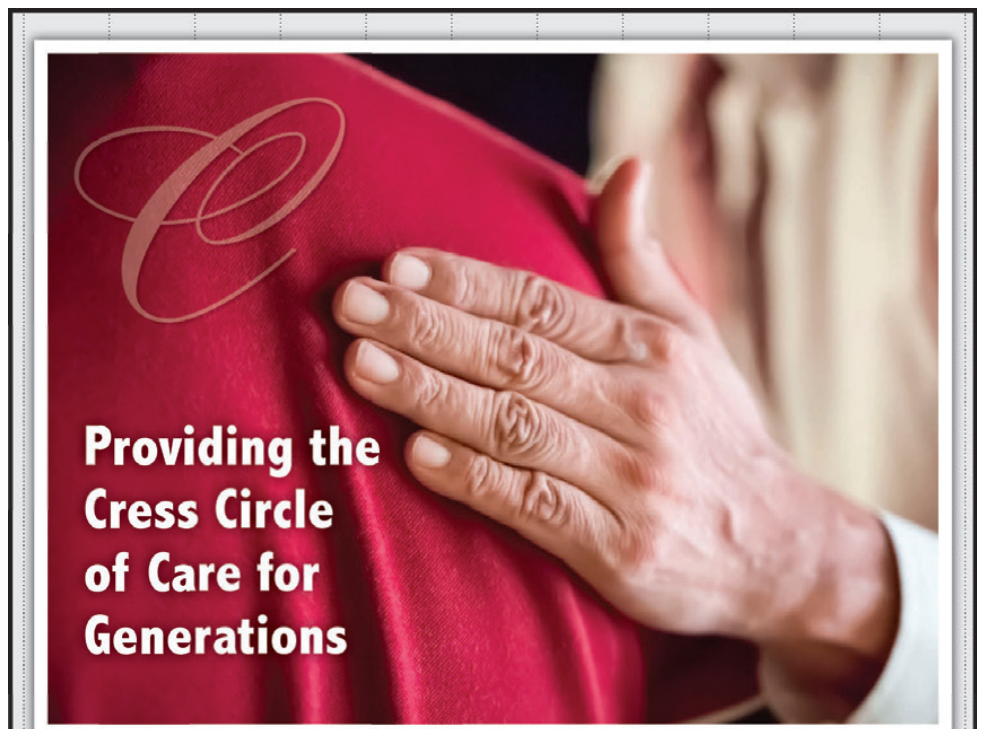
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### TEAM STATS

First downs: M 11, W 17.  
Rushes-yards: M 25-63, W 40-113.  
Passing yards: M 97, W 249. Passing (comp-att-int): M 9-27-0, W 18-27-0. Fumbles-lost: M 0-0, W 0-0.  
Penalties-yards: M 3-25, W 8-70.

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: M Bryce Falk 9-23, Gabe Passini 12-30; W Ben Lindley 31-117. Passing (comp-att-yds-td-int)-: M Gabe Passini 8-20-70-0-0; W Garrett Lenzendorf 18-27-249-2-0. Receiving: M Dayton Devine 4-40, Alden Cleary 2-15; W David Emerich 7-115, Robert Booker 4-60.



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# SENIOR

*A valuable resource guide for local Seniors and caregivers looking for services and opportunities to enhance the health, wellness and lifestyle for our senior community!*

## Outdoor activities that are perfect for seniors

The great outdoors beckons people of all ages. Fresh air can be hard to resist and the benefits of spending time outdoors are so numerous that it behooves anyone, including seniors, to answer the call of nature.

According to researchers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, human beings benefit both physically and psychologically from spending time in nature. Such experiences can reduce stress and help lower heart rates, potentially decreasing individuals' risk for cardiovascular disease. In addition, the Forest Service notes that spending time outside in green spaces has been linked to a lower risk of depression.

Seniors who are retired or even aging empty nesters who are still in the workforce can make great use of their free time by venturing into the great outdoors. The following are a handful of senior-friendly outdoor activities that provide a great reason to get off the couch and take in all that Mother Nature has to offer.

- **Hiking:** Hiking provides a great workout and an ideal opportunity to spend time in an idyllic setting. The U.S. National Park Service notes that hiking helps individuals build stronger muscles and bones, improves their sense of balance, has a positive effect on heart health, and can decrease the risk of certain respiratory problems. Hiking is an especially attractive outdoor activity for seniors, as many parks feature trails with varying degrees of difficulty, ensuring there's a trail for seniors whether they're seasoned or novice hikers.

- **Water aerobics:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that water-based exercises can be especially helpful individuals with chronic diseases, a category many seniors fall into. The CDC notes that one study published in the journal *Arthritis & Rheumatology* found that improves the use of joints affected by arthritis without worsening symptoms. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also notes that swimming can lead to improved health for people with diabetes and heart disease. Seniors can reap these benefits by going for a dip in their own backyard pools or a local body of water, such as a lake or ocean. Many swim clubs also offer discounted memberships to seniors, making these another great and affordable way to reap the benefits of swimming.



- **Fishing:** Of course not all outdoor activities need to make seniors huff and puff. Fishing provides a great reason to get outdoors, and many individuals devoted to fishing report feeling less stressed after a day spent casting for their favorite fish. Individuals who consume what they catch also can benefit by improving their diets, as the American Heart Association notes that consuming certain types of fish has been linked to a lower risk for heart disease and obesity.

- **Volunteering:** Local environmental groups often sponsor cleanups at parks and waterfront attractions like beaches and lakes. Volunteering with such organizations is a great way to get outside and give back, and working with like-minded individuals can be a great way for seniors to meet new people. In addition, a national study sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service in 2019 found that 88 percent of Senior Corps volunteers who initially reported a lack of companionship reported a decrease in feelings of isolation after volunteering.

The opportunities for seniors to enjoy the great outdoors are endless. Taking advantage of such chances can benefit seniors in myriad ways.

## What seniors should know about social media safety

Seniors might not be the demographic individuals initially associate with social media. However, Pew Research notes that seniors' social media usage has been steadily rising for a number of years, proving that individuals 65 and over are not tech-averse.

Pew data from 2019 indicates that 46 percent of individuals 65 and older use Facebook. Social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram can be a great way to stay connected with family and friends and stay up-to-date on community events. But social media usage is not without risks, especially in regard to users' safety. Seniors without much social media experience can heed these safety tips as they navigate popular platforms and discover all they have to offer.

- **Examine your account settings.** Social media users can control their privacy settings so they can decide who can (and can't) view their online activity. Each platform is different, but profiles set to public generally allow anyone to view individuals' activity, so seniors should set their profiles to private to limit access to their information.

- **Be mindful of your social media social circle.** It's easy to make virtual friends via social media, but seniors should be mindful of who they accept as online friends. Carefully consider each friend request and decide just how big or small you want your social media community to be. Many individuals prefer to limit their online social circles to individuals they know well and want to stay in touch with, and that can serve as a good measuring stick when deciding whether or not to accept a friend request.

- **Avoid sharing personal information.** Seniors are no doubt aware that they should never share especially personal information, such as their Social Security number.

However, seniors also should hesitate to share personal information like vacation plans. Seniors who post about upcoming trips could return home to find they've been victimized by criminals who scoured their social media accounts and learned when they were going to be away. A good rule of thumb is to keep personal information private and limit posts to information that is not overly specific or sensitive.

- **Recognize the threat posed by scammers.** Social media platforms have had varying degrees of success in regard to keeping their sites scam-free. But scammers find a way, and users must take steps to avoid being victimized. Never click on a link within a post from someone you don't know and avoid anyone soliciting donations through social media platforms.

Seniors are engaging with social media more than ever. Such engagement requires seniors to be mindful of the many ways to protect their privacy when spending time online.



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# Middleton's HTL team falls to Verona

## 29ers lose Final 4 opener

BY ROB REISCHEL

*Times-Tribune*

It's been said that timing is everything.

And Middleton's Home Talent League team picked the worst time to suffer its first loss of the 2022 season.

The 29ers — who were 16-0 throughout the regular season and playoffs — dropped a 5-2 decision to Verona in the first round of the HTL Final Four.

The game began in Middleton, but was stopped after two innings Sunday due to rain. The contest was then moved to Verona Monday night because Sorenson-Bakken Field had too water and Middleton High School doesn't have lights due to the ongoing construction project.

"Going into the Final Four, we knew every game was going to be a battle and it opened that way with Verona," Middleton manager Brandon Hellenbrand said. "We really had no other option than to go to Verona to get the game in. Not ideal considering it was our home game and we get to play on our field

for a big game like this, but we had to adjust."

Middleton trailed, 3-1, when the game was halted.

Verona took the early lead on a two-run first inning homer by Justin Scanlon off 29ers starter Brady Schmitt.

But Middleton answered with a solo homer by Brennan Schmitt — who homered twice to lead the 29ers to a 12-11 come-from-behind win over Waunakee in the Northern Section title game on Aug. 21 — in the bottom of the first to make it 2-1.

Tucker Teskey's one-out RBI single out of the No. 9 spot in the order gave Verona a 3-1 lead in the top of the second, which completed the scoring before the rains came.

Middleton's Drew Farrell threw the final seven innings and kept the 29ers in the game. Farrell allowed two runs and seven hits, but largely kept Verona's high-powered offense in check.

"Brady and Drew gave us a shot to win," Hellenbrand said. "Brady made one mistake in the first inning and allowed a two-



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Middleton's Brennan Schmitt had his third home run in two games, but the 29ers fell to Verona in the first round of the HTL Final Four.

run home run. Other than that, I thought he threw really well in the two innings.

"Drew pitched really well. He battled for all seven innings. I thought he did a real nice job of keeping them off balance, Verona's a good hitting team

and both guys battled for us."

Middleton's offense, which has been clutch all year, couldn't get it done against Verona, though.

The 29ers did strike for a run in the seventh when Brennan Schmitt's sacrifice fly plated

Brandon Scheidler. But Middleton also left the bases loaded in the sixth and had three other innings where it left runners in scoring position.

"We had some opportunities that we let slip away," Hellenbrand said.

Middleton's margin for error

is now non-existent.

The 29ers travel to Stoughton Sunday at 1 p.m. If Middleton wins there, it would face the loser of the Sun Prairie/Verona game on Monday. If the 29ers lose to Stoughton, their season would be finished.

## END OF AN ERA

### Schiedler, Hinson set to retire at season's end

BY DAN LARSON

*For the Times-Tribune*

All good things come to an end, as the saying goes.

And for Josh Hinson and Brandon Scheidler, the end is near.

But the talented veterans on Middleton's Home Talent League team are hoping to put a bow on top of their long careers with one more league championship, what would be the franchise's 14th overall and first since 2013.

"I've been playing Middleton Home Talent since 2005," Hinson said of his swan song that's being made extra special by the fact the 29ers were 16-0 before suffering their first loss of the year Monday night. "It's been a long road and it's been fun. I want to go out on a good note and accomplish what we set out to do."

Middleton played host to Verona (11-4) Sunday afternoon at Sorenson-Bakken Field in the opening game of the league's three-weekend round-robin format championship series. With Verona leading 3-1 at the end of the second inning, though, rain came and forced the game to be suspended.

Verona eventually pulled out a 5-2 win.

No matter what happens from here, though, it's already been a memorable season for Hinson and Scheidler.

Middleton went 13-0 during the regular season, then



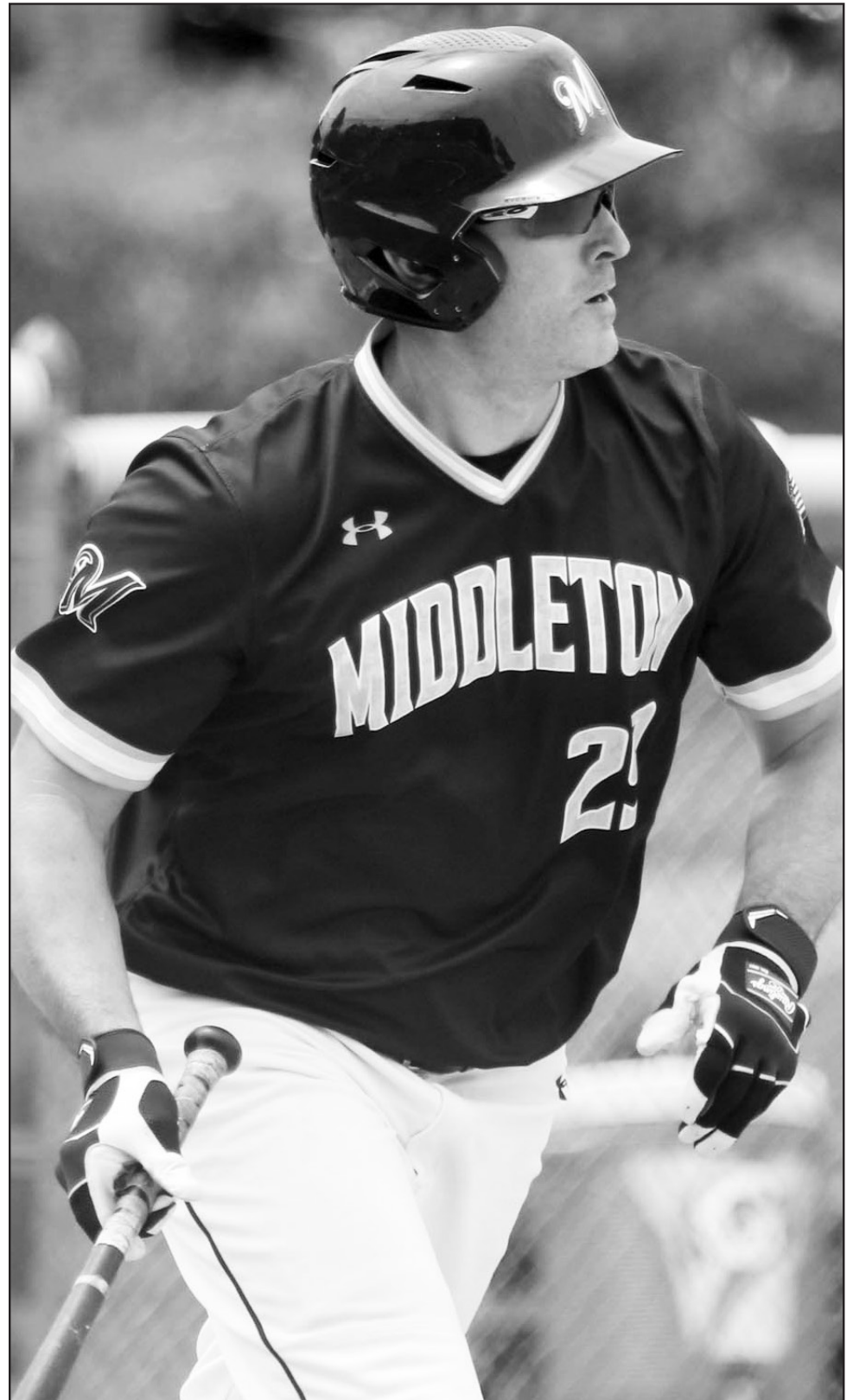
reached the Final Four with a dramatic 12-11 comeback win over Waunakee in the Northern Section Finals. In that game, the 29ers trailed 11-1, but Brennan Schmitt's two home runs sparked a comeback for the ages.

"It's been a sweet ride. I couldn't ask for a better ending, we're excited. Unfortunately this is raining on our parade a

little bit," Scheidler said while standing underneath an umbrella and being pounded by pouring rain.

"This is our only home game of the Final Four, so it's not really going to happen. It's a little bit different ending than we had written up, but you do what you have to do."

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Middleton standouts Brandon Scheidler (5) and Josh Hinson (above) are retiring at the end of the season.



# Cardinals upend DSHA

## Middleton topples state power

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

They woke up at 5 a.m. Saturday.

They took a two-hour bus ride to Milwaukee.

And they left with a victory over one of the state's elite teams.

That's why Middleton's girls tennis team was on cloud nine Saturday evening.

The Cardinals traveled to Divine Savior Holy Angels — last year's WIAA Division 1 state runners-up — and toppled the Dashers, 4-3.

"It was a true state quality dual from all positions," Middleton coach Matt Given said. "To play a team as highly talented as DSHA, and come away with a win is unreal."

Middleton won three of four singles flights, which proved key.

Sonya Agapov, the Cardinals' No. 2 singles player, toppled Madi Guillermo, 6-2, 7-6 (6). Lydia Sabat edged Saylor Masters, 6-2, 2-6, 10-4 at No. 3 singles.

And at No. 4, Middleton's Sophie Shi downed DSHA's Megan Schraufnagel, 6-4, 6-3.

The Cardinals also posted a win at No. 2 doubles, where Keena Ching and Sarah Li bested DSHA's Kelly Coury and Joan Barry, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

"This is a moment that this team will build off of moving forward as we continue to get better each and every match," Given said.

Middleton also posted three Big Eight Conference wins last week. The Cardinals downed Madison West, 6-1, on Aug. 25, blanked Madison La Follette, 7-0, on Aug. 23 and rolled past Sun Prairie East, 6-1, on Aug. 22.

Here's a recap of those



Times-Tribune photos by Mary Langenfeld

Netra Somasundaram (top) and Sonya Agapov (above) helped Middleton's girls tennis team have a big week.

meets:

• **Middleton 6, Madison West 1** — Netra Somasundaram, Agapov, Sabat and Shi all posted singles wins. In doubles play, Cheng and Li rolled at No. 2, while Caroline Sax and Hannah Lister posted a three-set win at No. 3.

• **Middleton 7, Madison La Follette 0** — Somasundaram, Agapov, Sabat and Shi all rolled to 6-0, 6-0 wins in

singles action.

Ashley Andler and Amy Li rolled at No. 1 doubles, while the duos of Cheng-Li and Sax-Lister also posted wins.

• **Middleton 6, Sun Prairie 1** — Middleton's three doubles teams — Andler-Li, Sax-Lister and Domenica Conrad and Shreya Ramesh all posted straight set wins.

Shi earned a victory at No. 2 singles, while Rishika Kom-

muri rolled at No. 3 and Haley Klatt was victorious at No. 4.

"We are continuing to get better and better," Given said. "I really feel like this team has not played at their best yet and that is the scary part. I am excited to see where this team ends up."

• **On deck:** Middleton hosted Sun Prairie West Tuesday, then heads to Janesville Parker on Thursday at 4 p.m.

# Middleton swimmers dunk Beloit

## Cardinals roll to easy win in season-opener

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton's girls swimming team kicked off its season in style with a 138-32 win over Beloit Memorial on Aug. 26.

The Cardinals recorded the top three finishes in 10 of 11 events and cruised past the Purple Knights.

"The Beloit meet went well," Middleton coach R.J. Leiferman said. "It was good to see our freshmen race for the first time, and a great way for our returning athletes to get used to racing again."

Here's a recap of Middleton's top performances:

• **200-yard medley relay** — The foursome of senior Emma Kleine, sophomore Hannah Machleidt, sophomore Isabell Frommelt and freshman Sulia Miller won the race. The quartet of sophomore Sophia Lee, sophomore Poppy Wedding, senior Eva Anagnostopolous and senior Taylor Carbon was second, while the team of sophomore Maddie Dorris, senior Anna Reihl, freshman Aoife Ryan-Keiser and senior Lainie Laszewski was third.

• **200-meter free relay** — The team of Miller, junior Piper Garcia-Hall, senior Abby Ensenberger and junior Lily Mair was first. The foursome of Anagnostopolous, sophomore Izzy Ensenberger, junior Tait Haag and senior Sophie Benson was second, while the quartet of junior Ellie Eisele, freshman Clara Kiehl, freshman Adelyn Dorn and Carbon was third.

• **400-meter freestyle relay** — Haag, Miller, Mair and Benson teamed up to capture first place, while the group of sophomore Audrey Alexander, Garcia-Hall, Abby Ensenberger and senior Natalie Charles was second. The foursome of Kiehl, freshman Irene Lee, Frommelt and Dorn was third.

• **200-meter freestyle** — Haag, Abby Ensenberger and Garcia Hall went 1-2-3 for the Cardinals.

• **200-meter IM** — Charles finished first, while Benson was second and Machleidt was third.

• **50-meter freestyle** — Alexander, Izzy Ensenberger and Kiehl were first, second and third, respectively.

• **100-meter butterfly** — Mair, junior Kori Burnett and freshman Sulia Miller went 1-2-3.

• **100-meter freestyle** — Haag, Abby Ensenberger and Garcia Hall were first, second and third, respectively.

• **500-meter freestyle** — Benson won the event, while Lee was second and sophomore Ellie Sundell was third.

• **100-meter backstroke** — Kleine finished first, while Frommelt was second and Alexander was third.

• **100-meter breaststroke** — Charles, Machleidt and Anagnostopolous went 1-2-3.

"The girls did a great job of keeping good energy through the meet cheering each other on," Leiferman said. "Hopefully that is something we can continue through the season."

• **On deck:** Middleton is at Madison East on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The Cardinals are then off until Sept. 9 when they host Madison La Follette and Verona in a triangular meet.

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# Cardinals cruise in opener

## Boys soccer team shines in win over Monona Grove

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

If first impressions are indeed the most telling, Middleton's boys soccer team should be awfully excited about what's in store for the next two months.

The Cardinals rolled past visiting Monona Grove, 3-0, in the season-opener for both sides last Thursday.

"A good result for our opening match," Middleton coach Kevin Pauls said. "We were happy with our intensity in the first half."

With good reason.

Middleton jumped on the Silver Eagles early, scoring twice in the first 17 minutes.

In the 12th minute, sophomore Tony Murphy scored on a feed from senior Dom Campos to give the Cardinals a 1-0 lead.

"Tony showed his desire to score as he battled his way through the middle of the box against multiple defenders and went to the ground to get his last touch on the ball to go by their keeper," Pauls said.

Just five minutes later, Riley Kann took a cross from Campos, that Murphy also got a small touch on with his heel and calmly hit it past their keeper to make it 2-0.

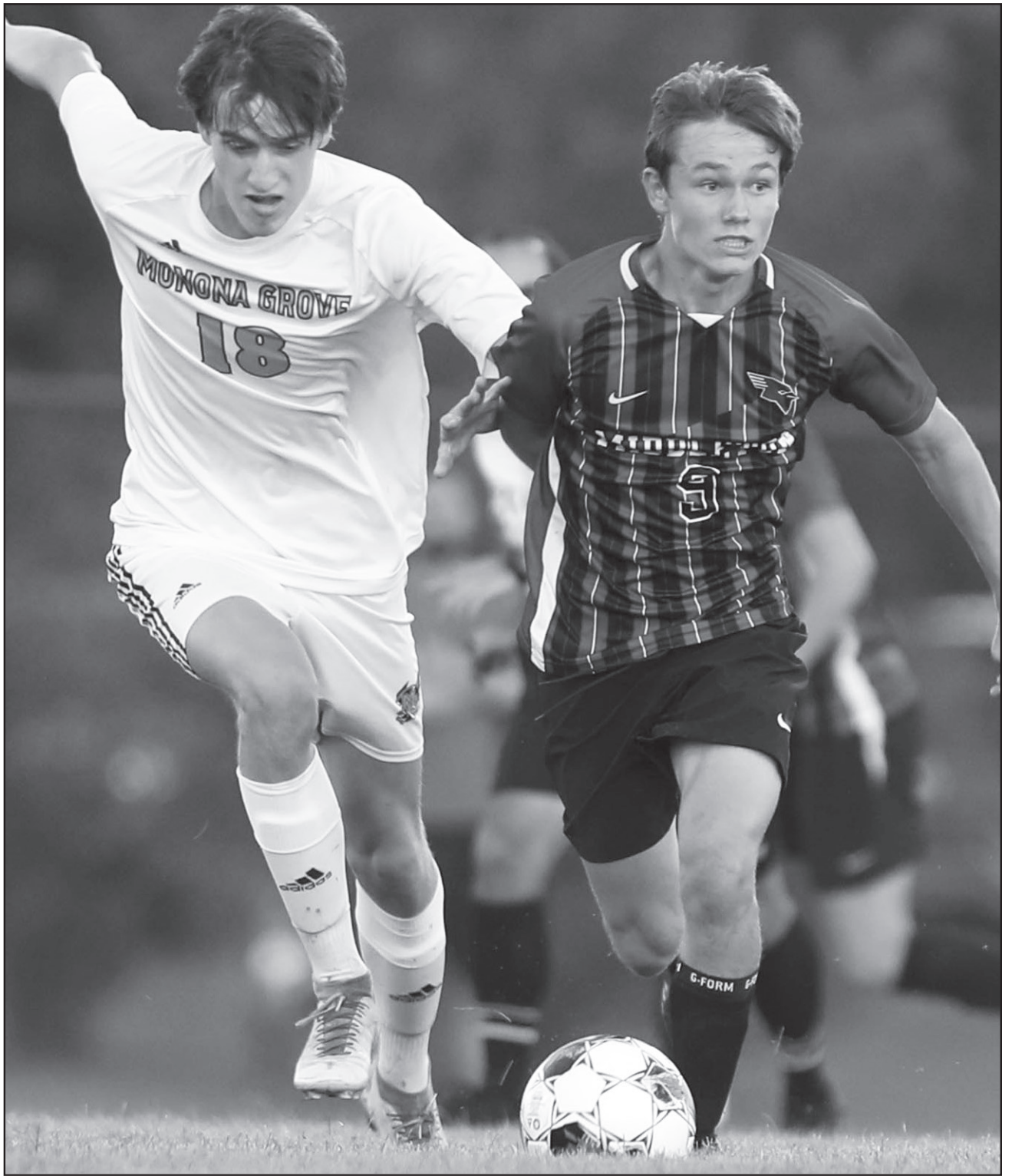
"Most of the rest of the half, we played well, we just couldn't find the back of the net," Pauls said.

That changed in the first minute of the second half when senior Gunnar Brakel blasted a shot from the left side from about 25 yards out, which was perfectly placed over the keeper and gave Middleton a 3-0 lead.

"It was a great shot," Pauls said. "That goal deflated MG a little bit and both teams battled through the sloppy conditions to the end of the game."

Middleton keeper Mikey Fussell finished the night with two saves and notched his first career varsity shutout.

**• On deck:** Middleton was at Muskego Tuesday, then travels to Beloit Thursday. The Cardinals are then at Brookfield East's Gusho Showcase against Arrowhead on Friday and Green Bay Preble on Saturday.



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Anthony Murphy (9) and Middleton's boys soccer team rolled past Monona Grove, 3-0, in their season-opener.

# Boys spikers drop first two matches

## But Cards optimistic after close losses

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

The end result wasn't what they hoped for.

But Middleton's boys volleyball team learned last week they can play with anyone — and everyone — in the state.

The Cardinals traveled to Hartland Arrowhead and gave two of the state's elite programs all they could handle before eventually falling short.

Host Arrowhead — which reached the state semifinals last year — defeated Middleton 18-25, 25-23, 22-25, 25-18, 23-21 in a thrilling match.

Marquette — the defending state champions — then edged the Cardinals, 20-25, 25-19, 23-25, 27-25, 15-11.

Middleton head coach Rob Kleinschmidt was sidelined with COVID, so assistant Dylan Griffith coached the Cardinals.

"Thursday was a great night where we played two really

tough opponents," Griffith said. "It was some great competition to start the season."

In Middleton's loss to Arrowhead, Ben Heise had 16 kills, while Kaden Fosdick had 11 kills. Brody Stuttgen had 32 assists, four aces and four blocks, Alexander Heuer had 22 digs and three aces, and Joe Ilk had four blocks.

In the Cardinals' loss to Marquette, Fosdick had 19 kills, while Ambrose Engling had 18 kills. Heise had 12 kills, seven digs and two aces, and Stuttgen had 49 assists and two aces. Erik Jones added three blocks and Heuer had 17 digs.

While Middleton played well, it was disappointed it led both matches after three sets and let those advantages get away.

"We served and passed well early on against both teams, but let up on our serving pressure as the matches went on," Griffith said. "We'll continue to work and improve in

that area. Ben had two great matches offensively, and Alex kept us in a lot of long rallies in the second match."

Kleinschmidt, who watched the matches from his home, felt there were a lot of positives for Middleton to build upon.

"We have been focusing on our serving and passing early on this season," Kleinschmidt said. "Thursday showed us that we are improving in both areas, but still want to get better in both, as well."

"When we were passing and serving effectively we were scoring well on offense. We haven't had as much time to focus on our defensive game yet, so are looking forward to getting that going as well. It should be a fun season."

**• On deck:** Middleton hosted Waukesha West Monday, then hosts Madison La Follette Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Cardinals then head to the all-day Brookfield East Invite on Saturday.

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Special Board Meeting for August 4, 2022 - Meeting Minutes MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT District Services Center 7106 South Avenue, Middleton, Wisconsin

1. Call to Order Special Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The special board meeting of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Bob Hesselbein.

Present: President Bob Hesselbein, Vice President Gail Shepler, and Board Members Annette Ashley, Brian Bonti, Bob Green

Not Present: Treasurer Sheila Dahmen Hibner, Clerk Simrnjit Seerha, and Board Members Paul Kinne and Tabitha Hansen

Others Present: Superintendent Dana Monogue

2. Items for Approval a. Approval of Pope Farm Lot Offers (if needed)

MOVED by Green SECONDED by Ashley to approve the lot offer(s) as presented. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. (Exhibit A)

3. Next Meeting Dates and Adjournment

MOVED by Green SECONDED by Bonti to adjourn the special meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Dana Monogue, Superintendent



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**Brandon Hellenbrand, Middleton's manager the last 11 years, will step down after the HTL season ends.**

**HTL**

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Hinson was all set to hang up his cleats following the 2021 season. But ultimately, he decided he wanted one more summer.

He said knowing that the franchise is in good hands with a solid young core of players makes this summer's decision to hang it up easier.

"Last week's game was pretty remarkable," Hinson said when asked what his best memory from 2022 will be. "Brennan Schmitt hitting those two home runs — the kid's an incredible hitter.

"You look at guys like that and it makes it easier to leave because you've got good leadership and good guys following

suit."

Scheidler agreed.

"Every week's been a little sweeter as we go," he said of the present and the future becoming stronger with each passing week. "What we built here with the core guys and some of the older guys that retired a few years ago, we're pretty proud of that and how we've been able to sustain success year in and year out — and doing it with different guys kind of getting pieced into different places.

"It's a good feeling seeing what's coming and what we're turning it over too."

Both players said age is part of the reason they're deciding

— for now anyway, because hey, you never know, right? — to retire. But having young kids and those sports commitments throughout the summer is another reason.

It's also the last year for manager Brandon Hellenbrand, the skipper for the past 11 years and a part of the franchise for the past 22 going all the way back to the 29ers' 12th title in 2002.

Knowing that the franchise is in good hands with the younger players lends confidence to this being the right time for so much change.

All those moving on will look back fondly on their years with the 29ers, this year included.

"We really created a family here," Hinson said. "A good group of friends. You just can't take that away, so those are the things that I'll remember most."

"It was a complete team," Scheidler added of how he'll recall the 2022 iteration of the Middleton 29ers years down the road. "We didn't have one guy doing everything. We didn't have one ace that we rode the whole year. We had three different pitchers that we rotated in. We had multiple guys win us games at the plate throughout the year.

"This is such a complete team. Up and down the line-up we've had guys step up. Every week it's somebody different."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
4355 SCHWARZ RD  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.  
City of Middleton Plan Commission  
Virtual Meeting via <https://zoom.us/> (instructions below)  
Meeting ID: 857 0768 5723 Passcode: 235398**

CXC Foundation is requesting a conditional use permit to construct a training facility for their outdoor recreation and sports center. Sec. 10.72(4) of the City of Middleton Zoning Ordinance lists "other recreation facilities" as a conditional use of an Agricultural District. Planning staff have determined that the sports center training facility is consistent with the "other recreational facilities" conditional use of the agricultural district.

Description of property for the conditional use permit:  
Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 09, Township 07 North, Range 08 East, Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 09; thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 20 seconds West along the south line of said Section 09, 1325.46 feet to the point of beginning and the Southwest corner of Certified Survey Map Number 10339, as recorded in Volume 61 of Certified Survey Maps, on pages 21-22, as Document Number 3459160, Dane County Registry, thence continuing South 89 degrees 19 minutes 20 seconds West along said south line, 796.83 feet; thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 48 seconds West, 416.35 feet; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 10 seconds East, 805.93 feet to the west line of said Certified Survey Map Number 10339; thence South 00 degrees 35 minutes 19 seconds West along said west line, 416.25 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 7.6578 Acres more or less.  
AND  
Land located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 8 East, Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 9; Thence S 89° 19' 25" W, 1,325.67 feet (recorded as S 88° 07' 50" W, 1,325.46 feet) along the south line of Lot 2 of CSM 10339 to a found iron pipe at the southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE ¼ of said Section 9; Thence N 00° 35' 37" E, 416.25 feet (recorded as N 00° 36' 11" W and N 00° 35' 19" E) along the west line of the SE 1/4 — SE ¼ of said Section 9 to a ¾" re-rod (per Burse plat of survey) and the point of beginning; Thence S 89° 20' 30" W (recorded as S 89° 20' 10" W), 99.78 feet; Thence N 0° 35' 15" E, 146.51 feet; Thence N 89° 59' 58" W, 22.54 feet; Thence N 0° 00' 02" E, 678.70 feet; Thence N 89° 59' 58" W 47.56 feet; Thence N 0° 00' 02" E 413.77 feet; Thence S 89° 59' 58" E, 181.21 feet; Thence S 0° 35' 39" W, 1237.69 feet along the east line of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 9 to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 2.9959 acres more or less.  
Tax Parcel Number: 0708-094-9010-2

During the hearing, all interested persons will have an opportunity to speak or register their opinion. Statements are limited to 3 minutes. Written statements may also be provided to City staff by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the hearing. The Plan Commission may take action following the hearing.

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For additional information, or to provide a statement prior to the hearing, contact:

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work. Now we have the potential to do some big, exciting things this year. The squad will have to keep up the work ethic to keep pace with others, of course, and I know they'll be ready for the next challenge."

Middleton's girls finished with 65 points, while Mukwonago was second (68). Muskego (69), Arrowhead (84) and Pewaukee (95) rounded out the top five at the nine-team event.

"The girls had a wonderful season opener," Middleton coach Alexa Richardson said. "We were not going out expecting to win, however with all of the work the girls have put in this summer it does not surprise me they did so well."

Middleton senior Dean Montour was third overall, finishing the 5,000-meter run in 16 minutes, 20.1 seconds.

"Dean had a sensational race," Finnel said. "I really enjoyed that last mile of his. Overall, it was a stellar race and a 44 second PR."

Senior Joe Schwartz was fifth individually (16:29.9), junior Will Whiteis was sixth (16:34.4), senior Harper Fahey was 14th (16:55.9) and senior Nathan Kurtz was 23rd (17:16.8).

"Even though this is a flatter course, the times we ran are very impressive to start with," Finnel said. "Our top-five all PR'd and I was quite stoked about that."

"That stood out to me, along with Harper's race. He ran 85 seconds faster than last year's PR. He's put in the work the last several months and those

cumulative efforts are paying dividends."

Finnel was extremely happy how the Cardinals worked together as a team and ran away from many schools that are expecting to have big seasons themselves.

"I liked the pack running we had," Finnel said. "It was nice to see we could execute working with teammates in a big race across the board."

"On paper, we definitely dominated the meet. We showed up, ready to go. You can't ask for much more as a coach. We all are quite excited for the season."

Middleton's girls had quite the race, as well.

Senior Zaira Malloy-Salgada was second individually (18:32.5) and freshman Olivia Chellevoid was third (18:38.8). Senior Lila Glinberg was 12th (20:29.2), junior Morley Schroeder was 20th (21:20.2) and senior Claire Wallsch-Drur was 28th (21:38.2).

"We were missing two of our top 10 due to prior obligations, which makes us even more excited for the next races to come," Richardson said.

• **On deck:** Middleton is at the Verona Invitational Saturday. The boys race is at 9 a.m. and the girls' race begins at 9:40 a.m.

"This weekend at Verona will be a very fun, challenging meet," Finnel said. "We will see truly how we stack against others, rather than speculating because of running on different courses."



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Morley Schroeder and Middleton's girls cross country team kicked their season off in style last Sturday.

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**Board Agenda for August 8, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**  
**MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 District Services Center  
 7106 South Avenue, Middleton, Wisconsin

**1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bob Hesselbein.

Present: President Bob Hesselbein, Vice President Gail Shepler, Treasurer Sheila Dahmen Hibner, and Board Members: Brian Bonti, Tabitha Hansen and Paul Kinne

Not Present: Clerk Simrnjit Seerha, and Board Members Bob Green and Annette Ashley

Others Present: Superintendent Dana Monogue, Deputy Superintendent Sherri Cyra, Assistant Superintendent Silvia Romero-Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Jerrud Rossing, Attorney Malina Piontek, and Director of Employee Services Barb Buffington

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Hansen SECONDED by Bonti to approve the Regular Minutes of July 18, 2022 and the Special Minutes of July 27, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**b. Correspondence/Board Communication**

Bob Hesselbein shared that he has been talking to other district's board members regarding staffing issues.

**c. Legislative**

There was no legislative update. Remember to vote tomorrow.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**a. Events and Updates**

Superintendent Dana Monogue reviewed several items that have occurred in the district including the leadership retreat and the data summit. New educators will be welcomed to the district during their training that begins on August 22. We continue to hire staff for the start of the year. Dana reminded board members to hold Thursday evening for a special board meeting for approval of a lot offer and employee services items.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED by Shepler SECONDED by Kinne to approve the following items on the consent agenda: 5.a.1. Approval of Bills Payable and 6.b. Approval of Employee Services. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

**a. Administrative/Business Services**  
**i. Approval of Bills Payable**

The board approved under consent agenda the check list totaling \$1,473,836.63. (Exhibit A)

**ii. Approval of Treasurer's Report**

There was no Treasurer's Report to approve.

**b. Employee Services - Certified Staff**

The board approved under consent agenda the attached Employee Services list. (Exhibit B)

**c. District Consent Items**

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

**a. Overview of Independent Hearing Officer Role - Malina Piontek**

Attorney Malina Piontek is the district's Independent Hearing Officer. She presented background information on the expulsion process and the role that she serves for the district. Several board members asked questions on the expulsion process.

**b. Update on Staffing for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Director of Employee Services Barb Buffington provided information on the hiring status for the start of the school year. The schools are working hard to fill teaching positions. Support staff numbers are more concerning along with teaching positions for bilingual, special ed, and music. Barb also discussed ways to promote people to join our district and shared ways we are getting creative to help fill the gaps. She is optimistic that we will fill our certified positions. Contingency plans are being put in place for open support staff positions.

**c. Review Draft Strategy Map for 2022-2023**

Superintendent Dana Monogue referred the board to the strategy map in the packet. The mission, vision, values and goals for the district are the main parts of the map. Goals are outlined with the various action steps. Staff, students and community members are the main focus throughout the strategy map. The final map will be on the agenda for approval at the August 22 meeting. If you find other edits, send them to Dana by the end of next week. There were no questions asked.

**d. 2022-2023 Enrollment Update**

The registration office has been very busy. Since the last board report, the district is up 21 elementary students, 11 students at middle level, and 3 at the high school level. We will continue to see enrollments come in over the next few weeks. Deputy Superintendent Sherri Cyra reviewed the projection numbers versus our actual enrollment. The trend is going in the right direction. There was a question on the projection numbers.

**e. Board Member Participation in Annual Meeting Presentation**

The board briefly discussed the annual meeting presentation, the process and the purpose of the meeting. Treasurer Sheila Dahmen Hibner will provide the presentation at the September 19 meeting.

**7. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**a. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes**

The board received a brief review of the resolution. MOVED by Bonti SECONDED by Kinne to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0 on a roll call vote. (Exhibit C)

**b. Approval of Resolution Proving for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes**

There was a brief review of the resolution before voting. MOVED by Bonti SECONDED by Kinne to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0 on a roll call vote. (Exhibit D)

**c. Approval of Independent Hearing Officer**

MOVED by Hansen SECONDED by Hibner to approve the Attorney Malina Piontek as the Independent Hearing Officer. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0. (Exhibit E)

**d. Approval of Parking Lot Agreement with the Ionic Lodge**

MOVED by Kinne SECONDED by Bonti to approve the parking lot agreement with the Ionic Lodge. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0. (Exhibit F)

**e. Appointment of Legislative Committee Members**

The board discussed interest in the Legislative Committee. MOVED by Shepler SECONDED by Hansen to appoint Paul Kinne and Brian Bonti to the Legislative Committee. The board will check with the absent members to see if they are interested. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

**8. NEXT MEETING DATES AND ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Shepler SECONDED by Dahmen to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

**a. Future Meeting Dates**  
**b. Potential Board Agenda Items**

Cheryl Janssen, Board Secretary

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2022 Erosion Repair Projects at various locations within the Town of Middleton.

It is anticipated that a contract for this project will be executed on September 6, 2022.

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**TOWN OF MIDDLETON**  
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# Middleton captures scramble

BY ROB REISCHEL

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Middleton's girls golfers won the first inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer event held Monday at Maple Bluff Country Club.

The event was played as a five-person team scramble and the Cardinals shot a 62. Tomah (63), Waunakee (64), Green Bay Notre Dame (65) and Milton (66) rounded out the top five at the 20-team event.

Middleton's five-person team consisted of Maddy

Wilcox, Abby Schroeder, Amanda Beckman, Vivian Cressman and Ellen Close.

The 20 teams in attendance raised approximately \$44,000 for the American Cancer Society.

• **Middleton Triangular** — The Cardinals shot a 328 and won a conference triangular on Aug. 22. Sun Prairie West carded a 379 and Madison West shot a 433.

Cressman was the medalist with a 78, while Close shot an 81. Beckman was fourth with an 84 and Schroeder carded an 85.



Photo submitted

Middleton's girls golf team competed in the Coaches vs. Cancer high school golf fundraiser for teammate Mackenzie Sloan (far right), who is battling leukemia. Sloan is shown here with teammates Annika Jafferis (left) and Sydney Weiss (center).

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Middleton junior Ellen Close said the Cardinals were sad the event was ending.

"I really wanted to have something like this again this year," Close said. "Last year, I wasn't able to play in it, but I was able to watch my teammates, and it seemed like so much fun. We had a blast fund-raising. I always hoped it would come back."

Close and her Cardinals' teammates got their wish.

Over the winter, Waunakee coach Betsy Zadra approached Middleton coach Becky Halverson to propose starting a new event to benefit cancer research.

"Peggy and I started it 12 years ago when she was at Edgewood and I was at Waunakee," Zadra said of the 'Crusade Fore A Cure'. "We had a lot of friends that were affected by breast cancer. We thought it would be cool to fund-raise and have a prestigious golf tournament on a nice course like Maple Bluff. That's how it all started."

Zadra said when Gierhart retired, she thought it would be the end of the event. But Zadra and Halverson were determined to keep it going.

"I wanted to continue an event like this," Halverson said. "When Betsy came to me and said she didn't want it to end either, we thought it was the perfect opportunity for us to come together and do something as teams to continue it on, but make it our own in the same way as well."

That's when fate stepped in to guarantee there would be a successor to the 'Crusade Fore A Cure' event.

Becky's brother, Ben White, had just transitioned to a new job with the American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer following his battle with Lymphoma.

"When she contacted me

to meet, it happened to be at the same time my brother had taken a job with the American Cancer Society," Halverson said of White, the former boys volleyball coach and assistant athletic director at Middleton. "He called me a couple of hours after I had talked to Betsy and told me he was taking this new job."

"It clicked to me that this might be an opportunity for us to go with the American Cancer Society and do a fundraiser. Ben told me about Coaches vs. Cancer that he was going to be working with. All the puzzle pieces fell into place. It was perfect."

Zadra said while the old tournament will hold a special place in her heart, the new tournament has become a labor of love for both coaches and their respective teams.

"It was too big of an event. People just loved it," Zadra said of the previous event. "I asked Becky if she thought we should keep it going. I thought we could still get Maple Bluff. Because it was Peggy's baby and she retired, we should let it go. 'Cancer Fore A Cure' would be no more."

"But let's keep the event going. We'll call it something different. I'm so glad Becky was the ideal choice for me to reach out to and to team up with and partner with."

Following a meeting of Halverson, Zadra and White, it was no-brainer to keep it going.

"Becky came up with the great idea of let's go with Coaches vs. Cancer with the American Cancer Society, the connection with her brother, Ben White, and his fight with cancer," Zadra said. "We made some changes because we thought maybe it needed a little bit of a refresh."

Middleton senior co-cap-

tains Abby Schroeder and Amanda Beckman, a returning honorable mention all-state player, were eager to help take the previous event to another level.

"We were all upset because it was our favorite tournament," Schroeder said when she heard of the ending of the 'Crusade Fore A Cure' event. "It was always so fun."

"So we said, 'Becky, you should take it over.' When we found out she was going to start a new tournament, we were all so excited. It's been a lot of fun and for a good cause."

### Common cause overcomes rivalry

Beckman, who created commemorative bracelets to sell as part of the Cardinals' fund-raising effort said the event was about more than golf.

"I'm super excited to play with all the girls. I have a lot of good friends on the Waunakee team," she said. "We all get super close just playing with each other at tournaments. It's nice to have that friendly competition and keep us motivated to continue fund-raising."

Added Schroeder: "This tournament is about a lot more than sports because we're all fund-raising for the same thing. Even though Waunakee is our rival, we all have friends on the team. I really like the coaches on their team, too. I think it's cool that even though we're rivals, we're coming together for a common cause."

Each team was asked to wear the color of the cancer they are representing. Since the Middleton girls were playing for their teammate, Sloan, who is currently undergoing treatments for Leukemia, they wore the color orange.

The event was a five-person team scramble and included 20 high school girls golf teams from around the state: Bay Port, Brookfield Central, DeForest, Fort Atkinson, Green Bay Notre Dame, Janesville Craig, Janesville Parker, Madison Edgewood, Madison Memorial, Madison West, Middleton, Milton, Monona Grove, Oregon, Osseo-Fairchild, Sun Prairie West, Tomah, Verona, Waunakee and Watertown.

After White spoke to the competitors about the American Cancer Society and Halverson and Zadra shared their thoughts, the highlight of the event was a member representing each team sharing with the group what they did to fundraise for the event and what the day meant to them.

Halverson said the final 'Crusade Fore a Cure' event raised \$29,000, so the goal of the initial prep golf Coaches vs. Cancer tournament was set at \$30,000, a mark the schools blew out of the water.

Close said Sloan provided the Cardinals with ample motivation to fund-raise for the event.

"Mackenzie never gave up and it helped me and all the other girls to play better and to be a better person," Close said. "Her being there to fund-raise and being strong is nice. Having her there and being able to play with us makes it so much fun."

### Fund-raising fun

Halverson said the decision to fund-raise for all types of cancer added an exciting element to the event.

"It's kind of cool this year that we're doing this with all the different colors for cancer, which was my brother's idea, and not just pink," she said. "In the past, everyone wore pink and the event was cen-

tralized against breast cancer.

"This year we wanted every team to pick whatever color cancer affects their team the most. Especially for us with having Mackenzie on our team and battling Leukemia, having the opportunity to wear orange for her was cool."

To honor Sloan, the Cardinals wore orange skirts and a white shirt with orange writing on it that said 'Middleton golf' with an orange ribbon on it.

Beckman said the impact Sloan has had on her and their teammates is something that won't be forgotten.

"For me, it's encouraged me to work a little bit harder at this fund-raising because we have that personal connection," Beckman said. "It puts it into perspective and how important this fund-raising is for everyone who is struggling with cancer."

Beckman, who began making jewelry as a hobby a few years ago, said she created some pink bracelets for last year's tournament, something simple she and her teammates could sell.

She expanded that this year after she said the bracelets literally "just flew off the table when we were at the courses" last year.

"This year, I expanded it a little bit and made a few different designs. We sold a lot to the girls on the team and friends and family," Beckman said with a smile.

The Cardinals also sold ribbons and bracelets at several area courses and sold sponsorships for signs on each tee to raise funds in support of Sloan and the event.

Maple Bluff donated the cost of using the course, and the \$200 entry fee for each team went straight to the American Cancer Society.

Pink flags and tee markers were made especially for the event.

Zadra said there were a few new twists that helped raise additional funds for the event.

"We had a hole-in-one contest, closest to the pin, hit the green, and a shootout at the end where the winner received \$2,500 donated to their school fund-raising total," Zadra said. "We added a great putting contest set up at the turn with the winner having \$1,000 donated for the closest to the pin."

Halverson said the additional tweaks to the tournament were a great way for people to see all the different logos and signs around the course as well as serve as a reminder of the amazing community support.

"This tournament was not about competing against each other," Halverson said. "It's about competing with each other against cancer. Everyone's been affected."

For Sloan, who was deeply touched when the Cardinal wore orange ribbons in her honor at the WIAA Division I state meet last fall, the support for the event has been heart-warming.

"I always thought we'd come back to it because it was a fun way to fund-raise and get the girls together," Sloan said of the new tournament. "A part of me is just happy to see what this money can do."

"Over decades, we've made such an improvement in treatment. There's still so much more that is possible, but the survival odds have changed because of the research they've been able to do. The fact that two years later I'm back on the golf team is amazing."