

SOFTBALL

W-C moves above .500 with wins over Necedah, La Farge

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Since starting the 2023 campaign at 0-3, the Wonewoc-Center softball team is now above .500 for the first time after stringing together four consecutive wins.

The Wolves (4-3 overall, 3-3 Scenic Bluffs) kept the ball rolling over the past week with a trio of wins that featured a pair in conference play. That included them holding off New Lisbon (2-6, 1-5) for a 6-5 victory Friday, April 21 in Wonewoc.

The Wolves led 6-1 through three innings and held on

despite the Rockets scoring once in the top of the sixth and three times in the seventh to nearly rally all the way back.

Wonewoc-Center sophomore Olivia Olson went 1 for 1 with a double and junior Kelsey Justman was 1 for 3 with an RBI.

After the weekend, the Wolves won a high-scoring affair with the Necedah Cardinals (1-4, 1-4) by a final of 28-16 Monday, April 24 in Necedah. The scoring started immediately as Wonewoc-Center lurched ahead 13-10 through two innings. The lead was 15-11 through five innings, then the Wolves outscored Necedah 13-3 over

the final two frames.

Wonewoc-Center senior Stacie Koppenhafer helped lead the charge at the plate by going 3 for 5 with a triple and six RBIs while freshman Heidi Baker went 1 for 1 with a double.

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The following day, the Wolves rallied over the final three innings to beat the La Farge Wildcats (1-8) 11-9 in a non-conference clash Tuesday, April 25 in La Farge.

The Wildcats held a 9-6 lead through four innings, but Wonewoc-Center got the

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Wonewoc-Center's Stacie Koppenhafer hits an RBI double in the first half of Monday's 28-16 win at Necedah. HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

BASEBALL



Hillsboro's Joseph Cairns knocked one out of the park in the top of the seventh to add three runs for the Tigers in Cashton on Monday, April 24. HSE photo by Logan Everson.

EARNING STRIPES

Hillsboro runs winning streak up with wins over De Soto, Cashton

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As we head toward the final weekend of April, the Hillsboro baseball team is finding a great groove.

The Tigers (6-3 overall, 3-2 Scenic Bluffs) picked up their fourth consecutive victory by defeating the Cashton Eagles (6-2, 3-2) 8-2 in their conference clash Monday, April 24 in Cashton.

Senior Greg Hora's RBI groundout in the top of the first and senior Billy Stekel's home run to lead off the second inning put Hillsboro ahead 2-0 in the early going. Hora recorded another RBI groundout as part of a two-run fifth inning for the Tigers.

The Eagles got a run in both the bottom of the fifth and the sixth to slice the deficit in half to 4-2. But in the top of the seventh, junior

Talan Hildreth walked, Hora

singled and sophomore Joseph Cairns cranked a three-run home run with two outs. Hillsboro tacked on one more run in the inning to bring the score to its eventual final tally of 8-2.

Cairns helped lead the way for the Tigers by going 2 for 4 with a home run and three RBIs, Hildreth went 2 for 3 with a walk and three runs scored and Stekel finished 1

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Hillsboro's Tanner Goodbear collected four strikeouts, three walks, and two runs on three hits. HSE photos by Logan Everson.



BELOW Hillsboro's Talan Hildreth makes it back to first base after attempting a steal in Monday's SBC contest in Cashton. HSE photo by Jenny Schendel.



TRACK & FIELD

Britzke shines in shortened meet

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MAUSTON EARLY BIRD INVITE (MAUSTON) 4-25-23
Top 10 Finishers

Tuesday night's meet in Mauston was cut short and not all events were completed, most notably the throwing events, but that didn't stop Savannah Britzke from outpacing her competition in the short sprints. Britzke took home a pair of gold medals for Hillsboro in the 200 and 400 meter dashes, and appeared to be on her way to a top-3 finish in the 100 meter, but the event never reached its final heat.

On the boys side, Will Richardson was the high placer, nabbing a fourth-place individual medal in the high jump. Russell Jackson also looked to be on pace for a top-5 finish in the 110-meter hurdles, but this event also did not score its final heat.

Hillsboro hits the track again on Thursday night in a Scenic Bluffs matchup in Elroy. The action begins at 4 p.m.

- GIRLS**
Track.....
100M: 2 Savannah Britzke 13.52
200M: 1 Savannah Britzke 28.25, 8 Kristianna Britzke 30.46
400M: 1 Savannah Britzke 1:03.58
100M Hurdles: 10 Lauren Auel 22.23
300M Hurdles: 8 Lauren Auel 1:01.29
Field.....
High Jump: 6 Lauren Auel 4-2
Long Jump: 5 Savannah Britzke 14-02.5
BOYS
110M Hurdles: 4 Russell Jackson 18.00
300M Hurdles: 5 Will Richardson 47.61
Relays.....
400M Relay: 5 Isaac Thyne, Will Richardson, Ben Richardson, Jerry Von Falkenstein 50.74
800M Relay: 6 Isaac Thyne, Ben Richardson, Ryan McCoic, Jerry Von Falkenstein 1:46.88
3200M Relay: 4 Isaac Thyne, Zachary Morren, Logan Gajeski, Aiden Sake 9:42.31
Field.....
High Jump: 4 Will Richardson 5-8

Gruens dominate in Black River Falls

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The Gruens could not be stopped on Tuesday. At the Hoffman Invitational in Black River Falls, the 1-2 punch of Marah and Bria Gruen carried the Panther girls to a third-place finish, dominating the distance events and hurdles to lead the charge for Royall.

Marah Gruen was the star of the day, winning the 1600 meter, 3200 meter, and triple jump by comfortable margins and edging her way into the early conversation as one of the top competitors in the state in those events. She also took silver in the long jump. Bria Gruen

did her work in the short sprints, claiming silver in the 100-meter hurdles and bronze in the 300 hurdles. Rounding out the top-3 performances for the girls was Laya Wainwright, who earned bronze in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet, 9.5 inches.

On the boys side, Colin Mckittrick staved off teammate Rodrigo Garcia to claim sixth in the 200 meter by seven hundredths of a second. Mckittrick also took sixth in the high jump.

Royall returns to the track on Thursday night when they welcome in a host of Scenic Bluffs opponents. Opening gun is at 4 p.m.

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Hillsboro tracksters collect more medals

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With the last vestiges of an April snow still clinging to the ground, the Hillsboro track team took to the rubber in Boscobel on Thursday, April 20.

On the boys side, Will Richardson led the effort for Hillsboro by claiming a silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles. He was joined in the top five by Russell Jackson, both of whom completed their sprints in under 50 seconds. Richardson also took the bronze in the high jump, recording a 5-foot 8-inch leap. Rounding out the top five vertical leapers was Jerry Von Falkenstein, who tied a slew of other competitors with a

jump of 5 feet, 2 inches.

For the girls, this meet was all about the relay teams. The 800-meter sprint medley team of Lauren Auel, Alexis Downing, and Kristianna and Savannah Britzke collected a bronze in the event, recording a final time of 2:06.56. In the long distance relays, the team of Maggie Bartovics, Ashley Tulley, Shyanna Britzke, and Ellie Baldwin held down the eighth spot in both the 1600-meter and 3200-meter relays.

The boys finished the day with 38 points, good for seventh place in a field of 12. The girls collected 14 points and a ninth-place team finish out of 13 teams.

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Royall splits between Riverdale, New Lisbon

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The Royall softball team got to experience both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat by razor-thin margins in their last two games.

To start this week, the New Lisbon Rockets (2-6 overall, 1-5 Scenic Bluffs) outlasted the Panthers (4-5, 2-3) for a 10-9 conference victory Monday, April 24 in New Lisbon.

Royall led 4-2 through two innings, the Rockets surged ahead with a seven-run rally in the bottom of the third, the Panthers tied things up at 9-9 with their five-run rally in the top of the fifth and New Lisbon won it in walk-off

fashion in the bottom of the seventh.

In the loss, senior Mallory Ruland finished 3 for 3 with two doubles, a walk, three RBIs and two runs while sophomore Ashleigh Klipstein went 2 for 4 with two runs scored.

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The Panthers fared better the following day, defeating Riverdale (3-11) 9-8 in their non-conference tilt Tuesday, April 25 in Muscoda.

Royall next hosts Hillsboro (4-4, 2-3) Thursday, April 27, travels to Bangor (3-3, 3-2) Monday, May 1 and hosts Wonewoc-Center (4-3, 3-3) Tuesday, May 2. Each game is slated to start at 5 p.m.

BASEBALL



Wonewoc-Center's Hayden Verthein tries to lay the tag on Necedah's Shawn Ard to prevent a stolen base during Monday's Scenic Bluffs Conference contest. HSE photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Wolves fall short in pair of conference contests

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The Wonewoc-Center baseball team's bid to notch their first win of 2023 was unsuccessful over the past week, but they did show signs of life at the plate.

Early this week, the Necedah Cardinals (1-4 overall, 1-4 Scenic Bluffs) escaped with a 6-3 win over the Wolves (0-7, 0-6) Monday, April 24 in Necedah. Wonewoc-Center scored the game's first run and led 3-1 after 3.5 innings, but the Cardinals scored twice in the bottom of the fourth and three more runs in the fifth to go ahead for good.

Wonewoc-Center senior Jonathan Preuss went 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

NEW LISBON 13 WONEWOC-CENTER 3

To end last week, New Lisbon (3-4, 2-4) handed the Wolves a 13-3 defeat in five innings Friday, April 21 in Wonewoc. In that one, the Wolves were ahead 2-0 after one inning and tied 3-3 through three, but the Rockets scored 10 runs over the next two frames to pull away.

Preuss also had a multi-hit game that evening by going 2 for 2.

The week ahead for Wonewoc-Center has three road games: at Brookwood (3-4, 3-2) Thursday, April 27, at Cashton (6-1, 3-1) Monday, May 1 and at Royall (5-1, 4-1) Tuesday, May 2. All games are slated for 5 p.m.

BASEBALL

Royall bests New Lisbon to improve to 5-1 overall

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Royall continues to keep itself right near the top of the conversation in the race for the Scenic Bluffs baseball title by racking up conference wins.

In their latest triumph, the Panthers (5-1 overall, 4-1 Scenic Bluffs) plowed past the New Lisbon Rockets (3-4, 2-4) 11-4 in their SBC matchup Monday, April 24 in New Lisbon.

In the win, Royall sophomore Cole Eberhardt went 3 for 4 with an RBI and two runs, junior Seth Brandau finished 2 for 4 with two RBIs and a run scored and junior Tucker Wildes was 2 for 2 with a walk, an RBI and a run.

A vital week ahead for the Panthers sees them host Hillsboro (6-3, 3-2) Thursday, April 27, play at Bangor (5-0, 5-0) Monday, May 1 and welcome in Wonewoc-Center (0-7, 0-6) Monday, May 2. All games are set for 5 p.m.

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for 3 with his solo home run. Hora and Skala also each singled.

Hillsboro senior Tanner Goodbear got the win on the mound after going 5 2/3 innings in which he gave up two runs (one earned) on three hits and three walks while striking out four. Sophomore Reed Urban came on in relief and twirled 1 1/3 perfect innings.

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Prior to the weekend, the Tigers eked out a 3-2 non-conference win in walk-off fashion over De Soto (2-5) Friday, April 21 in Hillsboro.

The Pirates scored the game's first run in the top of the third and Hillsboro only finally got on the board and tied the game with junior Sawyer Postel's RBI groundout in the bottom of the sixth. De Soto

seized a 2-1 lead in the top of the seventh, but the Tigers had the last laugh in the bottom of the seventh.

Hillsboro once again tied the game when Urban scored on a passed ball to level things at 2-2. Stekel was able to later come crashing home from third to score the winning run and secure the 3-2 victory.

Cairns finished 2 for 3 with a walk and a run, Stekel was 2 for 4 and Urban went 1 for 2 with a run scored. On the mound, freshman David Johnson got the start and threw four innings in which he surrendered one run on one hit and three walks while striking out five. Urban pitched the final three innings, giving up one unearned and three hits with one strikeout.

Over the next week, the Tigers are slated to play at Royall (5-1, 4-1) Thursday, April 27 and then host New Lisbon (3-4, 2-4) Monday, May 1 and Bangor (5-0, 5-0) Tuesday, May 2. All games are scheduled for 5 p.m.

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Hillsboro's Elizabeth Cairns dances around Cashton's Chelsea Paulsen en route to second base in Eagles' territory on Monday, April 24. Cairn led the Tigers and went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run. HSE photo by Jenny Schendel.

Hillsboro softball takes losses to Viroqua, Cashton

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The Hillsboro softball team is back at .500 overall on the season after a pair of losses this past week.

Most recently, the unbeaten Cashton Eagles (9-0 overall, 4-0 Scenic Bluffs) handled the Tigers (4-4, 2-3) to pick up an 11-3 conference win Monday, April 24 in Cashton.

The two teams were tied at 3-3 through three innings, with Hillsboro getting all three of its runs in the top of the third on an RBI double by junior Jaelyn Bloor and RBI singles courtesy of freshman Elizabeth Cairns and sophomore Michelyn Hansen. However, the Eagles got five runs in the bottom of the fourth and three more in the seventh to pull away.

Cairns finished the game going 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run while Bloor went 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

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Late last week, the Tigers couldn't quite overcome a slow start and lost 7-6 to the Viroqua/Youth Initiative Blackhawks (6-4) in non-conference play Friday, April 21 in Viroqua.

Viroqua scored a run in the bottom of the first and four more in the second to race ahead 5-0. Hillsboro answered with senior Lily von Falkenstein's three-run home run in the top of the third. After the Blackhawks got two more runs in the fifth



Hillsboro's Michelyn Hansen slings a ball to home plate in the fifth inning of Monday night's conference clash in Cashton. HSE photo by Logan Everson.

inning to push ahead 7-3, the Tigers' last-gasp comeback bid yielded a two-run double by sophomore Kiana Liska and an RBI single from sophomore Maddie Herritz but came up one run short.

In the defeat, von Falkenstein finished 2 for 4 with a home run, three RBIs and a run and Herritz went 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Hillsboro plays at Royall (4-5, 2-3) Friday, April 28 at 5 p.m., then will take part in a quadrangular along with Highland (12-1), Iowa-Grant (7-6) and Seneca (6-0) Saturday, April 29 starting at 10 a.m. at Cobb City Park. The Tigers begin the new month at home against New Lisbon (2-6, 1-5) Monday, May 1 at 5 p.m. and Bangor (3-3, 3-2) Tuesday, May 2 at 5 p.m.

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comeback win by scoring two runs in both the top of the fifth and the sixth and then adding an insurance run in the seventh inning.

At the plate, Justman finished 2 for 2 with a home run, a double and two RBIs, sophomore Callissa Keller went 2 for 4 with two RBIs and Kopenhafner was 1 for 4 with a double. Junior Bryn Ertel got the win in relief by throwing three scoreless, hitless innings in which she gave up two walks and struck out one.

The Wolves have three road games over the next week: at Brookwood (5-2, 4-1) Thursday, April 27, at Cashton (9-0, 5-0) Monday, May 1 and at Royall (4-5, 2-3) Tuesday, May 2. All games are slated for 5 p.m.

Wonewoc-Center's Emma Phillips safely advances to second before the Cardinals'

Paige Lowery can make a play during Monday's Scenic Bluffs Conference game. W-C posted a 28-16 win.

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HOFFMAN INVITATIONAL (BLACK RIVER FALLS) 4-25-23

Top 10 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....
1600M: 1 Marah Gruen 5:31.20
3200M: 1 Marah Gruen 12:12.91
100M Hurdles: 2 Bria Gruen 17.77
300M Hurdles: 3 Bria Gruen, 50.65

Field.....
High Jump: t-9 Bria Gruen 4-6
Long Jump: 2 Marah Gruen 15-4.25
Triple Jump: 1 Marah Gruen 33-3
Shot Put: 3 Laya Wainwright 31-9.5, 7 Malory Knudtson
Discus Throw: 7 Olivia Heesch 77-11

BOYS

Track.....
200M: 6 Colin McKittrick 24.92, 7 Rodrigo Garcia 24.99

Field.....
High Jump: 6 Colin McKittrick 5-0

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BULLDOG RELAYS (BOSCOBEL) 4-20-23

HILLSBORO Top 10 Finishers

GIRLS

Relays.....
400M Relay: 7 Kristianna Britzke, Lauren Auel, Alexis Downing, Savannah Britzke 57.62

400M Throwers Relay: 4 Autumn Larsen, Jade Marks 1:12.17
800M Relay: 9 Kristianna Britzke, Lauren Auel, Alexis Downing, Savannah Britzke 2:06.56

800M Sprint Medley Relay: 3 Lauren Auel, Alexis Downing, Kristianna Britzke, Savannah Britzke 2:06.05

1600M Relay: 8 Maggie Bartovics, Ashley Tulley, Shyanna Britzke, Ellie Baldwin 6:12.76

3200M Relay: 8 Ashley Tulley, Maggie Bartovics, Shyanna Britzke, Ellie Baldwin 14:52.84

Field.....
High Jump: 9 Lauren Auel 4-4
Long Jump: 8 Savannah Britzke 13-5.5

BOYS

Track.....
300M Hurdles: 2 Will Richardson 48.27, 5 Russell Jackson 49.53

Relays.....
330M Shuttle Hurdle Relay: 2 Russell Jackson, Alexander McDonough, Will Richardson 1:01.69

400M Relay: 5 Isaac Thyne, Will Richardson, Ben Richardson, Jerry Von Falkenstein 51.11

800M Relay: 6 Isaac Thyne, Ben Richardson, Jerry Von Falkenstein, Ryan McCoic 1:48.68

800M Sprint Medley Relay: 10 Ryan McCoic, Ben Richardson, Jerry Von Falkenstein, Aiden Sake 2:00.46

3200M Relay: 9 Zachary Morren, Logan Gajeski, Aiden Sake, Jordan Amerman 11:21.05

3200M Distance Medley Relay: 9 Isaac Thyne, Carter Fry, Zachary Morren, Alexander McDonough 10:21.91

6400M Relay: 6 Zachary Morren, Logan Gajeski, Jordan Amerman, Joey Daniels 28:10.02

Field.....
High Jump: 3 Will Richardson 5-8, 5 Jerry Von Falkenstein 5-2



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