

SPORTS

PREP BOYS GOLF DIVISION 2 SECTIONALS

Saints take second, move onto state

McDonell/Regis co-op four strokes behind Amery for first place

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The McDonell/Eau Claire Regis boys golf team navigated familiar territory well on Tuesday as the Saints finished second as a team at a Division 2 sectional hosted by the co-op at Lake Wissota Golf Course.

The Saints advance to next week's state championships at Blackwolf Run in Kohler.

McDonell/Regis was second with a team score of 306, four strokes behind sectional cham-

pion Amery at 302.

Andrew Bauer led the charge by finishing third overall with a 73, two strokes behind Amery's Aaron Mork as medalist with Saint Croix Central senior Nicholas Mueller second at 72. Ben Biskupski shot a 74 to end up in a five-way tie for fourth place with Josh Brickner carding a 75 to end up in a three-way tie for ninth.

Carter Grill finished with an 84 to tie for 28th and round out the scoring golfers for the Saints. It is the first time the McDonell/Regis co-op has advanced to state together. McDonell went to the Division 3 tournament as a team three times, most recently in 2015. "The boys stepped up to the challenge today," McDonell/

Regis coach Thane Berg said. "Every one of them made the shots they had to and kept their confidence. They all have worked so hard and earned it."

Bloomer finished third out of 12 teams with a 324, one stroke in front of Medford (325) for the position.

Jake Bleskacek led the way for the Blackhawks by finishing 16th

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BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonell/Eau Claire Regis senior Carter Grill watches his putt on the fifth hole at Tuesday's Division 2 boys golf sectional at Lake Wissota Golf Course.

BASEBALL REGIONALS | CHI-HI 9, NEW RICHMOND 1

Gugel shuts down Tigers

Big innings back senior pitcher in win

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A pair of big innings sparked the Chi-Hi baseball team to a 9-1 victory over New Richmond on Tuesday in a Division 1 regional semifinal matchup at Casper Park.

The Cardinals (17-8) are scheduled to host D.C. Everest on Thursday for a regional championship.

Dawson Goodman, Liam Brennan and Gavin Thompson had two hits apiece for Chi-Hi in support of starting pitcher Jackson Gugel as the senior went all seven innings, striking out seven and allowing one unearned run.

That unearned run came in the top of the second as the 14th-seeded Tigers (6-16) used the bunting game to hang some uncharacteristic mistakes on the Cardinals. Chi-Hi committed all three of its errors in the inning as Nick Salmon started the inning with a single and ultimately came around to score on those mistakes.

But Chi-Hi wasn't behind long as the Cardinals sent eight batters to the plate in the bottom of the second and scored five runs, two scoring on a single from Thompson with Goodman plating two more on a home run.

"When things sometimes go your way, more good things happen and that's kinda what happened in that inning," Chi-Hi coach Mitch Steinmetz said. "I would like that to be more consistent, maybe a couple runs an inning instead of a five and a zero, a three and a zero. I like it more consistent. I might be nitpicking, but I expect our hard work to pay off in better ways."

A single by Grady Fredrick and

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD DIVISION 3 STATE | MCDONELL MACKS



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonell's Kali Goulet passes the baton to Isabelle Keck during the 800-meter relay at Division 3 sectionals last Thursday in Cameron.

Coming together

New faces mesh quickly for girls 800-meter relay

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Kali Goulet, Elyse Bushman and Anna Thaler are each wrapping up their first year of high school track.

But that relative inexperience hasn't kept those three from making an impact for McDonell as Goulet, Bushman and Thaler prepare to compete at this weekend's Division 3 state track and field championships in La Crosse.

Goulet, Bushman and Thaler are teaming up with senior Isabelle Keck in the 800-meter relay while Bushman is the only freshman in the 300 hurdle field and Thaler competes in the triple jump.

The relay team advanced to state after finishing fourth at last



McDonell's Alex Tokarski competes in a 110-meter relay preliminary at Division 3 sectionals last Thursday in Cameron.

Thursday's Division 3 sectionals in Cameron with a time of 1 minute, 50.62 seconds — edging out Clear Lake by nearly four tenths of a second for the final state

transfer spot. "I definitely think we had it in us but we were seeded eighth so I think going into this we were nervous and me personally, I was like

Coming Friday

The Chi-Hi track and field team caps one of its strongest years in recent history with a large group of state-bound athletes.

UP NEXT
Division 2 and 3 State Championships
When: Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Where: Veterans Memorial Stadium, La Crosse

let's go prove everybody wrong," Goulet said after Thursday's sectional. "Let's go get a team PR and let's make it to state."

McDonell picked up nearly two seconds from its regional title to qualify, battling from an underdog spot Bushman said suits the group well.

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PREP SOFTBALL DIVISION 5 SECTIONALS | MCDONELL 10, ATHENS 0 (5 INN.)



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonell third baseman Keagan Winger makes a diving catch against Athens on Tuesday afternoon at Casper Park.

Ruf, Macks blank Bluejays

McDonell dominates with seven runs in first two innings

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Confidence is contagious. And the McDonell softball team is a confident group right now.

The Macks scored seven runs in the first two innings of a 10-0 win over Athens in five innings on Tuesday to advance to Thursday's Division 5 sectional championship game.

McDonell (18-6) will meet Northwood/Solon Springs in

Athens with a trip to next week's state tournament on the line.

The combination of Katie Ruf in the circle, strong defense behind her and timely hitting once again fueled the Macks. Ruf struck out eight while scattering three hits and two walks in her second straight shutout, Kendall Hepfler, Rebecca Baier and Aubrey Dorn had two hits apiece, and the defense played error free behind Ruf.

A run-scoring groundout from Morgan Wirtz and sacrifice fly by Dorn staked the Macks with a 2-0 lead after the first inning before scoring five more in the second. "That's been our motto all

through the playoffs, score as early as we can," McDonell coach Rick Baier said. "We're looking for one run an inning and if it blossoms into two or three we'll take it, and I think in the second inning we ended up batting around."

The Macks did send 11 batters to the plate with an RBI double by Dorn, a double steal of home

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