



# Wonder women

■ Soccer squad is first girls team at Plymouth to win a state title

MILWAUKEE – Plymouth’s soccer team won the school’s first-ever state championship in girls sports Saturday afternoon, as the Panthers beat Madison Edgewood, 2-1, in the Division 3 title game.

“When I heard that, I actually was really shocked,” senior Allie Kultgen said. “It’s a really amazing thing we accomplished.”

Added senior Cassie Pilling: “It’s crazy. Just to have the opportunity to do that, I’m very grateful for it.”

It’s the sixth state championship for a team at PHS and the first since 2002 (boys soccer).

Melina Knowles and Sarah Welsh scored, Hailey Batzner had an assist and Paige Kurtz finished with six saves to give third-ranked Plymouth its seventh straight win and a 21-1-2 record.

The Panthers, who finished as runner-up in 2021, eliminated reigning state champion and second-ranked New Berlin Eisenhower in the semifinal on Thursday.

They then knocked off the No. 1 Crusaders, giving them a 19-2-2 record and preventing them from winning their first title since 2011.



PLYMOUTH’S SOCCER SQUAD lifts up the school’s first-ever girls state championship trophy Saturday in Milwaukee. - Photos by Sara Baltus

“Being the only D3 team and one of four teams in the state to end on a W, it’s the best thing a senior could ever ask for,” Welsh said. “I’m grateful for this team for allowing me to experience that.”

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead with 20 minutes 49 seconds remaining in the contest.

Batzner dribbled toward the 18-yard line when she fired a shot. Goalie Clara Insolia, running toward Batzner, was able to dive to her left and block the ball with her hand.

The ball bounced straight up, however, and an Edgewood player’s momentum could not stop her in time to make a play.

Batzner, who almost tripped over the goalie, was right where the ball was still softly bouncing.

She waited a second and tapped a short pass to Knowles, who was standing about 12 yards out in front of the goal.

“I knew I didn’t have the best angle and the best mindset to finish it, so I gave it up to someone who was in a better opportunity to score,” Batzner said.

Knowles lofted a shot over

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