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Panthers win boys title at Darlington Invitational

Pennekamp, Aide, Conolly lead IG boys
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GIRLS SWIMMING • SOUTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE RELAYS

Hillmen swim to sixth-place finish at SLC Relays

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WHITEWATER — The Platteville/Lancaster girls swim team placed 10 relays in the top eight of Saturday's Southern Lakes Conference Relays to place sixth out of nine teams with 126 points.

The Lake Geneva Badger co-op won the 10-event, relay-only meet with 219 points. Burlington finished second with 207 points, while Elkhorn (186) placed third.

"The conference relays is a fun first meet and a great learning experience for everyone," said first-year head coach Sierra Jauch, who spent the past three seasons and an assistant coach under her father Matt Wunderlin. "It is an all relay meet against the teams in our conference. There are some unique races such as an individual medley relay, distance relays, a 100-yard sprint relay where each swimmer only swims one length of the pool, and relays of each stroke, in addition to the regular medley and freestyle relays.

"It is a great first meet because in some ways there is less pressure for the athletes since no one is swimming their normal events. However, since everyone is swimming relays,

the athletes are forced to rely on one another and see more than ever that everything they do affects the whole team. A poor race or disqualification impacts the whole relay, but so does a great race. This aspect of the meet forces more team camaraderie and sportsmanship."

Junior Delaney Johnson, freshman Sophia Burr and seniors Abby Burr and Lydia Mack opened the meet with a team-best fourth place finish in the 100-yard freestyle (4x25) relay with a time of 55.04 seconds.

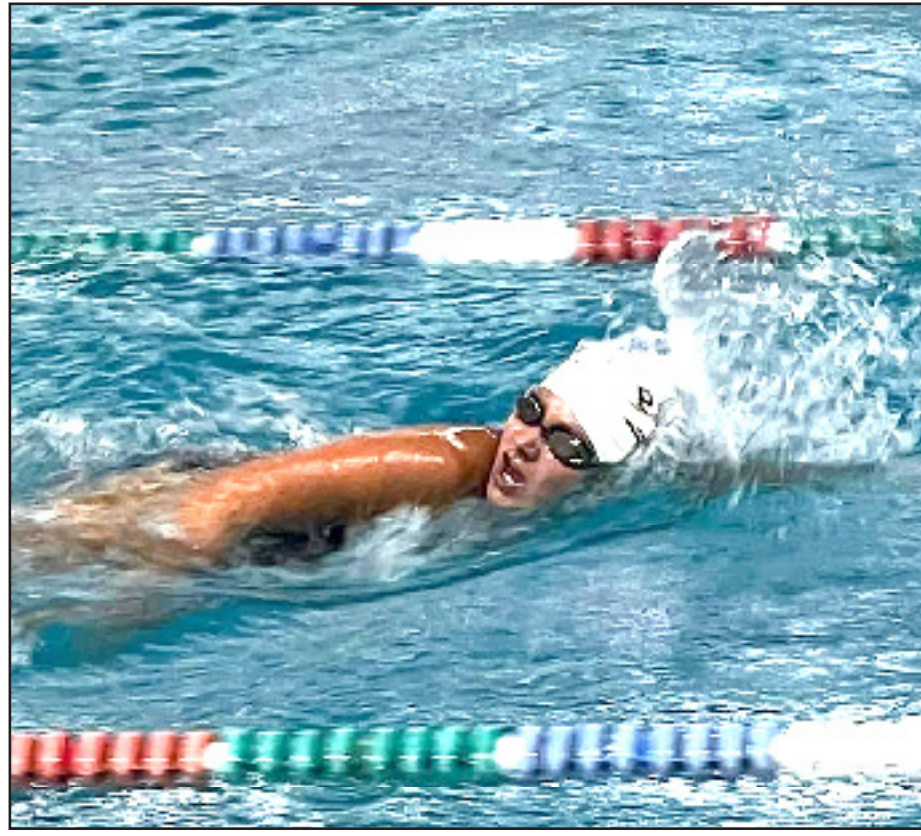
The same quartet placed sixth in the traditional 400 freestyle relay at 4:36.45, while juniors Emilia Bohlken and Eva Hollingsworth, freshmen Anna Pennekamp and Kirstyn Pennekamp, placed eighth in the race at 4:36.45.

Johnson, sophomore Mya Kreul, junior Mikiah Culbertson and sophomore Aurora Fritz placed sixth in the 200 butterfly relay.

Kirstyn Pennekamp, Hollingsworth, sophomores JoJo Dressler and Annabel Tennessen finished sixth in the 400 breaststroke relay (6:09.04).

Johnson, senior Mya Kreul,

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Platteville/Lancaster sophomore JoJo Dressler swims a leg during the 500 freestyle relay at Saturday's Southern Lakes Conference Relays. The Hillmen finished sixth in the race.

SWC BOYS SOCCER • PLATTEVILLE/LANCASTER 2, DODGEVILLE/MINERAL POINT 2

Even-steven: Tate saves the day

Platteville/Lancaster plays reigning SWC champion Dodgeville/Mineral Point to a 2-2 draw in first meeting between two teams



Platteville senior Tate Zuehlke scored the match-tying goal on a penalty kick in the 68th minute of Thursday's 2-2 tie with Dodgeville/Mineral Point. Zuehlke also scored the game-winner on a dramatic penalty kick in the 76th minute of last Tuesday's 3-2 non-conference victory over visiting Wisconsin Heights.

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Little was settled when two-time defending Southwest Wisconsin Conference boys soccer champion Dodgeville/Mineral Point and 2022 SWC title contender Platteville/Lancaster met for the first time this year Thursday afternoon at Platteville High School.

The Hillmen rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to force a draw on a late penalty kick goal by senior Tate Zuehlke and the two teams are even after the first of eight SWC matches to played this year.

The two teams will meet again Sept. 22 at Dodgeville.

The referee waived off an early Platteville/Lancaster goal in the 11th minute for being offside and the Dodgers immediately countered with a tally of their own 10 seconds later.

Dodge/Point (1-2-2) also scored a second goal early in the second half to take a commanding two-goal lead.

"Our match against Dodge/Point was a good game that was fun to watch," said Hillmen coach Cristian Flores. "It was a roller coaster as we had the goal overturned by the refs in the 11th minute, we went down ten seconds later. We controlled the possession and had the better opportunities, but once again struggled to find the back of the net. We're a young team that keeps getting better every game."

The home team finally broke up the Dodge/Point shutout when Zuehlke wet up sophomore Michael Murphy at the 48:29 mark.

Zuehlke later tied the game when he buried a penalty kick early in the 69th minute (68:08).

The Hillmen outshot the Dodgers 22-10 and earned

corner kicks, but couldn't complete the comeback with a victory.

Senior Matthew Stangel McDermott made eight saves for the Hillmen.

Last Tuesday, Platteville/Lancaster notched a 3-2 win over visiting Wisconsin Heights.

Zuehlke scored the game-winner on a dramatic penalty kick in the 76th minute to lift the Hillmen to victory.

Murphy scored the first two goals of the match to give Platteville/Lancaster a 2-0 lead early in the second half.

Murphy scored on an assist by Alex Williams just before halftime (38:03) for the first goal. He then scored on an assist by junior midfielder Vahoua Xiong in the 50th minute.

Heights broke up the shutout with a successful penalty kick in the 54th minute, then tied the score when a defensive miscue led to an own goal

by Platteville/Lancaster in the with less than 12 minutes left in the match.

The Hillmen (1-2-1, 0-0-1 SWC) traveled to Richland Center Tuesday night and will now host River Valley Thursday at 5 p.m. before traveling to Evansville Saturday morning (10 a.m.) and Monroe Monday night (7 p.m.).

Platteville/Lancaster 3, Wisconsin Heights 2
(from Tuesday, Aug. 30 @ Platteville)

Wisconsin Heights	0	2	3
Platteville/Lancaster	1	2	2

First half — P/L: Michael Murphy (Alex Williams) 38:03.
Second half — P/L: Murphy (Vahoua Xiong) 49:09; Tate Zuehlke (PK) 75:43; WH: n/a (PK) 54:00, own goal 68:00.
Saves — P/L: Matthew Stangel McDermott 12; WH: 3. Shots on Goal — P/L: 6, WH: 14.
Corner Kicks — P/L: 8, WH: n/a.

Platteville/Lancaster 2, Dodgeville/Min. Point 2
(from Thursday, Sept. 1 @ Platteville)

Dodgeville/Mineral Point	1	1	2
Platteville/Lancaster	0	2	2

First half — D/M/P: not available, 11:30.
Second half — D/M/P: 42:00; P/L: Michael Murphy (Tate Zuehlke) 48:29, Zuehlke (PK) 68:04.
Saves — P/L: Matthew Stangel McDermott 8, D/M/P: 6. Shots (on Goal) — P/L: 22 (8), D/M/P: 10 (8). Corner Kicks — P/L: 6, D/M/P: 5.

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Steffl, IG pummel Bulldogs

Junior QB runs for three TDs and throws another in R&V win over Boscobel

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MIFFLIN — Junior quarterback Cyle Steffl rushed for three touchdowns and threw another to lead the host Iowa-Grant Panthers to a dominating 34-6 victory over Boscobel in the Ridge and Valley Conference opener for both teams.

"Getting a win in general is always a great thing," said IG head coach Zachary Raimer. "When we can start off conference play with a victory that's good momentum to carry us through the next week."

Steffl took an option keeper off right guard and zipped nine yards up the middle for an early 6-0 lead less than six minutes into the game.

The winless Bulldogs (0-3, 0-1 R&V) answered with a scoring drive of its own, capped by a 7-yard run by Bryar Wayne, but the Iowa-Grant defense dominated the rest of the game, recording two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Late in the second quarter, Steffl connected on a perfect touch pass to classmate Ashton Schmitz, who had gotten behind the defense on a wheel route down the left sideline, for a 52-yard touchdown pass and a 12-6 lead with 2:26 left in the first half.

Steffl added an 18-yard TD run — this time on an option keeper to the left — and the two-point conversion run with 1:29 left in the third quarter.

The Panther defense delivered the knockout blow two plays later when junior Nikolei Freymiller picked off a pass by Boscobel junior QB Lukas Whiteaker and returned it for a 33-yard touchdown and a 26-6 lead.

After recovering a fumble on Boscobel's next offensive play, the IG snowball of momentum kept rolling as Steffl scored on a 1-yard run on the final play of the third quarter to complete the scoring.

The Panthers rushed for 222 yards and 46 carries in Friday's victory and held the Bulldogs to just 96 total yards (36 yards

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