



Seniors Marshall Swanson, No. 12, and Louis Fischbach both earned all-conference second-team nods for the Oredockers. (Photo by Kevin Scott)

Oredockers, 'Guards earn all-conference nods

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The Washburn Castle Guards and Ashland Oredockers were well-represented on the Heart O' North all-conference soccer teams following the fall 2022 season. Washburn junior defender Javier Lebouton stood out in particular, garnering first team all-conference mention as well as selection as the HON's defensive player of the year. Lebouton's height, 6-feet,

3-inches, and exceptional speed that he demonstrated in the fall and in spring 2022 as part of the Castle Guards WIAA D3 state champion 4x400-meter relay team, made him a formidable obstacle for any team's offensive schemes.

HON all-conference selections, followed by Ashland Oredockers coach Stan Schrock's remarks on his players. Washburn head coach Olaf Kirsten was unavailable for comment.

2022 HON Boys Soccer All-Conference

(Name, position, grade, school)

First Team

- Landon Deneen Forward 12 Spooner
- Ezra Walt Mid 12 Spooner
- Jayden Eraquam Forward 12 Barron
- Javier Lebouton Def 11 Washburn
- Taylor Hursh Forward 12 U-SCF
- Cody Busch Def 12 Spooner
- Kolton Frederickson Forward 12 Spooner

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COMMENTARY

Outside the lines, draw lines

I considered writing a soft opener for this column, because racism is not exactly the stuff of sports pages. Maybe even sandwiching a hard middle between slices of warm-fuzzy. But nah. I'm gonna tell like it was told to me by Bay-Area high school student-athletes of color, the most recent being Washburn's Arfee Edwards and last season it was Bayfield's capable big man Daunte Gordon. Both candidly said the most challenging things they've faced while competing are the racial slurs flung at them from opposing teams and fans. This gutsy duo, and others, encouraged me to quote them, which I did.

I've read enough and heard enough from transgressed people of color all over to know this: Speaking up to the ignorant among us who utter racial slurs and worse is the right thing to do and is appreciated. Whether we are Black, White, Brown, or whatever - we all know it's wrong to curse somebody based on their color, or culture. We all know it's hurtful to the core - wait; that's not true. Only those of us who have been attacked verbally or physically because of our color

and/or culture know how hurtful it is. The rest of us, who are not them? We don't know. We are not the persecuted. To think otherwise may be convenient but it's also, as I said before, ignorant.

I can only imagine what it feels like to be attacked in this way. It leaves a pit in my gut. I am no saint, so what comes next I say with a measure of experience: Those who are comfortable tossing out racial slurs and worse are the same people making comfortable lives miserable in other ways. Same people, every time. If you doubt me? Pay closer attention.

Don't be that person. None of us is perfect and, however clumsily, we all can strive to be better. So make the effort. That said? If delivering racial slurs or worse is your thing? Own it. The rest of us can then sit back and watch your words and actions. We'll know in an instant how not to behave, with whom who not to associate, and what lines to draw. Inside the lines racism is intolerable. Outside the lines it is, too.

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An ace for Frog



William "Frog" Fromholz, 77, of Ashland, recorded his first hole-in-one on the par-three eighth hole at the Mellen Country Club using a 5 wood. (Contributed photo)

Middle school cagers speed through season

BY ASHLAND DAILY PRESS

Bay-Area varsity basketball teams have yet to begin play, but middle school players are already breaking a sweat with a robust schedule of games. The Bayfield Trollers have hosted the Ashland Oredockers and traveled to face the South Shore Cardinals, pictured here in a recent 46-28 home win on Tuesday, Nov. 1 against Lac Courte Oreilles. The Bay-Area middle schoolers will continue play until early December when they give way to varsity cagers.



(Photo contributed by South Shore School District)

Tough skating for Northland



(Photo contributed by Northland College)

The Northland College Lumberjills hockey team (0-2-1) visited St. Olaf College (2-1-1) in Northfield, Minnesota for non-conference matches on Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5. After falling 5-1 on Friday, the 'Jills came back strong Saturday afternoon leading most of the way before surrendering a late goal that tied the game at 2-2 and held for the duration. Meanwhile, the Lumberjacks (0-3-1) welcomed to the Bay-Area Civic Center non-conference opponents Concordia College-Minnesota on Nov. 4, falling 3-1, and Saint John's University on Nov. 5, dropping a 4-1 decision. Both teams return to the ice on Friday, Nov. 11, with the 'Jills taking on UW-Eau Claire at home while the 'Jacks travel to Hamline University in St. Paul.