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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Hey Sports Fans! It's another great day at Sports Scene. Well I should say it has been another great year at Sports Scene.

Year nine is in the books, and what a year it was. Sports Scene celebrated its 100th Issue of bringing you the best high school sports coverage in mid-Michigan.

We watched Saginaw Swan Valley make it all the way to the finals in football and baseball this year. Unfortunately the Vikings dream of state titles came up short, but Swan Valley had a year for the ages.

Congrats goes out to all of our spring team champions including Beal City baseball, Lansing Christian girls soccer, St Charles girls track, Clare boys track, Flint Powers boys golf and girls soccer, not to mention many other local athletes that took home state titles as individuals.

Special mention goes out to Flint Powers, who was the only school in our coverage area to win three state championships during the 2017-18 school year, as the boys soccer team won a state championship in the fall.

We can't forget about my Alma boys wrestling team for achieving so much this season by winning district and regional championships and making it to the state finals for the first time in school history. Then there was Dametrius Castillo, who became Alma's first state champion in 20 seasons. Look for Dametrius to have continued success in the coming year.

What about the strides the Ithaca softball team has made this season improving 14 games over a year ago. Good job ladies.

I would also like to give a big shout to the Ithaca football team for making another trip to Ford Field last November. It was nice seeing my Alma Mater make it to the big dance once again. Although we fell short of the ultimate goal, Ithaca football is back and expects to make history once again in the fall.

Less than two months before kickoff. Let's chase another title, boys.

Lastly I want to say the 2017-18 school year was a successful one for Sports Scene. The world of sports evolves and we continue to evolve with it. Thanks again for the continued memories and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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Kevin Healy, Rockford, Golf
Healy helped to lead the Rockford boys golf team to a second place finish at the Division 1 state golf finals. Healy also placed third as an individual at the state meet as he shot identical rounds of 73 to finish with a 146.



Ben VanGorder, Haslett, Golf
A senior who helped lead the Vikings to the Division 2 team state finals, VanGorder paced Haslett at the finals with rounds of 76 and 80 to finish with a 156 total. VanGorder also placed 12 at the CAAC tournament with an 81.



Austin Schemenauer, Corunna, Baseball
A senior who helped the Cavaliers turn in a 17-11 record this season, Schemenauer finished his career with over 100 total hits. Schemenauer earned second-team, all-state honors in Division 2 this season along with being named all-conference and all-regional.



Drew Gandy, Midland, Golf
Gandy earned a trip to the Division 1 state golf finals as he finished third individually with a 76 at the Division 1 regional. Competing at the Division 1 finals at Grand Valley State, Gandy shot rounds of 77 and 79 to finish with a 156.



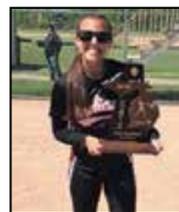
Michael Corder, Haslett, Golf
Corder played solid golf down the stretch this spring. Corder tied for second at the CAAC Red tournament with a 77. Corder followed that up by placing third at the regional with a 73 and turned in rounds of 82 and 83 at the state meet.



Andrew Gauthier, Shepherd, Baseball
An off-season of hard work paid off for Gauthier who earned first-team, all-region honors this season. Gauthier improved his batting average by over 200 points as he hit .466 this spring. Gauthier will continue his career at Delta College next season.



Anthony Zeitler, Midland Dow, Golf
Sophomore for the Chargers, Zeitler picked the right time to shoot his career-best round as he fired a 74 at the Division 1 regional to tie for medalist honors. Zeitler went on to shoot rounds of 87 and 82 at the state finals.



Erica Barta, Chesaning, Softball
A junior outfielder, Barta earned first-team, all-state honors along with being named first-team, all-conference. A three-sport athlete who also plays volleyball and basketball and has a 4.0 grade-point average, Barta set a new school career triples record with 11 this spring.



Kemmie Shunk, Alma, Softball
One of the most versatile athletes for the Panthers the past four years, Shunk led the girls bowling team to a pair of Division 2 titles during her tenure. However softball is a sport where she also excelled at a high level. Shunk finished the season with a .480 average, 16 RBIs and eight steals on the season.



Olivia Apple, Alma, Softball
Apple earned Tri-Valley Conference Central Division first-team and all-district honors for the Panthers this season for the Panthers. Apple finished the season with a .446 batting average, 14 RBIs and 18 stolen bases.



Alexis Beeson, St. Louis, Softball
Helped lead the Sharks to a district championship this season. Solid on the mound all season, Beeson finished the season with 154 strikeouts and earned TVC West Division All-Conference honors this season.



Bailey Miniard, Ithaca, Softball
A co-MVP this season for the Yellowjackets, Miniard plays a strong defensive third base and is solid at the plate. Miniard finished the season batting .354 and had a .422 on base percentage.

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Ionia, Track and Field
A trio of Ionia track and field athletes competed at the Division 2 state finals. Abby Frost placed ninth in the discus, Morgan Waterman tied for ninth in the pole vault and Riley Frisbie finished 11th in the 400 meter dash.



Olivia Anderson, St. Louis, Softball
A first-team All-TVC West selection, Anderson batted .330 with a homerun and six doubles this season.



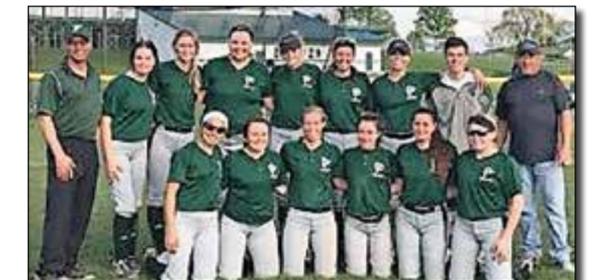
Grand Ledge, Baseball
It took two days to accomplish, but the Grand Ledge won the regional title with a pair of big efforts. In the regional semifinals, The Comets defeated Gull Lake 3-2 in a 12-inning marathon contest. Due to a weather delay, Grand Ledge came back two days later to defeat Portage Northern 5-1 in the regional title game. The Comets qualified for the district by defeating East Lansing 6-2 in the district finals.



Anynslee Koutz, St. Louis, Softball
Koutz was the Sharks top hitter this season with 45 hits and a .459 batting average. She finished the season with five home runs, four triples and nine doubles. She will be one of the team's top returning players a year from now.



Mackelle Thompson, Ithaca, Softball
Was the Yellowjackets leading hitter this season with a .460 average. Thompson had a .525 on base percentage with 36 runs and 22 stolen bases.



Freeland, Softball
The Freeland softball team won its first league title in 10 years this spring. The Falcons defeated Bullock Creek 9-2 to clinch a share of the title. Cat Talaga struck out six and scattered seven hits over six innings to earn the win. Talaga also helped the offense with two doubles and three RBI while Morgan Leuenberger and Lily Beyer added two hits apiece.



Logan Hessbrook, Central Michigan University
A soon-to-be senior for the Chippewas, the former Ithaca standout will head into his final year of eligibility knowing he will have a full riding waiting for him as the coaching staff awarded him a scholarship recently. This just shows you that hard work really pays off when you put in the work. Hessbrook will compete for the starting tight end position in the fall.



Grant Mills, St. Louis, Golf
Mills earned All-State honors finishing ninth in the Division 3 golf finals held at Forest Akers West on the campus of Michigan State University.

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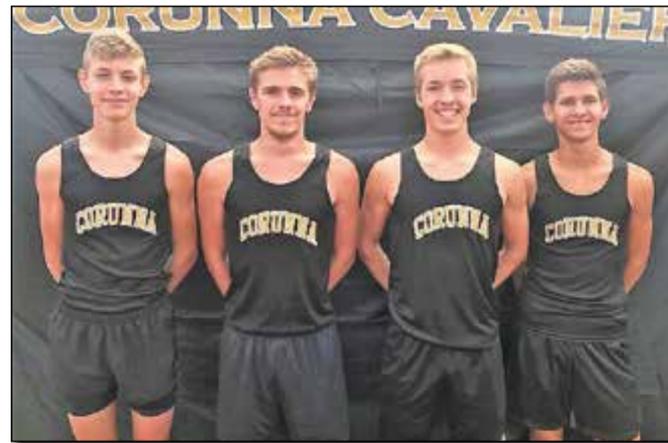
St. Johns Soccer

The St. Johns soccer team finished the season strong highlighted by a solid effort at the CAAC Silver Cup tournament. The Redwings defeated Holt 1-0 to win the Silver Cup title. Paige Moore scored the game-winning goals for St. Johns. The Redwings also reached the district finals this year.



Owosso Softball

The Owosso softball team turned in a strong showing in the state tournament. The Trojans won the district championship with an 8-4 win against Corunna. Owosso then defeated Fowlerville 6-2 in the regional semifinals before falling to Eaton Rapids in the regional title game.



Corunna, Track

The Corunna 4x800 relay team of junior Carter Lovejoy, senior Ryan Schwab, senior Miles Peterson and junior Ben Jacobs placed fifth at the Division 2 state track and field finals with a time of 8:05.08.



Lowell, Softball

It was a productive season for the Lowell softball team. The Red Arrows turned in a perfect record in conference play to win the OK White Conference title for a second straight season. The Red Arrows then defeated Rockford 3-0 in the district semifinals and Grand Rapids Northview 8-0 to win the district championship. Lowell's season came to an end in the regional semifinals when it dropped a 4-1 decision to eventual Division 1 state champion Caledonia.

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Alma Baseball Team Finishes 20-Win Season By Reaching Regional Title Game

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

It took one of the best teams in the state extra innings to put an end to an outstanding baseball season by the Alma baseball team.

Alma turned in a 22-5 overall record this season. Along with the impressive record, the Panthers finished second in the conference and added a district trophy to the trophy case.

Alma finished the season as one of the top 16 teams in the state when they dropped a 3-2 decision in 10 innings to eventual Division 2 state runner-up Saginaw Swan Valley in the regional championship game at Belding.

"We had a great season," said Alma coach Denny Kreiner. "I had a good time coaching this team and the kids had a good time and obviously we had some success on

the field."

Of Alma's five losses this season, three came to Swan Valley.

"We played them as tough as we could," Kreiner said. "They were just a little bit better that day. I was happy to see them (Swan Valley) get all the way to the finals. They are a good team and it took a good team to beat us."

Belding reached the regional title game by defeating Bay City John Glenn 8-2 in the regional semifinals.

Alma picked up three wins on its way to winning the district title it hosted. Alma opened the tournament with an 8-2 win against Ionia. The Panthers then defeated St. Johns 9-2 in the semifinals before stopping Belding 5-3 in the district championship game.

Along with winning the district

title and reaching the regional finals, another highlight of the season came in the final league games against Standish-Sterling.

"We lost two games to Standish-Sterling last year and that gave them the conference," Kreiner said. "This year we played them in the last game. We were mathematically eliminated from winning the conference, but they were still in it. We ended up beating them twice. Not only did that keep them from winning a share of the conference but we jumped over them in the standing to finish second overall."

Alma received strong efforts up and down the roster this season.

"The team as a whole played hard and worked hard," Kreiner said. "Some of the guys didn't get as many innings as I'd hoped but they showed up every day and worked hard and pushed the starters. The guys made the season so enjoyable this year."

Senior outfielder Damon Anguiano was among the team leaders as he earned first-team, all-conference and all-district honors. Junior infielder Brec Alward earned all-conference and all-district

honors. Senior infielder/pitcher Dyre Leonard earned all-district honors while junior pitcher Drew Humm was a first-team, all-district player and second-team, all-conference player.

Senior Brandon Huff also turned in a solid season.

"This was Brandon's first year playing baseball since the seventh or eighth grade," Kreiner said. "He ended up playing in the outfield and hitting over .300 for us. He also stole some bases and played good defense in the outfield."

While Alma will lose some key seniors, the outlook for next season is promising.

"We should be pretty good next



Alma's Damon Anguiano delivers a pitch during a game against Shepherd this season. (Skip Traynor, High School Sports Scene Photo)

season," Kreiner said. "We will have a couple of decent pitchers back and should have a good chunk of our offense coming back. We also have a promising group of kids moving up so we should be a pretty solid team next year."

Trio Of Alma Soccer Players Earn All-State Honors

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

The soccer season was a productive one for the Alma girls soccer team. Along with winning the conference championship for a second-straight season, a trio of Alma soccer players earned all-state honors.

Alma finished the season with a 12-6-2 overall record. The Panthers reached the district finals before falling 3-0 to eventual Division 3 state runner-up Freeland in the district title game.

"We met some of our goals," said Alma coach Nick O'Neill. "We wanted to win another conference. We were hoping to win a district. We played really well, but we ran into a good team that played great soccer that day."

Alma was paced this spring by the senior trio of goalkeeper Abby Schmieder, forward Tia Everdeen and midfielder Sydney Hanson.

Hanson was named first-team, all-state.

"Sydney had another tremendous year," O'Neill said. "She will be continuing her career at Purdue-Northwestern."

Everdeen, who wrapped up her career with 102 goals, earned second-team, all-state honors. Everdeen will attend Grand Valley State University where she plans to try out for the club soccer team.

Schmieder, a four-year starter and captain, earned third-team, all-state honors.

"Abby was the first keeper in our program history to earn that high of an honor," O'Neill said. "She had an

awesome year."

The trio also earned first-team, all-conference honors. Three more Alma players also earned all-conference honors including Madison Ramirez, Kennedy Davis and freshman Jenna Fletcher. Earning second-team, all-conference honors were Izzy Poquiz and Tamanda Store.

Strong defense was a key to success for Alma this season. A trio of senior defenders, Gabby Schmieder, Annikka Mills and Kenzie Wing formed the nucleus of the Panther defense.

"We had to overhaul our defense this year," O'Neill said. "Gabby, Annikka and Kenzie hadn't played a prominent role before and the all stepped up. They all stepped into starting roles this year."

Alma's ability to rebuild this year was one of the highlights of the season.

"We had quite a few changes in personnel and changes in formation this year," O'Neill said. "We had a

number of new girls in new positions. We grew as a team as the year went on and we started to click at the end of the season."

Overall, the season was a memorable one for the Panthers who will miss the departing seniors.

"It was a good season," O'Neill said. "It was a good group and it was a lot of fun to coach and be around them. I'm looking forward to seeing what they do after high school"

With nine seniors, including a trio of all-state players graduating, next year will be a transition season for the Panthers.

"We will have a lot of opportunities for underclassmen to step



Alma finished the season 12-6-2 after losing to Freeland in the district finals. (Scott Keyes, High School Sports Scene Photo)

up," O'Neill said. "I was real pleased with the development of our sophomores and juniors this year. I think those girls will step into more prominent roles next year."

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Big Rapids Golfers Have High Expectations Heading Into Next Season

John Raffel Sports Scene

Twins Owen and Elliot Seay are two Big Rapids golfers with very different styles on the course, but they have identical goals of hoping



to help the Cardinals return to the state finals in 2019, and to win.

Owen Seay was the No. 2 golfer for Big Rapids and Elliott was No. 5. With state champion junior Pierce Morrissey, the Cardinals have their No. 1, 2 and 5 golfers returning.

"I think he tends to hit more fairways than me," Elliott said of his twin brother. "I tend to scramble more to get my pars."

The twins both began golfing at a young age.

Elliot Seay

A top moment for Elliot was shooting an 80 during a Central State Activities Association Golf jamboree at Spring Valley in Reed City. He shot an 86 at the conference tournament.

It was his third varsity season and his first trip to the state finals. Owen Seay was also among the Cardinals top golfers.

"I've improved a lot like hitting fairways and greens compared to last year," Seay said. "It's both maturity and working on my game for sure."

Chipping and putting have been among Seay's strengths.

A versatile athlete, Seay went into the golf state finals with a definite goal.

"We have some work to do for state," Seay said. "We're looking to win it."

The Cardinals tied Hanover-Horton for first but lost on the fifth tiebreaker and ultimately placed second.

Seay had a 78.3 average and 76.6 average in conference, placed 4th at Regionals, 7th overall at the D3 State Finals and 2nd overall on day one.

"He's a hard worker, very consistent and improved so much from last year," Big Rapids coach Mark Posey said.



Owen Seay

Elliot Seay had a 90.1 average and 87.6 in conference. He was first team all-conference, and 6th overall in conference.

"He had a solid all-around game. He had good consistency, and is a hard worker," Posey said.



Mason's Alex Jordan Claims Individual State Title At Division 2 Golf Finals

David Cook Sports Scene

In his first experience at the state finals in his high school career, Mason junior golfer Alex Jordan made a debut he will never forget as he won medalist honors at the Division 2 golf state finals at Bedford Valley Golf Course near Battle Creek.

Jordan, who shot a 69 on the first day of the tournament and was in second place, came back on Saturday with a round of 70 to win the title with a total of 139.

"It feels crazy, I just love it," Jordan said. "It

Mason's Alex Jordan won the Division 2 golf championship held at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek. (Butch Harmon, Sports Scene Photo)

was so much fun. I just wanted to have fun with it all weekend and that's what I did."

Jordan's path to the title began last year. After missing out on qualifying for state by one stroke, Jordan put in plenty of work in the offseason getting prepared for this year.

Jordan and the rest of the golfers at the finals had to deal with a six-hour rain and severe weather delay that took place shortly after tee off on Saturday. Trailing by two strokes at the start of the second day, Jordan had to remain focused during the long weather delay. Jordan turned to his mother and coach to keep him relaxed and ready to go once the rain stopped.

"It was nice being with my mom and my coach," Jordan said. "Being able to talk with them and not get impatient just thinking

about it; I was able to distract myself a little bit. I did a good job of staying patient. When I came back I had eight-foot putt for birdie and I knocked it in on the first hole."

The long delay proved to be no problem for Jordan as he put together a solid second-round score to finish with the 139 total. Nick Krueger of Spring Lake placed second with a 141 followed by Andrew Kolar of Forest Hills Central with a 142 and Tanner Moore of Byron Center and Charlie DeLong of DeWitt with 143.

"I didn't know where I was standing," Jordan said. "I was just trying to stick to my plan. I tried to get birdies at the end but got pars and that was enough."

The birdie putt on the first hole of the second day sent Jordan up for his strong day.

"I just tried to do the same things I did yesterday," Jordan said. "I played a very similar round as far as making decisions and where I placed the ball, and it worked."

Shepherd Golf Team Claims Second-Straight Conference, Regional Titles

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

A year after winning conference and regional titles, the Shepherd boys golf team made it twice as nice as it won both the conference and the regional titles this spring.

Shepherd won the Division 3 regional title at Pine River Country Club in Alma with a 333-team score to outlast second-place Frankenmuth (348 strokes) and St. Charles (357).

Max Skeel led the Bluejays with a 79 to finish third as an individual while senior Scott Sura placed fourth with an 80. Senior Logan Yunker placed ninth with an 86 followed by senior Kyle Bendele with an 88 and senior Nate Gall with a 96.

Shepherd went on to the Division 3 state finals where it placed seventh overall with a 692 (349-343) score over the two-day event.

Sura led the way for Shepherd with a 163 (84-79) while Skeel, a junior, totaled a 170 (87-83). Yunker added a 176 (86-90),



Shepherd had a dream season winning both district and regional championships. (Skip Traynor, High School Sports Scene Photo)

of 299s for 598.

"We knew Grosse Pointe South was going to be very tough to beat," Siegel said. "With that being said, we knew if we played well we could give them a run for their money."

Second was the best finish in Rockford boys golf history,

Kevin Healey was the No. 3 golfer overall with a pair of 73s for 146. Also for the Rams, Daniel Froumis had 78 and 73 for 151, Oliver Haerberle had a 74 and 79 for 153 and Nathan Barton had an 87 and 81 for 168.

"Kevin Healey has kind of been our No. 1 all year long," Siegel said. "Oliver Haerberle has been playing consistently for us all year. Daniel Froumis got off to a rough start and it took some work to get to where he played



Rockford finished second during the Division 1 golf championships held earlier this month at the Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University. (Butch Harmon, Sports Scene Photo)

Gall a 186 (95-91) and Bendele a 190 (92-98).

For the Bluejays, the state finals effort wrapped up a solid campaign.

"I thought we did pretty well," said Shepherd coach Mike Willett, who was named Region 17 Coach of the Year. "Coming into the season I knew we would be pretty solid. We had a lot of players returning and they really worked hard at the beginning of the season. Even in the bad weather they performed well."

Skeel, a junior, led the Bluejays.

"Max had to take his sophomore year off due to hip surgery," Willett said. "He had to play through another hip injury this year and he was a solid number one for us all year."

Sura, who will be golfing at Delta College next season, turned in a solid season as well.

"Scott came through at the end," Willett said. "He built all year for the state finals and he had a real good tournament and

shot a 79 on the last day."

Yunker, a fellow senior, added consistency from the three spot.

"Logan was a really steady golfer for us," Willett said. "He had steady scores in the low 80s."

While Shepherd had four seniors in the top six, the future looks bright for the Bluejays.

"Zach Bendele is a freshman who played in our top six and he had a 39 at one tournament," Willett said. "His brother is Kyle, our number four guy, and Kyle is our hardest-working guy. Zach shows a lot of the same tendencies."

Overall, the Bluejays had nine freshmen on the team and three sophomores who all improved under junior-varsity coach Mike Halliwill.

"Mike Halliwill has done an awesome job of developing our young golfers," Willett said. "He gets the freshmen out to play and he gets them super excited about golf. Mike is a big reason behind our success. He took over as junior varsity coach five years ago and we've seen a marked improvement in the trajectory of our program since he came on. He has done a great job of working with our young golfers."

in the regionals and state finals. Those three guys carried us to the state finals.

"Kevin and Danny are really good drivers of the golf ball. They hit the ball a long way," Siegel said. "They top that off with good short iron play. All three of them are consis-

tent and big strong kids. They drive the ball really well. It's a very competitive division. We had a lot of strong freshmen who played a majority of the year for us."

Several players compete year round, Siegel said.

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Long Weather Delay Pays Off With Division 2 State Title For Flint Powers Golfers

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

After finishing in second place last year, the Flint Powers Catholic boys golf team came out on top this year as it won the 2018 MHSAA Division 2 boys golf title at Bedford Valley Golf Course near Battle Creek.

Flint Powers came out on top with a two-day total of 600 to edge out second place Grand Rapids Forest Northern with a score of 603 and East Grand Rapids with a 608.

The tournament was close throughout and the tension was further heightened by a six-hour weather delay on Saturday of the tournament.

"This is my 30th year of coaching and I've never seen it this close,"

said Powers Catholic coach Robert Beach. "I've never so many teams that had a chance going into the final day. I was talking to the other coaches and we were all hoping we would get the tournament in. Our kids worked so hard, every team worked so hard to get here, all I wanted was just a chance. I'm so thankful all these kids got a chance to experience the second day of the state tournament."

Powers Catholic received a strong team effort on the second day as sophomore Grant Tucker shot a 72, senior Matt Knight carded a 73, senior Zach Hopkins shot a 74 and sophomore Ty Vanitvelt added a 76. Hopkins finished the tournament with rounds of 73 and 74 to lead the Chargers with a 147 total, eight shots off the lead.

Alex Jordan of Mason won medalist honors with a 139. Nick Krueger of Spring Lake placed second with a 141 followed by Andrew Kolar of Forest Hills Central with a 142 and Tanner Moore of Byron Center and Charlie DeLong of DeWitt with 143.

DeLong led the way for Dewitt that placed eighth overall with a total of 621. Joey Croley totaled a 155 (71-84) and Anthony Joseph a 157 (80-77) to help lead the way.

Haslett placed 16th overall with a team total of 659. Ben VanGorder led Haslett with a 156 (76-80) followed by Josh Tuley with a 161 (81-80) and Michael Corder with a 165 (82-83). Sam Zayko added a 177 (87-90) and Korben Leung totaled 179 (89-90).

DIVISION 3

Hanover-Horton edged Big Rapids in a wild Division 3 tournament at Forest Akers West on the campus of Michigan State University.

The two teams finished with identical team scores of 651 with Hanover-Horton winning the title on the tie-breaker of the best fifth-man score.

Big Rapids was led by Pierce Morrissey who also won medalist honors with a 147 total (70-77). Teammate Owen Seay tied for seventh individually with a 156 (74-82). Fletcher Bolda added a 167 (85-82) for Big Rapids.

Shepherd placed seventh as a team. The Bluejays finished with a team total of 692. Scott Sura led the way with a 163 (84-70) while Max Skeel totaled a 170 (87-83).

Frankenmuth totaled a 720-team score and placed 14th overall. Wesley Darrow led the Eagles with a 174 (89-85) while Jacksen McKenzie added a 178 (83-95).

St. Charles placed 17th overall and totaled 744 for the tournament. Matt Benson paced St. Charles with a 168 (83-85) followed by Mitch Benson with a 185 (86-99).

A trio of area golfers finished in the top 10 as individuals. Ethan O'Farrell of Lansing Catholic Central finished in a tie for fourth place with a 153, Eddie Murphy of Chesaning placed sixth with a 155 (77-78) and Grant Mills of St. Louis tied for ninth individually with a

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart placed eighth overall with a 673 total during the Division 4 golf finals held at Forest Akers East on the campus of Michigan State University. (Scott Keyes, High School Sports Scene Photo)



Flint Powers captured the 2018 Division 2 golf championship earlier this month at the Bedford Valley Golf Club. (Butch Harmon, High School Sports Scene Photo)

159 (74-85). Zack Pier of Portland totaled a 160 (74-86), JJ Gross of Clare totaled a 165 (80-85) and Brandon Fandell of Alma totaled a 193 (97-96).

DIVISION 4

Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian won the Division 4 state title at Forest Akers East with a team total of 595 while Clarkston Everest Collegiate placed second with a 628.

Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart placed eighth overall with a 673 total. Evan Chomchai led Sacred Heart with a 166 (79-87) followed by Michael Zanoni with a 169 (82-87), Patrick Ervin with a 171 (86-85) and Greg Janes with a 173 (82-91).

Lansing Christian placed 15th with a 703 score. Parker Jamison led the Pilgrims and finished in a tie for eighth as an individual with a 150 (72-78) while Andrew Prieskorn totaled a 155 (77-78).

Saginaw Nouvel placed 16th overall with a 720 total. John Grant led the way for Nouvel with a 172 (89-83) while Jonah Wright shot a 174 (82-

92). Competing as individuals were Eric Kohagen of Fowler who shot a 165 (86-79) and Bryce Howard of Saginaw Valley Lutheran who shot a 178 (82-96).

DIVISION 1

Grosse Pointe South won the Division 1 state title at The Meadows Golf Course at Grand Valley State University. South totaled a 598-team score to top second-place Rockford. Patrick Sullivan won medalist honors and led Grosse Pointe South with a 143 (71-72).

Rockford finished the tournament with a second-place score of 617. Kevin Healy led the Rams and placed third individually with a 146 total (73-73). Daniel Froumis added a 151 (78-73) for the Rams while Oliver Haeberle finished with a 153 (74-79).

A pair of Midland golfers competed as individuals. Drew Gandy of Midland totaled a 156 (77-79) while Anthony Zeitler of Midland Dow totaled a 169 (87-82).



DeWitt Golf Team Caps Season With Top 10 Finish At D2 State Finals

David Cook Sports Scene

Led by standout junior Charlie DeLong, the DeWitt boys golf team finished the season in a big way with a top 10 finish at the MHSAA Division 2 boys golf state finals at Bedford Valley Golf Course near Battle Creek.

DeWitt finished the tournament with a two-day total of 621. The Panthers totaled a 306 on the first day and came back with a 315 on Saturday after waiting through a six-hour rain/storm delay.

DeLong led the way for DeWitt as he finished in a tie for fourth individually

Hawk Hollow at our league meet. He's had three 69s and his average is just over 70. He is one of the best kids in the state."

DeLong has been shooting consistent low rounds all season. Plenty of offseason work enabled DeLong to take his game to another level this season.

"Charlie is around 10-to-12 under par for the entire year in all our matches," Koenigsnecht said. "He's just very steady and very straight. He doesn't hit it offline very often. He worked very hard this winter hitting balls almost every day after school and it paid off for him."

With another year of high school golf

with a two-day score of 143. DeLong was consistent all weekend with scores of 71 and 72.

"Charlie has been amazing," said DeWitt coach Dave Koenigsnecht. "He shot 64 at

to go, DeLong is primed for a big senior season and is a definite college prospect.

"Charlie is a good putter and a good chopper," Koenigsnecht said. "You have to be good at everything to shoot what he's shooting. He is definitely going to play in college somewhere. You can count on him for that right around par score all the time."

Joey Croley totaled a 143 (71-84) for the tournament while Anthony Joseph shot a 157 (80-77) and Jack Horan shot a 166 (84-82). Sophomore Parker Dietzel totaled a 173 (86-87).

DeLong and Dietzel return next year to lead the way for the Panthers who won the conference this season and finished two strokes behind Flint Powers at the regional tournament.

"We have a few good kids coming that are capable of replacing our seniors," Koenigsnecht said. "I think we should be pretty competitive again next season."

The DeWitt boys golf team finished in the top 10 during the recent Division 2 golf finals held at the Bedford Valley Golf Club. (Butch Harmon, High School Sports Scene Photo)

Rockford Captures Seventh Straight D1 State Title, Okemos Girls Take Second In D2

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

The Rockford girls lacrosse team continued to make history this spring. Not only did the Rams dominate their way to the Division 1 state championship, but they won

a sixth straight Division 1 title.

Rockford wrapped up its sixth straight title with a 25-5 win against Brighton in the state title game. The 25 goals in the finals was also a record for a state championship game breaking the



previous record of 20 goals scored by Okemos in the 2010 Division 2 title match.

Rockford's senior All-American tandem of Brooklyn Neumen and McKenzie Vander Molen led the way for the Rams. Vander Molen scored seven goals and added two assists while Neumen scored six goals and added two assists. Vander Molen will continue her career at Ohio State University next season while Neumen will be playing at the University of North Carolina.

Neumen and Vander Molen are part of a nine-player senior class that has not lost to a team from the state of Michigan since 2016. Fellow senior Maggie Hammer added a pair of goals. Seniors Austyn Holwerda, Delaney Manier, Madison McCreery, Natalie Schwarz, Sadie Smyth and Hannah Tompkins also contributed to the Rams' success.

"For me, I'm losing nine seniors and it's bittersweet," said Rockford coach Mike Emery. "I've shed some tears already out there on the field,

but nothing is sweeter than ending your season with a state championship."

While the Rams will be losing a lot of talented seniors, the pipeline of talent is still full. Junior Karrington Vander Molen added four goals in the state title win while sophomore Sydney Zimmerman also scored four times. Junior Morgan Hall and sophomore Madelyn Yakes who both split time in goal also return next season.

DIVISION 2

The Okemos girls lacrosse team ended the season in a big way by reaching the Division 2 state championship match where it fell 18-6 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Emily Renfrew and Alyssa Karber led Okemos with two goals apiece while Grace Richardson and Zoe Ziegler added one goal for Okemos. Okemos ended the season with a 19-4 record.

Okemos reached the title match in exciting fashion with a 10-9



come from behind win against East Grand Rapids in the state semifinals. Trailing 7-5 in the second half, Okemos tied the game on a goal from Ziegler and then Melaina Grewal scored the game winner. Grewal led the Okemos offense with three goals while Ziegler and Renfrew added two goals apiece and Lola Gonzalez, Maddie Meador and Karber scored one goal each. Okemos goalkeeper Mallory Keenoy ended up with seven saves.

Rockford's girls lacrosse team defeated Brighton 25-5 in the Division 1 finals to win its sixth straight Division 1 championship. (Submitted Photos)



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Area Athletes Turn In Outstanding Efforts At Boys Track And Field State Finals

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DIVISION 1

ROCKFORD: The Rams finished fifth as a team at the Division 1 state meet that was won by East Kentwood. Rockford senior distance standout Cole Johnson led the way as he won a pair of state titles. Johnson won the 1600 meter run in 4:08.47 and captured the 800 meter run in 1:53.11. Junior sprinter Noah Stallworth earned all-state honors in both the 100 meter dash (5th, 10.8) and the 200 meter dash (8th, 22.4). Senior thrower Gavin McIntyre led the Rams in the field events by taking fourth in the discus (163-9) while Chase Novak placed eighth in the long jump (22-2.25). Rockford also had a pair of relay teams earn all-state honors as the 4x100 team of Eli Haddad, Jason Whittaker, Novak and Stallworth placed seventh and the 4x400 relay of Jacob Rademacher, Nate Carlson, Novak and Johnson placed seventh.

LANSING WAVERLY: The Warriors placed ninth with a total of 20 points. Junior hurdler Keshawn Harris turned in a big day as he won the 300 meter hurdles in a time of and placed second in the 110 meter hurdles (14.06). Senior Kenny Brewer placed seventh in the long jump (22-3.75).

SAGINAW HERITAGE: The Hawks placed 17th overall with a total of 13 points. Senior Marcus Montgomery led the way as he took second in the 400 meter dash (47.65). Montgomery teams up with Brady Dinninger, Zarin Burns and Majestik Dudley to place fourth in the 4x400 relay.

OKEMOS: The Chiefs placed 21st overall with 11 team points. Senior Paul McKinley capped his career with a pair of strong efforts as he placed third in the 3200 meter run (9:09.74) and fourth in the 1600 meter run (4:10.9).

GRAND LEDGE: The Comets placed 28th with eight points. Sophomore Kavion Autrey placed second in the long jump with a leap of 23-1.

GREENVILLE: The Yellowjackets placed 27th with seven points. Junior hurdler Jake Rasmussen led the way as he placed third in the 300 meter hurdles (38.0) while junior Ryan Olsen placed eighth in the 110 meter hurdles (15.66).

HOLT: The Rams placed 33rd overall with five points. The 4x100 relay team of Jalen Steele, Jojo Martinez, Caleb Cooper and Brian Stump earned all-state honors by placing fourth (42.7).

EAST LANSING: The Trojans placed 40th

with four points as senior distance runner Evan Meyer placed fifth in the 1600 meter run (4:12.24).

DIVISION 2

SAGINAW: The Trojans placed sixth with 25 team points at the Division 2 state meet that was won by Coldwater. Junior Tony Martin paced the Trojans as he won the long jump (22-7) and took third in the 200 meter dash (22.0) and fourth in the 100 meter dash (11.13). Martin also anchored the 4x100 relay team that included Darquese Doster, Neven Simington and Derius Jackson that placed fifth (43.63).

ESSEXVILLE-GARBER: The Dukes placed ninth with 18 team points. Senior sprinter Josiah Morse led the way as he won the 800 meter run (1:55.63). Morse also anchored the 4x400 relay team that included Brett Peterson, Ryan Grigg and Kyle Jaskulka that placed second (3:24.92).

LANSING CATHOLIC CENTRAL: The Cougars totaled 17 team points to place 11th overall. The Cougar 4x400 relay team of Ryan Schroeder, James Fedewa, Jack Fedewa and Ryan Ruitner won a state title in 3:23.27. The 4x800 relay team of James Fedewa, Sammy Migaldi, Jack Fedewa and Schroeder placed fourth (8:03.54). Freshman Noel Spence placed seventh in the high jump (6-2).

CORUNNA: The Cavaliers placed 18th overall with 10 team points. Junior distance runner Ben Jacobs paced the Cavaliers as he took third in the 1600 meter run (4:19.79). Corunna's 4x800 relay team of Carter Lovejoy, Ryan Schwab, Miles Peterson and Jacobs earned all-state honors with a fifth-place finish (8:05.08).

PORTLAND: The Raiders totaled eight points. Senior Brock Gross led the way as he placed second in the long jump (21-8).

CHARLOTTE: The Orioles totaled seven team points as senior Jordan Butler placed third in the long jump (21-5.5) and eighth in the 110 meter hurdles (15.73).

ST. JOHNS: The Redwings finished with five team points. Senior Dillan Haviland led the way as he placed fifth in the 800 meter run (1:57.8). The 4x800 relay team of Haviland Joey Fox, Fernando Jimenez and Trevor Luznak placed eighth (8:07.79).

EATON RAPIDS: The Greyhounds totaled five points as senior Carlos Thompson placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles (40.2).

LANSING SEXTON: The Big Reds finished with four points as senior Jerimiah Jones took fifth in the long jump (21-1).

BIRCH RUN: The Panthers totaled four

points as sophomore Kiere McGee placed fifth in the high jump (6-4).

FRANKENMUTH: The Eagles totaled three points as junior Sergio Llamas placed sixth in the discus (150-4).

MASON: The Bulldogs finished three points as junior Chandler Cheeks placed sixth in the 400 meter dash (50.29).

CEDAR SPRINGS: The Red Hawks totaled three points as senior Brandon Sawade finished seventh in the pole vault (13-4) and freshman Corey Bowers took eighth in the 1600 meter run (4:25.7).

SAGINAW SWAN VALLEY: Viking sophomore Ethan Champney placed seventh in the 400 meter dash (50.3).

BIG RAPIDS: The Cardinals scored two points as junior Logan Williams placed seventh in the 800 meter run (1:58.5).

ALMA: Sophomore Case Martin earned all-state honors in the high jump as he placed eighth (6-2).

DIVISION 3

CLARE: Ranked No. 1 in the state in D3 entering the state meets, the Pioneers won the Division 3 state championship by two points, 44-42, over second-place Berrien Springs. Senior thrower Noah Nivison won the state title in the discus with a throw of 156-7.

CHESANING: Led by senior sprinter Brandon Keys, Chesaning totaled 27 points and placed sixth as a team. Keys placed second in the long jump (20-11) and eighth in the 100 meter dash (11.49). Senior Sam Forsyth took third in the 200 meter dash (22.63) and fifth in the long jump (20-8.25). Chesaning's 4x200 relay team of Anthony Aquado, Brady Fraiser, Keys and Forsyth placed third (1:30.36) while the 4x100 relay team of Aquado, Fraiser, Forsyth and Keys placed seventh (44.16).

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: The Pirates placed eighth overall with 21 team points. More than half the points came in the field events, where sophomore Nathan Spitzley placed third in discus (152-4) and eighth in shot put (51-11.25) and senior Isaiah Schafer took fourth in the shot put (55-5.5). Sophomore distance runner Ashton Walker placed sixth in the 1600 meter run (4:27.17). The Pirate 4x800 relay team of Bryce Platte, Hayden German, Kyle Hengesbach and Walker placed third (8:06.88).

ITHACA: The Yellowjackets placed 12th overall with 18 team points. A pair of throwers earned all-state honors in the shot put as junior Alex VandeWeghe placed third (55-8.25) and junior Baylee Chaffin placed fifth (55-3.75). Chaffin also placed fifth in the discus (151-4). Junior distance runner Ransom Allen placed fifth in the 3200 meter run (9.31.7).

BYRON: The Eagles totaled eight points as junior Logan Zakoor placed second in the pole vault (13-3).

BEAVERTON: The Beavers finished with eight points as senior Parker Hayes placed



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second in the 800 meter run (1:56.47).

NEW LOTHROP: The Hornets totaled seven team points led by senior sprinter Collin Mulcahy who placed fifth in the 100 meter dash (11.34). A pair of New Lothrop relays also earned all-state honors as the 4x200 team of Trevor Bishop, Carson Mulcahy, Collin Mulcahy and Will Muron placed seventh (1:32.37) and the 4x100 team of Carson Mulcahy, Collin Mulcahy, Muron and Bishop placed eighth (44.4).

SAGINAW VALLEY LUTHERAN: Lutheran finished with seven team points as junior Ethan Engelhardt placed third in the high jump (6-1) and junior Jonathan Giglio took seventh in the discus (146-4).

MORLEY STANWOOD: The Mohawks totaled six team points led by the 4x800 relay team of Aiden McLaughlin, Kevin McNeil, Kyle Robinette and Daniel that placed fourth (8:08.12). McLaughlin also placed eighth in the 1600 meter run (4:28.20).

OIDV-ELSIE: Junior high jumper Weston Kvalevov earned three team points for O-E as he placed third with a jump of 6-1.

LAINGSBURG: Wolfpack senior John Schlaack placed eighth in the discus (145-4).

DIVISION 4

BRECKENRIDGE: The Huskies finished third at the D4 finals with 33 points, 18 points behind first place Kalamazoo Hackett. The Breckenridge 4x100 relay team of Lukas Ebright, Caleb Hurt, Hunter Collins and Caden Foster turned in a season-best time of 44.0 to win a state title. Foster also placed second in the 100 meter dash (11.22) and fourth in the 200 meter dash (22.8). The field athletes produced 10 team points as senior Logan Walz took third in the shot put (47-0.75) and junior Brennan Waslusky placed fifth in the discus (143-2).

FULTON-MIDDLETON: Ranked 10th in the state in Division 4, the Pirates placed seventh at the D4 state finals with 23

points. Leading the way for Fulton was the 4x200 relay team of Tristan Johnston, Jon Baker, Adam Duflo and Nate Alwood who won the state title with a season-best time of 1:31.5. The 4x100 relay team of in Collin Stahl, Baker, Duflo and Johnston placed second with a time of 44.2. The 4x400 relay team of Alwood, Stahl, Brennen Grant and Alwood also earned all-state honors as they took seventh (3:34.8). Alwood earned all-state honors in the 400 meter dash as he placed sixth (51.1).

MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART: The Irish finished with a total of 11 team points. Senior sprinter Emmanuel Chiejina placed second in the 300 meter hurdles (40.4) while junior distance runner TJ Moore turned in a season-best time of 10:08 to place sixth in the 3200 meter run.

CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL: Junior Daniel Smith won a state title in the shot put with a put of 52-9 to provide the Eagles with 10 team points.

COLEMAN: Senior Cody Finney won a state title for the Comets as he won the discus with a toss of 151-1.

POTTERVILLE: Senior Zane Stanton led Potterville to seven team points as he placed fourth in the pole vault (13-3). Freshman Zach Wright placed eighth in the 1600 meter run (4:34.2) and the 4x200 relay of Stanton, Zach Baker, Mitchell VanNote and Myles Murphy placed eighth (1:34.5).

SAGINAW MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY: MLS senior sprinter Joseph Kieta placed sixth in the 800 meter run (2:02.4). Kieta anchored the 4x800 relay team that included Sully O'Brien, Logan Pankow and Carson Solomon which finished sixth (8:30.81).

BEAL CITY: The Aggies totaled five team points as the 4x200 relay team of TJ Maxon, Logan Chilman, Zach Yoder and Jason Clark placed fourth with a time of 1:33.7.

Area Girls Track And Field Athletes Finish Season Strong At State Finals

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DIVISION 1

ROCKFORD: The Rams finished the season strong with a second place finish at the D1 state finals. Rockford scored 59.5 to finish just behind Oak Park with 66 points. Junior distance runner Ericka VanderLende led the way as she won the 1600 meter run in 4:45 and placed second in the 3200 meter run in 10:12. Senior Casey Lenon placed fourth in the high jump (5-4) and junior Jillian Roney took fourth in the 300 meter hurdles (44.0) and junior Taylor Korytkowski placed fifth in the 200 meter dash (25.0). All four relay teams earned all-state honors. The 4x200 team of Taylor Korytkowski, Casey Lenon, Abby Nash and Jillian Roney placed second (1:41), the 4x800 relay team of Camryn Gabriel, Caleigh Dunn, Karlie Gardner and Ericka VanderLende placed second (9:10), the 4x100 team of Valencia Goldsmith, Casey Lenon, Abby Nash and Jillian Lenon placed third (48.0) and the 4x400 relay of Lenon, Gardner, Peyton Korytkowski and Taylor Korytkowski placed third (3:56).

LANSING WAVERLY: The Warriors placed 10th as a team with 19 points. Senior thrower Malin Smith capped her career in a big way. Smith set a new state record in discus with a throw of 163-9 and placed second in shot put (45-6.5). Sophomore sprinter Priscilla Trainor placed eighth in the 200 meter dash (25.31).

BAY CITY WESTERN: Western totaled 12 team points to place 17th overall. A pair of relay teams earned all-state honors as the 4x400 relay of Karissa Picard, Morgan Witzgall, Jenna Picard and Sydney placed fifth (3:58) and the 4x800 relay of Ashlyn Nagel, Karissa and Jenna Picard and Nesbit placed fifth (9:16). Witzgall also placed fifth in the long jump (17-4).

OKEMOS: Sophomore Jasmine Clerkey earned all-state honors as she took third in shot put with a throw of 44-10.

MIDLAND: Senior Bethany Wilson earned all-state honors as she placed sixth in discus with a throw of 127-6.

DIVISION 2

LANSING CATHOLIC: The Cougars placed fourth overall with 40 points. Senior Olivia Theis set a new Division 2 record in winning the 3200 meter run in 10:37.08. Sophomore Jaden Theis placed second in 10:48.52. In the 1600 meter run Olivia Theis took second (4:54) and Jaden Theis placed third (5:00). The 4x800 relay of Grace Frost, Lauren Cleary, Olivia and Jaden Theis took second in 9:34.

CORUNNA: The Cavaliers placed seventh with 21 points. Sophomore hurdler Hannah Hollister placed third in the 300 meter hurdles (45.3) and fourth in the 100 meter hurdles (15.6). In field events Lexi Mort placed third in the long jump (17-2) and Mariah Dunkin took seventh in discus (125-8). The 4x100 relay team Maddie Birchmeier, Elizabeth Norris, Mort and Hollister placed seventh (50.7).

BRIDGEPORT: The Bearcats totaled 20 points with junior sprinter Payten Williams claiming a pair of state titles. Williams won the 100 meter dash (12.0) and the 200 meter dash (24.7).

LANSING SEXTON: The Big Reds placed 13th overall with 14 team points. Senior sprinter Marthea Vann-Scott placed fourth in the 100 meter dash (12.7). A pair of Sexton relays earned all-state as the 4x100 team of Ra'Dasha Ashley, Kentayja Johnson, Vann-Scott and Mahogany Wells placed fourth (50.6) and the 4x200 team of Ashley, Johnson, Vann-Scott and Wells placed fifth.

ST. JOHNS: The Redwings placed 14th with 13 points. Sophomore Taryn Chapko turned in a big meet as she placed second in the 800 meter run (2:13.7) and was part of the 4x400 relay team along with Mariah Munro, Madison Maloney and Mackenzie Otberg that finished fourth (4:06.5).

FRANKENMUTH: The Eagles finished with 12 points. Senior Hannah Loucks placed sixth in the 1600 meter run (5:05.1) and eighth in the 3200 meter run (11:22.2). The 4x200 relay team of Hayleigh Atkin, Jenna Bentley, Courtney Palmer and Heather Atkin placed second (1:46.4).

WILLIAMSTON: The Hornets placed 19th with 11 points. Senior Hannah Jones placed fifth in the 800 meter run (2:18) and junior Jessica Robach took fifth in the long jump 16-10.75). The 4x200 relay of Robach, Megan McCune, Jayda Bush and Danielle Pollak placed sixth (1:47).

DEWITT: The Panthers totaled 11 points. In the distance races junior Ashley Shippis placed sixth in the 3200 meter run (11:14) while senior Katie Vitou took seventh in the 1600 meter run (5:06). DeWitt's 4x800 relay of Hannah Adler, Ashley Shippis, Vitou and Sofia Perez placed third (9:34).

CHIPPEWA HILLS: The Warriors totaled nine points. Senior Hannah Todd placed sixth in the 400 meter dash (59.4) and anchored the 4x400 relay of Emily Fredrick, Hannah Fiegel and Deziree Shaw that placed third (4:06.4).

MIDLAND BULLOCK CREEK: Junior sprinter Samantha Chew led the way for the Lancers as she placed fifth in the 200 meter dash (25.9) and seventh in the 100 meter dash (12.8).

FREELAND: Junior hurdler Abby Youngstrom placed fifth in the 300 meter hurdles (46.6) while senior Mackenzie Davies took eighth in the long jump (16-3.75).

PORTLAND: Senior Olivia Sandborn placed fifth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.8.

BELDING: Senior Alyssa German placed seventh in the pole vault (10-0).

HASLETT: Senior Sophie Hall placed eighth in the 300 meter hurdles (47.6).

DIVISION 3

ST. CHARLES: The Bulldogs captured the state title with 46 points. The 4x100 relay team of Najiyah Holden, Hope Kushion, Celine Whiren and Mikayla Williams led the way as they set a new D3 record with a time of 49.57. The 4x200 relay of Holden, Kushion, Erica Garcia and Whiren also won a state title (1:44). Williams provided 10 points in the field events as she took second in the long jump (17-0.75) and seventh in the pole vault (10-0). Holden won the 200 meter dash (25.6) and took third in the 100 meter dash (12.7).

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: The Pirates totaled 28 points to place sixth. All four relays earned all-state honors led by the 4x800 relay of Emily Nurenberg, Cailey George, Brooklyn Nurenberg and Aubrey George that placed second (9:33). Placing third were the 4x100 relay of Amelia Thelen, Anneliese Hummel, Claudia Heckman and Sophie Thelen (50.6) and the 4x400 relay of Emily and Brooklyn Nurenberg, Bailey Droste and Aubrey George (4:05). The 4x200 relay of Aubrey George, Sophie and Amelia Thelen and Brooklyn Nurenberg placed fourth (1:46). Senior Grace Trierweher placed sixth in the pole vault (10-3).

FARWELL: The Eagles placed in the top 10, taking eighth place with 23 points. Junior sprinter Jenna Odykirk won the 100 meter dash (12.6) and took second in the 200 meter dash (25.8). In the field, senior Lillian Albaugh placed fourth in

shot put (40-10.25).

SHEPHERD: The Blue Jays placed 12th with 18 points. Junior distance runner Amber Gall led the way as she took second in the 800 meter run (2:13) and fourth in the 1600 meter run (4:58). A pair of Blue Jay relays earned all-state as the 4x800 relay team of Madde Skeel, Hailey Hegenauer, Amelia Gouin and Gall placed sixth (9:37) and the 4x400 team of Angie Yunker, Ellie Moeggenberg, Gouin and Gall placed seventh (4:12).

NEW LOTHROP: The 4x100 relay team of Caitlyn Bruff, Alex Bedrosian, Alana Wendling and Sydney Pope led the way taking second in 50.3. The 4x200 relay of Bruff, Bedrosian, Wendling and Pope placed eighth. Senior Courtney Krupp took seventh in the 1600 meter run (5:12).

BYRON: Freshman thrower Sarah Marvin provided 12 team points as she placed third in both discus (121-7) and shot put (41-8.5).

STANTON-CENTRAL MONTCALM: Junior Kiley Guelzo placed sixth in the long jump (16-3.25) and junior Libby Ledford placed eighth in shot put (35-9.5).

SARANAC: The 4x100 relay of Mariah Chadwick, Rachel Hiler, Abigail Miller and Emma Pachulski placed seventh (51.4). Pachulski also placed eighth in the long jump (16-1.25).

BEAVERTON: Senior Alicia Aldrich capped her career in a big way by winning shot put with a put of 44-7.5).

CLARE: Junior Laine Venekant placed second in the 3200 meter run (10:52).

HEMLOCK: Senior Hailey Marrietta placed sixth in the 100-meter dash (13.0).

SANFORD-MERIDIAN: Senior Camryn McKellar placed fifth in the high jump (5-1).

CARROLLTON: The 4x100 relay of Tamia Shivers, Amari Carter, Makaela Thompson and Jaliyah Baskin placed fifth (51.0).

BATH: Sophomore Kate McCrackin placed sixth in discus (113-7).

LAINGSBURG: Senior Sophie Strieff placed seventh in the high jump (5-1).

DIVISION 4

FWOLER: After taking second place last year, the Eagles flew home with the Division 4 title this year with a total of 87 points. Fowler's relay teams led the way as they swept all four relays. In the 4x100 relay the team of McKenzie Koenigsnecht, Kaitlyn Langin, Ciera Weber and Sidney Horak turned in a time of 50.6 while the 4x200 relay of Shannon Schmitz, McKenzie Koenigsnecht, Horak and Langan timed a 1:46.2. Fowler's 4x400 relay of McKenzie and Josie Koenigsnecht, Grace Boak and Goerge clocked a 4:05.9 while the 4x800 relay of Josie Koenigsnecht, Taryn Schafer, Boak and Goerge clocked a time of 9:51.8.

Junior hurdler Alyssa Vandegriff won a state title in the 100 meter hurdles (15.5) and placed third in the 300 meter hurdles (47.0). A pair of Eagles won titles in the field events as Ciera Weber won the pole vault by clearing 10-3 and Alyssa Vandegriff won the high jump with a jump of 5-5. Earning all-state honors were Ciera Weber (fourth, 100 meter hurdles), Morgan Goerge (fifth, 800 meter run), Sadie Weber (fourth, 100 meter hurdles) and Sidney Horak (eighth, 300 meter hurdles).

BEAL CITY: The Aggies placed fifth as a team with 26 points. Freshman Angela Kotacki turned in a huge state final as she won the 400 meter dash (57.5) and placed fourth in the



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200 meter dash (26.1). Senior Ashley Reihl placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles (47.5). The 4x400 relay team of Reihl, Jesse Pratt, Amy Schwerin and Kotacki placed second in a time of 4:14.2.

MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART: The Irish placed seventh as a team with 25 points. Junior Scout Nelson led the way as she placed sixth in both the 400 meter dash (1:00.3) and 800 meter run (2:26.). Junior Erikah Cudjoe placed third in shot put (37-1.5) and junior Lauren MacDonald placed fifth in the 1600 meter run (5:21.5). In the 3200 meter run, senior Bailey McConnell placed fifth (11:42) and sophomore Desiree McConnell placed eighth (11:59.2). Sacred Heart's 4x800 relay of Nelson and Bailey, Lauren and Desiree McConnell finished fifth (10:20.3).

BRECKENRIDGE: The Huskies placed ninth overall with 23 points. Senior distance runner Chloe Brittain placed second in the 800 meter run (2:21.1) while junior Brooklyn Federspiel placed second in shot put (39-8.25). Sophomore Annie Laurenz finished seventh in the 300 meter hurdles (47.8). The 4x800 relay team of Annie Laurenz, Ellen Laurenz, Myra Marr and Brittain placed fourth (10:17.9).

FULTON-MIDDLETON: The Pirates placed 15th with a total of 17 team points. Sophomore Rachel Craft led the way as she placed second in the pole vault (10-0). Senior Megan Struble took fifth in the 100 meter hurdles (16.6) and junior Lyndsi Wolf placed eighth in discus (107-0). Fulton's 4x100 relay team of Craft, Destiny Johnston, Tatym Plath and Struble placed fifth (52.5).

SAGINAW NOUVEL: Nouvel totaled nine team points as junior sprinter Brianna Greene earned all-state honors in two sports. Green placed third in the 100 meter dash (12.8) and sixth in the 200 meter dash (26.4).

SAGINAW ARTS AND SCIENCES: Junior sprinter London Ross placed seventh in the 100 meter dash (13.15). Ross also anchored the 4x100 relay team that included Madison Montgomery, India Mosley-Simpson and Aniya Gray that placed fourth (52.3).

CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL: The Eagles totaled six points as sophomore Sarah McCrackin placed third in the high jump (5-2).

POTTERVILLE: The Vikings totaled five team points as junior Morgan Myles placed fourth in the pole vault (9-6).

EDMORE-MONTABELLA: Junior thrower Laura Keiholtz led the way for the Mustangs as she placed third in discus with a throw of 116-6.

PORTLAND ST. PATRICK: Junior Annie Gunderman, scored St. Patrick six team points as she placed third in the 400 meter dash (59.1).

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Breckenridge's 4 x 100 Team Makes History; Team Finishes Third In D4

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Breckenridge track coach Kurt Gulick was all smiles after the Division 4 state meet on June 2 at Hudsonville.

Not only did Gulick watch his team finish third in the championship with 33 points, but he also watched his 4x100 relay squad of (Lukas Ebright, Caleb Hurt, Hunter Collins, Caden Foster) make history, finishing first with a time of 44.00, which ties them at 10th

The Breckenridge boys track team finished third in the recent Division 4 boys track finals held earlier this month. (Skip Traynor, High School Sports Scene Photo)

in Division 4 finals history.

Kalamazoo Hackett won the D4 title with 51 points and Sand Creek placed second with 36.

"We were 3rd but Sand Creek beat us by 3 points," Gulick said. "Them and Kalamazoo Hackett will be returning most of their athletes next year and so will we, but we also get one of the best middle school distance runners in the nation in Mason Sumner so I expect it to be a close race for us to be near the front again next year."

Breckenridge had numerous runners who were successful at the state meet.

Those athlete that netted some key points included Logan Walz was third in the shot put (47 1/2) for some valuable points. Brennan Waslusky was fifth in discus (143-2), Caden Foster placed fourth in the 200 meter dash with a 22.80 and second in the 100 meter dash (11.22).

Hunter Collins made it in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash, but did not make

it out of prelims. The 4x200 relay (Hunter Collins, Kyle Conn, Caleb Hurt, Caden Foster) was disqualified.

Looking ahead, 2019 season looks good for the Huskies, and Gulick noted that 2018 was a successful season overall.

"I was very pleased the way the season went for us," Gulick said. "Can it always go better? Yes, but we had a lot to be thankful for this season and the only way to get better is learning from mistakes."



St. Charles Girls Track Co-Champs In D3

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St. Charles scored 46 points in the Division 4 girls state track and meet and had to share the title with Hart, but the Bulldogs were more than happy not to settle for a close second place, although sole possession of first would have been sweet.

Every point was important. Mikayla Williams covered 17-3/4 in the long jump for second place; Najiyah Holden took first in the 200

The St. Charles girls track team scored 46 points and claimed a shared of the Division 3 championship with Hart. (Submitted Photo)

meter dash (25.61) and third in the 100 meter dash (12.73); Holden, Hope Kushion, Erica Garcia and Celine Whiren combined for 1:44.97 in the 4x200 relay for first. It was the same foursome, except for Williams taking Whiren's place in the 4x100 relay for first and a new state record.

Coach Andre Williams said he went into the meet basically thinking his team had a chance to score points.

"We were in the top five in both of the relays," he said. "We knew we could score some points, and

do a little better than 50th, which is where we were last year."

In 2017, St. Charles girls tied for 50th place with two points.

The track program has come a long ways at St. Charles, as is evident with the state title. But Williams would like to see more numbers on his squad. There were 15 girls on the team. Only five qualified for the state meet, but they notched 46 points.

"Next year we're losing one senior (Holden) and she'll be hard to replace," Williams said. "We've got more going up from the middle school and they're getting better every year."

Fowler Girls Win Another Track Title

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Fowler's girls track and field program thrives on winning state titles.

Coach Jill Feldpausch's team finished ahead of Pittsford to win another title this season in



Division 4's state meet on June 2 at Hudsonville. Fowler also won in 2011, 2012 and 2016 and took second place in 2009, 2010, 2015 and 2017.

When Fowler was in Class D, it won five state titles and were runners-up four times. This season, the Eagles scored 87 points in the state meet while Pittsford was second at 55.5. It's the biggest stretch of points Fowler has ever won a state title by.

"This was our No. 1 goal all season long, to win the state meet," Feldpausch said. "We needed everyone to be healthy and be able to run and keep working toward their goals. It's not where you are in March but where you are on June 2. The girls continued to PR, especially in the month of May to get to where we were in the state meet."

The Fowler girls track team captured its fourth Division 4 championship in eight years after scoring 87 points to win the title. Pittsford finished second. (Submitted Photos)

Alyssa Vandegriff won the 100 meter hurdles (15.56) while Ciera Weber placed fourth and Sadie Weber placed sixth.

Morgan George placed fifth in the 800 meter run (2:24.83); Vandegriff placed fifth in the 300 meter hurdles (47.02);

the biggest factor for Fowler's success was winning all four relays. Fowler's relay teams included McKenzie Koenigsnecht, Kaitlyn Langin, Weber and Sidney Horak in the 4x100, Shannon Schmitz, Koenigsnecht, Horak and Langin in the 4x200, McKenzie and Josie Koenigsnecht, Grace Boak and Morgan George in the 4x400 and Josie Koenigsnecht, Taryn Schafer, Boak and George in the



4x800 relay.

Vandegriff also won the high jump (5-5.8) with a school record and Weber won the pole vault (10-3).

"Ciera is a senior and has improved tremendously well," Feldpausch said. "She broke the school pole vault record multiple times.

She placed first in the hurdles for the first time at the state finals.

"It was an incredible day to win all four relays. We have found the right people to run the relays. We preach handoffs."

Fowler graduated seven seniors. "But we have a great team coming back," Feldpausch said.



LCC Track Girls Take Third In Division 2

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Lansing Catholic girls track and field coach Tim Simpson led a team that was very special this season.

The team has done well in Division 3 state meets in the past, but this time LC had to contend in Division 2 and still came away with a credible performance which included a fourth place state finish this season.

Lansing Catholic finished third during the recent Division 2 track finals. (Submitted Photo)

Olivia Theis and Jaden Theis took second and third (4:54.33 and 5:00.72 respectively) in the 1600 meter run, and placed first and second in the 3200 meter run in 10:37.08 and 10:48.52. They were also the last two legs in the 4x800 relay that took second with a time of 9:34.79.

"This was our first year going up to Division 2," Simpson said. "It was nice to score that many points at the state finals."

Lansing Catholic scored 40 points compared

to 64 for Zeeland East, 62 for Holland Christian and 42 for Detroit Country Day.

"We did it on our distance runners and relays," Simpson said. "Our three girls in the mile all ran well. It was one of the few races all year that Olivia didn't win. But that motivated her. Not that she wasn't going to do well the two mile anyway. But she did what she was supposed to do in the two mile. She came away with a big win. Jaden ran a good race.

"Overall, our girls who were at the meet weren't scared to be in Division 2," Simpson added. "They knew what they were capable of."

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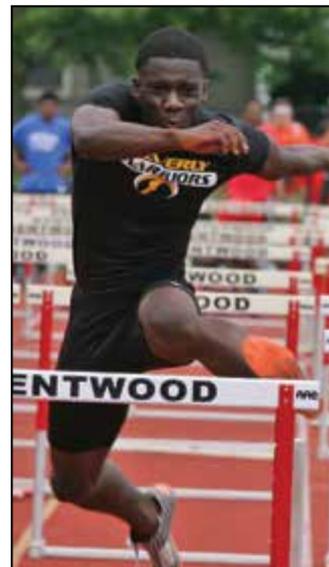
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Rockford's Cole Johnson

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Cole Johnson, senior, Rockford, track

At the Division 1 state track finals, he won state titles in the 800 meter run (1:53.11) and 1600 meter run (4:08.47) and was seventh in the 4x400 meter relay. Coach Andy Martin: "He definitely met our expectations; He went in there wanting to score as many points as possible for our team. He was very happy and excited he could do that."

Erika Vanderheide, junior, Rockford track

Rockford coach Randy Vanderveen's squad took second place in the Division 1 state finals, led by Erika Vanderheide, a distance runner, who was first in the 1600 meter run (1:45.17) with a personal record and second in the 3200 meter run. It was close with Oak Park at 66 points and Rockford at 59.5. Vanderveen: "We had multi-season best performances. From a coaching standpoint, it was almost as perfect of a day as we could have had. Eleven out of the 12 events we were in, we scored. We had multiple girls score in multiple events. Erika had an incredible day. It was the fifth time we placed second. We have won two separate times."

Angela Kotecki, freshman, Beal City, track

She had a productive performance in the state finals for the Aggies. Kotecki was fourth in the 200 meter dash with a personal record of 26.11. She won the 400 meter dash with a personal record of 57.53 seconds. Kotecki was also the anchor of the 4x400 relay team which also included Ashley Reihl, Jesse Pratt and Amy Schwerin.

Cody Finney, senior, Coleman, track

Finney picked a fine time to have a personal record in the discus. He was second in the regional with a throw of 136-7 and second at the MSAC championships with a throw of 135-4 ¼. But at the state meet, Finney was first with a personal record of 151-1. He also had a strong year in the shot put but placed third in the regional meet, throwing 43-1 and didn't qualify for the state finals.

Daniel Smith, junior, shot put, Carson City-Crystal

Smith threw the shot 52-9 to take first in the Division 4 state meet. "He put a lot of work into it," Coach Grant Woodman said. "He was all-state the previous year as a sophomore He saw several seniors ahead of him graduate and the only thing stopping him was not working hard. He went out and it worked for him."

Keshawn Harris, junior, track, Lansing Waverly

He ran the 300 meter hurdles in 37.81 seconds for a personal record to win the state meet. He also took second in 14.06 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles.

Tony Martin, junior, long jump, Saginaw

He won the long jump with an effort of 22 feet, 7 inches in the Division 2 state finals. He competed in eight meets during the season and won the long jump each time. His personal record was 23 4 ¾ in the regional meet.

Payten Williams, junior, Bridgeport, 100- and 200 meter state champ

She scored all 20 points for Bridgeport with a pair of first places. She won the 100 meter dash in 12.06 seconds and the 200 meter dash in 25.08 seconds in the Division 2 state championship meet.

Najiyah Holden, senior, St. Charles

She won the 200 meter dash in the Division 3 state finals with a personal record of 25.61 seconds. She had taken third in the preliminary round and second in the regional. She placed third in the 100 meter dash at the state meet.

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Clare Makes It A Clean Sweep In Boys Track

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Clare boys track coach Adams Burhans celebrated two titles this season.

His team won the MITFA meet on Memorial Day weekend. A week later, Clare took the MHSAA title with 44 points, edging out Berrien Springs with 42.

It's Burhans' 15th year as coach.

"Our main focus was to get back to the state championship level with regards to the MITCA team state finals," Burhans said. "We had a very good, very deep team. As far as the MHSAA, that was definitely something on our radar. Our focus was to do well completely as a team."

"MHSAA format is scored slightly differently," continued Burhans. "We usually have a handful of teams that can do some damage there. We had a few extra pieces. It became apparent within the first couple weeks of the season; the MHSAA was also a goal."

Both titles, Burhans said, are special to the team for different reasons. "MITCA is a true reflection of total team depth," he said. "It's a hard sell for kids, especially for Memorial Day weekend. Fortunately for us, we've been able to host the MITCA state championship the last few years, so that's been a selling point."

"MHSAA is special for other years. It's elite athletes vs. elite athletes. I wouldn't weight one over the other."

Xavier Martin placed second in the 200 meter dash at the state meet. He placed second or third on the three state finals relay sprint teams. "He led a deep sprinting corps this year and was all-state in four events," Burhans said. "He was an absolute anchor with a lot of point."

Burhans said his team had the deadliest one-two punch in the discus with Noah Nivison taking first (156-7) and Zac Stickler coming in sixth (149-1).

"Zac set our school record in the shot put this year and was all-state in the shot put and discus," Burhans said. "Noah Nivison has made tremendous progression the last three years. We were fortunate to have those points for the team as well."

The Pioneers expect to be deep next year. While the team will lose some seniors, they have some promising freshmen coming up.



The Clare boys track team took the Division 3 MHSAA title with 44 points, edging out Berrien Springs with 42.

Clare Girls Win MITCA

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Two championships in one.

That was the case for Clare's track team, which hosted the MIT-

CA team meeting over Memorial Day weekend. Both the boys and girls teams took first in Division 3.

While the boys also won the MHSAA title, the girls fell to 27th place.



Yet, the MITCA team signified the Clare girls, coached by Kyle McKown, as true state champions.

"MITCA is a meet where every-one counts in every single event," McKown said. "At no point of the season were we ranked No. 1, so we knew we'd have to overcome some really good teams that were ranked ahead of us going into the meet. The day of the meet, we had some great performances early on that really allowed the girls to build on our depth and continue to move up throughout the meet."

Clare had 1,423 points while Adrian Madison placed second with 1,361.5.

Lainey Veenkamp won the 1600 meter run (5:18.32) to spearhead the effort. Abby Mellish placed third in the long jump (15-0 1/4). Natalie Kunse placed second in the discus (101-2) with a personal record.

"It was just a collection of efforts all day long with kids who were ranked in certain spots and finishing higher than they were ranked," McKown said. "So that collection of strong performances all day really propelled us to be more like second or third and going all the way to the top spot."

It was a different ballgame a week later at Comstock Park in the

MHSAA finals. St. Charles won with 46 points while Clare placed 27th with eight.

"Our priority all season was the team state meet," McKown said. "We felt like we had more depth across the board. We're a better team in that style of meet. I knew we would probably not score as many points at the MHSAA meet. Our main priority was the team state meet."

The Pioneer girls also appear to have a bright future.

"We are a young team and bring back a lot of girls next year," McKown said.

The Clare girls track team had 1,423 points to win the MITCA title while Adrian Madison placed second with 1,361.5. (Skip Traynor, High School Sports Scene Photo)

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Ithaca Track And Field Athletes End Season With Strong Performances

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The track and field season came to an end for the Ithaca boys and girls at the Division 3 state finals at Comstock Park.

Led by their field athletes, the Ithaca boys placed 12th overall with a total of 18 points. Junior thrower Baylee Chaffin led the Yellowjackets as he earned all-state honors in a pair of events. Chaffin placed fifth in shot put with a throw of 55-3.75. Chaffin also placed fifth in discus with a throw of 151-4.

Ithaca junior Alex VandeWeghe earned the highest finish of any Yellowjacket at the finals. VandeWeghe placed third in the shot put with a throw of 55-8.25. VandeWeghe also competed in the discus where he just missed earning all-state honors as he placed ninth with a throw of 144-3.

A pair of Ithaca distance runners competed at the finals. Junior Ran-

dom Allen earned all-state honors in the 3200 meter run as he finished fifth in a time of 9.31.7. The time was also a personal record (P.R.) for Allen.

Freshman Braxton Lamey also qualified for state in the 3200 meter run and he placed 12th in a time of 9:55.78.

Junior hurdler Derek Pendell competed in both hurdles events at the state meet. Pendell turned in a time of 15.91 in the 110 hurdles and a time of 42.15 in the 300 meter hurdles.

The Ithaca boys also turned in a big effort at the MITCA Division 3 State Finals.

Ithaca finished ninth at the MITCA state meet which is an invitation-only meet that is held as a team meet with all the athletes on the team taking part.

Chaffin won the shot put at the MITCA meet with a put of 55-9.5 while VandeWeghe was second in

the discus with a throw of 157-6. Allen won the 3200 meter run in a time of 10:09.12 and placed second in the 1600 meter run with a P.R. of 4:27.76.

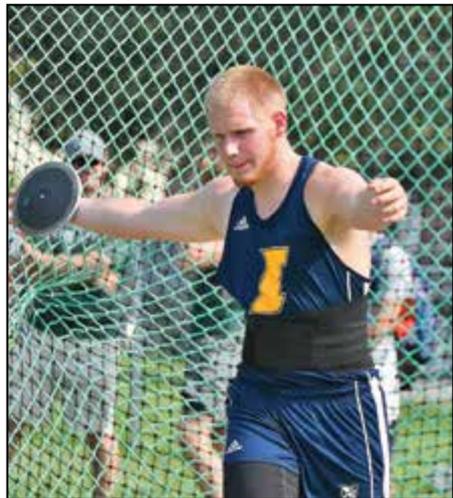
Pendell placed third in the 110 hurdles at the MITCA meet with a P.R. of 15.46. Pendell also placed third in the high jump with a P.R. of 6-1.25.

On the girls side, a pair of Yellowjackets competed at the state meet. Senior Taryn Ostrander placed 14th in the shot put with a put of 33-7.25. Ostrander turned in a strong senior season as she recorded a P.R. of 36-11 in shot put when she placed second at the regional meet. Ostrander turned in a P.R. of 113-8 in discus at the TVC West Championships.

Freshman distance runner Abi Whitford competed in the 3200 meter run where she turned in a time of 12:08.31. Whitford turned in a solid freshman season as she recorded a P.R. of 12:01.1 in the 3200 meters at the Alma College Scottie Classic. Whitford also had a P.R. of 5:45.01 in the 1600 meter run at the TVC West Championships.



The Ithaca cross country teams enjoyed another track seasons that saw the boys place 12th overall with 18 points and the girls finished 14th. (Submitted Photos)



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DeWitt Baseball Team Falls In Semifinal Round

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DeWitt's baseball season came to a disappointing halt in a 3-1 loss to Saginaw Swan Valley on June 14 at Michigan State in the Division 2 state semifinals.

But there was plenty for Panther coach Alan Shankel and his team to feel good about.

In the first five games of the playoffs, the Panthers had 4-0 and 10-0 wins over Lansing Catholic and Lansing Eastern in the districts and topped Fowlerville 6-1 and Parma Western 4-0 in the regional.

DeWitt took Saginaw Swan Valley to the limits but dropped a 3-1 heartbreaker to Saginaw Swan Valley 3-1 in a Division 2 semifinals game held at Michigan State University. (Russ Pierce, High School Sports Scene Photo)

Next up was Tecumseh in the quarterfinals and the Panthers won 4-0.

Garrett Lerner just fell short of a no-hitter for DeWitt. Jace Preston drove in a key run for DeWitt.

Tecumseh's Will Sparrow singled up the middle with one out in the seventh inning for Tecumseh's only hit. DeWitt scored in the fourth on Preston's single and a RBI double by Kade Preston. The Panthers scored three in the fifth on a three-run home run by Nolan Knauf.

The season ended at 27-7 with the loss to Swan Valley in the semifinals, despite an incredible pitching

performance from Knauf who, in six innings of work, allowed only two hits, but three earned runs, while striking out five.

But Swan Valley scored all three of its runs in the first inning. Knauf retired the last 17 batters in a row, but the damage had been done.

"We just had that one bad inning with a bad choice trying to go to two rather than getting the out at one," Knauf said. "It definitely was not our best game. One inning cost us here."

In the top of the sixth, Knauf doubled and scored for his team's only run.

"I thought we were knocking on

the door all game long," DeWitt coach Alan Shankel said. "We just failed to get that one big hit that would have maybe ignited things. They made plays on us too. Their pitcher did a great job and they made plays behind him."

DeWitt ended at 27-7. It was a season Shankel won't soon forget.

"We were right there," he said. "These guys four years ago were watching from the stands for another team that got there. We've been knocking on the door for a long time. They saw this was possible and had that dream. A lot of credit to them to get to where we got. They're obviously disappointed right now. It takes time to appreciate it, but they will."

Pitcher's Masterpiece Put DeWitt In State Semifinals

John Raffel Sports Scene

Garrett Lerner just fell short of a no-hitter for DeWitt when he hurled the Panthers to a 4-0 victory in the state baseball quarterfinals on June 14 at Saline against Tecumseh.

He wasn't their No. 1 or 2 pitcher, but the Panthers had no hesitation of throwing Lerner in the quarterfinal game.

"With Garrett being our No. 3, we felt great about it," Coach Alan Shankel said. "He's a great pitcher. We liked the matchup. He did a great job. He was a Bulldog, he's tough."

"Just to get the opportunity to be on the state and pitch against this high of competition and get the win for the team, (was huge)," Lerner said.

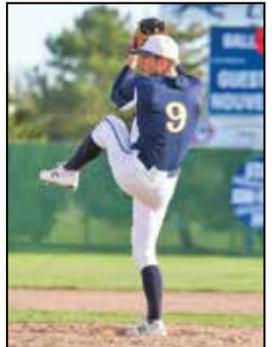
He couldn't have been happier that he was able to control Tecumseh

effectively and allow the Panthers to prevail and advance to the semifinals against Swan Valley at Michigan State University.

Lerner, a third baseman when he's not pitching, allowed just one hit

"It was amazing," he said. "I went out there, planning to throw strikes and do my own game, as I've always done and ended up throwing a really good game."

Garrett Lerner played a huge role in DeWitt's success on the mound this season, including pitching a near no-hitter against Saline in the quarterfinals. (Kim Lerner, High School Sports Scene Photo)



Schwellenbach Named Gatorade Baseball Player Of Year

The accolades continue to pour in for Heritage senior Spencer Schwellenbach.

Drafted in the 34th round of the 2018 Major League Baseball draft by the Cleveland Indians, Schwellenbach is the first Gatorade Michigan Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from

Heritage High School.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop had led the Hawks (21-7) to the Division 1 state tournament at the time of his selection. Schwellenbach posted a 4-2 record with a save and a 0.60 ERA through 28 games, striking out 53 bat-

ters while allowing just five walks and 14 hits in 35 innings pitched. He also threw a no-hitter. Schwellenbach also batted .376 (26-for-69) with a home run, 16 RBI, 31 runs scored, 20 walks and a .547 on-base percentage entering the postseason.

A 2017 First-Team All-State Selection was also a standout on the soccer field during his senior season.

"I have had the opportunity to play, coach, and scout many great baseball players during my career, including

two years as a minor league hitting instructor with the Oakland A's organization.—Spencer Schwellenbach is one of the best all-around ballplayers I have seen at this level," said Rich Juday, head coach at H.H. Dow High. "Spencer has the ability to dominate a game both on the mound as well as at the plate."

Schwellenbach has maintained a weighted 3.87 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Nebraska this fall.



Heritage's Spencer Schwellenbach won the 2018 Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year award for Michigan. (Scott Keyes, High School Sports Scene Photo)

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Baseball Crowns 4 Champions

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Grosse Pointe South in Division 1, Stevensville Lakeshore in Division 2, Riverview Gabriel Richard in 3 and Beal City in 4 were the four state champions this season. Andrew Dermaulian had a 3-run double for GP South (32-13) in the 8-1 title win over Brownstown Woodhaven. Stevensville Lakeshore (27-14) defeated Swan Valley 6-3 in Division 2. It was Riverview Gabriel Richard (27-14) over Madison Heights Bishop Foley 3-0 in Division 3 and Beal City prevail 10-9 over Unionville Sebewaung Division 4.

QUARTERFINALS

Grand Ledge
Grand Ledge's season ended in the quarterfinals at 34-4 with a 1-0 loss to Brownstown Woodhaven. "It was a great pitcher's duel," Grand Ledge coach Patrick O'Keefe said. "Both pitchers did a great job. It was a heartbreaker to lose in the bottom of the seventh. It was one of those games." Logan Hylek was running out of pitches. "We made a costly error and that put runners on," O'Keefe said. "We brought Logan back in. He got a groundout with the bases loaded for a force-out at home, but we couldn't get the kid at first. Their leadoff man came up and hit a single for a clean hit. Logan, he's

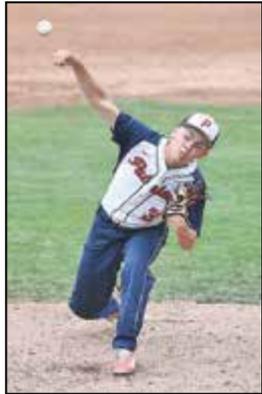
a warrior." Aaron West batted .505 to lead the team's offense. He struck out only one time the entire season. It was Grand Ledge's first trip to the quarterfinals in 10 years. They started two freshmen and two sophomores. O'Keefe has coached the team for 51 years. His first state title with Grand Ledge was in 1977. "I came out of Central Michigan and signed with the Astros," O'Keefe said. "I started here the fall of 1967."

New Lothrop

New Lothrop entered the quarterfinal round at 39-3 and was considered by many as a favorite to win the Division 3 title under coach Ben Almsay. But

the Hornets lost to a 19-18-1 Madison Bishop Heights Foley team 8-1 in the quarterfinals. "We got through (the regionals) pretty easy but then (the quarterfinals) happened," Almsay said. "The season was awesome. We had a really good team, maybe even better than 2016 (as state runners-up), maybe as good. We ran into a hot Bishop Foley squad. They compete in the Catholic League. You have to find a way to beat them. They had the firepower and were hitting the ball well. "We had made one error in our last two games. There were no defensive issues. They just hit the ball." Trenton Morarity and Besant Zac had two hits for New Lothrop.

Unionville-Sebewaung made it all the way to the Division 4 finals before losing to Beal City 10-0 in the championship game. (Submitted Photo)



Swan Valley Loses To Lakeshore In D2 Finals

John Raffel Sports Scene

Defense is so critical in every sport and Swan Valley's baseball team didn't quite have the defensive game it preferred in a 6-3 loss to Stevensville-Lakeshore in the Division 2 state championship game at Michigan State on June 16.

Otherwise, it was a terrific season for the Vikings, who ended at 33-9-3 following a 6-4 loss to Lakeshore. "We were pretty sold up the middle with a real good shortstop (Mitchell Jebb) and a real good second baseman (Cameron Schroeder)," Swan Valley coach Craig Leddy said. "We're young, but we take a lot of reps, ground balls and flyballs to the outfield. We take a lot of (batting practice) every day. We kept getting better, especially in the outfield. At the start of the year, we needed work in the outfield. Then it started to click. They worked hard and got into it."

The Vikings needed one more win for the state crown but fell short. The Lancers and Vikings each had 11 hits but the Swan Valley was guilty of four errors. Lakeshore built a 6-0 lead before the Vikings scored one run in the bottom of the fifth and two in the seventh. Swan Valley's bats did get rolling with Cameron Schroeder, who had three hits and Victor Mancini and Easton Goldensof contributing two apiece. Goldensof had a two-run double to keep the Vikings alive. But one batter later, the game ended.

"We didn't play a clean game," Leddy said. "We had two base running mistakes when we got picked off of second. And we had runners on first and second. We had nobody out and the top of the order coming up and they picked us off. They were a very good team. You could tell they had been there before. We didn't play a clean game. We still hung in there and kept battling."

Swan Valley used five different pitchers including Brian Ross, who was the starter and left the game after the third inning.

The Vikings got to the title game with a 3-1 victory over DeWitt in the semifinal round. The Vikings scored all the runs they would need in the bottom of the third and DeWitt wouldn't score until the top of the sixth. Neither team made an error, and DeWitt had a 6-2 edge in hits. But Swan Valley had its only two hits in that inning. Easton Goldensof was hit by a pitch with the bases full. Logan Pietz had an RBI single. The third run scored on a wild pitch.

Schroeder and Pietz had the only hits for Swan Valley.

Avery Goldensof had a huge game on the mound going all seven innings, scattering six hits, walking two and striking out five.

"In pitching, we're young but we're

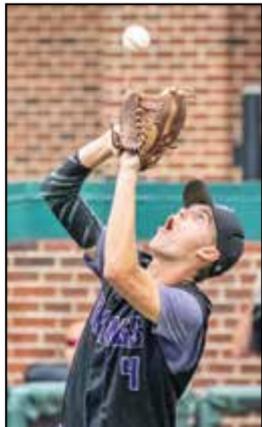
really deep," Leddy said.

The state semifinal game was "our best defensively we played, Leddy said. "Their pitcher retired 20 of 21 after we got three runs across in the first inning. We took advantage of their mistakes. That's what we did pretty much all year. If they give us something, we're going to take it. We had enough defense, and pitching usually held up."

Top hitters this season were Mitchell Jebb, who made the all-state team, and Brian Ross, who played left field and pitched and first baseman Victor Mancini. All are sophomores. Avery Goldensof, who made all-state honors, was the top pitcher.

Leddy had been an assistant for 12 years at Swan Valley and this was his first year as head coach.

"I have a lot of kids coming back," Leddy said. "With the experience we have coming back, I hope to make a deep run like we did this year."



Swan Valley lost to Stevensville-Lakeshore 6-3 in the Division 2 title game played on the campus of Michigan State University. (Marvin Hall, High School Sports Scene Photo)

Jebb Helps Swan Valley To Runner-Up Finish In D2 Baseball Finals

John Raffel Sports Scene

Mitchell Jebb has two seasons left of varsity baseball but it will be a long time before he forgets the remarkable 2018 campaign.

Jebb was a first-team all-state athlete for the state runners-up in Division 2, Saginaw Swan Valley. He didn't get a hit in seven at-bats during the Final Four June 14-16 at Michigan State University,

but still had a solid season at the plate and at shortstop.

It was his second year on the varsity. He called his season as a freshman "quite different, practicing with your team every day and bonding with the guys."

Jebb started playing shortstop through his travel team and high school. He said he improved at shortstop defensively this year "big-time. My arm strength has jumped about 5 to 10 miles an hour which is very good."

He hit in the mid .400s.

"I kind of cooled off at the end of the season," Jebb said.

But he said he improved "bigtime" this year at the plate when he batted around .350. A year of experience was a key factor at the plate, he added.

He batted third in the order.

"Driving in runs was my job," he said.

Swan Valley ended its season at 33-9-3. Only a few seniors are graduating.

Sophomore Mitchell Jebb played a huge role in the Vikings championship run in 2018. (Russ Pierce, High School Sports Scene Photo)



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Beal City Back On Top As Division 4 Champs

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Beal City baseball is definitely back.

The program that had produced state titles in 2009 and 2010 and runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2014 was back at the top again produced another state crown with 10-0 win over Unionville-Sebewaung in the state final.

The season ended with a 23-8 record under Coach Steve Pickens, the successor to Brad Antcliff who coached the Aggies to the other titles.

"My kids executed in all aspects," Pickens said. "They were hitting on all cylinders. We went through the lineup once. Keegan Haynes and Lucas Schumacher had a fantastic day. He bunted three times for base hits. We fielded well."

Not many title games end with the mercy rule. But it did in the Division 4 title game. It was scoreless

after three innings, but the Aggies exploded with single runs in the fourth and fifth inning and eight in the sixth. Haynes' fourth-inning double and Colby Berryhill's fifth-inning single gave the Aggies a 2-0 lead. But the Aggies absolutely exploded in the sixth. Ryan Schafer's two-run single got it going. Colby Berryhill followed with a two-run single. Brett Upton had an RBI double. Kollion Sharrer had an RBI, groundout. Haynes and Nate Wilson followed with RBI singles.

Lucas Schumacher and Haynes had three hits apiece.

Upton was superb with a one-hitter in six innings. He walked two and fanned six.

"My pitcher threw strikes," Pickens said. "He has a Bulldog attitude. He went after them. That's what we wanted. He did very well with that. We hit the ball, we fielded the ball and we caught the ball. You can't ask for anything more

than that." The season ended at 23-8 for the Aggies.

"With the roll we went on, we had shutouts against Coleman and Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, which was the seventh-ranked team in the state," Pickens said.

Beal City got the week going with a 9-2 win over Muskegon Catholic Central, allowing just two unearned runs.

"The boys are playing very well right now," Pickens said after the quarterfinal. "My No. 2, 3 4 and hitters only got one hit and the bottom half of my lineup 7, 8 and 9 really came through for us. In the nine hole, we were 4-of-4 on base. The seven hole we got a triple and single for another RBI.

Upton fanned 107 batters going through the quarterfinals. He's going to Mott Community College.

Sharrer and Upton have been among the team's top hitters with

more than 80 at bats apiece. Pickens was wary of Gaylord St. Mary, ranked fourth in the state.

"It's a tough Final Four," he said prior to the semifinals.

The Aggies scored six runs the first two innings in the semifinal against Gaylord St. Mary. Haynes had three hits and two RBIs. He pitched the first four innings and gave up three runs on seven hits. Upton and Aaron Schafer pitched the final two innings.

"I'm throwing my No. 3 pitcher in a tough situation," Pickens said. "It worked. The kids picked each other up."

Yes, the Aggies had eight regular season losses, but consider the competition.

"I lost to Bay City Western, Saginaw Heritage, which at the time was ranked No. 1 in Division, I lost to Midland Dow, who had a high ranking this year and to Birmingham-Seaholm, and to defending



Beal City celebrates after defeating Unionville-Sebewaung 10-0 in the Division 4 title game. (Marvin Hall, High School Sports Scene Photo)

state champ in Division 2, Bay City John Glenn," Pickens said. "I had one Division 4 team beat me this year, Sacred Heart Academy. They beat us the first game 7-4. We mercied them in the second game. I had confidence in the kids."

It's a new era.

Brett Upton Gets Job Done For Beal City

John Raffel Sports Scene

Beal City had a lot of special players on its Division 4 state championship baseball team, this season

Front and center is senior pitcher Brett Upton.

In the 10-0 state championship win over Unionville-Sebewaung, Upton allowed one hit and two walks while striking out eight batters.

Upton played varsity four seasons, including the last two for

coach Steve Pickens. But 2018 was Upton's best season of the two.

"He was a little more mature this year and stayed focused," Pickens said. "Especially the last half of this season; he really turned on the jets for us and made sure when it was his turn to pitch, he was ready to pitch."

Upton was 8-2 this season, losing only to Bay City Western, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 in the postseason season poll and to Bay City John Glenn.

"He works at it," Pickens said. "He works at his game. He plays

summer ball, year round. He's been a three-sport athlete going through. He really concentrates on baseball. He enjoys it. He was determined this year."

Upton's strength was his fastball.

"This last year, he located it better," Pickens said. "He had a curveball as well but didn't fall in love with it like he did in prior years. He knew he could throw the ball by them. During the tournament run, he had a change-up, which was a key. It tailed away

from the hitters and kept them off balanced."

The championship game was Upton's best performance, as far as Pickens was concerned.

His position was mostly third base if he wasn't pitching.

"Upton was batting in the .400s but faced select pitching in the tournament which dropped his average somewhat, Pickens said.

He was among the team top three hitters.

Upton will be playing for Mott Community College.



Beal City's Brett Upton pitched Beal City to a 10-0 victory in the Aggies victory over the Patriots. (Submitted Photo)

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Midland Relishes Baseball Run To Semifinals

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Sports Scene

For Midland baseball coach Eric Albright, winning a regional title was sweet.

Winning the quarterfinal was sweeter.

Taking a semifinal win would have been the sweetest taste yet.

It was a fabulous season for the Chemics, who lost 10-0 to Grosse Pointe South in the state semifinals, but the journey to Michigan State was still a lot of fun.

Getting the regional title wasn't easy. Midland edged Saginaw Heritage 1-0 in the regional semifinal game, which went eight innings, then edged Davison 3-2 for the title. Garrett Willis out-dueled Saginaw Heritage ace Spencer Schwellenbach in the second semifinal.

"The regular season prepares us for the postseason," Albright said after the regional title game. "What does this

mean to our program, to advance to the quarterfinals? It means the world to our program. We've won a lot of baseball games and have lost some heartbreakers over the course of the last few years. Our team deserves to be here. We deserve to be in the quarterfinals."

Midland proved that with an excellent quarterfinal effort and a 4-1 win over West Ottawa, putting the Chemics in the Division Final Four.

But it was all Grosse Pointe South in the semifinals with a 10-0 win, ending Midland's season at 30-12. South defeated Brownstown Woodhaven in the title game 8-1. Midland trailed South 2-0 in the top of the sixth when the roof caved in and GPS scored eight runs. The game ended after six innings.

Jeff Landis, Jack Bringard and Tim Hackbart had one hit apiece for Midland. Garrett Willis went the first five innings and allowed six runs on 10 hits.

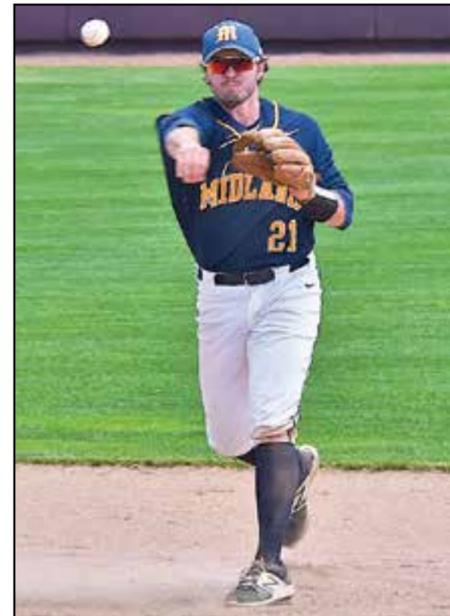
"Against a good team like Grosse

Pointe South, we needed to play a perfect game, and didn't," Albright said. "With a lineup such as theirs, they're going to make you pay. We didn't put much pressure on their defense. Their pitcher threw strikes and didn't give us any free bases."

But the loss did not take away the fun of getting a quarterfinal win.

"Our pitchers were very efficient in that game," Albright said. "We threw less than 70 pitches in a seven-inning baseball game. They threw strikes and forced West Ottawa to put the ball in play and we made all the defensive plays. That's a pretty good formula for winning a baseball game, throwing strikes and picking up ground balls." "Credit Liam Grady and Jeff Landis for giving ourselves a chance to win it. We capitalized on a couple of miscues. What we did to them is what they couldn't do to us. We put the ball in play. All four of our runs were scored with two outs. We scored with two outs when they weren't able to."

Midland's season ended at 30-12



Chemic All-Staters Gave Baseball Team A Major Boost

John Raffel
Sports Scene

In advancing to the Division 1 state semifinals, Midland boasted two all-state baseball players this season with junior first baseman Jeff Landis and senior infielder Martin Money.

Money ended his career with the most hits in Midland High School history.

"He was a three-sport athlete and definitely made his mark at Midland High," said Eric Albright, Midland baseball coach and athletic director.

"Jeff Landis was a left-handed hitting

first baseman, and hasn't decided on a college program yet, but is looking to play big-time college baseball," Albright said. "He's a strong guy and understands how to have an at bat. His defense is underrated. But any program able to get him would do well."

Money was a four-year starter.

"In all four years, he played different positions," Albright said. "As a ninth grader, he started as a third baseman. As a sophomore, he was an outfielder. As a junior he split time between center field and shortstop, and this year he was our full-time shortstop. He's versatile and athletic. He's the kind of

athlete every coach wants to have on their roster."

Landis was all-district and all-conference as a sophomore, earned all-state honors as a junior and also did some pitching.

Landis and Money were Midland's best two hitters.

"Martin had more hits as a junior and more power as a junior," Albright said. "But we asked him to hit leadoff this year. Martin's on-base percentage was nearly .600. He had 30 walks and 30 stolen bases. He did what a leadoff hitter is supposed to do. He had 45 hits.

Midland finished the season 30-12 after losing to Grosse Pointe South 10-0 in the Division 1 semifinals. Bottom: Martin Money makes a throw to first base during the Chemics loss against Grosse-Pointe South. (Marvin Hall, High School Sports Scene Photos)

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Sanford Meridian Falls To Millington In Semifinals

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Sanford Meridian's softball team got the job done under Coach Jamie Smith in the postseason.

The Mustangs had one of their finest hours in a long time on quarterfinal Tuesday (June 12) in Division 3 with a 10-1 win over Upper Peninsula representative Negaunee.

But in the state semifinal on June 15, Millington had a little too much for the Mustangs and pulled off the 5-3 win.

"It's a group of kids who work very hard," Smith said after the quarterfinal. "They just do the job they need to get it done. It was a great run. We're having a great time."

"Our pitcher Peyton Grice pitched phenomenal," Smith continued. "Their hitters didn't have an answer for her whatsoever."

Shortstop Mya Hall was among the Mustangs leading hitters this season. Baleigh Hill, a first baseman, also had a high batting average.

"We are predominately juniors," Smith said. "I have three seniors, nine juniors and two freshmen."

Heading into the quarterfinal against Millington, Smith was confident.

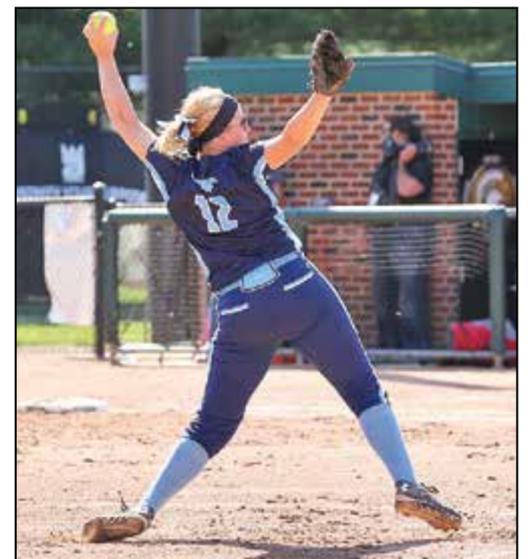
"They've some good hitters," she said. "As long as we play our game and play good defense, which is what we've been doing, we can (have success)."

But the final result isn't what the Mustangs were hoping for in the finals.

Millington scored single runs in the first, second and sixth inning and two runs in the sixth. A Mustangs rally produced two runs in the bottom of the seventh but it was not enough. Grice had three hits but she took the loss on the mound.

"We were a little tight, I think," Smith said. "They had never been to a big show like that. We played Millington last year and split with them in a nonconference game. We knew what they were capable of doing."

The Mustangs graduate three seniors and will have everyone back except two starters.



Mustang Leadoff Hitter Endures Misfortune In Semifinal Game

John Raffel
Sports Scene

Haley Maynard had reason to be excited about the Division 3 semifinal game between her Sanford Meridian softball team and Millington on June 15 at Michigan State University.

Maynard, the center fielder, was leadoff hitter the bottom of the first.

But then, for Maynard, misfortune took over.

She was hit by the pitch which allowed her to take first base.

But it was a costly hit by pitch. She was hit in the back of her hand.

Maynard played all four years on

varsity. She received all-conference honors for her career. This season, she batted around .300.

Maynard may not have batted as well as last season, but still had some key hits for the Mustangs team, including a two-run home run in the regional final. She had three home runs this season.

In the state semifinal final as SM's leadoff hitter, Maynard was attempting to slap bunt.

"So I pulled back," she said. "The third pitch, it nailed me in the arm. I tried to back up and it hit me in the (back right) hand."

It was painful physically, but for Maynard, the pain of having to leave the game was awfully tough to take.

"I did shed some tears, but that was because I couldn't play," she said.

Maynard was scheduled to get surgery on June 19 on the hand. She's planning on playing travel summer ball although she might be sitting the bench because of the injury.

In the fall, she'll be attending college at Albion, where she plans to play softball. Maynard indicated it will take six weeks for her hand to heal.

SM lost to Millington 5-3.

"We did pretty well at the beginning," Maynard said. "We wanted to get together as a team and see what works."

When the postseason started and all teams were back to 0-0, the Mustangs turned it into high gear.

"We played our best games and made it far," Maynard said.

Top: Sanford Meridian made it all the way to the Division 3 semis before losing to Millington 5-3. Bottom: Senior Hayley Maynard was a huge contributor to the Mustangs offense this season. (Submitted Photos)

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Millington, Coleman Come Up Short In Quest Of State Titles

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Millington and Coleman were among the area softball teams that made it to the finals on June 16 at Secchia Stadium on the campus of Michigan State University.

Caledonia (29-6) was the Division 1 winner 6-4 over Hartland (33-6). Escanaba (31-3) blanked South Haven (32-9) by a 5-0 score in Division 2.

Coloma (38-3) edged Millington (39-3) 7-6 in Division 3. Centreville (36-6) got the best of Coleman 5-2 in Division 4.

Millington got four hits from Leah Denome in the title game, but it wasn't enough. Eaton Rapids (36-

7) ended its run in the semifinals with a 2-0 loss to Escanaba.

Central Montcalm's season ended in the quarterfinals with a 14-0 loss in five innings to Coloma.

"It was a unique experience for us," Coach Bruce Nicholson said. "I think the girls went into it pretty loose. We were comfortable with the approach and all of that. It was a great environment. We played an experienced team that had already been there. I thought it was going to be a closer game than that, for sure. We haven't had a first inning like that all season."

Coloman's leadoff hitter got on. "We get two outs, are down one and then we're down two," Nichol-

son said. "The next two girls get on and we drop a pop up and the next girl hits it in the gap and clears the bases. Then we're down by five. It got away from us quick."

"The season was amazing," Nicholson continued. "We had lost so many seniors from the season before. We started four freshmen and another sophomore, and another sophomore quite a bit. We only had three kids back and one was a sophomore. A lot of people didn't think we'd do what we did. To win the league, district and regional was great."

Lily Doyle was the team's No 1 pitcher and was all-region. Mia Morgan was the team's leading hitter at .510.



Coloma (38-3) edged Millington (39-3) 7-6 in the D3 championship game. (Submitted Photo)



Swan Valley Softball Falls In D2 Quarters

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Saginaw Swan Valley coach Thomas Kennelly's team's bid for a Division 2 state softball title fell short in the quarterfinal rounds in the hands of a sophomore pitcher, who has already committed to the University of Wisconsin. Escanaba stymied the Vikings in a 9-1 quarterfinal victory.

"They're better than we are," Kennelly said. "They're not 9-1 better than we are. For the second year in a row, we didn't play very well, defensively I'm talking about. They did have a good game plan. They were going to crowd the plate. Their coach watched us play a couple

of times. My pitcher (Callie Burgess), who had a good career, pitches in and out. He has his batters stand almost right on the plate. In one inning, in the process, she hit three batters. She had precisely hit one all year and they didn't move at all.

"We didn't make a couple of plays we needed to make," Kennelly continued. "I had them for six hits and us for four. They hit the ball really well. Their pitcher (Gabrianna Salo) struck out 12. Callie struck out eight. It just snowballed again on us. This group probably over achieved greatly. I graduated seven starters last year and four of them were all-state players. This was a group

of girls that came up behind them. Besides two, none of these other girls play much as juniors. We had a great year. We could play Escanaba 10 times and they would beat us nine. We didn't play very well."

Swan Valley finished at 32-8. Burgess is 88-11 for her career. Junior Mallory Eurich and senior Emma Bierlein were the team's top hitters.

"We won our conference again, that's nine out of 10 years," Kennelly said. "We've won every district since 1999 in those 10 years. We've gone to the Final Four a couple of times and some quarterfinals ... It's been a pretty good run. This group in particular overachieved."

Swan Valley's Callie Burgess delivers a pitch during the Division 2 quarterfinals against Escanaba. (Skip Traynor, High School Sports Scene Photos)



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Coleman Takes Division 4 Softball Runner-Up Spot

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Coleman got one step farther in the softball playoffs this year. But not far enough as far as the Comets were concerned.

Coach Chad Klopff's team got to the softball Division 4 finals after starting out the week 2-0. But a 5-2 loss to Centreville in the title game put an end to everything.

"It was one play in one inning that really turned everything around for them," Klopff said. "We took the lead, but they came back and tied it up."

Coleman was ahead 1-0 going into the bottom of the third. The game was tied 1-1 in that inning and a throwing error brought home three runs.

"It's tough to come back from that level of competition," Klopff

said. "We fought. The ball was coming off the bat hard. They weren't happy with the outcome. They were there to win it. It's another step closer."

In the semifinals, Coleman enjoyed a 2-0 win over Rogers City. The Comets scored their two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on Autumn Tubbs' two-run single.

Winning pitcher Faith Barden scattered three hits and one walk while fanning 11 batters.

"She was solid on the mound, keeping them at bay," Klopff said. "We were confident the ball would eventually work its way through the gaps, and it did (in the sixth)."

Coleman edged Frankfort 1-0 in the quarterfinals to get into the semifinals against Rogers City. Barden had nine strikeouts and no walks

"She hit her spots when she

needed to," Klopff said. "She kept some real good hitters at the top of their lineup off the bases. When she needed the defense, they came through. The left side of the infield made some great plays to save some baserunners and get us out of the inning. We produced a run in the fourth inning. Autumn came up with a hard hit to second base and the infield had to go to first base and we got the run home."

Rogers City had won a state title in 2014.

"We're the only team returning from last year's Final Four that's down there," Klopff said after the quarterfinal. "We know what to expect."

Coleman only graduates two players from this team, giving Klopff a huge reason to be optimistic about the 2019 season.



Coleman lost 5-2 to Centreville in the Division 4 championship game. (Submitted Photo)

Comets Pitcher Closes Strong Career

John Raffel Sports Scene

Faith Barden and her teammates fell one game short of a state title for Coleman's softball team.

She was just one of two seniors and a pitcher and first baseman. But she was a valuable contributor for the Comets during the regular season.

Barden was on the varsity three years and has received postseason honors. This was her best year in the circle, she said. She was around 18-6.

The best game Barden may have

had all year was the quarterfinal in a 1-0 victory over Frankfort. Barden recalls her riseball was effective in that game.

"I think I got a little bit faster than last year," she said. "My riseball has been coming in quicker."

Barden indicated she covered the ball well at first base and had a dependable arm."

Barden batted more than .400 this season and had her best hitting season.

"It was both from mechanics and working during the offseason," Barden said.

In the regional semifinals, she had a two-run hit to win the game.

"This team had played well together," Barden said.

Centreville defeated Coleman 5-2 in the title game.

"If we wouldn't have made one error that cost us three runs, we were in that game," Barden said.

Barden also played basketball at Coleman. She has committed to playing softball at Lawrence Tech University.

"I'll miss playing with the girls the most," Barden said. "I've been playing with them forever."

Coleman's Faith Barden delivers a pitch during the Division 4 title game against Centreville. (Submitted Photo)



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St. Louis Softball Team Closes Out Season With District Championship Trophy

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

While the St. Louis softball team came up a little short in its quest for a conference title this season, the Sharks made up for it by winning a district championship.

Competing at the Division 3 district at Hemlock, St. Louis won a pair of close games to come away with the championship. St. Louis edged Ithaca 4-3 in the semifinals and then clipped Hemlock 2-1 in the district title game.

The district trophy took some of the sting out of coming up short in the conference season.

"I think as a team we were a little disappointed in the outcome of league play," said St. Louis coach Robin Hanline. "We should have won some games that we lost, but overall we finished strong. We started to play well the last few weeks so winning the district title was a great accomplishment. It is

definitely something we are going to cherish. Hopefully next year we take off where we left of this year."

St. Louis was led on the field this year by pitcher Alexis Beeson and Olivia Anderson who both earned first-team, all-conference honors. Aynslee Koutz earned second-team, all-league honors while Laurel Hrabal and Brooklyn Filipiak were named honorable mention. Anderson, Beeson, Hrabal and Koutz were also named to the all-district team. All of those players are due back next season except for Hrabal. One of three seniors on the team, Hrabal hit .379 this year with three home runs while playing third base.

"Overall, we have seven starters coming back so we have high hopes going in to next year," Hanline said. "The league will be very tough with four or five teams being equal and able to win any given day."

Beeson returns to lead the pitch-



St. Louis celebrates winning a district championship in 2018. (Submitted Photo)

ing staff after turning in an 11-15 record this season. Koutz led the team in hitting with a .429 batting average and has 20 home runs for her high school career. Anderson and Filipiak both hit for high averages and provided the Sharks with good speed on the base paths.

St. Louis finished the season with a 14-19 overall record after falling to Millington in the regional semifinals. That record, however, is a bit misleading.

"Our record could have easily been 20-13," Hanline said. "Going

into next year we need to clean up some things and I believe we can play with the best. I'm looking forward to making a run at winning a district title again in 2019. I am very proud of these girls and look forward to another season."



Jack Pine Getting Two New Schools

John Raffel Sports Scene

Pinconning and Shepherd High Schools have announced they will be joining the Jack Pine Conference for the 2019-29 sports seasons.

They will replace Roscommon and Houghton Lake, who are leav-

Pinconning and Shepherd will be joining the Jack Pine Conference before the 2019-20 season. (Skip Traynor, High School Sports Scene Photos)

ing for the Highland Conference, which includes Beal City.

Also in the Jack Pine are Beaverton, Clare, Farwell, Harrison, Gladwin and Sanford Meridian.

"With Chesaning and Ovid-Elsie leaving to go to the GAC, it left the TVC East and TVC Central with six schools in each division," Shep-

herd athletic director Jay Travis said. "To help fill schedules it was agreed that the central and the east would cross over and play the six schools in the opposite division beginning with the 2018-19 school year. This was going to greatly increase travel for us and the level of competition was going to increase as well. Since we are one of the smallest schools in the central division, we felt it was necessary to pursue other options.

"One of the reasons we left the TVC is for travel distances," Travis

continued. "The main reason we left is because we feel our school and community are very similar to the schools and communities in the Jack Pine Conference. We just felt it's a better overall fit for us."

Pinconning AD Kyle Woodruff agreed.

"The benefit for Pinconning is the travel is much better for us, the school sizes are similar, and we offer many of the same sports across the board as other Jack Pine Schools," Woodruff said.

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Freeland Soccer Team Falls One Goal Short Of State Title

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Freeland's girls soccer team was determined to get back to the Division 3 state championship game and achieved that goal.

But the bigger goal of winning the title fell short in a heartbreak-

ing 2-1 game to Flint Powers.

Freeland broke the ice in 2017 by getting that elusive state semi-final win. But in the finals, it was all Flint Powers Catholic in a 4-0 win.

This year, the goal was simple: to get back to the title game and have a much better performance.



That mission was accomplished, although a victory was obviously the ultimate dream

In the title game at Williamston on June 16, the Falcons went for the gold and almost got it. Rachel Rasins scored for Powers 31:08 into the game. But the Falcon defense continued to play tough and Freeland got the tying goal 58:48 into the game on a score by Molly Hemgesberg, assisted by Mackenzie Stroebel. But less than six minutes later, Rasins scored again and it proved to be the winning goal.

Flint Powers out-shot Freeland 12-1, and ended the season at 23-1-3. Freeland was at 22-5-2.

A major highlight for the Falcons was the dominating 6-1 win over Catholic Central in the semifinals. Kayler Radaz had three goals while Emerson Lynch put in one and Erin Tyson had two goals.

Freeland lost a heartbreaker to Flint Powers 2-1 during the Division 3 finals held at Williamston High School. (Submitted Photos)

"They played hard and they played to win," Freeland coach Lauren Kemerer said. "I couldn't have asked for a better game. It's been our goal since day 1 to get back to the state finals. We've been focused at practice. We're a little quicker this year

Radaz, a senior, was ecstatic with her performance in getting her first hat trick of the season."

"This is the best game (thrill) I've ever gotten," she said. "I didn't think I'd score anything. It was our offense and defense together."

Her goals were of the long-range variety.

"It's our second year in a row in the final and we're looking forward



to it," Radaz said.

"We can't give up this time. We're planning to win this year."

Stroebel was the team's leading scorer this season.

Freeland Goalkeeper Ends Fabulous Career

John Raffel Sports Scene

Alexa Walker will leave some large goalkeeper shoes for Freeland to fill next year.

Walker was the senior goaltender for the Falcons in 2018 and led the team to a state runner-up finish. The Falcons barely lost in the title game, 2-1 to Flint Powers.

Walker was the No. 1 goalie for Freeland the last three years. She con-

siders this season to have been her best.

"I put in a lot of time," she said. "I worked on my game from last year. My goal for the Flint Powers game was to (improve) from last year. I practiced as hard as I could to perfect my skills."

Freeland had lost to Powers 4-0 in the 2017 title game.

"I do pretty well on my communication," Walker said.

Despite the loss in the final, Walker was pleased with her team's effort in

the title match.

"I thought the game went extremely well with everything we had worked on and practiced on for the entire year," Walker said. "It all came into place. It was amazing. It was a bummer we didn't win. At the end of the day, it was amazing how we did. We ended 2-1 instead of 4-0 last year."

Walker has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old.

Soccer was her only sport at Freeland.

"I'm going to Grand Valley and will try out for their club (and intercollegiate) team," Walker said.

Freeland's Alexa Walker capped her stellar career helping the Falcons to back-to-back finals appearances. She was Freeland's No. 1 goalie the last three year's. (Scott Keyes, High School Sports Scene Photos)



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Midland's Soccer Season Ends In Semifinals

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It was a sad way for the Midland Chemics girls soccer team to end a glorious season.

Coach Rodrigo Barassi's squad ended its season on June 13 in the Division 1 semifinals to Grand Blanc at Holt 1-0.

But up to that point, it had been quite a season for Midland, which was 18-0-6 going into the semifinals. It was the first time since 1987 the Chemics had gotten that far.

"It's a group of girls who played

together for a long time," Barassi said. "They've been playing travel consistently for many years. These girls play in about four different travel teams and clubs. The girls play just about year around. After the season ends, they'll take a few weeks off and start training with their clubs again.

"Also, we start conditioning and work on things we can do in early and late fall. We look for winter leagues, too."

Ellie Wardell was the team's top scorer this season with 18 goals.

Midland beat Grandville 3-2 in

overtime for the regional title. Abbie Fowler had a header for a goal, assisted by Carlee Davis. Maya Albright scored on a free kick for the second half. Albright scored the winning goal with 2:37 left in the second overtime period.

Albright, Fowler and Jorgia Nye have also scored a lot of goals for the Chemics.

Barassi headed into the Grand Blanc game knowing it wouldn't



be easy.

"Every next level we go to, the competition gets slightly stronger," Barassi said. "We're aware (Grand Blanc) has been to the finals. But

our defense has been superb this season. We gave up 10 goals in 24 games."

But the 11th goal in the 25th game ended Midland's season.

Bright Future For Young DeWitt Soccer Team

**John Raffel
Sports Scene**

The DeWitt girls soccer team may have fallen a game short of playing for the Division 2 state championship this season, but with the young talent that is stocking the roster look for the Panthers to continue knocking on the door for a state title in the coming years.

Led by a host of talented young players, DeWitt won district and regional titles in Division 2 before dropping a 1-0 decision to eventual Division 2 state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian in the state semifinals.

A total of seven DeWitt players earned all-state honors this season and not one of the all-state athletes

is a senior. Freshman midfielder Isabelle Gilmore and sophomore midfielder Kendra Brown led the way as they both earned first-team, all-state honors. Freshman goalkeeper Kennedy Pugh established herself as one of the top keepers in mid-Michigan and earned second-team, all-state honors. Freshman forward Teresa Ashbrook and junior midfielder Shelby Sims both were named third-team, all-state. Freshman defender Riley Krause and junior forward Lily Stephan earned honorable-mention, all-state.

Those young players came up big time after time this season for the Panthers. In DeWitt's 1-0 win against Petoskey in the regional title match, Ashbrook scored the



game-winning goal with Pugh earning the shutout in goal.

DeWitt reached the finals by defeating Pontiac Notre Dame 4-1 in the semifinals. Ashbrook led the offense with a pair of goals while Brown and Stephan added one goal each.

Along with the district and regional titles, DeWitt also defeated Okemos 3-2 in the finals of the CAAC Gold Cup tournament to win the Gold Cup for a third straight season.

While the Panthers have plenty of talent returning, the seniors who

contributed to this year's success will be missed.

"I want to thank my seniors for their leadership, time and support," said DeWitt coach Jamal Mubarak. "They should be proud for what they have contributed to our program."

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Area Soccer Team Caps Big Season With A Pair Of State Championships

**Butch Harmon
Sports Scene**

It was a big year for area soccer teams and players. A pair of area teams won state championships while two other area teams reached the final four. Numerous area players also earned all-state honors this season.

DIVISION 4

The Lansing Christian Pilgrims won a second straight Division 4 state title as they defeated Kalamazoo Christian 1-0 in the finals. Senior forward Kasey Jamieson led the way for the Pilgrims as she was named to the All-State Dream Team. Senior goalkeeper Lynn Cullens and senior midfielder Jenna Li joined Jamieson on the Division 4 all-state team. Junior defender Kealeigh Usiak was named second-team, all-state while junior midfielders Eliza Lewis earned honorable-mention honors.

Saginaw Valley Lutheran defeated Bath 3-2 in the finals of the Saginaw Nouvel district. Valley Lutheran sophomores Lilly Holman and Meredith Zinz both earned honorable-mention, all-state honors.

A trio of area players earned all-state honors including senior defender Sophie Wilsey of Laingsburg who was named second-team, all-state. Lakeview senior Amanda Larson and Bath junior Tait Hordford were named honorable-mention, all-state.



DIVISION 3

Led by first-team, all-state selections Sophie Bubnar, Madeline Cardinal and Rachel Rasins, Flint Powers Catholic defeated Freeland 2-1 to win its second-straight Division 3 state title. The goal allowed against Freeland was the lone goal Powers Catholic allowed during the state tournament. Powers Catholic defeated Byron 8-0 in the district title match and defeated Williamston 8-0 in the regional finals.

Freeland reached the state finals with a dominating 6-1 win against Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the state semifinals. Freeland's defense was perfect in the district and regional with five shutouts including a 3-0 win against Alma in the district final and a 1-0 win against Big Rapids in the regional finals. Senior forward Mackenzie Stroebel and junior forward Autumn Kloha both earned first-team, all-state honors. Senior midfielder Kayler Radaz and junior midfielder Erin Tyson were both named honorable-mention, all-state.

Williamston reached the regional finals before falling to Powers Catholic. The Hornets defeated Olivet 6-1 to win the district final and stopped Jonesville 3-0 in the regional semifinals. Junior forward Maison Fenech earned first-team, all-state honors while senior midfielders Isabelle Herb and Alexis Russell were both named second-team, all-state. The junior trio of goalkeeper Erin Bowling, defender Hannah Emch and midfielder Allie Alford were named honorable-mention, all-state.

Big Rapids defeated Ludington 2-0 to win the district title and stopped Harbor Springs 1-0 in the regional semifinals before dropping a 1-0 decision to Freeland in the regional final. Senior midfielder Kaitlyn Ray earned second-team, all-state honors while junior Selena Wright was named third-team, all-state.

Seniors Halle Stork and Leah Morningstar and junior Josie Sanders were named honorable-mention, all-state.



Alma reached the district finals before dropping a 3-0 decision to eventual Division 3 state runner-up Freeland. Senior midfielder Sydney Hanson was named first-team, all-state, senior forward Tia Everdeen was named to the second team and senior goalkeeper Abby Schmieder was named third-team, all-state.

A pair of Midland Bullock Creek players earned all-state honors as senior midfielder Kaylee Meissner was named to the second team and sophomore midfielder Paige Golden was honorable-mention.

Saginaw Swan Valley senior defender Megan Brooks and junior midfielder Kennedy Ewald both earned honorable-mention, all-

state honors for the Vikings.

Frankenmuth junior goalkeeper Zoe Neirink was named second-team, all-state while sophomore midfielder Courtney Keyes was named honorable-mention, all-state.

A pair of Montrose midfield players earned all-state honors as senior Remington Hobson was named to the second team and senior Amber Wing earned honorable-mention, all-state.

Earning honorable-mention, all-state honors for Clare were senior goalkeeper Maddie Walter and sophomore forward Gwen Sherwood.

Howard City Tri-County junior goalkeeper Macey Matulis and sophomore defender sophomore defender Abi Mitz both earned honorable-mention, all-state honors.

Also earning all-state honors from the area were senior Amay Ciszewski of Byron (third team), junior Olivia Sampson of Durand (honorable mention), junior Rachel Hahn of Essexville-Garber (honorable mention) and junior Caroline Keusch of Lansing Catholic Central (honorable mention).

DIVISION 2

DeWitt capped a big season by reaching the Division 2 state semifinals. The Panthers were paced by freshman Isabelle Gilmore and sophomore Kendra Brown who were named first-team, all-state. Freshman Kennedy Pugh was named second team while Teresa Ashbrook and Shelby Sims were named to the third team. Riley Krause and Lily Stephan earned honorable-mention honors.

St. Johns wrapped up the season by reaching the finals of the district at DeWitt. Sophomore forward Taylor Schroeder earned second-team, all-state honors while sophomore goalkeeper Amy Smith was named honorable-mention, all-state.

A pair of Haslett players earned all-state honors as junior forward Elizabeth Ferguson was named second-team, all-state and senior defender Lilly Campbell was



named honorable mention.

Mason senior forward Kate McElhone and junior defender Dakota Booher both earned honorable-mention, all-state honors.

East Lansing senior forward Erin Caldwell earned honorable-mention, all-state honors.

DIVISION 1

Midland turned in a big season winning both a district and regional title before falling to Grand Blanc in the state semifinals. The Chemics defeated Traverse City West 2-1 in the district title match. Midland stopped Okemos 5-1 in the regional semifinals and won the regional title with a 3-2 overtime win against Grandville. Junior goalkeeper Maya Etienne capped a big season by being named the All-State Dream Team keeper. Senior defender Carlee Davis and junior forward Elisabeth Wardell joined Etienne on the first-team. Senior defender Abbie Fowler was named to the third team and senior defender Gwynne Ozkan was named honorable-mention.

Okemos won a district title by defeating Jackson 2-0 in the finals after a thrilling 4-3 overtime win against host Portage Central in the semifinals. Senior forward Sara Lee and sophomore forward Jackie Reilly both earned honorable-mention, all-state honors.

Lansing Christian and Flint Powers walked away state champions in their respective divisions in 2018, while Novi upset Grand Blanc 1-0 in the Division 1 finals. (Submitted Photos)

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Okemos Tennis Team Caps Season With Top-Ten Performance At State Finals

David Cook Sports Scene

The Okemos tennis team wrapped up a strong season by placing 10th at the MHSAA Division 2 state meet at Kalamazoo College.

Birmingham Seaholm won the Division 2 state title with 34 points followed by Bloomfield Hills Marian with 27 points. Okemos totaled six points while Mason finished 12th with four points and East Lansing placed 14th with three points.

Okemos was paced at the state finals by Yana Semerly at No. 4

singles. A regional champion this spring, Semerly reached the finals at No. 4 singles at the state tournament.

Mason was led at the finals by Mallory Matthews who reached the quarterfinals at No. 3 singles.

East Lansing was paced at the finals by the No. 2 doubles team of Kiwi McGill and Felicia French-Croll who reached the quarterfinals.

DIVISION 3

The Haslett tennis team placed 16th with a total of four points at the Division 3 state finals at Holland. Detroit Country Day

won the Division 3 title with 38 points while Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood placed second with 22 points. Haslett was led by its No. 1 doubles team of Anjani Raja and Sophie Vogelsang who reached the quarterfinal round.

DIVISION 4

The Chesaning girls tennis team capped the season in a big way as it placed eighth at the Division 4 state finals at Novi. Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart won the title with 32 points while Traverse City St. Francis placed second with 25. Chesaning totaled nine team points. Portland finished in 12th position with seven team points. Durand and Frankenthum finished in 17th place with four points apiece while Lansing Catholic placed 20th with three

points.

Chesaning was led by Anna Bates who reached the quarterfinals at No. 1 singles. In doubles play, Chesaning's No. 1 doubles team of Brooke Keck and Abbey Bitterman and the No. 2 doubles team of Jordyn Mathis and Katelynn Ferry both reached the quarterfinals.

Portland was paced in singles action by Kayla Weller and Taylor Jenks who reached the quarterfinals at No. 3 and No. 4 singles respectively. Portland's No. 1 doubles team of Rachel VanHouten and Riley Thelen also reached the quarterfinal round.

Durand was led by its No. 3 doubles team of Cora Lynn and Maddie McMillin who reached the quarterfinals.

The Okemos tennis team was paced at the Division 2 state finals by Yana Semerly who reached the finals at No. 4 singles. (Butch Harmon Photo)



Chesaning Girls Player Is State Quarter Finalist

John Raffel Sports Scene

It was a unique season for Chesaning girl tennis.

Coached by Thomas Teal, the Indians qualified as a team in Division 4 and placed in a tie for eighth out of 24 qualifying teams.

But the performance was highlighted by the play of Anna Bates at No. 1 singles. Bates won two matches and advanced to the state quarterfinals. It's the first year, Teal said, one of his female athletes has

advanced that far in the state tourney.

She started out with a win over Elizabeth Hartz of Niles Brandywine 6-2, 6-0. Then she beat Abbey Behan of Essexville-Garber 6-2, 6-2. She took on Natalie Moyer of Kalamazoo Hackett and lost 6-0, 6-0. Moyer wound up winning the individual title. BH Academy of the Sacred Heart won the team title.

The team had also qualified for the finals two years ago.

Bates is a senior this year

and has played No. 1 the past two seasons.

"Anna has improved significantly," Teal said. "Last year she played No. 1 singles and had 12 wins at that position. This year, her record was 26-5."

Bates' consistent backdoor play has been a strength, noted Teal.

Teal expected a lot from the Indians this spring, and his expectations were exceeded.

"I knew we had a very nice team," he said. "We returned

everyone but one player from last year's team. I knew going into the season we had a nice team. I was very pleasantly surprised and proud of the girls that they were able to play that experience and improvement to really jell as a team and be able to win their conference (TVC). They won the Tri Valley Conference 9-0 and finished eighth in the state among all the teams.

"I wasn't terribly surprised but was proud of their accomplishments."



Chesaning's Anna Bates

Midland Dow's Quest For Another D1 Tennis Title Falls Short

Scott Keyes Sports Scene

For the past four years, Midland Dow and Northville have battled on the courts with title hopes on the line.

This year was no different.

Northville shared last year's title with Dow. Dow won the 2016 title. Northville won in 2015.

Northville had to earn its 2018 title, too, edging Midland Dow 32-30. Bloomfield Hills was third with 28 points.

"We definitely had to work for this championship," said Northville coach Linda Jones. "We had a feeling this championship would come right down to the wire and that's exactly what happened.

I couldn't be happier for my team."

Northville entered Saturday with 24 points and eight players in the semifinals for the first time in school history. Dow had 23 points with seven players, as did Bloomfield Hills.

In the finals, Northville and Dow faced off at Nos. 1, 3 and 4 doubles. Dow got the first victory, at No. 3 doubles, and briefly tied the score with a win at No. 2 doubles. But Northville prevailed in the other head-to-head matches, clinching the crown with the win at No. 4 doubles.

"Absolutely there's disappointment," Dow coach Garrett Turner said. "It's hard to be upset with a second-place finish. We had

our chances."

Bloomfield Hills junior Tia Mukherjee got redemption at No. 1 singles.

Mukherjee dominated for a 6-0, 6-0 win over Northville senior Shanoli Kumar in the championship match. Mukherjee lost 6-0, 6-0 in last year's finals.

At No. 2 singles, Ann Arbor Huron junior Miriam Gandam, the No. 1 seed, defeated Northville sophomore Tori Mady, the No. 2 seed, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1. Mady, the 2017 champ at No. 4 singles, got a key semifinal win over Dow's Zoe Angell, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

At No. 3 singles, Ann Arbor Skyline senior Caroline Cartwright, the No. 2 seed, defeated Northville junior Renee Torres, the No. 4 seed, 6-3, 6-2. Torres, the returning champ at No. 3 singles, upset Dow's Sarah Ismail, the No. 1 seed and returning champ at No. 2 singles, in a key semifinal match, 6-3, 6-4.

At No. 4 singles, Jenna Silverman, the No. 1 seed, rallied past Dow senior Hadley Camp, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1) in a 2-hour, 57-minute match. Silverman also rallied for a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 win in the semifinals over Northville's Maya Mulchanandani. Camp was the Finals runner-up for the third straight year.

At No. 1 doubles, Northville senior Serena Wang and junior Sophie Zhuang, the No. 1 seed, defeated Dow seniors Tatum Matthews and Kelly Livingston, the No. 2 seed, 6-1, 6-4.

At No. 2 doubles, Dow junior Meghan Killmaster and sophomore Victoria Leiti, the No. 3 seed, defeated Bloomfield Hills senior Alandria Bellamy and sophomore Kaela Bernard, the No. 4 seed, 6-2, 6-2.

At No. 3 doubles, Dow seniors Giacomina Fabiano and Christina Vanderkelen, the No. 3 seed, defeated Northville junior Madison DeYoung and freshman Michelle Tong, the No. 4 seed, 6-2, 6-3.

At No. 4 doubles, Northville junior Connie Gao and freshman Sneha Ganan, the No. 2 seed, defeated Dow juniors Amelie Kraef and Reema Patel, the No. 1 seed, 6-4, 7-6 (1). Kraef and Patel came into Saturday without losing a set all season but had to rally for a 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 win in the semifinals.

Heritage makes it to finals for first time in 20 year's

The Heritage girls team qualified for the D1 tennis meet for the first time in



Top: Midland Dow lost a heartbreaker in the Division 1 finals losing to Northville by only two points: Left: Members of the Heritage tennis team are all smiles as the Hawks made it to the finals for the first time in 20 seasons. (Scott Keyes, High School Sports Scene Photos)

nearly 20 years in 2018. The team consists of singles players Sabrina Laynes, Sophia Manlapit, Anjelica Ferguson and Amya Lott. Doubles players that advanced to state consisted

of Sabrina Iqbal / Angie Xu (No. 1 doubles), Ariana Shokkahi / Emilla Shokkahi (No. 2 Doubles), Salina Iqbal / Meghana Mulpuri (No. 3 doubles) and Olivia Baskind / Julie Jacoby (No. 4 doubles)

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