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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Hello sports fans, it's another great day here at High School Sports Scene Magazine.

Wow has the spring season flown by fast!!!! It just seems like yesterday that we were shaking off the cold of winter and now the spring state tournament is getting into full swing.

Our local athletes and teams are having a phenomenal spring season in all the different sports. In baseball, the area is home to some outstanding players and teams. A big shoutout to the Hemlock, Chesaning and New Lothrop baseball teams who are all-state ranked in Division 3 and playing at the same district. What a shame that just one of those outstanding teams will be able to play beyond the district. All three of those talented teams could hang with anyone in the state in Division 3 with the outstanding players they have on their rosters.

What about the season that the Beal City baseball team is having in Division 4? The Aggies are ranked No. 1 in the state and are on a mission.

Area softball teams are also busy turning in big seasons. Owosso and their outstanding pitcher Macy Irelan are gearing up to try and repeat as state champions. Closer to home, the young Ithaca softball is showing plenty of promise.

Area track and field athletes are putting their talents on display the first weekend on June at the state track and field finals. If you haven't had the chance now would be a great time to see one of the finest throwers in Michigan track history in Carson City-Crystal senior Zane Forist who has turned in some amazing efforts.

Area soccer teams kick off the state soccer tournament this week. Kudos to the Midland Dow soccer team for the outstanding season they are having. Haslett soccer players can take a bow for winning the Gold Cup title for a second straight year. A big shout out to the Williamston soccer team ranked first in the state in Division 3 and the Valley Lutheran soccer team ranked first in the state in Division 4.

Area golfers are also teeing it up for what will be some outstanding state tournament golf. What a job the Lansing Christian golf team is doing in Division 4. The Lansing Christian golfers can compete with any team in the state regardless of class size.

Get out and enjoy the great early-summer weather and the outstanding performances from our local athletes.

See you at the games!!!!



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Veteran Hemlock Baseball Team Has Talent To Make Deep State Tournament Run

David Cook Sports Scene

Ranked third in the state in Division 3, the Hemlock baseball team is turning in a big season and is primed for even more success when the state tournament begins in June.

Through mid-May the Huskies have compiled a 19-7-2 overall record. Hemlock has turned in some memorable performances including a doubleheader split with Freeland, ranked eighth in the state in Division 2, and a win and a tie against Division 1 Davison along with wins against Essexville-Garber, Alma and Midland Dow.

"Three of our five losses this year were by two runs or less and we were in the games and just needed to make one play or get one big hit," said Hemlock coach Toby Larkin. "The key to making a run

will be playing clean baseball."

Hemlock is led by a standout senior core that helped the team compile a 32-5 record last season. A total of five Huskie players have committed to playing college baseball next season including Corbin Larkin, Max Dinninger and Jake Shelagowski who will all be playing at Saginaw Valley State, Blake Stockford who be playing at Northwood University and Shane Renas who will be playing at Mott Community College.

This year's Hemlock team is a strong offensive group led by Stockford who has a .432 batting average and .562 on-base percentage with 12 RBI and 13 runs scored in 14 games. Bryce Murphy is turning in a big season with a .376 batting average and 437 on-base percentage along with 27 runs scored, 23 RBI and 18 stolen bases. Corbin Larkin is hitting .418

with 28 runs scored, two home runs, three triples, 17 RBI and 38 stolen bases. Shelagowski is hitting .414 with 26 RBI, nine doubles, four triples and 18 runs scored. Renas has a .351 batting average and .473 on-base percentage with five doubles 18 RBI and 13 runs while Dinninger is hitting .343 with a 408 on-base percentage with 20 runs, 20 RBI and 14 stolen bases.

Hemlock is also receiving solid pitching this spring. Dinninger has a 3-1 record with a 2.57 ERA and 37 strikeouts in 37.2 innings pitched. Shelagowski is also 3-1 this season with a 2.62 ERA and 45 strikeouts in 26.2 innings pitched.

Coming off last season's success,



The Hemlock baseball team is ranked third in the state in Division 3 and is led by a standout group of seniors.

Hemlock is building for a deep run in the state tournament.

"Our team is full of talent and they have a target on their back after reaching the regional final game last year," said coach Larkin. "They are very capable of making a run in district and regionals again this year. They just have to have to have fun and play without the

pressure and they will be fine. They will also have to get hot at the plate at the right time. They are putting in the work and they have been for years. I am looking forward to seeing how far they make it this season in tournament play. Our goal is to win a state championship on June 18th. The players are dedicated and preparing daily to reach their goals."

Beal City Gunning For Another State Title

John Raffel Sports Scene

Beal City's baseball program is ready take aim at another Division 4 state championship.

Coach Steve Pickens led the team to a 2018 state crown and would not mind doing it again.

The Aggies were 18-1 after their first 19 games and seemed ready to go a long way in the tournament. The only

loss was 3-2 in five innings to Gladwin against some poor weather.

"I think we have a team here that hopefully can get to that state championship game," Pickens said. "I got a bunch of (good) kids Kaidan Andrew, my shortstop, is hitting over .600 and as a team we're hitting .444."

Brendan Martin started out 7-0 as a pitcher. Cayden Smith "is doing well and is developing.

"Hitting wise, Hunter Miles does well," Pickens said. "We're getting some other guys on board. They're starting to come through for us."

Birch Run and Fremont were expected to be stiff nonleague tests for Beal City.

"We only play one Division 4 team," Pickens said.



Beal City pitcher Cayden Smith delivers a pitch earlier in the season.

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Chesaning Baseball Team State-Ranked For First Time In Over 30 Years

David Cook Sports Scene

With one of the premier pitchers in Mid-Michigan leading the way, the Chesaning baseball team is turning in its best season in years.

With senior pitcher Tyler Sager putting opposing bats in the deep freeze, Chesaning has compiled a 19-3-1 record as of the middle of May and is ranked 10th in the state in Division 3.

Pitching has been a strong point for Chesaning this season and Sager is leading the way with some numbers that any pitcher would dream of. Sager, who is committed to play in college at Northwood University, has a 7-0 record and one save. In 38 innings pitched this season he has an amazing 100 strikeouts while allowing just three walks and four hits with a 0.18 ERA. Sager has pitched five consecutive no hitters although only three of them count towards

the Michigan High School Athletic Association record books as two of the no-hitters were three-inning, mercy-rule games. Sager has also struck out 20 batters in one game this season and 19 in another game.

“Strong points of our team have been our pitching and hitting,” said Chesaning coach Robert Sager. “We have 10 shutouts so far and have allowed two or less runs in five other games. That gives us a pretty good chance to win games when our opponents are not scoring much.”

Sophomore Nash Wendling is also turning in a big season on the mound. Wendling has a 5-0 record with 36 strikeouts in 29 innings and an ERA of 1.44.

At the plate, Tyler Sager is leading the charge with a .500 batting average and a .609 on-base percentage with 29 RBI. Wendling is also tearing the cover off the

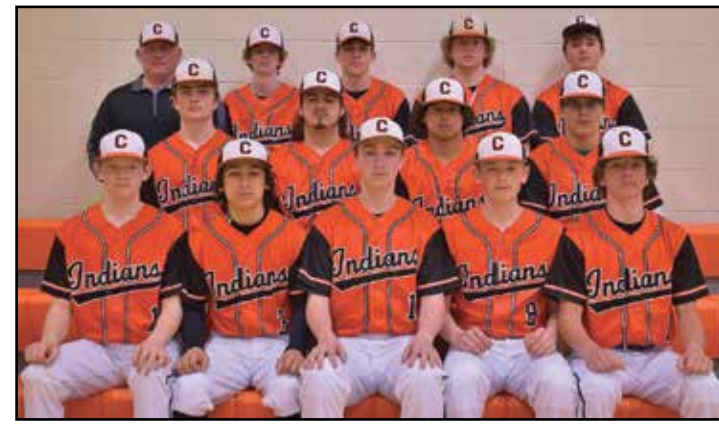
baseball as he is hitting .541 with a .581 on-base percentage and 30 RBI.

Chesaning is also getting plenty of production from its junior class. Juniors leading the way on offense include Eli Escamilla (first base/outfield) who is hitting .373 with a .513 on-base percentage and 21 RBI. Lucas Powell is hitting .347 with a .443 on-base percentage and 20 RBI while Logan Fulk (outfield/pitcher) is hitting .324 with a .418 on-base percentage and 13 walks.

“Hitting is another highlight for us,” Sager said. “We currently have nine guys that are batting .300 or higher. Our team batting average is .353.”

While this season has been a special one, the squad is composed mostly of non-seniors that have the future looking bright.

“I have been extremely happy with the improvements that our team has made so far this season,”



The Chesaning baseball team is in the midst of a landmark season that has found the team ranked in the state for the first time in over 30 years.

Sager said. “We are very young with two seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen, but they work hard and have a great bond. Our program has made tremendous strides the last few years and hopefully we can continue to build the program. This is the first time our baseball program has been ranked in 30-plus years so the kids should be very proud of that. As far as we have come, we have to remember we have a long way to go to reach

our goals for the season.”

While the team still has more to play for, they have provided their fans with plenty of thrills this season.

“The highlights of the season so far have been the five no-hitters that Tyler has thrown,” Sager said. “We have played a couple bad games where we have booted the ball around, but for they most part we have played pretty clean and our kids just love to compete.”

New Lothrop Slugger Leading Hornets To Top-10 Ranking In Division 3

David Cook Sports Scene

Led by one of the most prolific run producers in Michigan high school baseball history, the New Lothrop baseball team finds itself among the top baseball teams in Division 3 once again this spring.

With power-hitting, senior first baseman Brady Birchmeier leading the way, New Lothrop has turned in a 24-3 overall record heading into the final week of May and is ranked fourth in the state in Division 3.

One of just three seniors on a young Hornet squad this season, Birchmeier is putting the finishing touches on a prolific high school career before heading off to college where he will play for Bowling Green State University. So far this season Birchmeier is hitting .569

with 10 home runs, 14 doubles and 58 RBI. For his career, Birchmeier has 26 home runs and 174 RBI.

The 174 RBI has Birchmeier tied for 11th place on the all-time Michigan high school RBI list, an accomplishment even more impressive considering he lost his entire sophomore season due to the Covid pandemic. Birchmeier recorded 40 RBI as a freshman and 76 RBI last year as a junior and with a full sophomore season he would easily be in second place on the all-time list and within striking distance of former Brighton star and ex-New York Yankee Drew Henson who collected 290 RBI during his high school career.

“Brady absolutely pounds the ball,” said New Lothrop coach Ben Almsy. “If not for Covid he’d be close to the state career RBI record.”

While Birchmeier is putting up monster numbers again, New Lothrop is far from a one-man team. Fellow seniors Jordan Bellmer and Cannon Cromwell are also putting up huge seasons at the plate. Bellmer is hitting .513 with 41 runs scored and 36 RBI. Bellmer has also stolen an incredible 45 bases without being caught. Cromwell is hitting .481 with 39 runs scored 28 RBI, nine doubles and 17 stolen bases. Cromwell is also 5-0 as a pitcher with a 0.91 ERA.

Along with the senior core, the Hornets are getting contributions from several younger players. Junior Ty Kohlmann is hitting .430 with 54 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. Fellow junior Grayson Orr is hitting .429 with 33 runs, two home runs and 31 RBI. Sophomore Teddy Martinez is hitting .450 with

32 runs, 28 RBI and has stolen 15 bases without being caught.

“We have a solid veteran group and a lot of young guys who are showing growth,” Almsy said. “Our seniors are the strength of the team but we have some younger guys who are getting better. We’ve been playing solid baseball so far this season.”

New Lothrop will need everyone on top of their games when the state tournament begins as the Hornets play in one of the toughest districts in the state at Chesaning. New Lothrop will face Hemlock, ranked third in the state in Division 3, in the first district game



New Lothrop senior Brady Birchmeier (right) signed with Bowling Green State University.

on Saturday, June 4. The winner of that game will play Chesaning, St. Charles or Montrose from the top half of the bracket. Chesaning enters the district ranked ninth in the state.

“It is an extremely tough district,” Almsy said. “Chesaning and Hemlock, who we play first, both have really good pitchers. There is no margin for error in our district.”

Balanced Portland Baseball Team Among Top 10 In State In Division 2 This Season

David Cook Sports Scene

With a balance of youth and experience and some outstanding hitters at the plate, the Portland baseball team is ranked in the top ten in Division 2 this season.

Portland is ranked 14th in the state and has turned in a record of 22-4 heading into the final week of May. A big reason for the success is some strong work at the plate as the Raiders have a .347 team batting average.

Portland has a deep squad with a number of players who are capable of stepping up and have a big day at the plate. Senior Brady Bush (pitcher/infield) is a two-year varsity player who is batting .368 this season and has a 4-1 record on the mound. Junior Marc Nobis

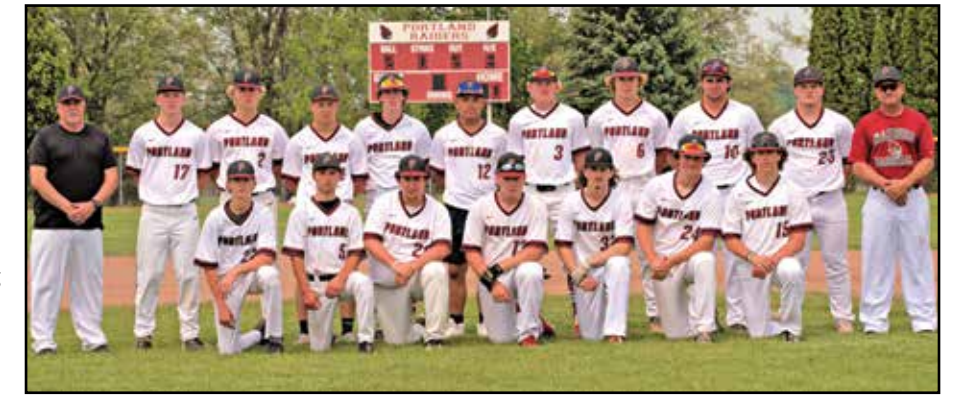
(pitcher/outfield) is another two-year varsity player having a big season. Nobis is hitting .343 with 20 RBI and has a 5-1 record as a pitcher. Senior Trent Trierweiler (pitcher/outfielder) is a four-year varsity player having a big year. Trierweiler is hitting a sizzling .456 with 22 RBI and has a 4-1 pitching record. Sophomore Caden Thelen is having a big impact in his first year on the varsity as he is hitting .433 with 18 RBI and is 4-0 as a pitcher.

A big plus for the Raiders, like all teams in the state, is having a more normal season after two years of the pandemic.

“The true highlight has been being able to get back to ‘almost’ normal with baseball,” said Portland coach Chris Trierweiler. “We were able to attend our

baseball spring break trip in Gulf Shores, Alabama which had been cancelled the last two years due to Covid. Being able to go on this type of trip not only gets us practicing and playing baseball every day, but it really brings the team together. This team didn’t take any of that for granted and made the most of their time together.”

Another highlight for Portland is being selected to play in the 60th Diamond Classic this season which was one of the team’s goals. Portland has played five of the 10 teams in this year’s Diamond Classic including Grand Ledge who it plays in the first round



The Portland baseball team has compiled a 22-4 record heading into the final week of May and is ranked 14th in the state in Division 2.

on May, 24. Portland defeated Grand Ledge 3-1 and 4-1 in a doubleheader earlier in May.

“If we continue to play the level of ball we are capable of playing then we are hoping to make a good run in the Diamond Classic and carry it over to the postseason,” coach Trierweiler said.”

The state tournament will be a huge challenge for Portland as the Raiders play in one of the toughest districts in the state. The district consists of Portland, ranked 10th in the state, St. Johns, ranked

16th in the state, and Forest Hills Eastern, ranked No. 1 in the state. Portland plays Ionia on May, 30 in a pre-district game at Ionia.

Having a close-knit team will help Portland in their tournament run.

“Team camaraderie is a strong point of this year’s team,” Trierweiler said. “They balance each other out. They seem to get along on and off the baseball field and pick each other up. They are scrappy and don’t quit.”

Seniors Leading Way For St. Johns As Redwings Win Conference Baseball Title

David Cook Sports Scene

With the senior class leading the way, the St. Johns baseball team is piling up the wins and accomplishments this season.

Heading into the season, the Redwings knew it had the ingredients for a special season with nine returning starters including seven returning senior starters who were a part of a team that won league and district titles last season. Those seniors have kept the momentum going this season as St. Johns has a 19-3 record as of the middle of May and is ranked in the top 20 in the state in Division 2. St. Johns also won the CAAC Red Division title this season with an undefeated league record and invite to the Diamond Classic.

“I actually give a lot of credit to my five seniors from last year who

really helped to create a team-first culture,” said St. Johns coach Jake Parker. “This year’s seniors have carried that forward and really provided great leadership for us.”

St. Johns has a deep senior class that includes Grant Armbrustmacher, Jacob Bones, Logan Dunham, Brennan Feldpausch, Austin George, Brody Kusnier, Alex Owen, Murray Palmatier and Justin Wagner.

Along with outstanding leadership, the Redwings have been hitting the ball well and have a deep and talented pitching staff. St. Johns has a .386 team batting average and has eight pitchers providing the team with solid pitching the entire season.

Along with outstanding contributions from the seniors, the Redwings are getting strong play at the catcher position from

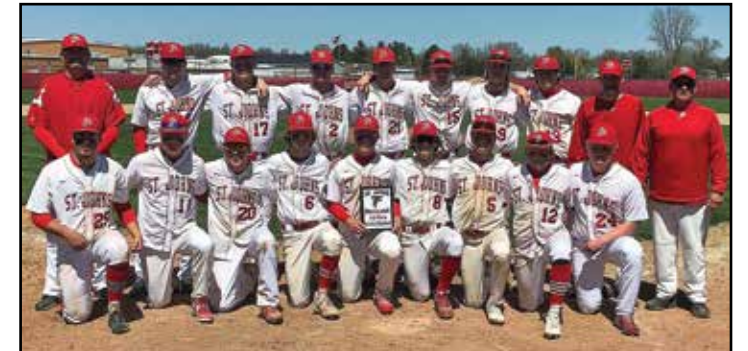
sophomore Logan Keilen. Keilen is hitting .500 this season with three home runs, six triples, four doubles and 26 RBI.

“Defensively, Logan is able to shut down the other team’s running game which really makes it easier on our pitchers,” Parker said. “His positive mentality along with our ability to score runs always gives us a chance to come back even if we get down early.”

St. Johns has played with confidence all season and the team’s confidence received a boost early in the season when the Redwings split a doubleheader with Division 1 power Detroit Catholic Central.

The team also plays with a great sense of unity.

“This team has done a great job of buying into winning and



With a deep and talented senior class leading the way, St. Johns is ranked in the state in Division 2 and won the CAAC Red Division with an undefeated record in conference play.

doing what is best for the team,” Parker said. “I have 10 players who have earned the right to be in the lineup everyday through their performances this season. Obviously, I can only have nine in the lineup. This has meant I have to have one very good player on the bench in each game. The guys who have been asked to sit have done a great job of supporting the team and accepting the situation and then going in and performing when they get a chance. It is the

same with the pitching staff, with limited games due to rainouts most of our pitchers have not been able to throw as much as they would like, but they have accepted this and each time they have been asked to perform even after a long layoff they have been ready to go and gotten the job done. I have not had one complaint about playing time even though I have some highly-competitive players. This has been one of my most enjoyable seasons without a doubt!”



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High School Baseball State Tournament Preview

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

The high school baseball state tournament begins the first weekend of June with district play. Following is a look at some of the area districts where teams begin the road to the state baseball finals.

DIVISION 1

@GRAND LEDGE

Teams to watch: DeWitt, Grand Ledge, Holt
Favorite: Grand Ledge

Skinny: Grand Ledge swept a doubleheader from DeWitt earlier this season and split a twinbill with Holt. The Comets can score runs in bunches and will be tough to stop in a title game against the winner of the Holt/DeWitt semifinals. DeWitt has been coming on strong down the stretch and erupted for 25 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Holt on May 9. Bryce DeBri, Ohlen Bond and Trent Brandell pace the DeWitt offense that has been explosive at times this season.

@EAST LANSING

Teams to watch: Brighton, East Lansing, Howell, Mason, Okemos

Favorite: Howell

Skinny: Ranked third in the state in Division 1, Howell is the team to beat at what is a loaded district. Okemos is turning in a big season of its own and is ranked 14th in the state as of the second week of May. Pitching is the name of the game for Okemos this season and the squad is also doing a good job of winning close games. Okemos won a pair of one-run games in a doubleheader sweep of Mason this season and posted shutouts in a twinbill sweep of Grand Ledge. Okemos also shutout 16th-ranked Midland this season. East Lansing is also a dangerous team.

@MT. PLEASANT

Teams to watch: Mt. Pleasant, Traverse City Central, Traverse City West

Favorite: Mt. Pleasant

Skinny: The two Traverse City schools are both ranked in the top 20 in Division 1 and have Division 1 recruits that are the aces of their pitching staffs, but Mt. Pleasant has been turning in a solid season. The two Traverse

City schools meet in the district semifinals with the winner facing the winner of Mt. Pleasant and Alpena in the district title game. Traverse City West has an ace in the hole in senior lefthanded pitcher Wyatt Danilowicz who is the top left-handed pitcher in the state and is committed to Louisville. Traverse City Central counters with an ace of its own in junior righthander Josh Klug who is one of the premier junior pitchers in the state and is also headed to Louisville. If the Oilers can avoid Danilowicz and Klug, they are tough to beat on their home field. Mt. Pleasant also swept Central earlier this season and defeated Alpena.

@SAGINAW HERITAGE

Teams to watch: Bay City Western, Midland, Midland Dow, Saginaw Heritage

Favorite: Midland

Skinny: Midland is ranked 16th in the state in Division 1 as of mid-May and has turned in a solid season. The Chemics swept a pair of one-run games from Traverse City West this season and also swept both Mt. Pleasant and Flint Powers in doubleheaders. The Chemics can score runs in bunches with an offense led by Carter Albright, Josh Doyle, Ben Haney, Tommy Kroll and Braylen Laverty. After falling in the district semifinals last season, Midland is focused on making a long tournament run this season. Bay City Western is a team to watch on the other side of the bracket as the young and talented Warriors have wins over Midland, Mt. Pleasant and Heritage this season. Junior pitcher Ben Kochany has been dominant at times for Western including a 14-strikeout, two-hitter against Heritage early in the season.

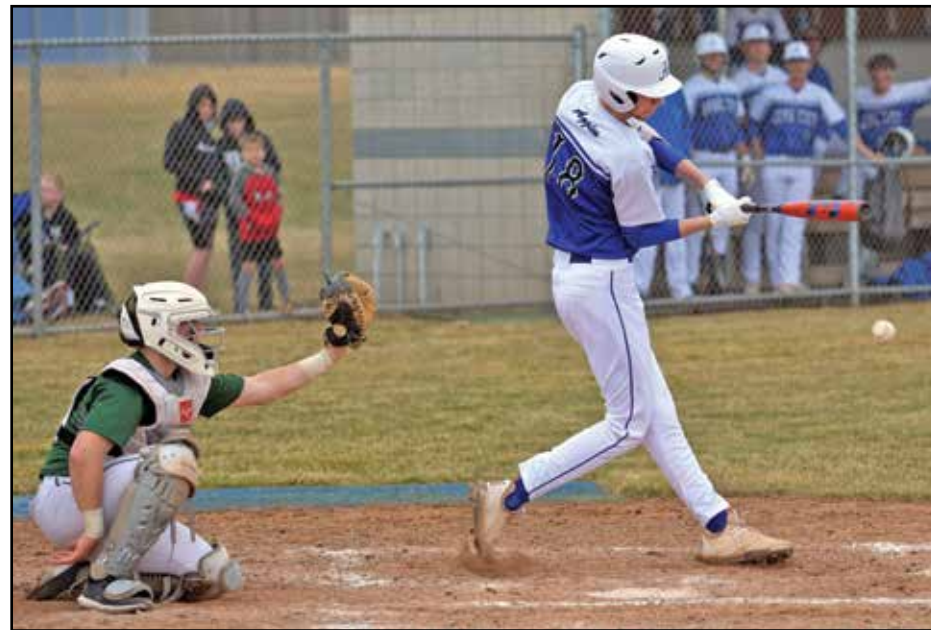
DIVISION 2

@WILLIAMSTON

Teams to watch: Corunna, Haslett, Owosso, Williamston

Favorite: Owosso

Skinny: Owosso has turned in a strong season thanks to a productive offense and some solid pitching led by junior right-hander Jay Tuttle who is one of the top junior pitchers in the state. Corunna plays solid defense and has had some solid pitching this year. The Cavs have come up short against Owosso this season but could turn the tables in the post-season.



Beal City is ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 4 and has its sights set on winning a state title.

Williamston has played a tough schedule and will also be a factor.

@SWAN VALLEY

Teams to watch: Carrollton, Swan Valley

Favorite: Swan Valley

Skinny: Swan Valley has turned in some solid efforts this season and has played a tough schedule. Look for the Vikings to come away with the district title.

@BIRCH RUN

Teams to watch: Birch Run, Clio, Flint Powers, Frankenmuth

Favorite: Flint Powers

Skinny: Powers has turned in a big season thanks to an explosive offense and some strong arms on the mound. Frankenmuth is a defending district champion with plenty of talent of it's own. Junior pitcher Drew Titsworth is one of the premier junior hurlers in the state and can shut down any offense.

@GLADWIN

Teams to watch: Big Rapids, Clare, Gladwin,

Ludington

Favorite: Clare

Skinny: Clare turned in an unbeaten season in the conference. The Pioneers have a solid group of pitchers and can score runs in bunches. Ludington will provide a difficult hurdle as the Orioles dominated their conference.

@BULLOCK CREEK

Teams to watch: Bay City John Glenn, Bullock Creek, Essexville-Garber, Freeland

Favorite: Essexville-Garber

Skinny: This district is loaded with talented players and talented teams. Garber is ranked seventh in the state while Freeland is right behind at No. 8. The two teams split a doubleheader in mid-May. Bullock Creek and John Glenn are a pair of talented squads that will not back down. Freeland plays Bullock Creek in the pre-district game and then meets Garber in the semifinals.

@IONIA

Teams to watch: Ionia, Forest Hills Eastern, Portland, St. Johns

Favorite: Forest Hills Eastern

Skinny: Another loaded district. Forest Hills Eastern is the top-ranked team in the state in Division 1. Portland comes in ranked 14th in the state while St. Johns is ranked 15th. Portland and St. Johns are on a collision course to meet in the semifinals with the winner getting Eastern in the finals.

@EATON RAPIDS

Teams to watch: Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Lakewood-Lake Odessa

Favorite: Eaton Rapids

Skinny: Ranked 11th in the state in Division 2, Eaton Rapids is the favorite at its own district. The Greyhounds posted a pair of shutout wins in a twinbill sweep of Charlotte earlier this season. Trey Acker and Eddie Jewett are a pair of solid starters that anchor the pitching staff. Junior third baseman Sebastian Nelson is a power hitter that paces a productive Eaton Rapids offense along with Chase Carlson, Braylon Nobach, Garrett Williams, Tyler Wolf, Acker and Jewett. The CAAC White champs also split a doubleheader with Grand Ledge and swept Lansing Catholic in a twinbill with the league title on the line.

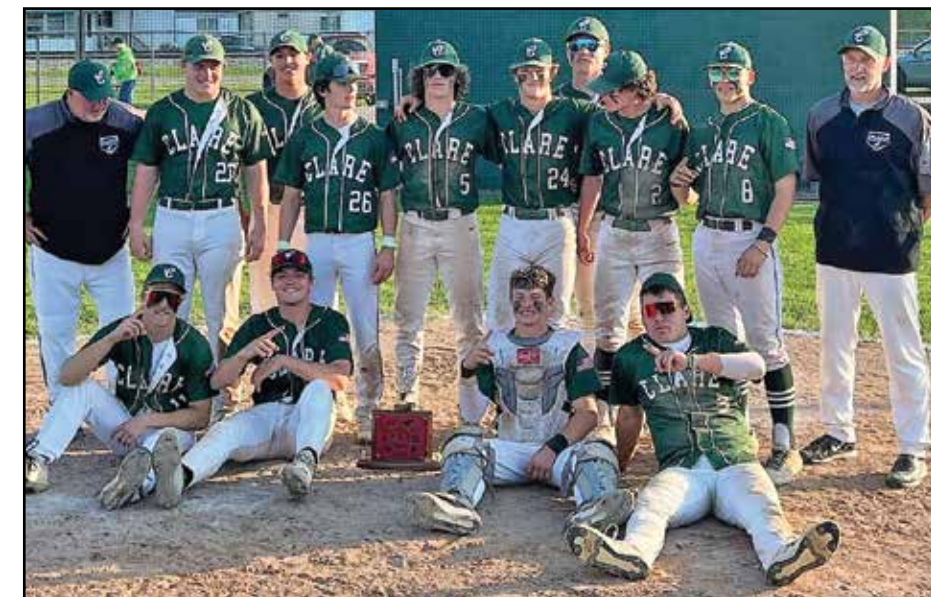
DIVISION 3

@LANSING CATHOLIC

Teams to watch: Lansing Catholic, Springport, Vermontville Maple Valley

Favorite: Lansing Catholic

Skinny: Lansing Catholic has picked up some impressive wins this season while playing a rugged schedule. The Cougars have plenty of



talent and a skilled group of juniors.

@PERRY

Teams to watch: Byron, Durand, Perry

Favorite: Perry

Skinny: A wide-open district, Perry has shown the ability to hit the ball consistently. The Ramblers split a doubleheader with Byron earlier this season. Byron and Durand also split a doubleheader.

@SARANAC

Teams to watch: Ithaca, Pewamo-Westphalia, Saranac

Favorite: Pewamo-Westphalia

Skinny: Pewamo-Westphalia may not have a glittering record but that is by design as the Pirates have tested themselves against bigger schools with outstanding teams like Grand Ledge, St. Johns and Okemos and have also played Lansing Catholic. P-W is ranked among the honorable in D3 but should be ranked higher and is led by senior outfielder Tanner Wirth and junior pitcher Drew Nurenberg. Ithaca has turned in a solid season and has some talented juniors to watch including catcher Charlie Martyn and outfielder Ethan Hull.

@CHESANING

Teams to watch: Chesaning, Hemlock, New Lothrop

Favorite: Hemlock

Skinny: This district is absolutely loaded. Chesaning pitcher Tyler Sager has tossed five

straight no-hitters this season. New Lothrop senior Brady Birchmeier is challenging the state of Michigan career RBI record set by the great Drew Henson and Hemlock has a lineup with six college signees. This is one district to check out if you want to see some great small-town high school baseball.

DIVISION 4

@BEAL CITY

Teams to watch: Beal City, Marion, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart

Favorite: Beal City

Skinny: Ranked number-one in the state in Division 4, Beal City is primed for a deep playoff run. The Aggies have been scoring runs in bunches and should be at the top of their game at the district they are hosting.

@VESTABURG

Teams to watch: Carson City-Crystal, Fowler, Vestaburg

Favorite: Fowler

Skinny: This district should come down to Fowler and Vestaburg. Fowler can score runs in bunches and has reached double-digits in runs several times this season. Vestaburg has turned in a solid regular season with some strong efforts. The Wolverines swept a doubleheader from Carson City-Crystal early in the season.

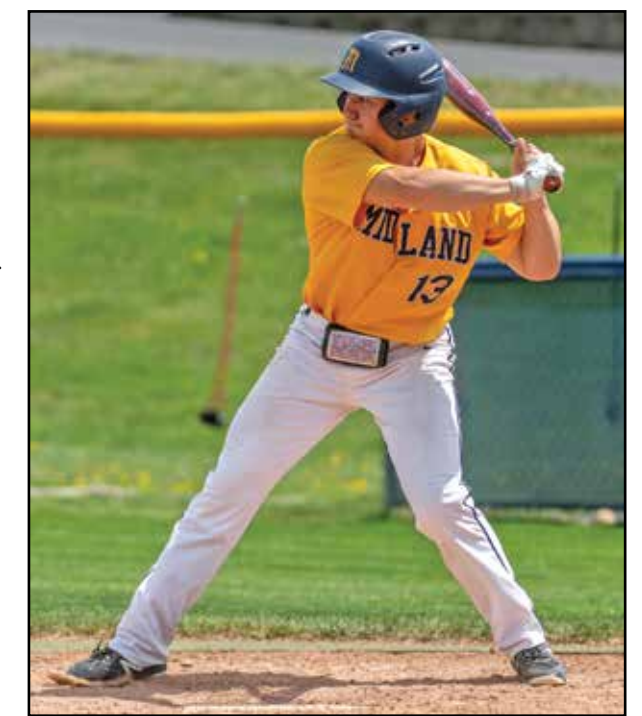
@MERRILL

Teams to watch: Breckenridge, Merrill, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw Nouvel

Favorite: Breckenridge

Skinny: This district is loaded with quality teams. Breckenridge is ranked in the honorable-mention in the state in D4. Merrill should also be a state-ranked team as they have turned in some outstanding efforts while facing a tough schedule. Lutheran Seminary has a solid squad and split a twinbill with Merrill. Nouvel is another talented team that swept Lutheran Seminary and split a doubleheader Ithaca.

The Clare baseball team will be looking to add another trophy to the trophy case when they travel to the Gladwin district.



Led by a talented group of hitters the Midland baseball team is primed to make a tournament run in Division 1.

@PORTLAND ST. PATRICK

Teams to watch: Byron Center Zion Christian, Portland St. Patrick, Wyoming tri-Unity

Favorite: Portland St. Patrick

Skinny: St. Patrick is a solid team that has faced a rugged schedule. The Shamrocks split a pair of one-run games a games against rival Fowler and took a pair of one-run wins against Vestaburg. St. Pat also fell to Pewamo-Westphalia by two runs this season.

@DANSVILLE

Teams to watch: Dansville, Morrice, Webberville

Favorite: Dansville

Skinny: Dansville has a 19-5-2 record as of mid-May and has played solid baseball the entire season. The Aggies have also been tested against bigger schools like Lowell and Lansing Waverly and split a doubleheader with D3 power Pewamo-Westphalia.

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DJ Thompson Looking To End High School Baseball Career In A Big Way For Alma

David Cook Sports Scene

Alma senior DJ Thompson has been the ace at the top of the Panther pitching staff for the past four years. Before he heads off to begin his college career at Western Michigan University, Thompson would like to lead the Panthers on one final tournament run.

"We had a tough start to the year but lately we've started to turn things around," Thompson said. "We've had some young guys step up and do the job and we're starting to win some games and stay close in compete in the others."

Alma opens the district tournament facing a familiar as the Panthers take on a Fremont team in the pre-district game that they defeated 3-0 in last year's district championship game.

"Last year we beat Fremont in a really good game," Thompson said. "It was a real close game and it was a lot of fun. They have a very good team and I am really looking forward to playing them again."

With Thompson on the mound, the Panthers have the type of pitching ace a team needs to win a big game. Thompson has led Alma in strikeouts, earned run average and WHIP (walks and hits per innings pitched) throughout his high school career and those pitching skills made him a recruiting target for schools like Central Michigan and Western Michigan before deciding on Western Michigan which made Bronco coach Billy Gernon a happy coach.

"There is nothing I like more than competitors and DJ is a competitor," Gernon said. "He also has great feel for all three

pitches and can attack hitters in a variety of different ways with his command and pitchability. He has tremendous mound presence and understands the game well. We look forward to having him balance playing both sides of the baseball as his bat has potential as well."

Thompson feels that his command on the mound has improved this season.

"I feel that I have a lot better command this year especially with my offspeed pitches and hitting my spots," Thompson said. "I like to mix speeds a lot and keep hitters off balance. I like to work the ball in and out. Throw my fastball hard inside and go soft away. I'm also throwing my fastball up in the zone more."

Thompson's college choice came down to Western Michigan and Central Michigan.

"I felt like Central was a little too close to home and I wanted to get a little farther away from home," Thompson said. "I liked the modern campus and love the coaching staff. Keegan Akin is a family friend and he helped me out a ton. He went to Western



Senior DJ Thompson has been the ace of the Alma pitching staff for the past four years.

Michigan and loved it there and I trust his opinion."

In the classroom, Thompson plans to major in sports management with the goal of eventually becoming a coach.

"I love coaching," Thompson said. "If any young player asks me a question I can talk for hours about baseball and how to improve. I eventually want to coach. It would be great helping young kids improve and a lot of fun."

Freeland Hopes To Be A Championship Contender

John Raffel Sports Scene

Justin Davis' Freeland Falcons baseball team is heading into the post season as dangerous of an opponent as anyone in Division 2 could face.

The Falcons were 21-5 on May 21 after defeating Reed City 14-4 in the title game of the RC Crossroads Invitational.

"We have a good club," Davis said. "The offensive outburst was great to see. We pitch very well. Our pitching can keep us in it."

Colin Dee, Alex Duley, Dan Duley and Jace Kuwalski have been leading the Falcons in hitting.

Alex Duley, Payton Hileman Nate Booms and Dan Duley are

the pitcher.

"We have five guys with ERAs under 2.1," Davis said. "A strength has definitely been our pitching and defense. It's been the key to our season for sure."

Davis is high on the team's postseason prospects.

"Our district is going to be super tough," he said. "We're just going to take it one game at a time. I like us against anybody but it's going to be very tough."

"We've had some really nice wins. We're going to finish second in our conference (TVC). I don't know if that was expected at the beginning of the year. We've pitched well and have hung in the games."



Freeland celebrates winning the Reed City Crossroads Invitational on May 21.

Essexville Garber is in first place. Freeland split with Garber during the regular season."

Freeland has had doubleheader sweeps over Frankenmuth (6-4, 6-5). Bay City John Glenn (4-1,

4-1), Saginaw Nouvel (15-2, 5-1), Battle Creek Harper Creek (11-1, 10-0) and Bridgeport 15-0, 17-0).

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Mix Of Veterans And Younger Players Has New Lothrop Ranked In Division 3

David Cook Sports Scene

With a mix of senior veterans and talented sophomores and freshmen, the New Lothrop softball team is putting together a solid season and peaking for a deep run in the Division 3 state tournament.

New Lothrop has an 18-8-1 record as of mid-May and is ranked among the honorable-mention in the Division 3 state softball poll.

"We've lost some tough ones this season," said New Lothrop coach Tom Birchmeier. "We have a mix of old and young players with six seniors, five sophomores and two freshmen. We've had a few growing pains but we are coming around and hopefully we make a run come tournament time."

The Hornets have a 10-0 record in conference play and at

least a split in the regular-season doubleheader against LakeVille will give New Lothrop its second straight conference title.

"We won the conference last year and we're trying to keep our streak going," Birchmeier said. "Winning the conference is one of our goals."

Leading the way for the Hornets this season is their senior core. Jersey Hemgesberg provides the lineup with plenty of punch as she is hitting .575 with 35 RBI and 20 doubles. Hemgesberg is also one of the squad's top two pitchers.

Senior Isabel Henige is also swinging an explosive bat as she is hitting .500 with 25 RBI. Henige is also a defensive stalwart from the catcher position. Henige has cut down 70 percent of baserunners trying to steal taking away opposing team's running game. Setting the table for the offense is senior leadoff hitter Amya



The New Lothrop softball team is receiving contributions from every player on the squad as it closes in on a second straight conference championship.

Brown. Brown has a .525 on-base percentage and has scored 37 runs and stolen 20 bases.

A pair of sophomores are also making a major impact this spring. Brynne Birchmeier is providing the offense with a major impact bat as she is hitting .460 with 25 RBI. Fellow sophomore Delaney Gross has stepped into the pitching circle and has helped anchor the pitching staff with an 11-3 record along with a 3.90 ERA and 62 strikeouts.

"I think the strength of our team is our defense," said coach Birchmeier. "We are pretty solid all the way around from top to bottom. A lot of our girls play softball all year round and they play the position they play in the spring on their travel teams. Our pitching is also improving. We serve up a few runs but our offense is able to overcome that and outscore our opponents. I totaled it up and we are outscoring our opposition by over 100 runs this

season."

New Lothrop has also played a tough schedule to prepare for the state tournament. Having a cohesive team is also a big help.

"We have a very cohesive team," Birchmeier said. "They get along great. They are truly a team and not a bunch of individuals and that makes for an enjoyable coaching experience."

Talented Group Of Hitters Has Laingsburg State-Ranked In Division 3

David Cook Sports Scene

With a lineup full of powerful hitters including a Michigan State University recruit, the Laingsburg softball team is posting some impressive numbers this season.

Through the middle of May, Laingsburg has compiled a 13-6 overall record. The Wolfpack are also ranked among the honorable-mention in Division 3 in the state.

Powering the Wolfpack offense are sisters Hailey and Ashley Bila who are two of the premier players in the state. Hailey, a senior, has signed to play college softball with Michigan State. Bila is hitting .548 this season with eight home runs and 37 RBI.

Ashley Bila, a sophomore, is also pounding the ball this season and is being recruited by a number of Division 1 schools. Ashley plays shortstop for the Wolfpack and is hitting .557 this spring.

Laingsburg has another senior turning in a big season in senior catcher Madison Wagner. Wagner is hitting .405 this season with 19 RBI.

The Wolfpack also have a talented freshman making a big impact this season. Addyson Buchin is hitting .467 as a freshman with 20 RBI. Buchin is also pitching for the team.

"We are a strong hitting team," said Laingsburg coach Jeff Cheadle.

"We can score a lot of runs. Our pitching has been consistent and keeps us in games."

The Wolfpack have been facing some challenges this season but have been able to persevere and keep improving.

"We have had a few injuries and covid sickness," Cheadle said. "It has been hard to have a consistent lineup. Overcoming adversity has been a highlight for us and finally getting to play in good weather."



The Laingsburg softball team is led by senior Hailey Bila who has signed to play college softball at Michigan State University.

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Solid Pitching, Sound Defense Has Breckenridge Softball Ranked In State In D4

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

Pitching and defense are the strong points of this year's Breckenridge softball team and those ingredients have the Huskies posting a winning record and ranked in the state in Division 4.

Battling the weather to get games in this season, Breckenridge has a 9-5 record as of the middle of May and is ranked among the honorable-mention in the state in Division 4.

"This season started off as a struggle to even get games in for us," said Breckenridge coach Mike Ricco. "I felt like every day we had a game scheduled it would rain and

we really got behind the eight ball. We went almost two weeks between games during the beginning of the season. I think one of the highlights of the season was Morgan Westall's 18-strikeout game against Hemlock, Carisa Smith's three-hit game against Tawas and Allison Smith's three-hit game against Alma."

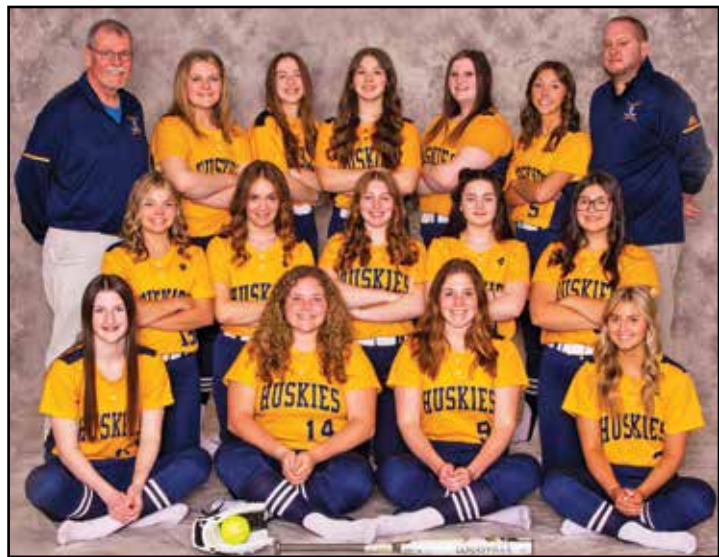
A returning first-team, all-state pitcher in Division 4 last season, Westall is off to a strong start both in the circle and at the plate. As a hitter Westall has a .560 batting average this season and has hit one home run.

The senior class provides the nucleus of this year's squad. Smith, an outfielder, is hitting .357 and five

doubles. The squad is also getting solid play from senior outfielder Kara Whiting and senior second baseman Miranda Rohde.

Junior first baseman Allison Smith is also turning in a big season at the plate as she is hitting .378 for the season with a 12 RBI.

"I think the strong points of our team so far this season is our pitching and of late our defense," Ricco said. "We have been having a tough time hitting for most of the season and the long layoff between games during the first part of the season did not help the situation. Hopefully we can get all facets of the game moving in the right direction before districts."



This year's Breckenridge softball team includes front row, left to right; Carisa Smith, Morgan Westall, Kara Whiting and Miranda Rohde. Second row; Julie Becker, Tori Most, Blair Davenport, Julia Rowe and Ava Colthorp. Third row; assistant coach Kevin Wale, Laine Sumner, Lilly St. John, Emma Tinson, Allison Smith, Megan Goward and head coach Mike Ricco.

Portland St. Patrick Softball Team Looking To Add To Resume In Post-Season Play

David Cook Sports Scene

The Portland St. Patrick softball team has put together an impressive resume this season, but the Shamrocks have a few more important additions to add during the month of June.

Ranked eighth in the state in Division 4, the St. Patrick enters the final week of May with a 23-1 overall record. Along the way the Shamrocks won the Central Michigan Athletic Conference title, the Lake Leelanau Tournament of Champions and the Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart Irish Invitational and are also playing in the Greater Lansing Softball Classic.

After advancing to the Division 4 state quarterfinals last season,

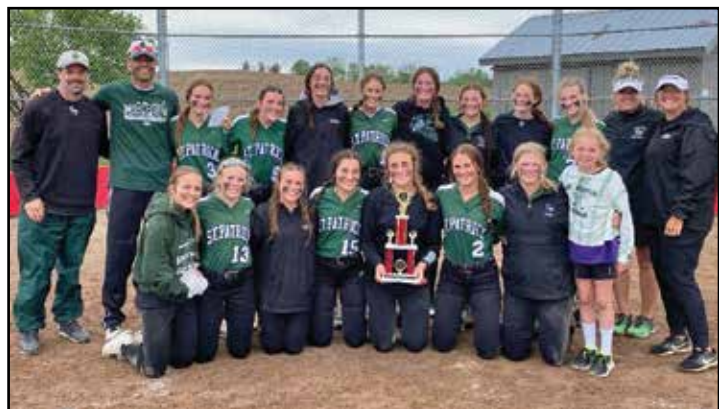
the Shamrocks are also looking for another deep state tournament run and are using last year's run as motivation.

"After last year's quarterfinal game, you could see how disappointed the girls were for the season to end," said St. Patrick coach Jocelyn Rocky. "From there grew a determination to have another successful postseason. Playing behind five seniors, and the experience of our underclassmen is exciting and each game is filled with passion and energy. What's most exciting is how close these girls are to one another. They spend time encouraging each other, praising their good efforts both on and off the field, and using what's left of the season to create memories, just as high school sports should be."

St. Patrick fields a well-rounded

team with a strong offense and stingy defense. The Shamrocks have a pair of standouts pitchers in Rylee Scheurer who has a 10-1 record and Carly Scheurer who has an 11-0 record. Addie Scheurer provides excellent defense at catcher and has a powerful arm to cut down opposing baserunners. The Shamrocks feature an excellent infield with Lydia Meredith at shortstop along with Mara Schrauben at third base, Natalie Teachworth at first base and Emma Honsowitz at second base.

"In the field, we have excellent pitching and catching and each position in the field is solid in their responsibilities and skill sets," Rocky said. "With such a large and talented team, we have girls competing for spots each and every practice and game. It's an exciting place to be. Our league is tremendously talented and



The Portland St. Patrick softball team is ranked eighth in the state in Division 4 and won the Central Michigan Athletic Conference title.

our early belief was that we could compete and be near the top. With each outing we grew more confident and then were able to tweak and improve."

Hard work and improvement are among the reasons for the success of the Shamrocks.

"This year's team is not only

hard working, but they are also experienced and poised on the field," Rocky said. "We have five senior leaders and an arsenal of players supporting and playing behind their leadership. Our team is aggressive at the plate, stays disciplined and hit for power whenever possible. The girls take extra bases, manufacture runs and threaten to score almost every inning."

High School Softball State Tournament Preview

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

The high school softball state tournament begins the first weekend of June with district play. Following is a look at some of the area districts where teams begin the road to the state softball finals.

DIVISION 1 @MASON

Teams to watch: Holt, Mason, Okemos

Favorite: Holt

Skinny: Holt pitcher Kara Sandberg can shut down opposing offenses while Jady Joseph and Eva Curtis lead a productive Holt offense. The Rams will be tough to stop from winning the trophy.

@EAST LANSING

Teams to watch: DeWitt, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Lansing Waverly

Favorite: DeWitt

Skinny: DeWitt won the CAAC Blue championship and will be tough to beat. The Panthers combine strong pitching along with timely hitting and good defense.

@MT. PLEASANT

Teams to watch: Mt. Pleasant, Traverse City Central, Traverse City West

Favorite: Mt. Pleasant

Skinny: Mt. Pleasant made steady improvement throughout the season and is poised to make a tournament run. The Oilers feature a potent offense led by senior Carly Dole who has been blistering the ball the entire season and hits for power as well. Freshman Finley Helm is another Oiler with a high batting average and can hit with power and drive in runs. The young pitching staff of junior Ryann Zurawski and freshman Chloe Parker has also made steady improvement throughout the season.

@MIDLAND

Teams to watch: Bay City Western, Midland, Midland Dow, Saginaw Heritage

Favorite: Midland

Skinny: Midland took second place in the Saginaw Valley League this season with a 17-3

league mark. The Chemics boast a balanced squad that features timely hitting and solid pitching and defense. Addie Edwards, Kiley Haring, Hayden Purvis, Grace Schloop and Ellie Stevens lead the way for the Midland offense that is capable of scoring runs in bunches. Midland entered the final portion of May with a 23-5 record and is tested tough.

@CEDAR SPRINGS

Teams to watch: Cedar Springs, Greenville, Lowell, Rockford

Favorite: Rockford

Skinny: Rockford is ranked among the honorable-mention in Division 1 and looks to be the favorite in this district. Greenville is turning in a solid season and features an explosive offense. Farren Moore, Annette Fare, Marissa Taylor and Karlee Thompson are among the leaders at the plate for Greenville while Morgan Bish and Moore give the team a pair of strong pitchers.

DIVISION 2 @ALMA

Teams to watch: Alma, Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Shepherd

Favorite: Big Rapids

Skinny: Big Rapids may not be ranked in the state poll but the Cardinals certainly have put together an impressive resume. The Cardinals headed into the final week of May with a 23-1 record. Big Rapids possesses an impressive group of hitters who have enabled the Cardinals to score in double figures in 16 of their 23 wins.

@OWOSSO

Teams to watch: Corunna, Haslett, Lansing Catholic, Owosso, Williamston

Favorite: Owosso

Skinny: Owosso is the defending Division 2 state champions and enters the state tournament ranked fourth in the state. With standout pitcher Macy Irelan in the circle, the Trojans have a good chance at repeating. Irelan is one of the premier pitchers in the state and will be heading to Kent State to pitch in college next season. Kendall Anderson and Irelan pace the Owosso offense.

@SWAN VALLEY

Teams to watch: Carrollton, Swan

Valley

Favorite: Swan Valley

Skinny: Swan Valley will be tough to stop at its own district as the Vikings can pile up the runs on offense and have some solid pitching.

@BULLOCK CREEK

Teams to watch: Bay City John Glenn, Bullock Creek, Essexville-Garber, Freeland

Favorite: Essexville-Garber

Skinny: Ranked ninth in the state, Garber is looking to start a long tournament run at what is a tough district. Garber features a high-scoring offense led by Kortney Kottenko who is hitting .548 with seven home runs and 39 RBI. Sarah Basket is hitting .529 with three home runs and 34 RBI and has won 17 games as a pitcher with a 1.03 ERA. Garber opens district play against a pesky Freeland team that split a doubleheader with the Dukes.

@IONIA

Teams to watch: Ionia, Lakewood-Lake Odessa, Portland, St. Johns

Favorite: Ionia

Skinny: Ionia comes into the district with a winning record and has shown an ability to win close games. The Bulldogs edged Lakewood-Lake Odessa 13-12 in a nine-inning thriller in mid-May and the two rivals could meet again in the district finals. Melayna Braman is a leader of the offense and one of several pitchers the Bulldogs can send out including Victoria Gutierrez. Londyn Brown, Rachel Siemen and Erin Groom are also dangerous hitters for Ionia.

DIVISION 3 @SARANAC

Teams to watch: Vermontville-Maple Valley, Olivet, Pewamo-Westphalia, Saranac

Favorite: Pewamo-Westphalia

Skinny: This district should come down to Central Michigan Athletic Conference rivals Pewamo-Westphalia and Saranac. The two teams split their league doubleheader with P-W winning 11-8 and Saranac winning 6-4.

@CENTRAL-MONTCALM

Teams to watch: Central-Montcalm, Ithaca, Morley-Stanwood, St. Louis

Favorite: Lansing Catholic

Skinny: Central-Montcalm is ranked among the honorable-



The Owosso softball team is looking to repeat as champions in Division 2 this season.

mention in Division 3. Look for a young Ithaca squad to make a statement. The Yellowjackets have won 20 games this season and also swept a doubleheader from Central Montcalm.

@LAINGSBURG

Teams to watch: Byron, Durand, Laingsburg, Ovid-Elsie

Favorite: Laingsburg

Skinny: If you like offense this is the district for you as Laingsburg and Ovid-Elsie are stocked with big hitters. Laingsburg is led by sisters Hailey and Ashley Bila who are both hitting over .500 with. Ovid-Elsie has some big hitters of its own in Gracie Schultz, Madisyn Miller and Olivia Burt who are also all hitting .500 or better.

@NEW LOTHROP

Teams to watch: Chesaning, Montrose, New Lothrop, St. Charles

Favorite: New Lothrop

Skinny: New Lothrop is ranked among the honorable-mention in Division 3 and will be tough to beat thanks to its high-scoring offense. Montrose played New Lothrop tough in a doubleheader this season and will be a pesky semifinal foe.

@SANFORD-MERIDIAN

Teams to watch: Clare, Beaverton, Farwell, Sanford-Meridian

Favorite: Clare

Skinny: Clare has won over 20 games this season and comes into the district as the team to beat. The Pioneers will have a difficult hurdle in the semifinals as they take on a Sanford-Meridian team that they split a doubleheader with. Karlyn Dunn and Grace Chinavare pace the Meridian offense while Kami Linton provides steady pitching. Beaverton looks to come out of the top half of the bracket. The Beavers

are led at the plate by power-hitting Alexis Grove and Kayl Newman. Clare claimed a pair of close wins against Beaverton in conference play.

DIVISION 4 @MONTABELLA

Teams to watch: Beal City, Coleman, Montabella, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, Vestaburg

Favorite: Beal City

Skinny: This district will be a three-way battle between Beal City, Coleman and Sacred Heart. Coleman and Sacred Heart battled it out in the Mid State Conference this season while Beal City started the season slow but hit its stride in the month of May. Beal City and Coleman play in the pre-district game with the winner playing Sacred Heart in the semifinals.

@CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL

Teams to watch: Carson City-Crystal, Fowler, Fulton-Middleton, Portland St. Patrick

Favorite: Portland St. Patrick
Skinny: Portland St. Patrick is ranked eighth in the state in D4 and is looking to start a long tournament run. Fowler is a dangerous team having defeated St. Patrick once this season. The Eagles also played a challenging non-conference slate. Carson City has received some strong efforts from Haeven Clark at the plate and as a pitcher.

@MERRILL

Teams to watch: Ashley, Breckenridge, Merrill, Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Favorite: Breckenridge

Skinny: Breckenridge is ranked in the honorable-mention in D4 and will be tough to stop. Merrill has turned in a solid season and looks to meet up with the Huskies in the district final.

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Young Ithaca Softball Team Getting Job Done With Strong Group Of Hitters

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

For the Ithaca softball team, this future is looking bright for Ithaca softball. The future is looking bright for Ithaca softball.

The good news is that the team has won 20 games and is adding to the total. The better news is only two of the 16 players on the team are seniors so the success looks to continue into the future.

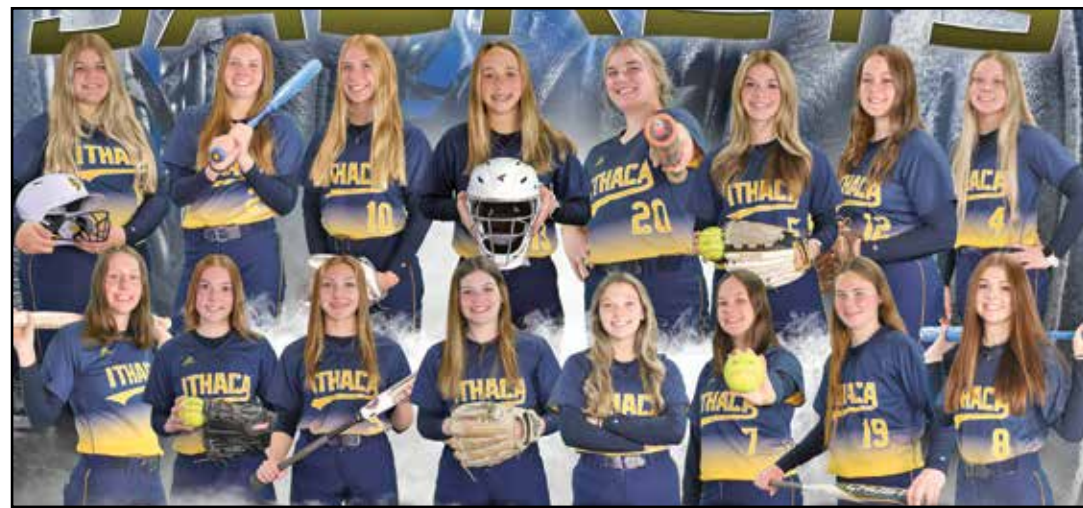
The young Ithaca squad has a 20-7 record as of mid-May and would be 21-7 if a game the Yellowjackets were leading 25-5 in the second inning before being called due to darkness was included.

"We are a pretty young team and we are still being successful," said Ithaca coach Shelby Shankel. "We have two seniors, four juniors, four

sophomores and six freshmen. The future is looking bright for Ithaca softball."

The present is also bright for an Ithaca squad that has notched some memorable wins this season. One of the highlights was winning the Carson City-Crystal Invitational where the Yellowjackets defeated Evert 8-7 in a back-and-forth thriller and then stopped St. Louis 14-7.

"We have also had some pretty exciting games go into the international tie breaker and came out on top," Shankel said. "We went into international with Standish-Sterling and came out on top with a walk-off single by Megan Mankey, winning 10-9. We also went into international with Durand and came up with the W with a walk-off by Ivy Davenport, winning 11-10."



With an explosive offense leading the way the young Ithaca softball team reached the 20-win mark this season.

Ithaca has a deep team this season with contributions coming from a variety of player. Junior Lauryn Humphrey (pitcher/first base) is hitting .488 with five doubles and three home runs. Junior Megan Mankey (catcher/center field) is hitting .484 with three triples and three home runs.

"We have an extremely talented team this year," Shankel said "Every player has contributed to our 21

wins." Freshman Kennedy Ryan (outfield/pitcher) is also putting up some impressive numbers. Ryan is hitting .388 with three home runs and three doubles and 11 stolen bases and is 4-3 as a pitcher with a 3.33 ERA. Fellow freshman Ivy Davenport (outfield/pitcher) is hitting .378 with three doubles, two triples, 19 RBI and six stolen bases. Davenport is 10-2 as a pitcher with

a 3.18 ERA and 76 strikeouts in 66 innings pitched. Sophomore Alyssa McPherson (outfield/second base) is also contributing to the offense with a .342 batting average with nine doubles.

"We have been very successful at the plate this year," Shankel said. "We have five girls batting over .300. We currently have 15 over the fence home runs, 11 triples, 39 doubles and 195 singles."

Alma Boys Golf Team Relies On Passion For The Game To Fuel Improvement

David Cook Sports Scene

This year's Alma boys golf team loves to golf and that passion is showing up in a big way as the Panthers have turned in a strong season.

The Alma golf team came out of the gate striking the ball with authority as it opened the season by winning the Alma Panther Classic. Alma followed up that performance by taking second place at the St. Louis Shark Invitation at Hidden Oak.

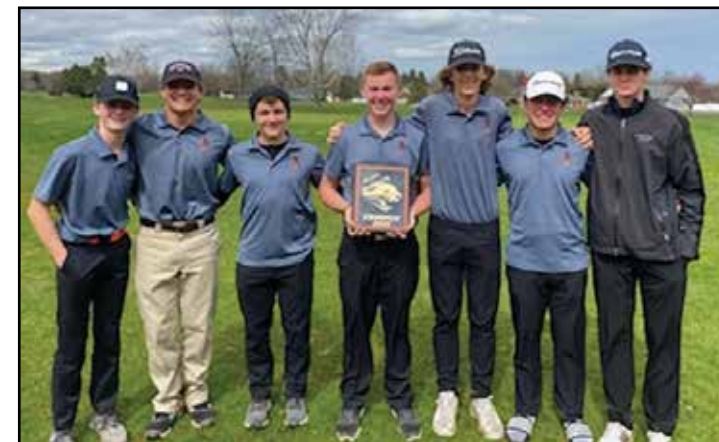
Alma turned in its best score of the season when it finished with a 321 total to win the Ithaca Invitational. Alma also placed third at the Rambler Invitational which took place at Boyne Mountain on one of the best courses in the state.

"The boys are making great strides," said Alma coach JT Cleveland. "We had four players shoot in the 80s at a very difficult course, Bay Valley, and then we did even better with one in the 70s and four in the 80s the next day."

Jeffrey Sager is leading the way for the Panthers this season. Sager

was first in the conference last year and has been in the top 10 of every tournament so far this year. Sager shot a one-over par 71 to win the individual medalist at the Ithaca Invitational. Alex Bates is also turning in a strong season as he has been in the top 10 in five events and has finished in the top three twice. Cooper Couch placed ninth at the Ithaca Invitational and is improving fast according to coach Cleveland.

"The young men are incredibly dedicated," Cleveland said. "When we return from tournaments, they



The Alma golf team has captured plenty of hardware from impressive performances at tournaments this season.

always go back to the course to hit the range or play more holes. This commitment is why we have improved so much. They also get

along really well, laughing and joking the entire time in the van rides."

High School Boys Golf State Tournament Preview

David Cook Sports Scene

The high school golf tournament tees off the first weekend of June with regional play. Following is a look at some of the teams to watch in the state meet along with area regionals where teams begin the road to the state golf finals that take place the weekend of June 10-11.

DIVISION 1

Top teams in the state: Ann Arbor Skyline, Traverse City Central, Muskegon Mona Shores.

Top HSSS area teams: Midland Dow, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Holt, Saginaw Heritage.

MIDLAND REGIONAL

Ranked second in the state in Division 1 Traverse City Central is the team to beat at the Midland regional. **Midland Dow** placed second at the Saginaw Valley League championship and will be in the mix at the regional. Everett Carson led the Chargers at the SVL meet with a 76 while Cesar Cunaud carded a 79.

East Lansing will be among the challengers at the Midland regional. The Trojans have a young but highly talented team led by sophomore standout Drew Miller along with junior Ben Anderson and Max Parker. Miller qualified for state last season as a freshman and is averaging 34 for nine holes this season.

Saginaw Heritage has turned in some strong efforts this season. The Hawks were third at the Lapeer Tuneup with Daniel Gladki leading the way with a 77. JR Afante carded a 77 for Heritage at the SVL championship.

Grand Ledge brings a balanced squad into the regional. The Comets placed third at the Holt Invitational earlier this season where Xavier Zweering and Nolan Browning both shot 81 with Carter McKinney adding an 83 and Danny Kelly an 84.

Holt is led this season by junior Zach Johnson. Johnson carded a 75 to help the Rams place fifth at the Holt invite. Johnson also shot a one-under par 35 in a league jamboree at Forest Akers East.

Okemos golfers have produced some solid

rounds. Neel Srivastava shot a 71 as he helped Okemos to a third-place finish at the Mason Optimist tournament.

DIVISION 2

Top teams in the state: South Lyon East, Richland Gull Lake, Chelsea.

Top HSSS area teams: Flint Powers, DeWitt, Williamston, Haslett, Mason, St. Johns.

ST. JOHNS REGIONAL

Flint Powers is ranked fifth in the state in Division 2 and will be looking to take the title at the St. Johns regional that takes place at The Emerald. Robert Burns leads the way for a talented Powers team. Burns fired a 68 to help lead the Chargers to the Saginaw Valley League title.

DeWitt, ranked 11th in the state in Division 2, will be among the top challengers. The Panthers are deep and talented. DeWitt won the Dick's Sports Goods tourney earlier this season behind a 77 from Meric Dennis and an 81 from Gunnar Stirrett. Aiden Wurm led DeWitt to a second-place finish at the Mason Optimist tourney as he carded a 78.

Williamston is ranked 13th in the state and will also be in the mix. Caleb Bond is one of the top golfers in the state and is averaging 36 for nine holes. The Hornets are a deep team with Brendan McPharlin, Vinny Hart and Carter Mauk also turning in standouts seasons.

DIVISION 3

Top teams in the state: Ann Arbor Greenhills, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, Traverse City St. Francis.

Top HSSS area teams: Bath, Swan Valley, Lansing Catholic

LANSING CATHOLIC REGIONAL

With standout Ethan Swenson leading the way, **Bath** is ranked seventh in the state in Division 3. A returning all-state golfer, Swenson is averaging 36 for nine holes this season. Ryan Knitter is also turning in a solid season for the Bees who won their conference title.

Lansing Catholic is ranked 14th in the state in Division 3 and won the CAAC White division. The Cougars host the regional that is loaded with state-ranked teams including



The Lansing Christian golf team has turned in a number of impressive efforts this season including finishing just 10 strokes behind the No. 1 team in the state in Division 1.

Jackson Lumen Christi and Hanover-Horton along with the Cougars and Bath.

Laingsburg is also at the Lansing Catholic regional and is capable of producing a low score. Eli Woodruff and Seth Sivak lead the way for the Wolfpack.

Corunna is led by senior Nick Crowe. Crowe fired a 78 to help lead the Cavaliers to a top-five finish at the Dick's Sports Goods tourney and shot a one-under 35 during the conference season.

BAD AXE REGIONAL

Swan Valley is ranked 10th in the state in Division 3 and will be looking to punch their ticket to the state finals at the Bad Axe regional. The Vikings are led by junior standout Ashton DiBlasi who has carded a 73 in conference play and shot a 76 to finish fifth individually at the Chemical City invite. Swan Valley is also receiving strong rounds from junior John McCarthy and freshman Alexander Galsterer. Among the top challengers facing Swan Valley at the Bad Axe regional are Millington, ranked seventh in the state and Sandusky ranked 11th in the state.

DIVISION 4

Top teams in the state: Clarkston Everest Collegiate, Lansing Christian, Maple City Glen Lake, Grand Rapids NorthPointe

Christian.

Top HSSS area teams: Lansing Christian, Saginaw Nouvel, Pewamo-Westphalia.

EAST JACKSON REGIONAL

Lansing Christian is ranked second in the state in Division 4 and begins their pursuit of a state title at the East Jackson regional. The Pilgrims showed the type of talent and depth they possess this season when they placed second to Ann Arbor Skyline, the No. 1 team in the state in Division 1 at the Lansing Christian Invitational at Hawk Hollow. Lansing Christian finished just nine strokes behind the top team in the state in Division 1. The Pilgrims also placed 10 strokes better than third-place Richland Gull Lake, the No. 2 team in the state in Division 2. Davis Garrett led Lansing Christian with a 75 to finish fifth individually followed while teammates William Combs and Baylor Brogan finished in a tie for sixth place individually with rounds of 78.

Lansing Christian also won the St. Johns Invitational where they outscored larger, state-ranked teams from Haslett, Williamston, DeWitt and Lansing Catholic. Lansing Christian placed second in the state at last year's Division 4 state finals and with the entire team back the Pilgrims are primed to take the next step at this year's state finals.

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Midland Dow Soccer Team Turning In A Breakout Season And Is State Ranked

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

With 15 players returning from last year's squad, the Midland Dow soccer team knew it was capable of accomplishing some special things. As the regular season winds down, the Chargers are accomplishing plenty as don't plan on slowing down anytime soon.

Dow finished the Saginaw Valley Conference season with a 1-0 win against Grand Blanc that gave the Chargers their first league championship since 2014. Dow finished the league season with a 10-0-1 record and improved to 14-0-2 for the season. The Chargers are also ranked fifth in the state in Division 1.

"We knew we had a chance to do

some good things this year," said Dow coach Spencer Sandow. "We knew if we continued to work hard that we had the potential to be this good. We finished third in the conference last season and one of our goals this year was to try and finish first. It was a real cool thing especially considering there are 11 conference games now."

On the field, a balanced offense and a stingy defense has been key to Dow's success. In 11 conference games this season Dow recorded nine shutouts and allowed just a total of three goals in league play all season.

"We have also scored a good amount of goals this year," Sandow said. "We have scored those goals in a wide variety of ways. We are able to do a lot of different things

on offense and that has allowed us to be successful."

Alaina Schalk is one of the offensive leaders for Dow with 14 goals and seven assists. Kennedy Caldwell has added nine goals and six assists while Maddy Estes has seven goals and eight assists. Jordan Danna, who is one of the leaders of the defense, has also scored 10 goals while Libby Avery, another defensive leader, has added a goal and three assists. Piper Beall and Hannah Redman are two more key members of the Charger defense in front of goalkeeper Jessica Erickson who has nine shutouts this year and 46 total saves.

With the combination of a



The Midland Dow soccer team won the conference tournament for the first time since 2014 and is ranked fifth in the state in Division 1.

productive offense and solid defense, Dow is poised to make a deep tournament run. Dow won a district title last year before falling in the regional semifinals. The Chargers open district play on Friday, May 27 against Saginaw Heritage.

"Our district is not an easy district by any means," Sandow said. "Traverse City West is in our district and we beat them 2-1 in a

close game a couple of weeks ago. If we play them again it will be a very tough game.

We've been state-ranked for six or seven weeks this year and that is a pretty cool feat for our program. This is definitely one of the better seasons we've had in a while and it has the potential to be the best, but we are not taking anything for granted."

Saginaw Valley Lutheran Soccer Team Climbs To Top Of State Poll In Division 4

David Cook Sports Scene

In the spring of 2020, the Saginaw Valley Lutheran girls soccer teams had big expectations. Those expectations were erased by the onslaught of the Covid-19 Virus. This season, the lofty goals that the 2020 team had envisioned are playing out as the Chargers are in the middle of a landmark season.

Heading into the final week of May, Valley Lutheran has a 14-0-1 overall record and is ranked number one in the state in Division 4. Instead of lamenting the loss of the 2020 season, the Chargers have built a legacy of success since that lost season.

"Since Covid took away the 2020

season that we highlighted as one that we had looked forward to for a few years, our team has responded with a combined 31-3-1 record over the past two years," said Valley Lutheran coach Doug Guenther.

Valley Lutheran has served notice this season that it is ready to compete with anyone. Among the highlights this season was a comeback win against Lansing Christian where the Chargers rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat a Christian team that is ranked third in Division 4 in the state. Valley Lutheran also defeated Bad Axe 2-1 to win the Bad Axe Invitational and tied long-time rival Novel Catholic, ranked eighth in the state in Division 4.

"Our success is directly linked to our aggressive play, our technical

skill and a trust and faith in each other," Guenther said. "With only 15 players, we have worked hard to be in shape, be flexible in our positions and always put the team first. We are extremely team oriented in our play and our success."

That team focus is evident on the stat sheets as a number of Chargers have similar or equal stats.

Senior midfielder Izzy Beach is one of the team leaders. Beach has scored eight goals and added 12 assists. Freshman midfielder Bella Buckholz has added an offensive dimension to the team this year with 12 goals and seven assists. More offensive punch has come



The Saginaw Valley Lutheran soccer team has a 14-0-1 record entering the final week of May and is ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 4.

from junior outside midfielder Riley Karas who has scored 10 goals and added three assists.

On defense, goalkeeper Lexi Johnson is turning in a strong season with nine shutouts and a .714 goals-against average. Freshman defender Grace Hall has solidified the back line according to Guenther and is part of a team defense that has allowed just 10 goals in 15 games while scoring four goals of its own. Junior

midfielder Olivia Krugiella "has provided toughness in the middle of the formation while providing both defensive and offensive help" said Guenther.

Valley Lutheran will compete at the Hemlock district. The Chargers open district play against Midland Calvary Baptist with the winner playing the winner of the Hemlock/Pinconning match in the semifinals. Saginaw is in the lower half of the bracket.

High School Girls Soccer State Tournament Preview

Butch Harmon Sports Scene

The girls soccer state tournament kicked off with district play the last weekend of May and culminates with the state championship matches set for June 17 and 18 at Michigan State. Following is a look at some of the teams to watch in the state tournament along with area regionals where teams begin the road to the soccer state finals.

DIVISION 1

Top teams in the state: Northville, Hudsonville, Hartland.

Top HSSS area teams: Midland Dow, East Lansing, Okemos.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICT

Ranked sixth in the state in Division 1, **Midland Dow** is the team to beat in this district. Dow has turned in a big season led by a stingy defense that has posted 12 shutouts. The Chargers also have an explosive offense that has scored four or more goals in nine games this season. Traverse City West looms as Dow's main competition in the district.

HOWELL DISTRICT

Okemos comes into the state tournament with a deceiving 8-7 record. A .500 team on paper, Okemos went a perfect 7-0 to win the rugged CAAC Blue including a big 2-0 win against DeWitt and a 3-1 win against East Lansing. Okemos faced a rugged non-conference slate and comes into the tournament well tested and ready to make a run in a district that includes East Lansing, South Lyon and Hartland who all enter the tournament with winning records.

East Lansing enters the post season with a winning record and placed third in the CAAC Blue. The Trojans have a solid defense that has held seven teams scoreless this season. On offense, the Trojans are paced by Caroline and Charlotte Kirschner along with Olivia Preisser.

DIVISION 2

Top teams in the state: Marshall, Bloomfield Hills Marian, Spring Lake.

Top HSSS area teams: DeWitt, Haslett, Mason.

LANSING EASTERN DISTRICT

Haslett enters the state tournament on a roll having won the CAAC Gold Cup for the second straight year. The Vikings, ranked seventh in the state poll, put on an impressive offensive display in the Gold Cup semifinals with a 6-0 win against Mason as junior forward Maddie Fant scored a pair of goals. Haslett features a balanced attack that also includes Kaema Amachree, who is headed to the University of Toledo, along with Audrey Archambault and Ireland Jacob. Archambault also came up big in the Gold Cup final as her penalty kick was the difference in winning a 2-1 penalty-kick shootout against Williamston for the Gold Cup championship. Haslett is also solid defensively in front of standout goalkeeper Ally Maloney.

DeWitt is ranked 14th in the state in Division 2 and is on a collision course to meet Haslett in the district finals. The two teams met early in the season with the match ending in a 1-1 tie. The Panthers feature a balanced attack on offense built around Ainsley Reiger, Mara Lynch, Kate Wescott and Alison Ashbrook. The Panthers also boast a solid defense in front of standout goalkeeper Madison McDonald.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Mason placed third in the rugged CAAC Red and the test of playing Williamston and Haslett during conference play and wins against CAAC Blue teams Okemos, DeWitt and East Lansing has the Bulldogs ready for post-season play. Katie Longpre and Isa Martinez lead the Mason offense while Audrey Walkington gives the team solid play in goal. **Eaton Rapids** and **Charlotte** loom as Mason's top challengers in the district.

DIVISION 3

Top teams in the state: Williamston, Hudsonville Unity Christian, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Top HSSS area teams: Big Rapids, Essexville Garber, Flint Powers, Freeland, Williamston

LANSING CATHOLIC DISTRICT

Williamston is ranked number one in the state in Division 3 and is poised for a deep tournament run. The Hornets have talent spread out all over the field. On defense, junior goalkeeper Abby Pieper is a standout keeper. Senior captain Liz Bellinger



The Haslett soccer team enters the state tournament on a roll after turning back Williamston in the finals of the Gold Cup.

anchors the midfield area while the Hornets have standout forwards like senior Kaley Douglass and junior Ella Kleiver who has totaled over 20 goals this season.

Ovid-Elsie shapes up as one of the top contenders in the district. The Marauders are led on offense by Evalyn Cole, Hailee Campbell and Kiah Logoria.

GLADWIN DISTRICT

Essexville-Garber is the team to beat at the Gladwin district. The Dukes enter the state tournament ranked seventh in the state Division 3 and is looking for a third straight district championship. Garber's lone loss this season was a 2-1 loss to Flint Powers. The Dukes are one of the hottest teams in the area entering the state tournament on an 11-0 run since that Powers loss including eight shutout wins in their last nine games. Garber also features an explosive offense led by Central Michigan University recruit Lauren Walker along with Teagan Betzold, Ciara Kelly, Grace Carley and Ella Betzold.

Freeland is also in the district this year and brings a string of 12 district titles into post-season play. Freeland, ranked one spot behind Garber at eighth in the state, dropped a 4-1 decision to Garber with the Tri-Valley East championship on the line on May 19. Garber also defeated Freeland 4-2 in late April.

CLARE DISTRICT

Big Rapids is ranked ninth in the state in Division 3 and is the favorite at the Clare district. Champions of the Central State Activities Conference, the Cardinals were tested in the non-conference when they dropped a 3-2 decision to No. 1-ranked Williamston. **Shepherd, Clare** and **Howard**

City Tri-County will battle it out in the top half of the bracket to get to the district finals.

DIVISION 4

Top teams in the state: Lansing Christian, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Top HSSS area teams: Lansing Christian, Saginaw Nouvel, Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

LANSING CHRISTIAN DISTRICT

Lansing Christian enters the state tournament ranked third in the state in Division 4. The Pilgrims can score goals in bunches led by Mia Judd who totaled 36 goals as of the middle of May. Ashlyn Kephart, Audra Usiak and Audra Mustapha give the Pilgrims even more options on offense. Christian also has a solid defense in front of standout keeper Grace Sullivan. Lansing Christian's toughest test looks to be in the district final where a meeting with Jackson Lumen Christi, ranked 15th in the state, looms.

HEMLOCK DISTRICT

The Hemlock district features a pair of top-ten ranked teams in **Saginaw Valley Lutheran** and **Saginaw Nouvel**. Valley Lutheran is ranked No. 1 in the state in Division 4 while Nouvel is ranked ninth in the state. Something has to give if the two teams meet in the finals as the squads battled to draws in their two league games this season. The two teams tied 3-3 in late April and then battled to a 0-0 draw on May 21. Both teams have impressive resumes as Valley Lutheran defeated third-ranked Lansing Christian 3-2 this season and Nouvel has a 2-0 win against Big Rapids, ranked ninth in the state in Division 3.

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Carson City-Crystal Boys Celebrate Regional Title

John Raffel Sports Scene

The Carson City-Crystal boys won the regional meet with 156.5 points on May 21. Beal City was second with 101 points.

Medaling in the top eight for the Eagles were Oisin O'Grady (eighth in the 200 meters and fifth 400 meters), Cole Halfman (eighth, pole vault), Deegan Bodell (sixth, 3,200), Matt Emelander second high jump, third 400 meters), Paul Wright (fourth long jump, seventh 400 meters), Cole Stone (third, 800 meters; fourth, 1600), the 4x100 relay team of Hunter Doolittle, Kieran Craddock, Jayden Powers and Cameron Miller (seventh), the 4x800 relay team of O'Grady, Bodell, Gavin Gage, and Jayden Powers (sixth) and the 4x200 relay team of Doolittle, Craddock, Powers, and Miller (sixth).

Qualifying for the state finals

(top two or additional qualifying mark) were: Ashton Keiffer (second in the 1,600), Paul Wright (second in the 100 meters); Matt Emelander (second in the high jump); the 4x400 relay team of Emelander, Wright, Keiffer, Barker; and Taiden Robinson in the shot put (seventh) and discus (seventh).

Regional champions were: Ashton Keiffer (3,200 meters); Matt Emelander (long jump); Brayden Clark (pole vault); Cavanaugh Barker (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, high jump) and Zane Forist (shot put and discus).

"Everyone had a really good day," CC-C coach Grant Woodman said. "We got seven guys in 11 events and one girl to the state meet. The think about the state meet every day philosophy showed out today.

"I am happy for everyone who competed today because 25 out of 28 athletes came home with a

medal today and everyone helped contribute to their team's point total. The boys were able to win the regional title for the second year in a row with a number of regional champions."

The CC-Crystal girls finished 10th in the region, while Fowler won the meet with 127 points. Medaling (top eight) were Paige Ewalt (300 hurdles), Mary Beth Hyatt (800 meters), Aubrey Hessbrook (sixth high jump), the 4x100 relay of Paige Fleisher, Alex Terry, Emily Delong, Trinity Coblentz (eighth), the 4x200 relay of Paige Ewalt, Alex Terry, Aubrey

Carson City-Crystal's boys track team has won another regional title.

Hessbrook, Trinity Coblentz (seventh), and the 4x400 relay of Ewalt, Hyatt, Coblentz and Hessbrook (fifth)."

The lady Eagles had one state qualifier in Aubrey Hessbrook, who was regional champion in the long jump.



Chippewa Hills Girls Celebrate 19th Straight League Title

John Raffel Sports Scene

Chippewa Hills' girls track and field team keeps collecting league titles year after year after year.

The Warriors were 7-0 in league also during the regular season and won its conference meet at Big Rapids on May 9 to make it 19 straight. They compete in the Central State Activities Association Gold Division.

"The girls obviously have a target on their back this point in the season and they

know that," Chippewa Hills coach Zach Hatfield said. "They came in and competed well under tough conditions. It was hot and windy."

in the league meet, Chippewa Hills notched first places from Ariana Todd in the 100 meters (13.61) and 200 meters (29.13), Sarah Storey was first in the 400 meters (1:03.52), 800 meters (2:41.11) and 1,600 meters (5:41.62); Natalie Gibson, Storey, Augusta Bowman and Brookelynn Webster (4:27.15) in the 4x400 relay and Reece Clark, Gibson, Ava Hollandsworth and



Chippewa Hills girl track team celebrates its 19th straight league title.

Bowman in the 4x800 relay (10:58.23), and Hannah Abbott in the high jump (4-8).

"We really push each other and make each other better as a team," Gibson said.

Hatfield's entered the season

realizing they had another chance to win it all.

"It's special for the kids in here now and special for the kids before them," Hatfield said. "There's a lot of girls who have graduated who wished these girls a lot of success before the season. They enjoy

doing well. It's a fun group of kids."

The Warriors will be sending two athletes to the Division 2 state finals on June 3.

Senior Sarah Storey qualified in the 1,600 and sophomore Arianna Todd qualified in the 100 and 200.

Portland Thrower Overcomes Devastating Injury To Qualify For State Finals

John Raffel Sports Scene

Bart Simpson is the head coach for the boys track and field team at Portland High and couldn't be prouder of his son, Noah, who happens to be an excellent thrower.

Along with being a thrower. Noah also is on the 4x100 relay team.

"Noah is a middle linebacker who hurt his knee during a scrimmage the week before what was to be his first varsity football season," Bart Simpson said. "Thinking it was torn and the MRI finding no rear, he iced and tried to play only to find out later that it was broken and Noah would need a bone graft to fix it. Waiting for a donor seemed like forever and was stressful, joyous, then completely sad and selfish when the reality sank in that someone's brokenness

and sorrow would be our joy? What a tearful day.

"The surgery was done two days before Thanksgiving and was very painful. The Doctors told Noah that it went well and if he worked hard, and everything went well they hoped he would be back and cleared to play next year's football season in August in what will be his senior year."

But Simpson was determined to have a spring sports season.

"Noah worked extremely hard and had many discussions with his mother that he was coming back for spring track," Bart Simpson said. "When track started at the beginning of March, Noah was at practice, just three months later. He was very cautious when it came to practicing and drilling and decided that he would concentrate on throwing only and would not

spin, but just stand and throw."

A huge day for Noah came on May 20.

"Noah has been improving throughout the season, qualifying for the state meet just last Friday with a discus throw of 151 feet, 6 inches," Bart Simpson said. "Noah is a relentless workaholic, who is not satisfied with winning. If it wasn't his best performance as well. He is very committed to the weight room as well as drilling to perfection.

"Noah has improved his discus over 20 feet from the beginning of the season and over eight feet in the shot put. I think the funniest thing was when he qualified for the State Meet Friday. Noah and his teammates quickly ran to the cell phones, because he was more excited and satisfied because the throw also broke his brother's



Portland thrower Noah Simpson is pictured here coming off surgery from football season. He has qualified for the state meet.

junior discus record."

But coming up, "Noah is very determined to break the school's all-time discus record this year and needed about 6-to-7 more feet," Bart Simpson said. "I expect him to get it or it will be a long year until next track season. Track is becoming Noah's favorite sport. He is currently married to the weight room and will continue to drill and throw at Junior Olympics this

summer in shot and discus, as well as javelin because summers and out-of-state meets are the only time he can throw javelin.

"Noah plays football as well and hopes to compete at the college level when his high school career is finished in track, football, or both. Noah has spoken to a few colleges at the NAIA and D2 level who would like him to come for an official visit this fall."

DeWitt Track Teams Enjoy Excellent Seasons

John Raffel Sports Scene

DeWitt track and field coach BJ Tomanek has enjoyed great success with both his boys and girls teams this season.

"The girls finished third place in the regular season in a very tough conference with a 4-2 record," Tomanek said. "They also finished top four in multiple invites including first place at Vassar and Williamston invitationals. Also, the girls finished the regular season ranked 16th in the MITCA power rankings and qualified for the MITCA state championship.

"The boys had two meets that were highlights in the season. They finished first at Vassar and second at Williamston. The boys team has a variety of young talent sprinkled throughout the sprint and distance crews mixed with a couple experienced upperclassmen on the distance and throwing side."

There's a lot of talent both teams.

"On the girls side we had numerous girls who helped lead the way to this year's success but if we have to pick key athletes this season there are two that stand out," Tomanek said. "Autumn Thompson is a freshman distance runner who has improved tremendously as the season has progressed. She is the second highest point scorer on our team and she leads the way for us in the 1,600, 3,200 with career best times of 5:17 and 11:40. Autumn also helps out in the 800, 4x800 and 4x400 events.

"Our most dynamic athlete and highest point scorer is Grace Hungerford. She is explosive and a fierce competitor. Grace is one the state's top ranked hurdlers and has a sub 16 second time in the 100 hurdles and excels even more in the 300 hurdles. Grace scores huge points in the 100, 200, 400 and long jump, not to mention she

is the anchor of our 4x400 relay team."

As for boys side, "we have a couple key athletes that have helped us compete this year," Tomanek said. "Drew Novak (soph.) on the sprint side has run the 100 meter dash in 11.26 which makes him dangerous at most any meet. Brennan McKone (soph.) has run 2:03 in the 800 which gives him a shot at winning that event on most days. Conner Rose (senior) runs a low 4:40 1600, so he is always scoring points for us in that event. Our highest scorer on the boys side is Austin Smelker (senior), who runs mainly the 800, 1,600, 3,200 and is in the hunt for qualifying for the Division 1 state meet with his 9:48 3,200 time. Austin also runs the 4x800 relay with our second fastest split of the season.

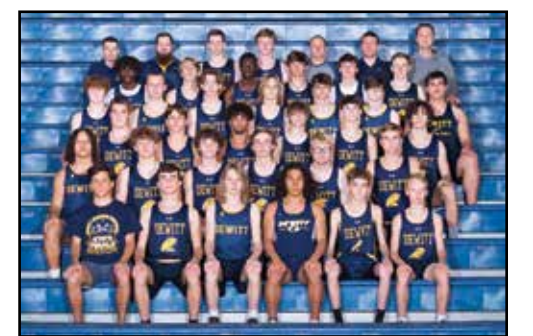
"We are looking for the girls to take advantage of the MITCA meet to build for the future. We have a lot of youth on this team and we want them to use this season and these big meets at the end of the season to prepare them for the future. We would also like to make a strong run at the league championship meet."

It's been a unique season.

"The strength of the girls team has easily been their willingness to try many different events, do whatever the team needs and they are a team that is pretty cohesive so they really work for one another," Tomanek said. "Event wise we have been pretty deep at the high jump with Gabrielle Stafford, Lily Kaufman and Faith Lutz. Hurdles has been our biggest scoring event with Grace Hungerford, Madi Uyl, Evelyn Irner, Grace Cooper, Lily Kaufman and Ella Hall.

"On the boys side, we have some young sprinters that have immense talent but we haven't scored as many points there simply due to being on the younger side. Our team gets most of our points from the

mid and distance side. We have a solid group of scorers in this area including: Austin Smelker, Conner Rose, Brennan McKone, Ian Fowler, Nolan Inglis, Brayden Chrisman, and Jackson Walthorn."



DeWitt track teams have both had successful seasons.

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Ithaca's Lani Bloom Is Four-Event Regional Title Winner

John Raffel Sports Scene

Daryl Dawe couldn't be more impressed with the efforts done by Ithaca senior Lani Bloom who is going to the state finals in four events.

"Lani has been a rock," Dawes said. "She has not lost a single solo race this year. Which included a national championship in the mile at the Nike Indoor Nationals. This past weekend she won three regional titles in the 800, 1600, and 3200 and her 4x800 team of Rachael Sierakowski, Liliana Lehnst, and Karissa Deacons also

took a regional title.

Her work ethic is the key to her success. She simply out practices everyone. I think Lani Bloom has improved mentally this year. She still gets nervous before a race but she handles herself really well."

Dawe will have a lot of memories of Bloom's career.

"I will never forget watching her cross the finish line in as state champ in the 800 and 1,600," Dawe said. "Also getting the cross country monkey off her back was a treasure. I expect Lani to be ready for the State meet. She has a pretty

big day and if she performs the way she can good things are going to happen.

"I don't think Lani stops working other than schedule brakes. She will get all of her runs in and work three jobs at times. She is a runner all year with cross country in the fall, indoor in the winter and track in the spring. Lani will be running at Purdue with a full scholarship."

Ithaca went 8-1 in the conference and took second at the Trent Carter Breckenridge Huskie Invite, and was first at the Central Montcalm Hornet Invite, and placing second at the Alma Invite and at Regionals.

Key athletes besides Bloom included:

Seniors Rachael Sierakowski and Mary Culp, junior Nathasha

Nowakowski, sophomores Liliana Lendt and Karlee Whitmore and freshmen Karissa Deacons and Madison Montgomery.

"I expect them to compete at the highest level and not to miss out on the opportunity to do something great," Dawe said. "This team is truly a team. They hang out with one another and cheer each other on. They want what is best for the team and not what is easy for themselves. So far we are exactly where I thought we would be. We are a good team that is performing well.

"Its been a good conference year. St. Louis is the only one that got the best of us head to head, then we got them at Alma, and then they got us at regionals. This makes our TVC tournament pretty exciting."



Lani Bloom won four events in the regionals for Ithaca.

Beal City Boys Track Team Boasts Outstanding Athletes

John Raffel Sports Scene

Griffin Bohannon is coaching a pair of Beal City boys and girls track teams that are enjoying enormous success.

The boys were Great Lakes Invitational champions, Standish-Sterling Sunrise Classic runners-up, 6-2 in the Highland Conference and regional runner-up.

The girls were Great Lakes Invitational champions, Standish-Sterling Sunrise Classic Champions, and 5-3 in the Highland Conference and had a

sixth-place regional finish.

For the boys, Carter Fussman, Jamisen Latham, Brandon Gross, and Drew Block have been excellent for us in the sprint relays as they were regional champs in both the 4x100 and 4x200.

"Additionally, Carter is among the best long jumpers in the state," Bohannon said. "Kylis Fletcher, Chris Whitehead, and Matt Oswald have been solid all season in shot put and discus and all three will be contesting both events at the state finals. Kadin Straus has been scoring tons of points in the hurdles as has Owen Gross in the

distance events."

For the girls, "Kaylee Locke has led the way for us this year as she is a threat to win any event that she runs," Whitehead said. "She is the No. 2 seed in the state finals for the 400-meter dash. Khloe Wilson has been excellent in the high jump, and Morgan Wilson and Hannah Benaske have led the charge in the shot put and discus. Gabby Breuer and Bree Locke have been critical relay contributors and Rachal Weber has done well for us in the distance events.

For the boys, "our biggest strengths have been the sprints and the throws," Bohannon said. "Our biggest strength is our versatility. I have a lot of girls who are willing and able to run any event from 100 meters all the way up to 800 meters.

"The boys have exceeded expectations this season. We graduated four of our top five leading scorers and I anticipated that we would be a bit down this season. Instead, we are arguably stronger than we were a year ago. The girls have performed similarly to what I expected. We are currently fourth in the Highland Conference with a chance to move up this week. I was hoping for a top three finish before the season started and I believe that is still attainable."

Whitehead placed third in the shot put and fourth in the discus at the regionals.

"Everything felt great," he said. "I PRed by a foot and a half in shot. I'm surpassing my expectations. At state I'd like to get top two for shot and top three for discus."



Beal City's three state qualifying throwers: (from left)-Chris Whitehead, Kylis Fletcher and Matt Oswald).

Greenville Athletes Turning In Amazing Performances

John Raffel Sports Scene

Senior Jacob VanTassel is in his first year of track at Greenville and has had a banner season in the 110 HH and 300 IH; and as sprint relay anchor leg.

"Jake was new at the sport of track and field," coach Tim O'Brien said. "He chose one of the more difficult events to learn in track and field, the hurdles. He progressively got better every meet. He was Team MVP, All Conference in track in the OK White Conference; and Scholar Athlete; plus our

school's best athlete.

"He previously was in soccer and football this year for the first time, where he was All Conference and one of two team MVP's," O'Brien said. "Jacob has a huge upside running the hurdles in college and we are looking forward to his progress."

He will run track at Aquinas College.

Jordan Brown has been a four-year athlete at Greenville.

She was captain of the track and field team pole vaulter, sprinter and sprint relays

"Jordan is a leader on and off the track," O'Brien said. "She worked with all high school, middle school and elementary students this past summer coaching them up on acceleration, speed and running form. Jordan excelled on the track in sprints and on the runway in pole vault. She placed third at the conference meet (OK White) and is attending Aquinas College to vault on the track and field team.

"Jordan is one of the better leaders I have seen over the 35 years of coaching. She could run any practice. She never misses any workouts in the summer, winter or spring. She has a great work ethic."

"We are going to miss her in our athletic program at Greenville," O'Brien said. "Jordan will be vaulting for Aquinas College next year."

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Charlotte Pole Vaulter Eyes State Title

John Raffel Sports Scene

Charlotte's Landon Cosby continues to have an outstanding season at pole vault.

Cosby has been in 12 meets this season and has won the pole vault in each one. He saved his best for the regional at Mason with a personal record of 15-7 and will now bid for a state title.

"Landon has consistently improved year over year," his coach Nick Perkins said. "He is currently the No. 1 ranked vaulter in Division 2 for Michigan and has the school record at 15-7. Landon's work ethic and coachability is unmatched. After consistent improvement for two years, Landon exploded in 2022 with over three feet of improvement from the previous season.

"In 2021, Landon won the pole vault relay by himself at the Bulldog relays. We expect him to be our first school state champ since 1970, compete in the Midwest Meet of Champions and be in the New Balance nationals."

Perkins noted Cosby attends Landon Athletics vault barn in Vermontville year round.

"He is a very bright and respectable young man, the kind of athlete you need to remind yourself what coaching is all about," Perkins said.

Cosby has committed verbally to Michigan Tech.

Other standouts for Charlotte have included Gage VanAlstine in the long jump and high jump, Joe Davis in the high jump and hurdles, Braden Hill in the sprints, Cutler Brandt in the long jump and sprints, Koda Brandt in the distances and Maliki Garza in the relays.

Next season looks very promising.

"We return almost the entire team next year and will be adding a very strong eighth-grade class," Perkins said. "We expect to compete at a much higher level for years to come."

Charlotte's Landon Cosby and his coach Nick Perkins share a special moment during the season.



Swan Valley Freshman Excels In Hurdles, 400 Meters

John Raffel Sports Scene

It's been a lot of fun for Swan Valley girls track skipper Reyna Luplow to coach freshman Sydney Kuhn this season.

Kuhn runs the 400 meter and 300 meter hurdles consistently.

"Sydney won the resilience

award as freshman on her basketball

team, and the same is to be said about her on the track team," Luplow said. "She was sidelined in late April with a stress fracture, but is back running after winning the first race back at the Heritage Invitational and is looking to win one or two races at the regional and state meets.

"Sydney has won every individual race she has been in this year. She broke two meet records with the Breckenridge Invitational in the 400 meters and Clare Invitational in the 300 meter hurdles. She also broke our school record in the 400-meter dash."

Kuhn has grit, as far as Luplow is concerned.

"She is a competitor and that is what makes her so great," Luplow said. "Even running on a stress fracture and winning a meet record and coming within two seconds of the school record with that stress fracture speaks volumes to her.

"Sydney is going to win regionals and be a contender to

winning

the Division 2 400 meter dash or the Division 2 300-meter hurdles.

She works hard and she is only going to work harder as she gets older because she is hungry. She was a varsity all-conference volleyball and basketball player as a freshman."

Luplow said Kuhn is humble and works hard.

"She has been training in the off-season with Swan Valley's best female athlete in history Lauren Huebner, who was a two-time national champion at SVSU in track and field," Luplow said. "Sydney is the next Lauren Huebner."



Sydney Kuhn has had an impressive freshman season for Swan Valley.

Valley Lutheran Coach Happy With Teams' Track Season

John Raffel Sports Scene

Saginaw Valley Lutheran track and field coach Jessica Schwarz has had fun coaching her teams this season.

"Our boys team were the small school champions at the Sunrise Side Classic Relays in Standish," Schwarz said. "Our girls team were the Division 1 runner-up at the Reese Track Invitational."

Key contributors on the boys side are Dylan Appold, Garrett Webb, Hans Ross, Preston Kelsey,

Jake Appold, Levi Belill, Jake Mulder, Wheatley Rodammer and David Derusha.

Key contributors on the girls side are Claire Neumann, McKenzie Derusha, Ashlynn Martin, Sarah Mills, Emma Britton and Karyngton Castillo.

"Depth has been a strength of our boys team," Schwarz said "We are able to compete in most events. Both the boys team and the girls team are young and we look forward to having competitive teams in the future. The boys team has met

my expectations. Some injuries throughout the season have cost us some league wins but overall, league competition went well. The girls have exceeded my expectations. The freshmen were very competitive for us.



"Both Dylan Appold and Claire Neumann have a great chance of medaling at the state meet. I expect that Dylan will qualify in the 400 meters. He has not lost a race yet this year and is currently ranked second in Division 3. I

expect Claire to qualify in both the 400 meters and the 200 meters. She was fifth in the 400 meters at the state meet last year and is currently ranked third in D3."

Dylan Appold is a senior in his second year of running track and field," Schwarz said. "Dylan runs the 400 meter as well as the 4x200 meter and 4x400 meter," she said. "He joined the track team as a junior and immediately became our No. 1 400-meter runner. He just missed qualifying for states in that event but anchored our 4x400m relay team that finished ninth at the state meet.

"He is currently 0.5 seconds off our school's 400 meter record with the goal of breaking that at some point. Dylan also played soccer and basketball and played baseball

his freshman and sophomore year before joining the track team. He is going to Michigan Tech but at this point, doesn't plan to run."

As for Neumann, "Claire does it all, she is our fastest female athlete in every event except the hurdles although she did run and win a 300-meter hurdle race this year," Schwarz said. "She broke the school's 400-meter record last year by running a 58.77 and is currently about 0.4 seconds off the 200 meter record. Claire is one of the hardest workers I have ever had the privilege of coaching and she is diligent about doing everything that she needs to in order to succeed. She also runs cross country and plays basketball but deep down, she just loves to run fast."

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GIRLS D1 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 girls state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Rockford High School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

MIDLAND REGIONAL

- 400 METERS**
Emma Thomas, Midland Dow 59.03
- 1600 METERS**
Malarie Pinwar, Mt. Pleasant 5:00.39
- 3200 METERS**
Malarie Pinwar, Mt. Pleasant 11:02.09
- 100 METER HURDLES**
Lauren Burgard, Midland Dow 14.94
Erica Albrecht, Bay City Western 15.22
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Lauren Burgard, Midland Dow 45.99
Abiona Bailey, Mt. Pleasant 46.82
Erica Albrecht, Bay City Western 46.84
- 4x100 RELAY**
MIDLAND DOW; Claudia Johnson, Allison Miller, Emma Thomas, Lauren Burgard 49.77
- 4x400 RELAY**
MIDLAND DOW; Sarah Sharpe, Emma Thomas, Alexandra Kolnitys, Lauren Burgard 4:04.59
- 4x800 RELAY**
BAY CITY WESTERN; Isabelle Becker, Erica Slocum, Shea Walli, Ambria Nagel 9:39.65

HIGH JUMP

- Cara Bucci Midland 5-2
Susie Schulz, Bay City Central 5-0
- POLE VAULT**
Erica Albrecht, Bay City Western 10-9

MILFORD REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Arianna Burtley, East Lansing 12.98
- 200 METERS**
Comari Hawkins, East Lansing 25.38
- 400 METERS**
Comari Hawkins, East Lansing 56.83
Lauren Walker, Holt 58.58
- 800 METERS**
Taylor Pangburn, Grand Ledge 2:16.30
Lauren Hamilton, Grand Ledge 2:19.02
- 1600 METERS**
Anna Delgado, East Lansing 4:56.86
- 3200 METERS**
Anna Delgado, East Lansing 10:56.36
- 100 METER HURDLES**
Grace Hungerford, DeWitt 15.74
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Grace Hungerford, DeWitt 45.69
- SHOT PUT**
Nia Long, East Lansing 37-6
- POLE VAULT**
Kianna Tucker, Okemos 10-3
- LONG JUMP**
Onome Oghor, Holt 17-6
Ashley Richburg 16-9.5
Tyrach Daniel, East Lansing 16-9.25



The East Lansing girls track team won the Division 1 regional championship at Milford.

BOYS D1 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 boys state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Rockford High School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

MIDLAND REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Nolan Sanders, Midland Dow 10.96
- 400 METERS**
Noah Reuter-Gushow, Midland Dow 50.91
- 800 METERS**
Kenny Lewis, Saginaw Heritage 1:57.70
- 1600 METERS**
Landon Mars, Mt. Pleasant 4:23.20
- 3200 METERS**
Matthew Crowley, Midland 9:51.46
- 4x100 RELAY**

- MIDLAND DOW; Noland Sanders, Carter Kohtz, Noah Reuter-Gushow, Sean Blaser 43.22
- 4x800 RELAY**
SAGINAW HERITAGE; Tyler Berry, Christopher Pike, Kenny Lewis, Logan Schiebner 8:13.56
- SHOT PUT**
Merrick Hocking, Midland 53-10
Ty Robertson, Saginaw Heritage 48-08.25
- DISCUS**
Merrick Hocking, Midland 151-05
- POLE VAULT**
Joey Pelletier, Midland 13-9
- LONG JUMP**
Noah Reuter-Gushow, Midland Dow 21-08.75

MILFORD REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Kellen Reed, Holt 10.68
Deon Taylor, Lansing Waverly 11.03
- 200 METERS**
Dorijan Jackson, East Lansing 11.14
- 400 METERS**
Kellen Reed, Holt 21.87
Deon Taylor, Lansing Waverly 22.25
- 800 METERS**
Matthew Zeleke, East Lansing 4:17.53
Anders Howe, Okemos 4:23.43
- 1600 METERS**
Matthew Zeleke, East Lansing 9:24.22
Austin Smelker, DeWitt 9:35.77
- 3200 METERS**
Matthew Zeleke, East Lansing 9:24.22
- 110 METER HURDLES**
Seneca Moore, Holt 15.00
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Jordon Clerkley, Holt 39.05
Seneca Moore, Holt 39.41

- 4x100 RELAY**
LANSING WAVERLY; Deon Taylor, Davian DeMyers, Jahi Wood, Anthony Morales 43.56
- 4x200 RELAY**
LANSING WAVERLY; Evan Walker, Anthony Morales, Caedon Trotter, Deon Taylor 1:29.97
- HIGH JUMP**
Jackson Davis, Okemos 6-3
JJ Moore, Holt 6-1
- POLE VAULT**
Adam Blue, Grand Ledge 14-2
- LONG JUMP**
Kellen Reed, Holt 22-9
Aharon Henry, Okemos 22-4
Mason Woods, East Lansing 21-4.5
Jordon Clerkley, Holt 21-3.5

BOYS D2 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 boys state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Forest Hills Eastern High School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

GAYLORD REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Evan Vasicek, Freeland 11.31
Jhace Massey, Gladwin 11.36
- 200 METERS**
Evan Vasicek, Freeland 22.79
Jhace Massey, Gladwin 22.88
Isaiah Reihl, Shepherd 23.18
- 400 METERS**
Thoth Moya, Essexville-Garber 51.07
David Venturelli, Bullock Creek 52.00
- 800 METERS**
Owen Westerkamp, Big Rapids 1:58.93
Braydon Honsinger, Freeland 1:58.98
Caleb Palmreuter, Gladwin 1:59.77
- 1600 METERS**
Braydon Honsinger, Freeland 4:25.14
Caleb Palmreuter, Gladwin 4:25.33
- 3200 METERS**
TJ Hansen, Freeland 9:46.99
Emerson Laverty, Bay City Glenn 9:54.69

- 4x100 RELAY**
GLADWIN; Earl Esiline, Nathan Stien, Nick Wheeler, Jhace Massey 44.54
- 4x200 RELAY**
SHEPHERD; Dakota Favorite, Dylan Daniels, Ben Shukait, Isaiah Reihl 1:33.61
- 4x800 RELAY**
FREELAND; Jacob Wurtzel, TJ Hansen, Nate Niederquell, Braydon Honsinger 8:17.63
- SHOT PUT**
Michael Howey, Alma 47-11
- DISCUS**
Camden Winters, Shepherd 133-3
- POLE VAULT**
Nico Lopez, Shepherd, 12-8
David Dana, Bullock Creek 12-1
- LONG JUMP**
Earl Esiline, Gladwin 20-9.5
David Dana, Bullock Creek 20-3

MASON REGIONAL

- 200 METERS**
Landon Warren, Mason 23.84
- 400 METERS**
Connor Feighan, Lakewood-Lake Odessa 52.09
- 800 METERS**
Landon Buskirk, Mason 2:00.25

- 3200 METERS**
Alex Doneth, Mason 10:18.06
- 110 METERS**
Tyler Baker, Mason 15.62
- 4x200 RELAY**
MASON; Brendan Richardson, Colin Page, Justice Mataya, Landon Warren 1:33.01
- 4x400 RELAY**
EATON RAPIDS; Easton Rogers, Collin Norder, Conner Worden, Austin Rybolt 3:31.42
- 4x800 RELAY**
MASON; Texas Smith, James Meninga, Alex Doneth, Landon Buskirk 8:22.71
- SHOT PUT**
Connor Williamston, Mason 53-0
- DISCUS**
Connor Williamston, Mason 170-0
Noah Simpson, Portland 151-6
- HIGH JUMP**
Gage Vanalstine, Charlotte 6-4
Tyler Baker, Mason 6-2
Joe Davis, Charlotte 6-2
- POLE VAULT**
Landon Cosby, Charlotte 15-7
William Ribby, Eaton Rapids 13-8
- LONG JUMP**
Andrew Maynard, Portland 20-5.25

- WILLIAMSTON REGIONAL**
- 200 METERS**
Dontal Wright, Lansing Sexton 22.99
- 400 METERS**
Dontal Wright, Lansing Sexton 50.82
- 800 METERS**
Graham Foster, Haslett 1:59.78
- 1600 METERS**
Griffin Armbrustmacher, St. Johns 4:25.63
- 110 METER HURDLES**
Jaden Herrick, Corunna 15.45
Tyler Hufnagel, Owosso 16.11
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Tyler Hufnagel, Owosso 41.71
Cooper McCastle, St. Johns 42.29
- 4x100 RELAY**
LANSING SEXTON; Charleston Rogers, Seth Bouyer, Caleb Jones, Tayvian Smith 44.18
- DISCUS**
Connor Williamston, Mason 170-0
Noah Simpson, Portland 151-6
- HIGH JUMP**
Gage Vanalstine, Charlotte 6-4
Tyler Baker, Mason 6-2
Joe Davis, Charlotte 6-2
- POLE VAULT**
Landon Cosby, Charlotte 15-7
William Ribby, Eaton Rapids 13-8
- LONG JUMP**
Andrew Maynard, Portland 20-5.25

- SHOT PUT**
Evan Gillespie, St. Johns 48-4.5
Noah Dunckel, Williamston 47-3.5
- DISCUS**
Dante Dunkin, Corunna 126-0
- HIGH JUMP**
Cory Andrades, Haslett 6-2
Joelle Long, Lansing Sexton 6-2
- LONG JUMP**
Wyatt Bower, Corunna 21-3.5
Charles Goldman, Owosso 20-1.25

SAGINAW REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Derrick Voltz, Carrollton 10.91
- 200 METERS**
Jaylen Cisneros-Cooper, Saginaw Arthur Hill 22.767
- 400 METERS**
Ianson Simpson, Saginaw 52.69
- 4x100 RELAY**
SAGINAW; Barack Abby, Anthony Carter, Kierius Boone, Karim McCune II 44.61
- SAGINAW ARTHUR HILL**; Jonathan Jackson, Jaylen Cisneros-Cooper, Cameron Jackson, Jamal Lipsey, 44.72
- 4x200 RELAY**
SAGINAW ARTHUR HILL; Jamal Lipsey, Jaylen Cisneros-Cooper, Cameron Jackson, Jonathan Jackson 1:33.22
- LONG JUMP**
Karim McCune II, Saginaw 19-11.5

GIRLS D2 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 girls state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Forest Hills Eastern High School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

GAYLORD REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Trinity Greer, Alma 12.65
Ariana Todd, Chippewa Hills 12.99
- 200 METERS**
Trinity Greer, Alma 26.15
Ariana Todd, Chippewa Hills 26.96
- 400 METERS**
Joy Evans, Alma 1:00.36
Lily Hileman, Freeland 1:01.16
- 800 METERS**
Ariel Warner, Shepherd 2:21.75
Mara Longenecker, Freeland 2:22.63
- 1600 METERS**
Sarah Storey, Chippewa Hills 5:16.61
- 100 METER HURDLES**
Lizzie Haines, Gladwin 16.10
Haven Vasold, Freeland 16.90
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Makenna Rautio, Big Rapids 48.75
- 4x100 RELAY**
ALMA; Molly Fenn, Trinity Greer, Adara Anderson, Joy Evans 51.71
- 4x200 RELAY**
GLADWIN; Breanna Campbell, Lizzie Haines, Macy Haines, Sara Bowman 1:50.05
- 4x400 RELAY**
GLADWIN; Emily Heyer, Macy Haines, Sara Bowman, Morgan Bailey 4:13.56

- FREELAND; Mara Longenecker, Addie Seemann, Karie Keefer, Lily Hileman 4:14.90
- SHEPHERD**; Mylie Redes, Falicitie Babcock, Jolie Fisher, Ariel Warner 4:15.91
- 4x800 RELAY**
FREELAND; Whitney Farrell, Kiera Hansen, Karie Keefer, Mara Longenecker 9:54.70
- SHEPHERD**; Elle Himebaugh, Carly Judge, Jolie Fisher, Ariel Warner 10:03.05
- DISCUS**
Emma Vantol, Essexville-Garber 116-8
Alyssa Spegel, Freeland 109-5
- HIGH JUMP**
Ava Gary, Gladwin 5-2
Kendell Wilcox, Shepherd 5-0
- POLE VAULT**
Gracie Warner, Shepherd 9-6
Evelynn Rybicki, Freeland 9-3
- LONG JUMP**
Racheal Nyarko, Gladwin 15-11.25

MASON REGIONAL

- 100 METERS**
Zoe Newberry, Eaton Rapids 13.32
- 200 METERS**
Zoe Newberry, Eaton Rapids 27.15
- 400 METERS**
Jocelyn Shattuck, Mason 1:01.28
- 1600 METERS**
Meghan Ford, Mason 5:31.53
Amanda Meninga, Mason 5:40.51
- 3200 METERS**
Allison Doneth, Mason 12:26.01
- 100 METER HURDLES**
Riley Gill, Mason 15.76

- 300 METER HURDLES**
Riley Gill, Mason 47.65
Annabelle Densmore, Charlotte 48.35
- 4x100 RELAY**
EATON RAPIDS; Amanda Zeller, Lexi Furgason, Lexi Shafer, Zoe Newberry 51.73
- 4x200 RELAY**
MASON; Taylor Rowe, Jocelyn Shattuck, Olivia Jolly, Tori Lator 1:50.11
- 4x400 RELAY**
MASON; Payton Ball, Jocelyn Shattuck, Riley Gill, Meghan Ford 4:10.00
- 4x800 RELAY**
MASON; Amanda Meninga, Katie Doneth, Madeline Chrome, Meghan Ford 10:14.43
- SHOT PUT**
Kayden Richardson, Eaton Rapids 37-1.5
- DISCUS**
Kayden Richardson, Eaton Rapids 112-1
Natalia Pluff, Mason 111-7
Leilani Castele, Mason 109-0
Annabelle Bower, Portland 108-9.5
- HIGH JUMP**
Nevaeh Branson, Mason 5-1
- WILLIAMSTON REGIONAL**
- 100 METERS**
Gabriella Dixon, Haslett 12.80
- 200 METERS**
Gabriella Dixon, Haslett 26.52
Neelee Sims, Corunna 27.17
- 400 METERS**
Gabriella Dixon, Haslett 1:01.38
Libby Summerland, Owosso 1:01.50

- 800 METERS**
Nicole Schafer, Williamston 2:24.16
Lauren Hunter, Haslett 2:29.22
- 3200 METERS**
Clara Fletcher, St. Johns 11:48.58
- 100 METER HURDLES**
Marie Schafer, Williamston 17.44
Clara Freeman, Lansing Eastern 17.65
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Samantha Sweeney, Williamston 50.81
- 4x100 RELAY**
CORUNNA; Ashlee Napier, Josalyn Stratton, Aubrey Rosser, Neelee Sims 53.03
- 4x400 RELAY**
WILLIAMSTON; Nicole Schafer, Ellie Thorburn, Marie Schafer, Samantha Sweeney 4:19.81
- 4x800 RELAY**
WILLIAMSTON; Elleah Berger, Samantha Sweeney, Marie Schafer, Nicole Schafer 10:05.44
- ST. JOHNS**; Clara Fletcher, Eleanor Young, Abby Young, Lily Sackrider 10:13.13
- SHOT PUT**
Ellie Toney, Corunna 35-10
Ellie Thorburn, Williamston 33-7
- DISCUS**
Ellie Toney, Corunna 102-9
Ella Schafer, St. Johns 100-0
Chloe Parsons, Williamston 89-6
- HIGH JUMP**
Payton Spicer, Owosso 5-0
- 400 METERS**
Claire Agnew, Owosso 10-3
Libby Summerland, Owosso 10-3

- LONG JUMP**
Neelee Sims, Corunna 16-11.5
- SAGINAW REGIONAL**
- 100 METERS**
Chaniya Madison, Bridgeport 12.36
Tianna DeGroat, Saginaw Arthur Hill 12.92
- 200 METERS**
Brenasiha Greene, Bridgeport 12.92
- 400 METERS**
Arielle Allen, Bridgeport 26.87
- 800 METERS**
Sydney Kuhn, Swan Valley 1:00.09
- 100 METER HURDLES**
Jenna Gaul, Birch Run 17.19
- 300 METER HURDLES**
Jenna Gaul, Birch Run 48.28
- 4x100 RELAY**
BRIDGEPORT; Peyton Sanders, Arielle Allen, Passion Whiting, Nikiah Nash 53.06
- CARROLLTON**; Themoria Coronado, Imarie Richardson, Whitley Monroe, Angel Monroe 53.10
- 4x200 RELAY**
BRIDGEPORT; Peyton Sanders, Chaniya Madison, Arielle Allen, Brenasiha Greene 1:45.28
- BIRCH RUN**; Sydney Mudge, Nava Sanocki, Taylor Schram, Kassy Hoffman 1:50.06
- SHOT PUT**
Hannah Murphy, Swan Valley 35-9.5
- POLE VAULT**
Lyberty Brandt, Swan Valley 5-0








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BOYS D3 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 3 boys state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Kent City High School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

CHESANING REGIONAL
100 METERS
Dane Plichta, Sanford-Meridian 11.09
Robert Knapik, Hemlock 11.20
Dennis Schaffer, Hemlock 11.27
Devin Estrada, St. Charles 11.29
Garrett Webb, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 11.36
Ignatius Jackson, St. Louis 11.39
200 METERS
Dane Plichta, Sanford-Meridian 22.36
Brayden Riley, Sanford-Meridian 22.83
Robert Knapik, Hemlock 23.12
Ben Wade, Montrose 23.34
400 METERS
Dylan Appold, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 51.60
800 METERS
Levi Maier, Chesaning 2:01.71
Nate March, St. Louis 2:04.03
1600 METERS
Parks Allen, Ithaca 4:30.80
Levi Maier, Chesaning 4:31.61
3200 METERS
Parks Allen, Ithaca 9:53.31
Aaron Bowerman, St. Louis 9:55.44

Espen Lehnst, Ithaca 9:59.61
Ben March, St. Louis 9:59.97
Chase Hobson, Montrose 10:01.24
110 METER HURDLES
Hans Ross, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 16.00
Grant Wheaton, Lakeview 16.48
300 METER HURDLES
Mathew Johnston, Hemlock 42.36
Grant Wheaton, Lakeview 42.37
4x100 RELAY
ST. CHARLES; Jayden Rodarte, Alex Suppes, Matias Escamilla, Devin Estrada 45.33
NEW LOTHROP; Nolan Mulcahy, Nick Barnette, Ethan Birchmeier, Rafael Woods 45.38
CHESANING; Henry Hill, Jaylen Anderson, Grant Sampson, Zach Harlan 45.51
4x200 RELAY
SANFORD-MERIDIAN; Dane Plichta, Kenneth Emerson, Nickolas Metzger, Brayden Riley 1:32.06
CHESANING; Henry Hill, Zach Harlan, Jaylen Anderson, Reese Greenfelder 1:34.21
4x400 RELAY
SAGINAW VALLEY LUTHERAN; Preston Kelsey, Garrett Webb, Hans Ross, Dylan Appold 3:33.79
CHESANING; Corbin Walker, Henry Hill, Reese Greenfelder, Levi Maier 3:34.21
SANFORD-MERIDIAN; Sawyer Moloy, Nickolas Metzger, Jacob Eggerd, Dane Plichta 3:34.62

ITHACA; Ryley White, Joe Dawe, Espen Lehnst, Parks Allen 3:35.59
ST. CHARLES; Brett Gardner, Jacob Sutton, Brady Robishaw, Alex Suppes 3:35.77
4x800 RELAY
ITHACA; Espen Lehnst, Lane McDonald, Joe Dawe, Parks Allen 8:40.43
ST. LOUIS; Aaron Bowerman, Dylan Marr, Ben March, Nate March 8:52.05
SHOT PUT
Brenden Quackenbush, Chesaning 53-01
Ben Dousuah, St. Louis 46-04
Jerrold Atwell, Montrose 46-02.5
DISCUS
Corey Schafer, Pewamo-Westphalia 15.26
Levi Belli, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 139-01
Brenden Quackenbush, Chesaning 138-09
HIGH JUMP
Sawyer Moloy, Sanford-Meridian 6-2
Preston Scott, Stanton-Central Montcalm 6-0
Hans Ross, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 6-0
POLE VAULT
Tryce Tokar, Ovid-Elsie 13-6
Jordan Nixon, Chesaning 11-09
LONG JUMP
Sawyer Moloy, Sanford-Meridian 19-6.75

400 METERS
Josh Otten, Lansing Catholic 51.39
DaMarion Hicks, Potterville 52.14
800 METERS
Carson Brunk, Potterville 1:57.20
David Pruder, Lansing Catholic 1:59.88
1600 METERS
Carson Brunk, Potterville 4:23.20
Josh Otten, Lansing Catholic 4:24.52
Collin Farmer, Pewamo-Westphalia 4:31.13
3200 METERS
Collin Farmer, Pewamo-Westphalia 10:19.88
110 METER HURDLES
Corey Schafer, Pewamo-Westphalia 15.26
300 METER HURDLES
Corey Schafer, Pewamo-Westphalia 40.15
Colin Hagerman, Bath 42.19
4x100 RELAY
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA; Alex Thelen, Chris Ghee, Trevor Smith, Corey Schafer 44.74
LANSING CATHOLIC; Jackson Bigiramana, Makhii Dowsett, Jessie O'Leary, Braden Rabideau 45.43
4x200 RELAY
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA; Alex Thelen, Trevor Smith, Brayden Harr, Corey Schafer 1:34.60
4x400 RELAY
LANSING CATHOLIC; Matthew Jones, Braden Rabideau, David Pruder, Josh Otten 3:32.96

4x800 RELAY
LANSING CATHOLIC; Owen Spence, Stephen Fair, David Pruder, Josh Otten 8:25.03
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA; Caleb Pohl, Alex S. Thelen, Hudson Simon, Collin Farmer 8:32.51
SHOT PUT
Gavin Nurenberg, Pewamo-Westphalia 49-7.75
Hudson Maddox, Bath 46-11.75
Dalton Brown, Pewamo-Westphalia 46-2.75
DISCUS
Gavin Nurenberg, Pewamo-Westphalia 143-0
Landon Nurenberg, Pewamo-Westphalia 131-10
HIGH JUMP
Caleb Clark, Laingsburg 6-4
Evan Samson, Durand 6-2
Chris Ghee, Trevor Smith, Corey Schafer 6-0
POLE VAULT
Alex Brown, Laingsburg 13-6
Connor Pohl, Pewamo-Westphalia 12-6
Jack Borgman, Laingsburg 12-0
Kyle Boettcher, Laingsburg 12-0
LONG JUMP
Bradlee Uhlmann, Bath 20-10
Caleb Clark, Laingsburg, 20-6.75
Evan Brandenburg, Vermontville Maple Valley 20-6.5

BATH REGIONAL
100 METERS
Rease Teel, Perry 11.42
200 METERS
Rease Teel, Perry 22.97
Trevor Smith, Pewamo-Westphalia 23.39

GIRLS D3 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 3 girls state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Kent City High School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

CHESANING REGIONAL
100 METERS
Regan Finkbeiner, Hemlock 12.76
Braelyn Berry, Morley-Stanwood 12.87
Kassidy Himler, St. Charles 13.20
200 METERS
Libby Munderloh, St. Louis 26.30
Braelyn Berry, Morley-Stanwood 26.94
Claire Neumann, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 26.98
400 METERS
Claire Neumann, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 1:00.53
Lauren Brawt, Sanford-Meridian 1:02.45
800 METERS
Lani Bloom, Ithaca 2:18.22
Jaiden Dickman, St. Louis 2:22.69
Clara Krupp, New Lothrop 2:25.76
Taylor Hopkins, Sanford-Meridian 2:25.79
1600 METERS
Lani Bloom, Ithaca 5:04.77
Jaiden Dickman, St. Louis 5:16.99
3200 METERS

Lani Bloom, Ithaca 11:18.28
Rachael Sierakowski, Ithaca 11:56.87
100 METER HURDLES
Jessica Kozlowski, Ovid-Elsie 17.15
Emily Zelinko, St. Charles 17.25
300 METER HURDLES
Libby Munderloh, St. Louis 47.05
Monika Borie, St. Louis 50.20
4x100 RELAY
HEMLOCK; Lillian Martinez, Regan Finkbeiner, Klaira Salo, Izzy Krueger 52.48
NEW LOTHROP; Elizabeth Heslip, Lilly Bruff, Clara Krupp, Laina Yates 53.14
4x200 RELAY
HEMLOCK; Regan Finkbeiner, Klaira Salo, Regan Keyser, Izzy Krueger 1:50.06
SANFORD-MERIDIAN; Josie Barriger, Trinity Kolka, Lauren Brawt, Morgan VanWormer 1:50.35
SAGINAW VALLEY LUTHERAN; Emma Britton, Sarah Mills, Ashlyn Martin, Claire Neumann 1:51.48
4x400 RELAY
SANFORD-MERIDIAN; Josie Barriger, Morgan VanWormer, Lauren Brawt, Trinity Kolka 4:13.20
ST. LOUIS; Monika Borie, Mikenna Borie, Adry Munoz, Libby Munderloh 4:18.29
4x800 RELAY
ITHACA; Rachael Sierakowski, Liliana

Lehnst, Karisa Deacons, Lani Bloom 9:44.72
ST. LOUIS; Payton Kuhn, Mikenna Borie, Jaiden Dickman, Libby Munderloh 10:19.58
SHOT PUT
Kyla Jackson, Chesaning 33-05
Hannah Beaucamp, New Lothrop 33-02
DISCUS
Korah Honig, St. Louis 109-11
Mary Norris, St. Charles 101-04
HIGH JUMP
Bailey Stimac, St. Charles 5-0
Makayla Reiber, Chesaning 4-10
BATH REGIONAL
100 METERS
Lexis Wheeler, Potterville 12.93
Emma Kribbs, Laingsburg 13.13
Hailey Bila, Laingsburg 13.43
200 METERS
Lexis Wheeler, Potterville 27.14
Jordyn Lawrence, Durand 28.92
400 METERS
Hannah Pricco, Lansing Catholic 59.78
Lexis Wheeler, Potterville 1:03.55
Lorna Strieff, Laingsburg 1:04.07
800 METERS
Whitney Werner, Pewamo-Westphalia 2:21.15
Hannah Pricco, Lansing Catholic 2:23.74
Tessa Roe, Lansing Catholic 2:24.27

1600 METERS
CC Jones, Lansing Catholic 5:09.30
Tessa Roe, Lansing Catholic 5:18.65
3200 METERS
CC Jones, Lansing Catholic 11:35.59
100 METER HURDLES
Saige Martin, Pewamo-Westphalia 15.68
Katie Smith, Pewamo-Westphalia 17.16
DISCUS
Destiny McDaniels, Bath 18.58
300 METER HURDLES
Saige Martin, Pewamo-Westphalia 48.15
Katie Smith, Pewamo-Westphalia 49.41
Logan Zerka, Durand 51.34
4x100 RELAY
LAINGSBURG; Ashley Bila, Hailey Bila, Kyleigh Luna, Emma Kribbs 52.28
PERRY; Kallei Brown, Jady Johnson, Anna Nixon, Abigail Cochrane 54.25
4x200 RELAY
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA; Addison Trierweiler, Dani Pohl, Katie Smith, Ella Kowatch 1:53.22
LAINGSBURG; Kyleigh Luna, Ellie Baynes, Kathryn Magyar, Bella Strieff 1:55.03
BATH; Eliana Johnson, Brenda Lopez, Larrea Garcia, Destiny McDaniels 1:58.86
4x400 RELAY
LANSING CATHOLIC; Elaine Kutas, CC Jones, Tessa Roe, Hannah Pricco 4:24.82
LANSING CATHOLIC; Nora Coffey, CC

Jones, Tessa Roe, Hannah Pricco 4:10.81
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA; Whitney Werner, Lorelei George, Ella Kowatch, Saige Martin 4:11.62
4x800 RELAY
PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA; Lorelei George, Abby Arens, Whitney Werner, Ella Kowatch 9:55.19
LANSING CATHOLIC; Tessa Roe, Zee Simpson, CC Jones, Hannah Pricco 10:06.39
SHOT PUT
Grace Spitzley, Pewamo-Westphalia 34-5.75
Sydney Rose, Perry 32-1.5
Brianna Tennes, Lansing Catholic 31-5
DISCUS
Anna Nixon, Perry 114-1
Grace Spitzley, Pewamo-Westphalia 106-3
HIGH JUMP
Hailey Bila, Laingsburg 5-0
Remi Fuller, Laingsburg 4-10
Dani Pohl, Pewamo-Westphalia 4-8
POLE VAULT
Addison Trierweiler, Pewamo-Westphalia 8-6
Isabell Helman, Pewamo-Westphalia 8-0
LONG JUMP
Anna Nixon, Perry 17-0.75
Jordyn Lawrence, Durand 16-1.5
Destiny McDaniels, Bath 15-11.5

GIRLS D4 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 4 girls state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Hudsonville Baldwin Middle School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

BATH REGIONAL
100 METERS
Sydney Schroer, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 13.18
Layla Baber, Saginaw Arts & Sciences 13.29
Katie Spicer, Fowler 13.44
Neveah Chaffee, Coleman 13.45
200 METERS
Nicole Olivieri, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 26.57
Ava Slieff, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 27.52
400 METERS
Nicole Olivieri, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 58.11
Kaylee Locke, Beal City 1:01.01
Kenzie Fedewa, Portland St. Patrick 1:02.29
Izzy Kissane, Portland St. Patrick 1:02.94
800 METERS
Grace Epkey, Fowler 2:21.13
Ella Hufnagel, Fowler 2:30.34
1600 METERS
Riley Hacker, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 5:34.12
Kelcie Pung, Fowler 5:45.15
3200 METERS
Riley Hacker, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 12:07.95
Kaylee Aultman, Coleman 12:43.43
100 METER HURDLES
Allison Wichert, Vestaburg 16.94
Anna Plum, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 17.32
Reva Lance, Fowler 17.48

300 METER HURDLES
Anna Plum, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 47.91
Allison Wichert, Vestaburg 48.74
Sophia Schrauben, Portland St. Patrick 50.41
4x100 RELAY
MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY; Becca Boggs, Sydney Schroer, Emily Winters, Ava Slieff 53.38
FOWLER; Mary Spitzley, Alayna Vandegriff, Taylor Weber, Katie Spicer 53.46
MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART; Olivia Middleton, Alexis McGuirk, Abby Spencer, Chelsea Lynch 54.31
4x200 RELAY
MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART; Olivia Middleton, Anna Plum, Lily Deja, Nicole Olivieri 1:50.34
MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY; Becca Boggs, Mara Haefner, Sydney Schroer, Ava Slieff 1:51.74
PORTLAND ST. PATRICK; Tessa Lawson, Sophia Schrauben, Kenzie Fedewa, Izzy Kissane 1:51.92
FOWLER; Grace O'Hare, Alayna Vandegriff, Ella Hufnagel, Grace Epkey 1:52.37
4x400 RELAY
PORTLAND ST. PATRICK; Cozette Brown, Kenzie Fedewa, Sophia Schrauben, Izzy Kissane 4:16.25
FOWLER; Grace O'Hare, Rachel Epkey, Ella Hufnagel, Grace Epkey 4:16.36
MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART; Abby Spencer, Lily Deja, Anna Plum, Nicole Olivieri 4:19.12
BEAL CITY; Brianna Locke, Gabby Brewer, Rachel Weber, Kaylee Locke 4:27.96
4x800 RELAY

FOWLER; Grace O'Hare, Rachel Epkey, Kelcie Pung, Grace Epkey 10:16.98
PORTLAND ST. PATRICK; Olivia Pung, Cozette Brown, Izzy Kissane, Kenzie Fedewa 10:36.11
SHOT PUT
Emily Stinson, Fulton-Middleton 35-01
Havahna DeJongh, Coleman 32-03.5
Gabi Wenzel, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 32-01.5
DISCUS
Emily Stinson, Fulton-Middleton 96-09
Olivia Valliere, Breckenridge 95-02

HIGH JUMP
Emma Valentine, Morrice 5-04
Hannah Mayeda, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 4-10
Ella Hufnagel, Fowler 4-10
POLE VAULT
Alayna Vandegriff, Fowler 8-06
Kaylin Blemaster, Fulton-Middleton 8-03
LONG JUMP
Aubrey Hessbrook, Carson City-Crystal 15-05.25
Hannah Mayeda, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 15-00



Area athletes turned in some outstanding efforts at the regional track and field finals.

BOYS D4 STATE TRACK AND FIELD QUALIFIERS

The following area athletes qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 boys state track and field finals scheduled for June 4 at Hudsonville Baldwin Middle School. Following is the list of area athletes that qualified at Division 3 regional meets.

COLEMAN REGIONAL
100 METERS
Dustin Copeland, Morrice 11.69
Paul Wright, Carson City-Crystal 11.83
200 METERS
Brandon Gross, Beal City 24.31
Tristen Elizalde, Saginaw Nouvel 24.43
400 METERS
Andy Liu, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 54.44
Ford Phillips, Fowler 54.49
800 METERS
Owen Patton, Vestaburg 2:03.92
Dakota Dykhuis, Edmore-Montabella 2:05.00
1600 METERS
Owen Patton, Vestaburg 4:32.36

Ashton Keiffer, Carson City-Crystal 4:39.91
Brook Lynch, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 4:44.81
3200 METERS
Ashton Keiffer, Carson City-Crystal 10:26.64
Owen Patton, Vestaburg 10:36.58
110 METER HURDLES
Cavanaugh Barker, Carson City-Crystal 15.64
AJ Simon, Coleman 16.09
300 METER HURDLES
Cavanaugh Barker, Carson City-Crystal 41.46
Bruce Thelen, Fulton-Middleton 43.51
4x100 RELAY
BEAL CITY; Jamisen Latham, Brandon Gross, Drew Block, Carter Fussman 45.61
MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY; Will Rappuhn, Andrew Archibald, Carson Koehler, Ryan Dabe 46.26
4x200 RELAY
BEAL CITY; Jamisen Latham, Brandon Gross, Drew Block, Carter Fussman 1:35.50
FOWLER; Ford Phillips, Tristan Smith, Drew Armbrustmacher, Andrew Piggott 1:37.18

4x400 RELAY
FOWLER; Andrew Piggott, Drew Armbrustmacher, Brady Feldpausch, Ford Phillips 3:38.39
CARSON CITY-CRYSTAL; Matthew Emelander, Paul Wright, Ashton Keiffer, Cavanaugh Barker 3:40.26
4x800 RELAY
COLEMAN; Bryce Aultman, Cole Aultman, Noah Haskell, Shane Templeman 8:46.80
MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY; Justin Blaine, Camden Fager, Caleb Munson, Andy Liu 8:48.33
SHOT PUT
Zane Forist, Carson City-Crystal 65-00.25
Todd Nanasy, Morrice 49-08
Chris Whitehead, Beal City 49-02
Garner Akin, Fulton-Middleton 47-08.25
Brett McGowen, Morrice 45-11.75
Matthew Oswald, Beal City 44-07.50
Taiden Robinson, Carson City-Crystal 44-04.50
Kylis Fletcher, Beal City 43-02

DISCUS
Zane Forist, Carson City-Crystal 190-02
Todd Nanasy, Morrice 156-10
Matthew Oswald, Beal City 138-06
Chris Whitehead, Beal City 135-08
Kylis Fletcher, Beal City 132-07
Taiden Robinson, Carson City-Crystal 124-09
HIGH JUMP
Cavanaugh Barker, Carson City-Crystal 5-09
Matthew Emelander, Carson City-Crystal 5-06
Rayce Sackett, Edmore-Montabella 5-06
POLE VAULT
Brayden Clark, Carson City-Crystal 12-06
Isiah Biers, Coleman 12-06
Drew Armbrustmacher, Fowler 12-0
Wyatt Wesley, Morrice 11-06
Cooper Bolton, Edmore-Montabella 11-03
Kable Miller, Coleman 11-03
LONG JUMP
Matthew Emelander, Carson City-Crystal 20-02.25
Carter Fussman, Beal City 19-08.5

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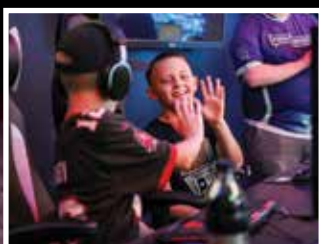
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